



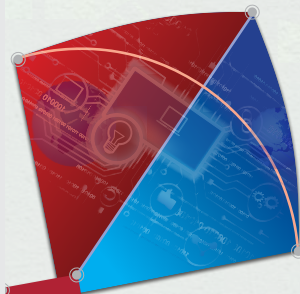
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Wishing Bright & Blissful

Vijaya Dashami,
Dipawali
&
Chhath.



GREETINGS

Dear AmCham Members,

On behalf of the American Chamber of Commerce in Nepal, I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to you, your families, and colleagues on the auspicious occasions of ***Vijaya Dashami, Deepawali, and Chhath***. May these festivals bring peace, harmony, and renewed strength to your lives and businesses.

We also recognize that the past few weeks have been challenging for Nepal. Business community has been affected negatively. Some of our members have been directly impacted by the recent turmoil, and we stand in solidarity with all who have suffered loss or damage. Violence and destruction send the wrong message to investors and hinder the progress we are all striving to achieve. AmCham has already condemned such acts and remains firmly committed to fostering a stable, secure, and welcoming business environment.

Nepal's history and culture remind us that we are a nation of resilience and peace. Let us continue to work together; politically, socially, and economically to present Nepal as a land of opportunity. Each of us has a role to play in building a positive environment for investment, innovation, and growth.

I am deeply grateful for your continued engagement in AmCham initiatives. Your support is the true measure of our success. Our recent ***Half-Yearly Review Meeting*** affirmed that we are on the right track. With advocacy as our core mission, you all participated in ***AmCham Policy Pulse***, designed to guide our advocacy efforts for the benefit of members. Thank you to the secretariat team and Vice Chair Kailash Bijayananda for leading and a Board Member Samrath Mogha for coordinating this important policy dialogues with all our members.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our key partners: the ***U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu*** for their strong collaboration, the ***U.S. Chamber of Commerce*** for their guidance, the ***U.S. Department of Commerce teams in Washington D.C. and New Delhi*** for their support, the ***DFC team*** for joining our Expert Learning Series, and ***Neoteric Nepal*** and Cedar Gates for their valuable Member Learning Session.

It is my pleasure to share with you all that the Board of AmCham Nepal has appointed ***Mr. Amir R. Thapa*** as the ***Executive Director of AmCham Nepal***. His dedication and leadership in strengthening our Secretariat have been truly inspiring, and I wish him every success as he continues to help AmCham grow stronger in the days ahead.

As we celebrate this festive season, may your homes be filled with joy, togetherness, and optimism for the future. Let us look forward with confidence, united in our shared commitment to building a peaceful and prosperous Nepal.

Happy Vijaya Dashami, Deepawali, and Chhath to you all!

Warm regards,
Nirmal Kajee Shrestha
Chairperson, AmCham Nepal



**Welcome
New Members!**





"AMCHAM EXPERT AND MEMBER LEARNING SERIES: POWERING NEPAL'S FUTURE" – POSITIONS IT AS A FORWARD-LOOKING INITIATIVE.

Driving Nepal's Shift from Aid to Trade

AmCham Nepal's 17th Expert Learning Series, in partnership with the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), brought together members to explore innovative funding solutions that power Nepal's private sector. From tackling tax and FDI challenges to sharing success stories of U.S. investments, the session sparked ideas on how trade and investment can create jobs, empower youth, and curb brain drain. Together with DFC and the U.S. Embassy, we're committed to turning bold business ideas into scalable opportunities that shape Nepal's economic future.



AmCham Chair Nirmal Kajee Shrestha presents a Souvenir to Jatin Batra from U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)



Showcasing Commercial Diplomacy in Action

Our 18th Member Learning Series, hosted with founding member Neoteric Nepal, took members on a journey through the past, present, and future of Nepal's ICT industry. Led by Mr. Sanjay Golchha and featuring an insightful talk by Dr. Bhoj Raj Ghimire, the session shed light on the challenges and opportunities ahead for Nepal's digital transformation. We were honored to welcome Ms. Katherine M. Leahy, Economic and Political Chief at the U.S. Embassy, who shared her perspective on the ICT sector's vast potential. These sessions exemplify commercial diplomacy in action — where members learn, collaborate, and fuel innovation that strengthens U.S.-Nepal trade ties and drives growth.



1. Ease of Doing Business Committee

2. Investment and Promotion Committee Meeting

May 26/ June 2, 2025, AmCham Nepal conducted Ease of Doing Business Committee meeting and Investment and Promotion Committee Meeting with the respective committee members. The meaningful discussions, insightful ideas, and commitment to improving the business landscape are paving the way for US businesses to thrive in Nepal. Committee provided valuable guidance for an upcoming committee formation and activities.

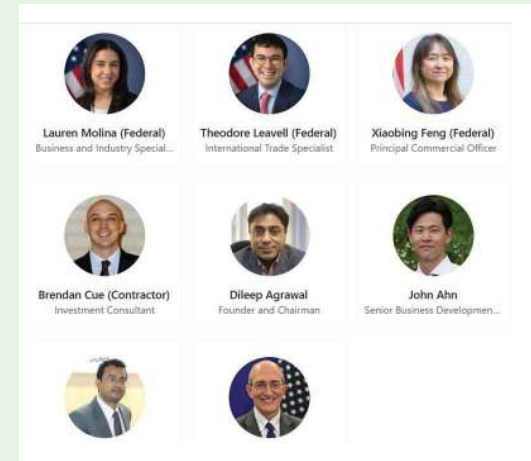
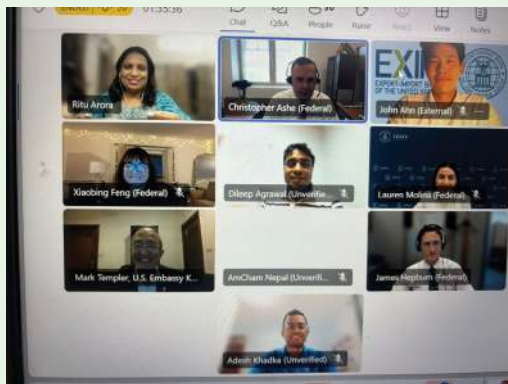


Strengthening U.S.-Nepal Ties in ICT

On July 22, AmCham Nepal, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Embassy, hosted a landmark U.S.-Nepal ICT Commercial Opportunities Webinar with nearly 100 CEOs and ICT leaders from Nepal and the U.S. The session explored opportunities in cybersecurity, AI, data centers, and digital innovation, while U.S. agencies including ITA, EXIM Bank, and SelectUSA shared pathways for Nepali companies to access the U.S. market. With support from CNI, FNCCI, and NAS-IT, this milestone engagement advanced bilateral ICT cooperation and showcased how U.S.-Nepal partnerships are driving digital transformation and innovation.

AmCham Briefing: Tariffs & FCPA Enforcement

On July 30, 2025, AmCham Nepal participated in a timely virtual meeting on the latest developments in U.S. tariff policies and Foreign Corruption Prevention Act (FCPA) enforcement organized by the US Chamber of Commerce. The session featured insights from John Murphy, Senior Vice President and Head of International at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, along with the U.S. Chamber team, who shared key updates on the Trump Administration's recently introduced tariff measures and their potential global implications.



Brief Market Assessment

Nepal's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector is growing rapidly. In response, the Government of Nepal has designated the next ten years as the "Digital Decade," setting ambitious goals of creating three million ICT-related jobs and generating NPR 3 trillion (approximately \$27.5 billion) in revenue. These efforts could unlock additional ICT equipment, software, and services opportunities for U.S. companies.

The Government has also introduced key policy reforms aimed at strengthening its ICT ecosystem to support these objectives. For instance, it has passed an ordinance that will allow the Nepali private sector to invest in foreign markets, including the United States. This will allow Nepali firms to establish U.S. subsidiaries to support their American clients and to invest in U.S. firms. Additionally, as over 70 percent of Nepali IT companies already work with U.S. clients – they are adept at supporting American firms with their ICT requirements and have favorable views of the quality of U.S. products and services that make them receptive to U.S. ICT solutions – providing a strategic opportunity to deepen U.S. exports to Nepal.

Key Objectives of the Webinar

- Promote and strengthen U.S.-Nepal commercial relations in ICT sector
- Facilitate business matchmaking for Nepali ICT investors seeking to invest in the United States
- Support Nepal's digital transformation through U.S.-Nepal trade and investment collaboration, including by connecting Nepali entrepreneurs with the U.S. ICT ecosystem.
- Showcase product and services sales and investment prospects in Nepal's cybersecurity, AI, data center, and emerging ICT innovations.
- Identify and address trade and investment barriers faced by stakeholders in both countries.



The U.S. Commercial Service in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu and AmCham Nepal invites you to a high-impact webinar to foster strategic dialogue and build collaborative pathways for mutual prosperity in the ICT sector between two nations.

Event Details

Date and Time:
Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Time 10:15 am (EST)/9:30 pm (NPT)

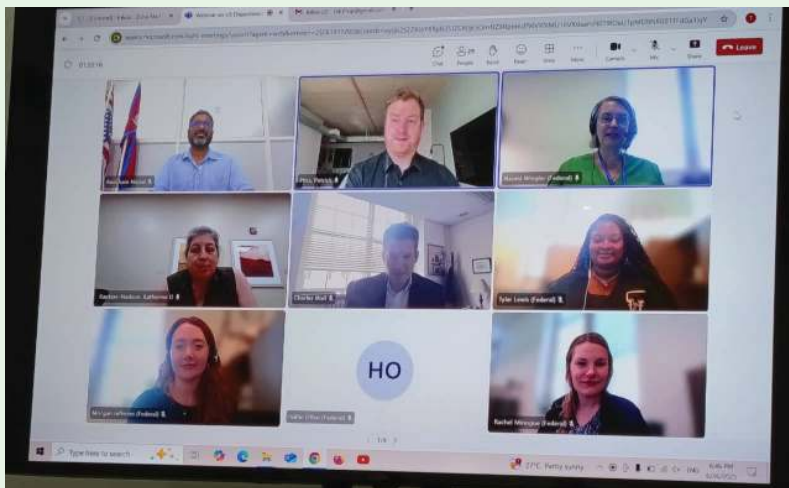
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Highlights U.S. Government Resources for Business

On June 26, 2025, AmCham Nepal, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, hosted a landmark webinar on U.S. government resources for American businesses in Nepal. Key speakers from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Department of Commerce, and U.S. Embassy shared insights on export assistance, market intelligence, intellectual property protection, investment opportunities, and trade advocacy. Members engaged directly with key U.S. agencies—including the Foreign Commercial Service, USPTO, SelectUSA, Advocacy Center, and BIS—strengthening trade linkages and showcasing commercial diplomacy in action.

Thank you Manaram Group and Robbins for Sponsoring AmCham Event



AmCham Policy Pulse 2025

On September 10–12, AmCham Nepal launched Policy Pulse 2025 — a series of focused, small-group dialogues with members to capture sector-specific trade and investment challenges and turn them into a united advocacy agenda. This initiative strengthens our role in commercial diplomacy, working to reduce trade barriers and build a more predictable business environment. Thank you to all members who contributed their insights as we work together to shape policies that drive investment, growth, and prosperity





COFFEE CHAT SERIES: Spotlighting American Business Journeys

AmCham Nepal, in partnership with the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Office, launched the Coffee Chat Series to showcase inspiring American business stories in Nepal. Our first session featured Mr. Prasanna Dhungel, Co-Founder of GrowByData, who shared his journey from Kathmandu to Boston and back — turning challenges into opportunities through Nepal's talent, cost advantages, and global outlook. The event brought together business leaders, professionals, and youth, sparking fresh ideas for collaboration and highlighting the power of U.S.-Nepal commercial ties to drive entrepreneurship, investment, and social impact.



Farewell and Appreciation



MARK TESSLER
Political/Economic Chief



KATE KAETZER-HODSON
Deputy Political and Economic Chief



DARIN CHRISTENSEN
Economic/Commercial Officer



AmCham Nepal's Half-Yearly Board Review

On August 12–13, AmCham Nepal's Board convened for its Half-Yearly Review, where General Manager Mr. Amir R. Thapa presented key achievements and the roadmap ahead under our vision of *"Making Nepal a Country of Possibilities."* The Board emphasized strengthening partnerships, advancing policy advocacy, and expanding networking opportunities to help members scale their businesses and attract more U.S. investment to Nepal.

Looking ahead, AmCham will launch a Business Climate Index with the U.S. Department of Commerce's CLDP, plan U.S. Embassy-related member activities, organize a flagship U.S.-Nepal Marketing Conference, and deepen engagement with U.S. agencies to mobilize FDI. Our focus remains on empowering members, fostering commercial diplomacy, and driving policies that create jobs, transfer technology, and build a skilled workforce for sustainable growth. The half yearly board meeting has endorsed an appointment of Mr. Amir R Thapa as an Executive Director of AmCham Nepal.

PHOTO GALLERY



AmCham Meets Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Secretary, MOFA



AmCham Chair Nirmal Kajee Shrestha and BoD, Honorary Member Mr. Semanta Dahal



Neural AI Day May, 2025



Glimpses of AmCham Policy Pulse 2025



AMCHAM Member participated in the Member Learning Series at Cedar Gate



Chirstopher Ashe, Director, Office of South Asia at Commerce Department



Appreciation and farewell of Mark Templer and Kate – Kaetzer Hodson



Mr. Prasanna Dhungel, Founder of GrowByData speaks at the Coffee Chat Series



Mr. Subin Bahadur Shrestha, VP of Operations, GrowBY Data receives souvenir from Mike Halker, Public Affairs Chief, U.S. Embassy



Q&A at Coffee Chat Series

PHOTO GALLERY



Half Yearly Board Review 2025



AmCham Policy Pulse



Inauguration of AMCHAM Annual Year Book



Embassy Networking Event



Neoteric, Hyatt, K&A, and Ford took part in the 4th of July event



AmCham Team



Hon'ble Ambassador Dean R Thompon and ED, Am-Cham Amir Raj Thapa



Happy Vijaya Dashami, Deepawali & Chhath!

Dear AmCham Family and Friends,
As we enter this festive season, I wish you and your loved one's joy, peace, and togetherness.

I am deeply honored and humbled to have been appointed as the Executive Director of AmCham Nepal, and I sincerely thank the AmCham Board Members for their trust and confidence. My gratitude extends to each of you, our members and partners whose unwavering support over the past two years made this possible. I specially would like to thank my team Mr. Tek Prasad Adhikari and Ms. Anita Karki for their unwavering support.

At AmCham, we share a collective responsibility to be forward-thinking, principled, and collaborative as we navigate Nepal's evolving business environment. Together, we must continue to restore confidence in the market, renew the passion of U.S. investors, and shape Nepal as a destination for innovation and opportunity.

In the last four months, we have made great progress toward

strengthening U.S.–Nepal commercial ties:

- **U.S.–Nepal ICT Webinar Series:** Connected government representatives from both countries, AmCham members, CNI, NASIT, and investors for high-level dialogue.
- **Commercial Diplomacy Webinar:** Helped members understand how to leverage U.S. commercial agencies to advance their businesses and promote commercial diplomacy.
- **DFC Engagement:** Welcomed the DFC team to Nepal and encouraged members to explore funding opportunities that can boost FDI and accelerate projects.
- **U.S. Embassy Engagement:** From a memorable 4th of July celebration to launching the AmCham Coffee Chat Series, these initiatives have strengthened our community ties.
- **Member Learning Series:** Partnered with Neoteric Nepal to showcase Nepal's ICT sector and inspire members through knowledge-sharing sessions.
- **AmCham Policy Pulse 2025:** Gathered sector-specific insights to strengthen our advocacy

efforts and present a united policy platform.

- **Farewells & Appreciation:** Thanked Mr. Mark Templer and Kaetzer-Hodson from the U.S. Embassy for their outstanding service during their tenure.

We are committed to bringing fresh ideas and creative initiatives to unite our members, foster innovation, and expand opportunities. Our focus will remain on advocacy, commercial diplomacy, and partnership-building to create a stronger, more predictable business environment for all.

Thank you once again for your trust, participation, and partnership. Together, we will make AmCham an even more powerful platform for advancing U.S.–Nepal trade and investment.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season filled with happiness, renewal, and optimism for the future.

Warm regards,
Amir R. Thapa
Executive Director
American Chamber of Commerce in Nepal



About US

The American Chambers of Commerce in Nepal (AmCham Nepal) is an association of American business organization operating in Nepal. It has 61 members and it works to amplify and to enhance the bilateral trade between the United States and Nepal. AmCham Nepal is the 130th AmCham around the globe prestigiously accredited by the U.S. Chambers of Commerce

