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Press Release

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to the United States of America His Excellency Dr. Suresh C. Chalise presented his Credentials to the President of the United States of America, His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush at the White House, the Official Residence of the President, in Washington D.C., at 1.15 p.m. today. President Bush warmly welcomed Dr. Chalise as Nepal's Ambassador to the United States.

In his reply to the remarks of Ambassador Dr. Chalise, President of the United States Mr. George W. Bush said "Nepal has undergone profound changes, moving from a monarchy to an emerging democracy, with an emerging economy". The President added that the United States saluted the progress that the people and the Government of Nepal had made in the ongoing transition to democracy and commended Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala for his role in leading Nepal's political parties toward successful Constituent Assembly elections.

The President further said "the United States encourages the Government and Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to work together to ensure that Constituent Assembly elections are held by mid-April". He also spoke about the need for taking steps towards addressing the concerns of the Madhesi and other marginalized groups in order to restore harmony in the nation. He reiterated the US Government's support to Nepal's efforts in its journey towards democracy and assured that the United States would continue to work with the Government of Nepal and with the international community to foster environment conducive to peace.

Ambassador Chalise was accompanied by his spouse Dr. Milan Adhikary Chalise, his mother Mrs. Chet Kumari Chalise and his two daughters Ms. Sara and Ms. Saksham Chalise.

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