

**The Project for Capacity Building for Countermeasures
against Disaster and Landslide on Major Highways in Nepal**

1st Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) Meeting



Participants of the 1st JCC Meeting

The 1st Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting of “The Project for Capacity Building for Countermeasures against Disaster and Landslide on Major Highways (CAD&LMH)” was held on March 12, 2025, at DATC Hall in the Department of Roads, Babar Mahal, Kathmandu.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ram Hari Pokharel, Director General of the Department of Roads (DOR) and was attended by approximately 35 members participants. The attendees included representatives from various JCC member organizations, such as the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MOPIT), National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA), Department of Water Resource and Irrigation (DWRI), Institute of Engineering (IOE), Roads Board Nepal (RBN), JICA Nepal Office and Headquarters, among others.



Photo-Explanation of Project Background (DOR)

The meeting began with an overview of the project’s background and its implementation structure, including the roles and responsibilities of the JCC, by the DOR. This was followed by a presentation delivered by Mr. Robinson SHRESTHA, Team Leader of the JICA Expert Team from CTI Engineering International Co., Ltd. The presentation outlined the project’s key outputs, the detailed implementation policy for planned activities, and the progress achieved so far. It also emphasized the project’s overarching goal: **“To improve road traffic safety and connectivity through appropriate road landslide countermeasures.”**

One of the key agenda items in the meeting was the selection of model areas for the implementation of the pilot project. Many opinions were shared by the participants, reflecting the high level of interest and expectations from the stakeholders regarding this project.