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Press Release on Job Fair 2024 UAE

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Foreign Employment Board (FEB) and Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies (NAFEA) jointly organized <u>Job Fair 2024 UAE</u> in Dubai today in coordination with the Embassy of Nepal in the UAE.

Hon. Sharat Singh Bhandari, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security inaugurated the program, which was also attended by Mr. Kewal Prasad Bhandari, Secretary at the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security, His Excellency Tej Bahadur Chhetri, Ambassador of Nepal to the UAE, and representatives from the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE, and Chamber of Commerce of Ajman Emirates. A large number of representatives from the manpower companies from Nepal and the recruitment agencies from the UAE also participated in the program.

Speakers of the program laid light on the various facets of foreign employment and spoke on the need to promote ethical recruitment and match the skills of the aspiring migrant workers to the need of the job markets of the UAE.

Hon. Minister Bhandari lauded the vision and determination of the UAE leadership for the miraculous development of the UAE within such a short span of time. Hon. Bhandari also spoke on the need to upskilling the migrant workers and ensuring basic minimum wages. Hon. Minister further highlighted on the contributions made by the migrant workers on the development of both the UAE and Nepal.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Kewal Prasad Bhandari stressed on the need to ensure safety and welfare of the Nepali migrant workers. Mr. Bhandari underscored that events like Job Fair can provide a better platform for the stakeholders to address the anomalies in the labor governance.

H.E. Tej Bahadur Chhetri thanked the UAE government for being a very kind host to the Nepali migrant workers and wished that the Job Fair would pave the way for exploring new opportunities in the UAE job market. Ambassador Chhetri also recalled that this event was taking place after a gap of almost 17 years.

Mr. Ahmed Al Yassi, Head of Labour Relationship Division at the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization of the UAE thanked the organizers for hosting the event and wished all the success.

The program was also addressed by Dr. Dwarika Upreti, Executive Director of the Foreign Employment Board and Mr. Rajendra Bhandari, President of Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies. In the program, Mr. Narayan Bhusal, Executive Member of the NAFEA presented a paper on the overview of foreign employment in Nepal.

The Fair was organized with the primary objectives to ensure direct engagement and communication between recruitment agencies and employers, increase brand awareness, build a network between recruitment agencies and various industries and serve as a hub for recruiters to gather market intelligence.

Hon. Minister Bhandari, along with other dignitaries, visited the stalls at the Fair. The fair showcased over 63 stalls including recruitment agencies, travel agencies, and remittance companies.

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