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9 December 2022

Mr. Ishwori Prasad Aryal
Joint Secretary & Chief
International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division
Ministry of Finance
Kathmandu, Nepal

Dear Mr. Aryal:

**Subject: TA No. 10012-NEP: Enhanced Policy and Program Implementation in School Education
—Technical Assistance Approval**

We are pleased to inform you that on 6 December 2022, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved the provision of technical assistance (TA) to the Government of Nepal (the Government) in an amount not exceeding the equivalent of US\$1,000,000 from Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-7) and \$600,000 from Norway cofinancing for Enhanced Policy and Program Implementation in School Education. The TA will be provided entirely as a grant. The TA Report attached hereto as Annex 1.

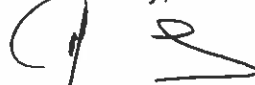
The TA will assist the Government with the implementation of the School Education Sector Plan by (i) improving program management and coordination between the three tiers of government, (ii) strengthening the technical capacity for examination reform and online learning, and (iii) further enhancing MOEST's capacity for monitoring and reporting.

Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MOEST) is to serve as the Executing Agency for the TA and ADB will be the implementing agency. The Government of Nepal will provide counterpart support in the form of staff, office space, and other in-kind contributions.

Ms. Gi Soon Song, Director of Human and Social Development Division (SAHS) will henceforth be responsible for all matters pertaining to the implementation of the Technical Assistance. All communications on this matter may, therefore, be addressed to her office.

Through, this letter, ADB would like to obtain the Government's no-objection to this TA (the TA is included in Indicative Country Pipeline and Monitoring Report, 2023–2025). Approval shall be deemed given unless ADB has received a written objection from the Government within 21 calendar days from the date first written above.

Yours sincerely,



Arnaud Cauchois
Country Director

Attachment: TA Report

cc: Mr. Ram Krishna Subedi, Secretary, MOEST
Mr. Hari Prasad Lamsal, Joint Secretary, MOEST
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