

Peace Conference Report

Abstract:

The signing of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) between the Government of Nepal and the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) on November 21, 2006 has paved the formal peace process in Nepal. To mark the ten years of signing of the CPA, Nepal Transition to Peace Institute (NTTP-I) organized a three-day International Peace Conference, 16-18 November 2016 in Kathmandu. The conference was inaugurated by Rt. Hon. President Bidya Devi Bhandari where as the Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' was the chief guest of the political session, launched the landmark publication entitled "*Nepal Transition to Peace: A Decade of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (2006-2016)*". The book includes articles commissioned from national and international authors focusing on accomplishments, outstanding agenda items and issues, mechanisms and institutions and prospects of Nepal's peace process. The publication is published in both English and Nepali languages.

The peace conference consisted of eight sessions. The conference was organized with the objectives of documenting the experiences, facts and analyses on various aspects of the CPA in the aftermath of 10 years of its signing and also to identify and disseminate the successes and gaps of Nepal's peace process to national and international audiences.

In the conference, speakers and panelists discussed about the peace process and its successes and failures; on how to address the political issues that still pose challenge to the constitution and the country; and on the path ahead for a peaceful future of Nepal. Although the CPA was signed following the decade-long Maoist conflict, the conference discovered wide-ranging issues including the founding of the Nepali state and the promulgation of constitution through the Constituent Assembly in 2015. The speakers noted out that the CPA had not only envisioned peace, but also good governance, transparency, socio-economic transformation and an end to impunity and a society free of corruption.

Noted speakers like SD Muni, Hannes Siebert, Arjun Narsingh KC, Shekhar Koirala, Mahanth Thakur, Bhim Rawal, Madhav Kumar Nepal, Former President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, Khim Lal Devkota, Sita Devi Yadav, Daman Nath Dhungana, Bishnu Sapkota among others expressed their views on the peace process and its challenges in Nepal.

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