

## प्रेस विज्ञप्ती

# सिद्धार्थ बैंकलाई IFC बाट ५ करोड ५० लाख अमेरिकि डलरको सुविधा स्वीकृत

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सिद्धार्थ बैंक लिमिटेड र विश्व बैंक समूह अन्तर्गतको International Finance Corporation (IFC) बीच नेपालका लघु, साना तथा मझौला उद्यमी (MSME) हरुको व्यवसायमा र जलवायु वित्तपोषण (Climate Financing) मा लगानी गर्ने सम्झौता भएको छ जस अन्तर्गत IFC ले बैंकलाई ५ करोड ५० लाख अमेरिकि डलर ऋण प्रदान गर्नेछ। बैंकलाई प्रदान गरिने सो ऋण रकम IFC द्वारा कुनै पनि नेपाली बैंकलाई हालसम्म प्रदान गरिएको सबैभन्दा बढी ऋण रकम हो।

यस सहकार्य सँगै बैंकले स्वच्छ ऊर्जा परियोजना, विद्युतीय सवारी साधन, जलवायु मैत्रीपूर्ण कृषि जस्ता परियोजनामा लगानी गर्नेछ। यस सम्झौताले लघु, साना तथा मझौला व्यवसाय स्थापना, संचालन र प्रबर्द्धन गर्न र हाल नेपालको बैंकिङ्ग प्रणालीमा कायम तरलता अभावको समस्या समाधानमा पनि केहि हदसम्म टेवा पुगी अर्थतन्त्र सुदृढ बनाउन मद्दत पुग्ने विश्वास बैंकले लिएको छ।

'डिजिटल फर्स्ट' अभ्यास अपनाउँदै सिद्धार्थ बैंकले दिगो विकासलाई सधैं प्राथमिकतामा राखी बैंकको समग्र व्यापार रणनीति वातावरणमैत्री, समाज केन्द्रित तथा सुशासन पक्षहरूलाई ध्यानमा राखी आउने पुस्ताका लागि दिगो प्रभाव सिर्जना गर्न सिद्धार्थ बैंक सधैं प्रतिबद्ध रहेको छ। IFC को ग्लोबल ट्रेड फाइनेन्स कार्यक्रमको सदस्य पनि रहेको यस सिद्धार्थ बैंकले हालै IFC द्वारा आयोजित १०औं ग्लोबल ट्रेड अवार्डमा 'Best Operations Bank in South Asia 2021' अवार्ड बाट पनि सम्मानित भएको थियो।

२ खर्ब ७३ अर्ब ८३ करोड रुपैयाँको सम्पत्ति, २ खर्ब १६ अर्ब ९६ करोड रुपैयाँ निक्षेप र १ खर्ब ८९ अर्ब ५४ करोड रुपैयाँ कर्जा पूँजी भएको सिद्धार्थ बैंक आज देशकै उत्कृष्ट बैंकहरू मध्यको एक हो। बैंकको मुलुकभर १९५ शाखा, २२३ एटिएम् र १,७४४ पिओएस् रहेका छन्।

## **Press Release**

### **Siddhartha Bank borrows USD 55 million from the International Finance Corporation**

*Jestha 02, 2080, Kathmandu*

Siddhartha Bank Limited has borrowed US Dollars 55 million from the International Finance Corporation, which is the biggest loan amount provided by the IFC to a Nepali Bank till date. IFC's loan is the first ever foreign currency syndicated loan facility in the financial sector categorized as external commercial borrowing to a bank in Nepal.

The loan provided by the IFC shall be used by the Bank for MSME and Climate Financing. Siddhartha Bank over the years has been focusing on enhancing its MSME portfolio and the said loan will help the Bank to achieve its objective. In addition, the Bank shall also be using the loan for increasing its portfolio in climate friendly projects which shall be financing of energy efficiency projects such as solar projects, low carbon mobility projects such as electric vehicles, water efficiency projects, climate smart agriculture, manufacturing of energy efficient appliances, etc.

Siddhartha Bank is a member of IFC's Global Trade Finance Program and was recently awarded by the IFC as the Best Operations Bank in South Asia 2021. Siddhartha Bank intends to be the Digital First Bank for Sustainable Growth and has been constantly focusing on digitization and business process re-engineering. Sustainability continues to be the Bank's top most priority and has significantly scaled up the integration of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) aspects in the Bank's overall business strategy and practices. The Bank has a dedicated Environmental and Social (E&S) unit and is committed to use the power of finance to create a sustainable impact today and for generations to come.

Siddhartha Bank with an asset size of NPR 273.83 billion, Deposit base of NPR 216.96 billion and loan base of NPR 189.54 billion, stands today as one of the top banks of the country. The Bank has 195 branches, 223 ATMs and 1,744 POS spread across the country. The Bank has recently shifted its corporate office to its own building at Naxal, Kathmandu-1.

Siddhartha Bank expresses gratitude to the Nepal Rastra Bank for the guidance and swift approval of the borrowing.