



His Excellency Lok Bahadur Thapa, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations,

H.E. Lok Bahadur Thapa recently took on the prestigious role of Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, presenting his credentials to UN Secretary-General António Guterres. Before assuming this position, Mr. Thapa had an illustrious career within Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving as the Division Head (Joint Secretary) for the North-East Asia Division since 2020. Mr. Thapa's diplomatic journey is marked by significant postings and responsibilities. From 2016 to 2020, he served as Nepal's Ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg, while also leading Nepal's Mission to the European Union. During this period, he further represented Nepal as the Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. His extensive experience within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs includes roles such as the Director General of the Department of Passports (2014-2016), Division Head of the Southeast Asia Division (2014), Under-Secretary of the Policy and Planning Division, and Personal Secretary to Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs (2014). Mr. Thapa's career in the Nepalese Foreign Service began in 1990, taking him on assignments to China (1998-2002), Saudi Arabia (2004-2008), and Australia (2009-2014). Mr. Thapa is a well-educated diplomat with a Master of Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in commerce from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. He also holds a Master of Diplomacy from Lancaster University, United Kingdom. His rich educational background and diverse experience in international diplomacy position him as a key figure in representing and advancing Nepal's interests at the United Nations.