

## **25 years Denmark in Nepal**

On the occasion of Celebration of “25 years Denmark in Nepal” Ms. Sharmila Karki, Former Chair of NGO Federation, expressing her opinions on behalf of entire society

### ***Remarks by Ms. Sharmila Karki***

First of all, I would like to thank Denmark Embassy for maintaining 25 years of relationship with our country.

We have been working in the field of good governance for a long time. Denmark has helped us to preserve and promote democracy/human rights, good governance; supported in different issues of government like lands rights, women's rights, pro-people and institutionalize the social movements.

There have been many achievements in our country like Nepal has achieved Federalism, Secularism, Republic, 33% women participation at the parliament, etc., but these issues have not been yet institutionalized. So, a lot of work has to be done in this part. So, to help us in the institutionalization of these issues, we need continuous help from the Denmark embassy.

We will seek the support of the Denmark Embassy for the above-mentioned issues. The support that we have received from the Denmark Government has been very strategic. In this context, I, on behalf of the entire CSOs of Nepal am very grateful towards the Denmark Government, Danish citizens, and civil societies of Denmark. Similarly, because of our 25 years of long-term relationship and with the trust that we will further work continuously in the field of Human Rights, the establishment of the democracy, and the organizational development, I would like to thank the Denmark government for allowing me to address and express my few words in front of all the respected members.

Denmark's government and various Danish organizations have continuously supported us in conducting advocacy for the citizens of Nepal in issues like Nepal's

various social movements like women's rights, dalit rights, haliya, kamaiya along with issues of landless rights. These issues have now been taken over by the government as the State agenda, but to bring out these issues, the non-government has done lots of support, while the Denmark government had largely supported us both technically and financially as well. We have been continuously working to establish economic, social, and cultural rights of the citizens of Nepal along with political rights.

Finally, I would like to conclude my speech by saying that these 25 years of relationship between Denmark and Nepal have been marvelous and I wish we both will work together for human rights, social justice, and the institutionalization of democracy in the upcoming days in the same spirit.

Thank you.