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## Discussion with the Concerned Agencies on the Protection of Right to Clean and Healthy Environment

The National Human Rights Commission, Nepal today conducted a discussion program with the concerned agencies regarding on the adverse impacts on the health of general public due to the problems of sanitation and clean environment in Kathmandu valley and elsewhere in the country.

NHRC Nepal's Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma said the three levels (Federal, Provincial and Local) of government do not have concrete plan of waste management and environment protection as well as lacked co-ordination to address the issues. Pointing out the environmental problem as a common problem of the Government of Nepal, people's representatives and the common people he said that there should be coordinative role of all to seek the solution. Clarifying the objectives of the program, NHRCN member Sudip Pathak said that problems seen in managing the chemical waste, infectious waste and ordinary waste, management of landfill sites, air pollution have created vulnerability in human rights.

The discussion focused on weak implementation of the citizens' right to live in clean and healthy environment and the right to compensation due to harm caused by air pollution guaranteed by the Constitution as fundamental rights. Participants also focused on the lack of coordination among the concerned agencies so that the concerned agencies should be sensitive towards protecting the clean and healthy environment in the days to come.

The discussion presided by the Hon. Chairperson of the Commission Anup Raj Sharma, Hon. member Prakash Osti, Bhaktapur Municipality Mayor Sunil Prajapati, Kathmandu Metropolitan City Deputy Mayor Hari Prabha Kadgi, Lalitpur Metropolitan City Deputy Mayor Gita Satyal, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Forests and Environment Chandra Man Dangol, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration Purushottam Nepal, Officiating Secretary of the Commission Murari Prasad Kharel, DIG Manoj Neupane, SSP Basanta Pant Under Secretary of the OPMCM Laxmi Gautam, media personnel along with other officials attended the discussion.

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