



# Nepal Rastra Bank

## Press News

### **Governor Dr. Khatiwada Chairs the 28<sup>th</sup> SAARCFINANCE Group Meeting and Governors' Symposium in Colombo**

Chairman of SAARCFINANCE and Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada chaired the 28<sup>th</sup> SAARCFINANCE Group Meeting hosted by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 24 July 2014. SAARCFINANCE is the regional network of SAARC Central Bank Governors and Finance Secretaries.



In his opening remarks, Governor Dr. Khatiwada highlighted the role of SAARCFINANCE in achieving the long-term development objectives through cooperation in the monetary and financial matters including policy harmonization, financial inclusion, efficient payment platforms and controlling money laundering along with maintaining monetary and financial stability. He stressed that the SAARCFINANCE Network needed to further promote high-level policy discussions on macroeconomic and financial issues as well as foster collegial

bonds among policymakers from Central Banks and Finance Ministries of the region.

The Meeting covered issues such as those relating to amendment in SAARCFINANCE Terms of Reference, development of Regional Statistical Database, and creating permanent institutions of SAARCFINANCE.

The Group Meeting was followed by the Governors' Symposium on the theme "Unwinding of Unconventional Monetary Policies and Its Impact on Emerging Market Economies." Governor of Reserve Bank of India Dr. Raghuram Rajan delivered the keynote address. Governor Dr. Khatiwada who chaired the country presentation sessions mentioned in his concluding remarks that while the impact of unwinding of unconventional monetary policies has been quite pronounced for some countries, it has been less so for other countries of the region. He emphasized that the countries of this region need to keep the macroeconomic indicators sound to withstand the adverse impact of unwinding of unconventional monetary policies. Likewise, he opined that the loss of confidence in the market due to unwinding of such policies requires a rescuer

such as the central bank or the government. He also viewed that if countries of this region are adversely affected by such policies of advanced economies, they should be able to put up their voices in forums of these economies such as the G-20.



Finally, he noted that more cooperation among the SAARC central banks to promote regional financial market could be instrumental in mitigating the spillover effects.

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SAARCFINANCE Coordinator for Nepal and Director of Research Department Dr. Bhubanesh Pant presented the country paper of Nepal.

Along the sidelines of the Symposium Governor Dr. Khatiwada had a meeting with the Governor of Reserve Bank of India Dr. Raghuram Rajan. The meeting focused on issues such as management of Indian currency in cash, exchange facility for high value denominated Indian currency notes in Nepal, management of remittance through the formal banking channel and staff exchange program for senior officials.

Ms. Sajana Silpakar, Assistant Director of Office of the Governor also participated in both the events.

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