#### निजगढ अन्तरराष्ट्रिय विमानस्थलको बर्तमान आवश्यकता र औचित्य

### Need for Nijgadh International Airport for Accelerated Development of Nepal

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### 1. Trends of Tourism and Air Traffic

## GDP Comparisons with Other Countries in 2016

Contribution of tourism to GDP and per capita GDP of Nepal is too low compared to other countries.

Indicator	Nepal	Maldive s	Fiji	Bhutan	Sri Lanka	Singap ore	India	China
GDP in Billion US \$	21.13	4.22	4.7	2.21	81.37	296.9 7	2,269	11,199
Contrib ution of Tourism, % GDP	2.35	67	17	3.54	4.07	6.6	1.02	0.396
GDP/ capita PPP, US\$	2,478	15,348	9,110	8,901	12,313	87,83 3	6,571	15,452 9

### Trends of Tourist Arrivals in 2016, million

Tourist Arrivals in Nepal is too low

Nepal	Maldiv es	Sri Lanka	Fiji	Singapo re	India	China	Thaila nd
0. 753	1.286	2.051	0.792	12.914	14.569	59.27	32.53

Trends of Passenger Movement (Arrivals & Departure) at International Airports in 2017, million. Passenger movement at Nepal's Intnl. Airport is too low

Nepal TIA	Singapore Changi	India IGI	China, Beijing	Thailand Swarnabhu mi
6.34	62	60	96	61

# Trends of Freight Movement at International Airports in 2015 in, 000 Ton

Freight movement at Nepal's Intnl. Airport is too low

Nepal TIA	Singapore Changi	India IGI	China, Beijing	Thailand Swarnabhu mi
29	1,853	787	1,843	1,230

### 2. Traffic and Constraints of TIA

# Growth of Pax, Cargo and A/C Movement at TIA 1993-2017

Pax and A/C movement growth at TIA in the last 25 yrs is encouraging.

Year	Intl Pax	Domestic Pax	Cargo Intl	Cargo Dom	A/c Intl	A/C Dom
1993	721,795	415,878	15,832	680	7,133	25,325
2017	3,887,845	2,451,390	20,665	4,114	33,362	93,107
Annual Growth, %	7.2%	7.67%	1%	7.8%	6.7%	5.5%

#### Air Traffic 2015, 2017 and 2028

ltem	Domes tic Pax, Mil	Domestic A/C, 000	Intl. Pax, mil	Intl A/C, 000	Total Pax, mil	Total A/c, 000
2015 Forecast, Acres Lea	0.89		2.17			
Actual in 2015	1.36	66	3.2	26.5	4.565	93
Actual in 2017	2.45	93.11	3.89	33.36	6.34	127
Actual in 2018	2.85	95.58	4.34	33.932	7.18	130
Capacity, Current	0.75		3.2		3.95	151
Capacity, Ultimate	3.6		7 to 9		11 to 13	184
F'cast for yr. <b>2028</b> as per TIA MP 2016	2.5	127	6.5	51	9.0	178

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Item	Domes tic Pax, Mil	Domestic A/C, 000	Intl. Pax, mil	Intl A/C, 000	Total Pax, mil	Total A/c, 000
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Actual in 2015	1.36	66	3.2	26.5	4.565	93
Actual in 2017	2.45	93.11	3.89	33.36	6.34	127
Actual in 2018	2.85	95.58	4.34	33.932	7.18	130
F'cast TIA MP 2016 for 2028	2.5	127	6.5	51	9.0	178
Capacity, Current	0.75		3.2		3.95	151
Capacity, Ultimate	3.6		7 to 9		11 to 13	184

### Peak Hour Capacity & Demand of TIA

S.N.	ltem	2018 (Act	ual)	2023		2028	
		Intl	Dom	Intl	Dom	Intl	Dom
Area	Area, m²	32,000	6,000	36,000	6,000	36,000	6,000
Pax	Capacity	1350	430	1520	430	1520	430
Pax	Demand	2227	1000	3018	1239	3574	1535

#### Annual Passenger movement and Capacity

- Present Area of International Passenger Terminal is 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> which is being expanded to 36,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Proposed New Intl. Terminal Building is 106,000 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Present Intl Passenger Terminal is operating at 4.34 mil pax /yr which is beyond its capacity of about 3.2 mil /yr . The ultimate capacity after a new ITB will be about 7 to 9 million pax /yr.
- Present Domestic Passenger Terminal has an area of 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> which is operating at 2.85 mil /yr which is beyond its capacity of about 0.75 mil /yr . The ultimate capacity after a new ITB will be about 3.6 million pax /yr.

#### Peak hour Passenger and Aircraft movement and Capacity

- In the International Terminal Buildig:: the PHP currently is 2247 against the capacity of 1350. the PHP capacity in 2023 and 2028 shall be 1520 whereas the demand shall be 3018 and 3574 respectively.
- Domestic Terminal Building:

The PHP currently is 430 against the capacity of 1,000. The PHP capacity in 2023 and 2028 shall be 430 whereas the demand shall be 1239 and 1535 respectively.

 Current Runway Capacity is 33 a/c /hr. Ultimate Peak Hour runway capacity is 40 to 45 a/c per hr whereas the current peak hour a/c movement is more than 50. Demand forecasted for the yr. 2028 is 85 a/c per hr.

### 3. Why SIA (Nijgadh Intl Airport)?

#### Why SIA ?

#### • TIA is already saturated:

- Annual Pax . movt is 35 % more, PHP is 66 % more than the capacity of ITB
- Peak Hour A/C movement is more than 51 percent of capacity based on ROT
- Hourly a/c movement is 78 % of ultimate capacity based on Runway Occupancy Time (ROT)
- Ultimate capacity of TIA shall be exhausted by the yr. 2028 in terms of capacity of passenger Terminal Buildings and by the year 2026 in terms of Capacity based on Runway Occupancy Time (ROT)

#### • Safety Concern:

- Air space Congestion
- No precision landing at TIA
- Single runway
- Adequate separation space from Indian FIR boundary

#### Why SIA ?

#### Tourism Growth Concern

- TIA Saturated at <1 million tourist per yr
- Tourism Revenue about 3.6 % of GDP only
- Optimum utilization of tourism potentials of the country
- Ultimate to address Nepal's air traffic growth solution
- Ease of construction due to minimum land acquisition and resettlement

#### • Need for Proximity to Kathmandu

- Cultural Heritage
- Federal Capital
- Mount Everest destination

#### Need for a Visionary Infrastructure

- Direct long-haul connectivity to North America, Europe, Australia facilitates more trade and tourism
- to handle > 50million pax movement per yr.
- Air freight based export
- Optimum utilization of Nepalese airspace for climb & descend entirely within Nepal and for international air route overflying Nepal air space

#### Tourists and Air Traffic Forecast based on GDP

Estimation of Air Passenger Movements Based in GDP and Tourism Contribution									
	Yr	Yr	Yr1	Yr5,	2023	Yr 10,	2028	Yr 20,	2038
Particulars	2016	2017	2018	Likely	Desirable	Likely	Desirable	Likely	Desirable
				at 5%	at 7%	at 5%	at 7%	at 7%	at 8%
GDP	21,140.00	24,480	25,949	33,118	36,395	42,268	46,450	83,148	71,500
Tourism Revenue, mil \$ at 2.4 to 15 % of GDP	518.56	588	649	994	1,092	1,691	2,322	8,315	10,725
No.s of Tourists	753,000								
Rev per Tourist, \$, at 2% growth/yr	695	709	723	798	798	881	881	1,074	1,074
Tourism Revenue, mil \$	523								
Nos of Tourist-revenue bas	746,136	828,781	897,169	1,244,518	1,367,646	1,918,163	2,634,923	7,738,586	9,981,737
Air Tourists 80%	596,908	663,025	717,735	995,614	1,094,116	1,534,530	2,107,938	6,190,868	7,985,390
Intl. Air Trfc - Tourist Pax Movt	1,193,817	1,326,050	1,435,470	1,991,229	2,188,233	3,069,061	4,215,877	12,381,737	15,970,780
Intl. AirPax-nontrst, @194% to 60%	2,316,925	2,572,536	2,583,847	2,986,843	3,063,526	3,682,873	5,059,052	8,667,216	9,582,468
Total Intl Pax	3,510,742	3,898,586	4,019,317	4,978,072	5,251,759	6,751,934	9,274,929	21,048,953	25,553,247
Domestic Pax, 4 to 7% growt	1,757,596	2,456,109	2,554,354	3,107,762	3,260,074	3,966,379	4,158,886	7,103,181	7,802,468
Total Air Tr Pax	5,268,338	6,354,695	6,573,671	8,085,833	8,511,833	10,718,313	13,433,815	28,152,133	33,355,715

- Calculations are based on GDP, Tourism Revenue, Revenue per Tourist from 2016 Data from Tourism Board and Passenger Movement data of 2017 from TIA.

- Assumptions are made for GDP growth of 5 % to 8 % per year ; Contribution of Tourism to GDP as 2.5 %/yr in 2018, 3 % /yr in 2018-023, 3, 4 to 5 % / yr in 2024-028, and 10 to 15 %/yr in 2028 to 038 (assuming the SIA is completed in 2028).

- Revenue per tourist is assumed to increase at 2 % /yr; Air tourist comprise considered 80% of tourist, Non-tourist passenger

movement is assumed to be 194 % in 2018, 150 to 140 % in 2019-2023, 120 % in 2024-2028, and 70 to 60 % in 20129-038.

- Domestic pax movement is assumed to increase at 4 % in 2018, 4 to 5 % in 2019-23, 5 to 6% in 2024-028, and

6 to 7% in 2029-038.

#### हवाई ट्राफिक अनुमान

विवरण	किसिम	२०१८ Actual	२०२३	२०२८	२०३८
यात्रु संख्या, मिलियन	अन्तरराष्ट्रिय	४.० ४.३४	५.२४	९.२७	२४.४३
	आन्तरिक	२.४४ २.८४	३.२६	૪.૧૬	७.८०
हवाई जहाज मुभमेन्ट	अन्तरराष्ट्रिय	३४,३३४ ३३,९३२	૪૧,૦૧૫	७१,८६०	900,200
	आन्तरिक	११४,९०० ९४,४≂०	१०९,३९६	१३९,४९७	રદ્દ૧,૭૪૪

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#### Location of NIA



#### Declaration of Second International Airport Area – Boundaries Nepal Gazette Part 3 dated 2071.12.30



# 3. Airport Master Plan



### SIA Fact sheet

Total Area within the Airport Boundaries = 80 sq.km. = 8045.79 Ha = 11,8876Bigaha • Private Land Total = 110 Bigaha, Acquired 58 Bigaha (to be updated) • Area for Airport only, 6.7 kmx4.0 km = 2700 ha Appx.

- Aerodrome reference code 4F
  - Runway size Max 4700 m x 60 m with
    - 7.5 m shoulder each side
  - Design A/C B-747-400/ A 380 h
  - Other facilities As Require for ARC -4F •
  - First phase Pax movement, (1<sup>st</sup> 10
    - yrs) = 10 million/year

- Final phase Pax movement , (40 yrs) =
  - > 60 million/ year
- Transit Hub 20 major cities within 4 hrs.
- -4F Cargo Handling 70,000 tons/yr.
  - EMP to be prepared
  - Costs for Phase I US \$ 1,200 million



#### Present Air Routes to and from Nepal

).	Airways	Sector	Direction of Route	Remarks
	L626	Kathmandu-Mahendranagar-Delhi	Unidirectional Outbound	Area Navigation Route
	B345	Lhasa-Tumlingtar-Kathmandu- Lucknow	Unidirectional Outbound route between Kathmandu and Lucknow and Bidirectional between Kathmandu and Lhasa	(*) Agreement has been reached with India to make bidirectional between Lucknow and Kathmandu also
	G336	Patna-Simara-Kathmandu	Unidirectional inbound route between Patna and Kathmandu	
	G335	Kathmandu-Janakpur-Patna	Unidirectional outbound	(*) Agreement has been reached with India to make bidirectional through out
	R325	Kathmandu-Janakpur-Kolkata	Unidirectional outbound	(*) Agreement has been reached with India to make bidirectional through out
	R344	Kathmandu-Biratnagar-Katihar- Rajshahi	Unidirectional outbound	(*) Agreement has been reached with India to make it bidirectional between Biratnagar and Kathmandu
	A467	Kolkata-Katihar-Biratnagar	Bidirectional	(*) Agreement has been reached with India to extend it up to Kathmandu and make it bidirectional through out
	G348	Kathmandu-MECHI-Bagdogra-Paro	Bidirectional	Exclusively for Kathmandu-Paro flights
	G598	Lucknow-APIPU-Simara	Unidirectional Inbound	
	G590	Varanasi-Simara	Bidirectional	
	R581	Kolkata-IPLAS-Simara	Unidirectional Inbound	

### Air Routes

- July 1996 ASA bilateral talks
- Delhi Kathmandu:

Delhi – Farukabad – Nepalganj –Kathmandu (B-203 Delhi-Kathmandu one way)

• Kathmandu – Delhi:

Kathmandu–Bhairahawa–Lucknow–Farukabad–Delhi - B-345?

• R – 344:

Kathmandu – Biratnagar – Dacca/ Calcutta – Bi-directional

• B-203:

Kathmandu-Bagdora-Guwahati-Silcha-Imphal-Lasio: Bi-directional

### World: Air Routes



EMARSSH Route Congested Air Route over Bay of Bengal Keeping Nepal in isolation

(Multiple transitions between ETUKO/IZK/MCT and AS 1/2/3/4) Islan abad

NNP

GGB

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#### अन्तरराष्ट्रिय विमानस्थलको ट्राफिक अनुमान

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त्रि.अ.वि.	६.४७	६.४८	६.४८	६.४८
गौतम बुद्ध अ.वि.	०.२६	৭.৯৯	२.६४	३.३४
पोखरा अ.वि.	०.३९	०.८७	१.४६	રૂ.૦૧
निजगढ अ.वि.			ર <u>.</u> ૪૭	૨૧.૨૧
जम्मा	७.२२	९.२३	१४.१४	<b>૨</b> ૪.૧૪

### 4. History of National Plans Policies and Feasibility Studies

# Policies

First National Aviation Policy in 2050 (1993), amendment in 2053 (1996), New Civil Aviation Policy in 2063 (2006)

#### National Transportation Policy 2058 (2001)

For serving as a main basis for external trade through tourism and air cargo transportation : Build New International Hub Airport with facilities for precision landing , full descent in the Nepalese air space, and development of parallel runway.

#### National Civil Aviation Policy 2063 (2006)

To develop Nepal as a transit hub in the Asia Pacific Region - a new international airport with state-of-art facilities will be built and developed with the Participation of GON and Private Sector.

Optimum utilization of Nepal airspace by Incorporating Nepal within International Air Route Network

# **National Periodic Plans**

#### **Five Year Plans of National Planning Commission**

**Sixth Plan** 2037 -2042 (1980-1984): Complete economic and Technical feasibility study of Alternate International Airport.

Seventh Plan 2042 -2047(1985-1989): Continue feasibility study of Alternate International Airport.

**Eighth Plan** 2049 -2054 (1993-1997):Feasibility study of potential sites and Detail Study and Start of Construction of Second International Airport at the most suitable site.

**Ninth Plan** 2054-2059 (1998 – 2002) : Feasibility study of potential sites for Second International Airport.

**Tenth Plan** 2059-2063 (2002-2007): Commence construction of Second International Airport. Participation of National and Foreign private sectors, if GON is unable to mobilize financial resources.

**11<sup>th</sup> Plan** Three Year Plan 2064-2066 ((2007-2009): Infrastructure Development of **Second International Airport at Nijgadh of Bara District.** 

### .....National Periodic Plans

#### **Five Year Plans of National Planning Commission**

12 th Plan- Three Year Plan 2067 -2069 (2010-2012): Agreement with LMW of Korea for Detail Feasibility study of Second International Airport at Nijgadh of Bara District.

**13th Plan-** Three Year Plan 2070 -2072(2013-2015): Commence construction of Second Intl. Airport at Nijgadh of Bara District through identification of investor on BOT basis.

Continue construction of Regional Intl Airport at Bhairhawa Goutam Budha Airport.

Commencement of of Regional Intl Airport at Pokhara.

**14th Plan -** 2073- 2075(2016-2018): Land Acquisition, Resettlement, Social and Environmental Impact Study, Fencing of SIA at Nijgadh.

Operation of GBIA, Detail Design completion and commencement of construction of PIA.

# Pre-feasibility Study 1995

#### Locations

- 1. Simra Dumbarbana 5 km SE of existing Simra Airport air route arrangement, river training and flood control issues, land acquisition and resettlement issues.
- 2. Near Pathlaiya
- 3. Ratanpur, 8 to 9 km north from EWH Close proximity of Hills
- 4. Nijgadh, unrestricted and obstruction free maneuvering airspace of minimum 20 km radius.
- 5. Bharatpur, Sukranagar Proximity to Chitwan National Park; difficulties in circling approach for large size a/c.
- 6. Bhairahawa proximity of border, western area intercepted by three rivers Ghaghar, Tinau, and Duna.
- 7. Nepalgunj Ranjha Proximity of Dunduwa River, Resettlement problems, far from Kathmandu.
- 8. Biratnagar LA and Resettlement issues, far away from Kathmandu, Close to the Indian border.
- 9. Pokhara Feasible for small a/c only.
- 10. Dang far away from Kathmandu. Minimum distance available for ascent and descent from west is not sufficient.

## Feasibility Study 1997

• Phase 1, 2010 – Rs. 69 billion = \$1.2 billion

34,000 m sq.m. Terminal Area, Domestic Terminal 14,000 sq.m., 9,500 sq.m. cargo terminal, Intl and dom Airline building (12,000 sq.m.), 4,700 m. North Runway, Intl. and domestic Hangar (9,970 sq.m, 2,588 sq.m., RFS, ATF farm, control tower.

## LMW Feasibility 2011

• Phase 1, 2010 – \$662 million

75,500 sq.m. Terminal Area, Domestic Terminal 1,500 sq.m., 5,000 sq.m. cargo terminal, Intl and dom Airline building (12,000 sq.m.), 3,600 m. Runway, Intl. and domestic Hangar (9,970 sq.m, 2,588 sq.m., RFS, ATF farm, control tower.

#### **CAAN Updated SIA Costs**

S.N.	Item	Quantity	Cost, million US \$
1	Land Acquisition & Resettlement		62.11
2	EMP, D&S Consultancy General ,Security, Insurance		105.50
3	Works i/c EW, Runway, T'way, Apron Drainage, Security eqp		600.43
4	Pax Terminal Bldg	115,000 m²	232.05
5	Tower		1.10
6	Cargo Terminal	11.500 m <sup>2</sup>	10.35
7	Other bldgs	21,000 m <sup>2</sup>	20.61
8	A/C Hangar	30,000 m <sup>2</sup>	54.30
9	RFFS		17.10
10	CNS, Met, lighting		51.83
11	Power system, and others		53.38
	Total		US\$ 1208.76

#### 5. Current Status and Concerns of SIA

### **Current Status**

- Airport boundary, appx 80 sq.km., declared on 2071. 12. 30 (13 April 2015) GOB Gazette Part 5, no. 47.
- In Progress
  - Land Acquisition
  - $\circ$  Fencing
  - o EIA

### **Current Concerns**

Environmental Impacts

• Tree cutting For Airport Only, Phase -I:

 $\,\circ\,$  Nos. of Trees  $\,$  -  $\,$  194,596  $\,$ 

- $\circ$  Nos. of Poles 576,491
- Market Value of Royalty =Rs. 23 billion (appx)
- Implementation Modality:
  - PPP/BOT,
  - Donor Funds,
  - o GON Funds
- Time Bound Targets and Commitments
  - Procurement Laws and Institution
  - Complimentary Fast Tracks

6. Supporting Highways – Fast Tracks

#### Kathmandu – Terai Routes

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### Kathmandu – Nijgadh E'Way – 76 km

- Under Construction by Nepal Army
- Concerns:
  - High Cuts: 30 m to 75 m in 32 locations
  - High Fills: > 20 m high fills in 8 locations
  - High Bridges : 99 Nos. out of which 26 nos. have >30 m high piers
  - Construction time
  - Operation and Maintenance

Kathmandu-Kulekhani Hetauda Highway Project

Concession Agreement with NPBCL in 2012 Total length of 53.7km

- 8 tunnels/8,830m (the longest is 4,430 m)
- 59 bridges/15,010m.

Concerns:

- Investor arrangement
- Competition with FT, Toll free FT ?
- Common Initial 20 km

#### Kathmandu-Kulekhani Hetauda Highway Project

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### 7. Context of Airport City

# SIA with Airport City

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#### Declaration of Second International Airport Area – Boundaries Nepal Gazette Part 3 dated 2071.12.30

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#### 8. Conclusion and Recommendations

## Conclusion

- Need and desire for the SIA is already established in all the National 5-yr and 3-yr Plans since Sixth Plan, 1980 84
- Implementation modality for the SIA is not yet decided
- There is no alternative to the established location
- PPP modality has/is not been possible due to too many legal and institutional requirements, conflicting short term interests and global liquidity crunch.
- GON decided on 2073/1/23 to arrange required fund resources of Rs 121 billion for construction period of 4 yrs.
- EIA concerns focused on overkill approach rather than Environmental Management Plan Approach.
- Encroachment and Deforestation cannot be prevented due to population pressure. For example, the settlement of 1439 households in Tangia Basti has deforestated 503 hectare of forest land for agriculture in the past 40 Years. Resettlement and prevention of forest encroachment could be more effective with the airport than without the airport.
- Complementary Highway and Expressways constructions need to be adequately linked with SIA plans.

#### Recommendations

- PP/BOT Approach is not feasible unless GON financing supports and guarantees are assured. This will require amendments in BOT Act, and intensive coordination, monitoring and facilitations by GON.
- Donor funding is unlikely for such a big project. Moreover, implementation shall be prolonged due to complex requirements of the donors. It will be a waste of time and loosing of priority if foreign investment either by PPP/BOT or by multilateral agency funding is attempted for such a green field project.
- Take up Phase I with minimum provisions with a five year target for about \$200 million per year on 100% GON funding. International consultants and contractors to be used only for those tasks beyond domestic capacity.
- Coordinate with FT and KKHTH projects and facilitate their accelerated implementation. Initial 20 km of the FT is common to FT and HHHTH and should be completed in 3 years time by DOR under 100 % GON funding. Tolling to be applied for the remaining sections in both the FT and KKHTH.
- The SIA and FT will provide opportunities for technology transfer and capacity building of Nepalese engineers and decision makers and eventually to self reliant development.
- SIA may be renamed as NIA (New Intl. Airport)

# 4. Airport Layout Plan – 1<sup>st</sup> Phase

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The data in this presentation are compiled from various sources. These are obtained informally and are intended to depict an indicative picture of the aviation and other infrastructure related to the development of NIA. The presenter of this paper does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy of the data.

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