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## Press Note

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### NHRC, UNICEF sign MoU on the Protection and Promotion of Child Rights

Chairperson Justice Kedar Nath Upadhyay of National Human Rights Commission has said that the children being the weaker section of the society, special attention ought to be deviated towards protection and promotion of their rights.

Chairperson said this on the occasion of the signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the NHRC and the UNICEF. The MoU between the two entities is inked for child rights protection and promotion.

During the program, Chairperson Upadhyay mentioned that there have been substantive progress in the protection and promotion of the rights of child in Nepal though, there are a number of challenges to be surmounted over. The Commission is serious about these, he added.

Expressing his happiness to have got the opportunity to utilize the UNICEF experience in combating the problems facing the children in Nepal, he said that collaboration between the NHRC and the UNICEF would be fruitful.

Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, MS. Hanaa Singer, the UNICEF Country Representative to Nepal expressed her happiness over opportunity availed for the collaboration with the NHRC for the protection and promotion of the rights of child.

Mentioning all child rights being the universal rights, Ms Singer pointed out that endeavor such as the protection and promotion of rights of women and children, without reservation, naturally comes under this larger universal concept.

Throwing light on the de-facto situation of the children in plight in the world over, she underscored the need to exert collective effort from the side of all for the brighter future of the children who are considered as the future pillar of the nation.

She expressed her hope that collaboration between the NHRC and the UNICEF would yield ample results towards the direction of fulfilling the provisions set forth in the 'International Convention on the Rights of Child -1989' (CRC).

On the occasion, presenting the estimated more than 45 % children under 18 years of age of the total population, Member and Spokesperson Gauri Pradhan said that the future of these



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children would be at risk if adequate attention of the government and other concerned stakeholders is not deviated towards the protection and promotion of their rights.

‘Despite the fact that most of the objectives furnished in the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) related to the rights of child are attained, the children are found to have been falling the victims of the sporadic child abuse, child labor, discrimination and social ill-cultures,’ he observed.

He urged that the child rights organizations and other stakeholders ought to conceive appropriate policies to work for the protection and promotion of rights of child accordingly.

NHRC Member Justice Ram Nagina Singh, the Officials from the UNICEF – Nepal Office and the NHRC Officials were present at the MoU signing ceremony.

Singed by the Acting Secretary Mr. Bed Prasad Bhattarai of the NHRC and the UNICEF Country Representative to Nepal Ms. Hanaa Singer, the MoU is furnished with the collaborative endeavors and activities for the protection and promotion of the rights of child.

Bed Prasad Bhattarai

Acting Secretary