

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Government of the People's Republic of China through the Export- Import Bank of China ( EXIM Bank) has agreed to provide a loan assistance of RMB 640 million (approx. NRs. 7 billion) to the Government of Nepal for the construction of Upper Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project.

Upon completion of the construction, additional 60 MW of electricity will be added to the national grid which is expected to help reduce power deficit in the country. The construction work is expected to be completed within 4 years.

This project will be executed by the Nepal Electricity Authority. The Project site is located in Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts of Bagmati Zone .The Head works lies in Dandagau Village Development Committee of Rasuwa district- about 15 kilometers north of the existing Trishuli Hydropower Project diversion weir.

Two agreements to this effect were signed and exchanged between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Nepal today in Ministry of Finance, Singh Durbar, Kathmandu.

HE Fu Ziyang, visiting Vice Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and Mr. Rameshore Prasad Khanal, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance signed the Framework Agreement and Mr. Sun Ping, Assistant President of the Export-Import Bank of China and Mr. Lal Shanker Ghimire, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Finance signed the Loan Agreement on behalf of their respective Governments.

The Government of Nepal has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of the People's Republic of China and to the EXIM Bank of China for this assistance and for their continued support in the socio economic development of Nepal.

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