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Lumbini Buddhist University

International Conference on “Global Diplomacy and Regional Cooperation: India-Nepal Partnership in Buddhist Heritage.” India International Centre, New-Delhi January 30-31, 2026

LUMBINI- NEW DELHI DECLARATION

- 1.The conference has set the ball rolling in the direction of active Collaboration with Indian and Nepalese universities for Joint Research and academic exchanges.
- 2.To strengthen the South Asia Centre for Peace Research and Sustainable Development (SACPRSD), established by the South Asia Foundation-Nepal and Lumbini Buddhist University, for starting academic courses soon.
- 3.To establish a forum of universities in collaboration with SAF-Nepal, SACPRSD and Lumbini Buddhist University for stronger ties in academic engagements.
- 4.To conceive of joint and specific India-Nepal collaborative activities in the area of environment, climate change and sustainable development.
- 5.To engage with visiting people and pilgrims to Lumbini, SAF is actively involved in setting up a light and sound project on Gautama Buddha at Lumbini. This will ideally spread the teachings of Gautama Buddha in a more engaging way with the visitors coming from across the globe, including by using animation with the support of Lumbini Buddhist University. LBU and SAF-Nepal will collaborate to implement this initiative jointly.

The above declaration was adopted by the house unanimously during the conference at 4:30 PM on January 31, 2026 and was announced by Amb. Manjeev Singh Puri in presence of Amb. Ranjit Rae, Amb. Jayant Prasad, Prof. Subarna Lal Bajracharya, Prof. M. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Prof. Dhruva Kumar Gautam and the representatives of the participating universities.



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