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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CBS : Central Bureau of Statistics

CEDECON : Central Department of Economics

CRO : Company Registrar's Office

FDI : Foreign Direct Investment

FSR : Financial Sector Reform

FY : Fiscal Year

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

GN : Government of Nepal

GNI : Gross National Income

GNP : Gross National Product

IMF : International Monetary Fund

IPO : Initial Public Offering

MOF : Ministry of Finance

NEPSE : Nepal Stock Exchange

NPC : National Planning Commission

NRB : Nepal Rastra Bank

PCI : Per Capita Income

SAARC : South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SAFTA : South Asian Free Trade Area

SEBON : Security Board of Nepal

WB : World Bank

WTO : World Trade Organization