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**8-10 August, 2022**



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Fifteen customs officials from the Nepal Department of Customs participated in a Risk Management Workshop. The workshop was held to (i) build a foundation for the effective risk management in customs, (ii) develop risk register and risk profile to use in the ASYCUDA World Selectivity Module, and (iii) train customs officials in risk management to develop them as a pool of experts. [Read more](#)

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## Webinar on Charting Future Pathways for SASEC: Lessons and Best Practices from GMS and CAREC

**19 August 2022: Online**

This webinar provided timely information for the SASEC Program, including (i) identifying lessons learned and best practices from the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) in strategic orientation, operations, and institutional coordination; (ii) exploring operational approaches and institutional arrangements from GMS and CAREC that could be adapted or replicated by SASEC; and (iii) identifying opportunities for inter-departmental and inter-subregional exchange of knowledge and expertise. Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama, Director General, South Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB), and Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Executive Director, ADB, opened the webinar. Mr. Manmohan Prakash, Deputy Director General, South Asia Department, ADB, closed the session, highlighting opportunities for future interregional knowledge sharing.

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## **NHPC, PTC Ink MoU for the Sale of Power Generated from Nepal Hydropower Projects**

**30 August 2022: Faridabad, India**

National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) and the PTC India Limited (formerly Power Trading Corporation of India Limited) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the sale of power to be generated from Nepal's West Seti and Seti River-6 Projects in Nepal.

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## **Bangladesh Railways to Convert the Dhaka-Chattogram Railway Line to Broad Gauge**

**27 August 2022: Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Bangladesh Railways plans to convert the Dhaka-Chattogram railway line from meter gauge to broad gauge by 2027 with potential financing from ADB.

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## **India Promotes Development of Multimodal Logistics Parks to Increase Efficiency**

**24 August 2022: New Delhi, India**

The National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) of the Government of India signed a trilateral agreement that will work toward ramping up the development of India's multimodal logistics parks.

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## **ADB Commits Continued Support for Bangladesh's Post-pandemic Recovery**

**14 August 2022: Manila, Philippines**

ADB has committed continued support for the improvement of Bangladesh's key infrastructures as the country carries on its path of post-pandemic recovery. ADB's 2023–2025 lending pipeline for Bangladesh stands at approximately \$9.4 billion for 44 projects. This includes development of roads and railway corridors that will be complemented by necessary reforms to facilitate inter-regional trade.

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## **Maldives' Hanimaadhoo International Airport Redevelopment Project Awarded to Indian Firm**

**10 August 2022: Malé, Maldives**

Maldives' Hanimaadhoo International Airport will be redeveloped by JMC Projects Limited of India. According to Maldives' Economic Ministry, the project was awarded to JMC for \$136.6 million. The redevelopment project will

include expansion of the airport runway to 2.46 km and a brand new terminal with a capacity to accommodate 1.3 million passengers annually.

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## **Commentary: Powering the Clean Energy Transition**

**9 August 2022: Manila, Philippines**

Climate change is a daunting development challenge that transcends borders. It therefore calls for greater global consensus and cooperation along with bold targets to tackle its widespread and multidimensional consequences. Read this commentary from the Development Asia website.

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## **Bangladesh and Nepal Officials Emphasize Increasing Energy, Trade, Tourism Collaboration**

**5 August 2022: Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Officials of the Governments of Bangladesh and Nepal attended a luncheon hosted by Mr. Md Shahriar Alam, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Bangladesh. The event emphasized increasing collaboration between Bangladesh and Nepal in sectors such as hydropower, tourism, connectivity, trade, and people-to-people linkages. Ms. Pabitra Niroula Kharel, Chairperson, International Relations Committee House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament of Nepal, underscored the need to gear up for development partnership through meaningful cooperation.

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## **Bangladesh Offers Nepal Use of Chittagong and Mongla Ports**

**5 August 2022: Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reiterated her offer of access to Bangladesh's Chittagong and Mongla seaports and Syedpur airport to the people of Nepal during a courtesy call by a Nepal parliamentary delegation.

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## **India and Maldives Laud Growth in People-to-People Linkages**

**2 August 2022: New Delhi, India**

Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih's visit to India highlighted the growth in people-to-people ties between India and Maldives. India has become the top source for Maldives' tourism market. Implementation of visa-free travel, improved air connectivity, exchange programs, and promoting cultural and economic linkages have helped boost tourism.

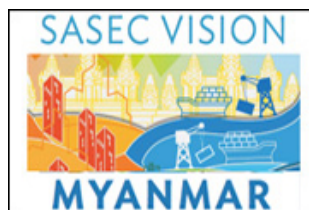
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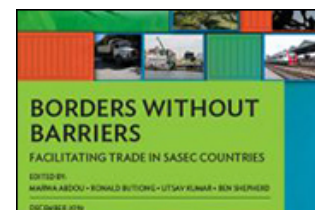
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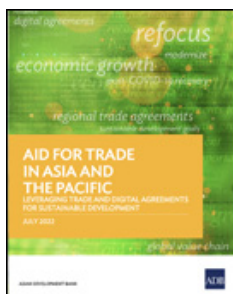
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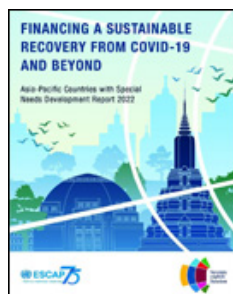
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