## 1923 Nepal-UK Treaty Centenary Conference

## सम्वत् १९८० नेपाल-बेलायत सन्धि शतवार्षिक सम्मेलन

16-17 December 2023 YalaMaya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur

## DAY ONE

16 December 2023, Saturday

| S.N. | Program  | Speaker  | Time         |
|------|--|--|--------------|
|      | Registration   |  | 1:30 pm      |
| 1    | Welcome  |  | 2-2:05 ρm    |
| 2    | Opening Remarks  | H.E Mr. Rob Fenn<br>British Ambassador   | 2:05-2:15 pm |
|      |  | Bharat Raj Paudyal<br>Former Foreign Secretary   | 2:15-2:25 pm |
| 3    | Opening Presentation   | Tika P. Dhakal<br>Negotiation of Treaties in the Void of an<br>International Norm: The Case of Nepal-Britain<br>Peace and Friendship Treaty 1923 | 2:25-2:55 pm |
|      | TEA BREAK  |  | 2:55-3:15 pm |
| 4    | Presentation Session 1:<br>The Texture of Nepal-UK Relations | Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya<br>Images of a Century  | 3:15-4:15 pm |
|      |  | Ramesh Dhungel<br>The Evolved Status of Nepal under Chandra<br>Shumshere   |              |
|      |  | Hem Sagar Baral<br>History of Natural History Exploration in<br>Nepal in the context of Nepal-Britain relations                                  |              |
|      | Discussion   | Moderator: Pratyoush Onta  | 4:15-4:40 ρm |
|      | 4:40 pm onwards  |  |              |
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|                                       | Registration   |   | 10:00 am       |
| 5                                     | Presentation Session 2:<br>Nepal-UK and the Gorkhali Soldier         | Mohan Mainali<br>रणमैदानमा भएको नेपाल-अंग्रेज आपसी चिनजान   | 10:30-11:30 am |
|                                       |  | Alaka Atreya Chudal<br>Gurkha Prisoners-of-War of the First World War:<br>A Perspective on the 1923 UK-Nepal Friendship<br>Treaty |                |
|                                       |  | Major (Ret'd) Jud Bahadur Gurung<br>The Historical Lahure's Linkage with Britain  |                |
|                                       | Discussion   | Moderator: Shamik Mishra  | 11:30-11:55 am |
| 6                                     | Virtual Presentation Session 3:<br>Diplomacy and the Nepal-UK Treaty | John Whelpton<br>The 1923 Nepal-UK Treaty and Nepal's Foreign<br>Policy Under the Shumshere Ranas                                 | 11:55-12:55 pm |
|                                       |  | Shubhanga Pandey<br>'Treaty-mindedness' in the 19th-century Gorkhali<br>officialdom   |                |
|                                       |  | Ajapa Sharma<br>1923 as a Moment of Diplomatic Possibilities: The<br>1923 Treaty and the Question of Extradition                  |                |
|                                       | Discussion   | Moderator: Kanak Mani Dixit   | 12:55-1:20 pm  |
| LUNCH BREAK                           |  |   | 1:20-2:20 pm   |
| 7                                     | <u>In Conversation</u><br>सम्वत् १९८० सन्धि र स्वातन्त्र्य           | Dinesh Raj Pant & Deepak Aryal  | 2:20-3:20 pm   |
| 8                                     | Presentation Session 4:<br>Ramifications of Nepal-UK<br>Bilateralism | Apurba Khatiwada<br>Treaty-Making Practice in Nepal: The Legacy of<br>the Nepal-Britain Friendship Treaty of 1923                 | 3:20-4:20 pm   |
|                                       |  | Lekhnath Poudel & Lakxhman Shrestha<br>'आधुनिक' चन्द्रशमशेरः सन् १९२३ को सन्धि र यसमा<br>अन्तर्निहित ज्ञानशास्त्र                 |                |
|                                       |  | Nabraj Lama<br>Diplomatic Trials and Triumphs: Nepal's Survival<br>Strategy through the 1923 Treaty                               |                |
|                                       | Discussion   | Moderator: Alaka Atreya Chudal  | 4:20-4:45 ρm   |
|                                       | TEA B  | REAK  | 4:45-5 ρm      |
|                                       | Panel Discussion:<br>The Next 100 years                              | H.E Mr. Rob Fenn<br>British Ambassador  | 5-6 pm         |
|                                       |  | Sagar SJB Rana<br>Writer and Historian  |                |
| 9                                     |  | Lex Limbu<br>Blogger, Founder 'Tracing Nepal'   |                |
|                                       |  | Kanak Mani Dixit Chair, MPP   |                |
|                                       | Discussion   | Moderator: Jeevan Sharma  |                |
| 10                                    | Closing Remarks  | Jeevan Sharma<br>General Secretary, BNAC  | 6-6:15 pm      |
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