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Tourism Development in Nepal: As a Tool of Bilateral Relations

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Introduction

In the era of globalization development and endorsement of tourism sector attracts more political and economic attention. In the inter-connected South Asian region tourism can be used to strengthening the bilateral relations between the countries. The tourism sector could not remain indifferent to the sustainability challenges of present times. That is why in South Asian region tourism development has become one of the high priority development co-operation areas. Tourism is in a very special position to benefit local communities, economically and socially, and to raise awareness and support for conservation of the environment. Policies and action must aim to strengthen the benefits and reduce the costs of tourism. Further massive growth is predicted for tourism between now and 2020, providing excellent opportunities for spreading prosperity. There is also an increasing appreciation of the potential role of tourism in addressing world poverty, by bringing sources of income to the heart of some of the poorest communities.

Tourism, in its modern form, is not the same as travels of the early periods of human history. In the language of Jews, the word *Torah* means study or search and *tour* seems to have been derived from it. In Latin, the original word *Tornos* stands close to it. *Tornos* was a kind of round