

Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal: Nepalese Ongoing Peace Process: Prospects and Challenges

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*Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal: Minister for Co-operatives and Poverty Alleviation, Government of Nepal
Kindly Hosted by Mr. Virendra Sharma MP
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Committee Room 6, House of Commons*

You are cordially invited to an afternoon meeting to acknowledge the visit of Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, Minister for Co-operatives and Poverty Alleviation, Government of Nepal who will be addressing the Parliament on the 'Nepalese Ongoing Peace Process: Prospects and Challenges'. We will also welcome other officials from Nepal and hopefully HE Dr. Suresh Chalise, the Ambassador of Nepal to the UK (TBC). This visit and the opportunity to speak in Parliament has emerged with very short notice but it is a rare opportunity to hear from someone who has been highly involved with the peace process and building a renewed nation after a long term conflict.

Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal was born in 1974 in the Gorkha district of Nepal. He graduated from Tribhuvan University on Humanities and Social science. Dhakal received informal education from various prestigious educational institutions abroad. His public life started as an independent student leader. He also received many honors from both home and abroad including "Youth of the Year" award with gold medal on 2007. Dhakal is widely involved in Peace-building, Education, Politics, Youth Empowerment, International Relations and Human Rights as well as various projects related to Orphan Children, Underprivileged People and Environment Protection. Dhakal was elected to the Nepalese Parliament and Constituent Assembly on 2008 from the Nepal Family Party.

He served on various parliamentary committees such as Security Special Committee, International Relations and Human Rights Committee and Constitutional Committee. Dhakal is also a convener of the South Asia Peace Initiative. Since May 16, 2012, Dhakal has been serving as a Cabinet Minister of the Government of Nepal leading the Ministry of Co-operatives and Poverty Alleviation. Dhakal is married with Mrs. Blessie Gadon Dhakal.

Entrance is through St Stephen's Gate and Oliver Cromwell Green Security Unit. Please allow 20 minutes to pass through security.

RSVP to reserve your place. We look forward to your favorable reply.

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