

Press Release

Hon'ble Minister for Health and Population, Mr. Shakti Bahadur Basnet, arrived in Geneva today leading the Nepalese delegation to the 64th World Health Assembly scheduled to take place from May 16 to 24, 2011. He was received at the Geneva International Airport by the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations and Other International Organizations, Mr. Bhrigu Dhungana, and other officials of the Mission. Minister Basnet is accompanied by Dr. Sudha Sharma, Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Population and other senior officials of the Ministry.

Attended mostly by ministerial level delegations of Member States, the World Health Assembly is the highest decision and policy making body of the World Health Organization, which meets annually in Geneva. Hon'ble Minister for Health and Population of Nepal will address the Assembly on May 17. In addition to the high level plenary, he will attend the meeting of the Health Ministers from the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries convened by the Health Minister of Egypt, the current Chair of NAM, on May 18. He will also hold bilateral meetings on the sidelines with his counterparts from different countries.

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