

Dear Zhang Mingqi, Vice- President & Secretary General, China Law Society, Honorable Delegates from China and my friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome our honorable guest representing different institutions of legal and political loop of China. I would like to welcome to head of team Mr. Zhang and all delegates personally and on behalf of all NBA member lawyers countrywide. We are so glad and excited to be found with our respected guests here today.

Nepal Bar Association (NBA) was established in 21 December 1956 and was registered as professional organization in 1963 under the provision of National guidance Act, 1961. The structure of NBA denotes as: President-1, Vice President-8, General Secretary-1, treasurer-1, and Members- 14. It is inclusive in types elected to be elected for 3 years. NBA is an umbrella organization of defender lawyers having 89 units and members more than 17,000. It is an umbrella organization of Nepalese and we feel proud as NBA is well recognized its identity by constitution of Nepal and different national statutory institutions and bodies. NBA institutionally represents to the statutory body of Nepal like Judicial council, Nepal Bar

council, Central Legal Aid Committee, Mediation Council of Nepal, and National Judicial Academy etc. NBA has very good recall of its institutional initiatives and became success to introduce formal legal aid system with enacting Central Legal Aid Act and Nepal Bar Council Act in Nepal. At present Central Legal Aid Committee derives its mission to free legal aid to needy and poor people in course of enhancing access to justice. Similarly, Nepal Bar Council is a statutory body that mainly regulates and promotes lawyers and legal profession maintaining ethical code of conduct.

NBA and its member lawyers always have stood in front to defy promoting democratic values and the solidarity of constitutional supremacy. Nepali lawyers have shown for this reason is historical, unique and uncontested. NBA works for the benefit of the public at large, encourage democratic practices, development of culture of rule of law, maintenance of an independent and impartial judiciary, and the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

NBA is a member institution of International Bar Association and LAWASIA as well.

At present, NBA is also a founding group member of Belt and Road Lawyers Association (BIRLA) associated last year. NBA pays its eagerness to collaborate with different authorities and agencies through Belt and Road initiatives in order to exchange and for mutual cooperation to promote legal systems and legal profession between lawyers in countries and regions related to the Belt and Road Initiative in the days come.

Thank you

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