

## **Press Release**

The Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Northern Ireland has agreed to provide Financial and Technical assistance of Pound Sterling 35 million (approximately NRs. 5.26 billion) to the Government of Nepal for the implementation of Integrated Programme for Strengthening Security and Justice, Phase 2 (IPSSJ2). Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Financial and Technical Cooperation to this effect was signed between the Government of Nepal and United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Northern Ireland at Ministry of Finance, today.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Financial and Technical Cooperation for the first phase of Integrated Programme for Strengthening Security and Justice (IPSSJ) was signed on 9 June 2014. IPSSJ2 will continue IPSSJ's dual focus on tackling gender based violence, and supporting respective government entities, including Nepal Police, to strengthen their services. It will support to strengthen policing and local security and justice mechanisms. The initial project period will be for five years from the date of signing this MoU.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Ishwori Prasad Aryal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Government of Nepal and by Ms. Pippa Bird, Development Director, UK's the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Nepal) on behalf of the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Northern Ireland.

The GoN has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain (UK) and Northern Ireland for this assistance and its continued support in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

Ministry of Finance Singh Durbar, Kathmandu 22<sup>th</sup> Kartik 2079 (8<sup>th</sup> November 2022)