

Press Release

Hon'ble Finance Minister Mr. Surendra Pandey today urged developed countries and the international communities to help assist Nepal in protecting Himalayan peaks from further melting, and bursting of glacier lakes.

Finance Minister Mr.Pandey, who is attending a Conference on “Post Crisis Growth and Poverty Reduction in Developing Asia”jointly organized by the International Monetary Fund and the Government of Vietnam, reminded the gathering that climate change related issues need to be seen as two sides of the same coin. One side of coin, that is, tackling the rising level of sea, would not help us much unless equal attentions are paid to the other side Of the coin, that is, melting of Himalayan peaks and bursting of glacier lakes along the Himalayan range Of Nepal where 8 out of 10 highest peaks including Mount Everest are located.

The Conference was attended by Finance Ministers of select Asian Countries, Governors of the central banks, and bilateral and multilateral agencies, among others.

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