

Honorable Chair of the Asia Pacific Regional Review event on GCM

Excellencies,

Distinguished participants,

1. As the world continues to face unprecedented challenges created by COVID-19, the need of global and regional collaborative efforts to address this situation is ever more felt. The pandemic exposed us to various challenges and gaps, and we observed migrants, in particular migrant workers, were among the vulnerable population.
2. With over 3 million people living and working out of the country at any given time, migrants and migration have contributed immensely to the multi-dimensional development of Nepal – remittances contributing over 25 percent equivalent of GDP.
3. Nepal is preparing to formulate a national framework to help reintegrate the returnee migrants into social and economic epitomes. This framework will condense the exiting reintegration and social protection efforts in Nepal. For example: Prime Minister Employment Programme is a national flagship programme targeting the most vulnerable by providing employment opportunities based on the principle of social protection.
4. Nepal is in the process of finalizing the national strategy on GCM implementation. The forthcoming budgets will gradually incorporate the objective of the GCM, making local governments responsible to achieve select objectives outlined in the GCM document, in a whole of government and society approach.
5. Thank you.