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Qatar Airways Cargo Awarded for Highest Cargo Uplift from Nepal

Award recognises the cargo carrier's role in supporting Nepalese exports

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DOHA, Qatar – Qatar Airways Cargo took home the award for achieving the highest export tonnage out of Nepal for the year 2016 during the twenty-third Nepal Cargo Day celebrations organised by the Nepal Freight Forwarders Association (NEFFA) in Kathmandu recently.

The awards, held every year by the Nepal Freight Forwarders Association, honour the top three carriers for their roles in supporting the country's exports. This is the ninth time that the award-winning carrier has been recognised for uplifting the highest tonnage out of Nepal, where more than 25 international carriers operate.

Mr. Ulrich Ogiermann, Chief Officer Cargo said, "Nepal is an important market for us, and we are delighted to receive this recognition. Qatar Airways Cargo has always considered its role as fundamental to facilitating international trade to support the Nepalese economy, while ensuring that our customers' needs are at the centre of our business goals. We thank our customers, local authorities, business partners and our team for their dedication and hard work."

Qatar Airways launched its first passenger flight to Kathmandu in 1995 and has since increased its services from two flights to 21 Airbus A320 flights out of Kathmandu each week, offering the country more than 30 tonnes of weekly belly-hold capacity. The cargo carrier strategically connects Kathmandu with the country's major export destinations in the United States, Germany and United Kingdom via its Doha hub. Last year, Qatar Airways Cargo transported more than 2,700 tonnes of cargo out of Nepal, including items such as garments, carpets and handicrafts..

Qatar Airways Cargo commenced six new freighter destinations in 2017 to the Americas, Europe and Asia: Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Quito, Miami, Phnom Penh and London Heathrow, while increasing its freighter frequencies to Brussels, Basel and Hong Kong in response to growing air freight demand in these regions.

An exciting year for Qatar Airways Cargo continues as 26 new belly-hold cargo destination launches are set to take place through the rest of 2017 and into 2018, offering businesses in Nepal a truly global network for their exports. The carrier has made significant investments in fleet, network, and its hub and products, as part of its strategy and commitment to improve and enhance its product offering for the benefit of customers in Nepal and globally.

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About Qatar Airways Cargo:

Qatar Airways Cargo, the world's third largest international cargo carrier, serves 60 exclusive freighter destinations worldwide via its Doha hub and also delivers freight to more than 150 key business and leisure destinations globally on 200 aircraft. The Qatar Airways Cargo fleet now includes eight Airbus 330Fs and 12 Boeing 777 freighters.

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