

# IDEMIA delivers the first smart national identity card to the citizens of Nepal

The first e-ID cards have been delivered by IDEMIA in Nepal. The new e-ID cards will contribute to improving access to government services as well as to social security benefits. The cards will be delivered to all citizens over the age of 16, in a process expected to take approximately five years.

# IDENTITY

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IDEMIA, the world leader in Augmented Identity, has been working with the Government of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal in delivering the **national ID cards** since 2016, through the Department of National ID and Civil Registration (DoNIDCR), and will provide the new **e-ID cards** in continuity of this longstanding relationship. The new **e-ID card** has been designed to improve identity management services and assist in delivering government services and social security benefits. The cards can be used as an electronic authorization for e-services, cross-border security documentation and for the delivery of healthcare and welfare services.

On 19th November, the Home Minister of Nepal was joined by IDEMIA executives in a ceremony to commemorate the initial run of smart cards. A special guest at the ceremony, and first recipient of the new **e-ID card** was 101-year old Bhagawati Devi Bhandari, the oldest enrolled citizen in Panchthar Region. This ceremony followed the inauguration of the card printing system at the beginning of November by the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs at the Personalization Centre of DoNIDCR along with the Director General and representatives from IDEMIA.

IDEMIA was chosen to deliver an **end-to-end system encompassing registration of citizens' data and biometric deduplication** to ensure a **unique ID** is issued to each individual, in addition to the production and **personalization of smart cards**.

The **national identity card** is a multi-purpose machine-readable **biometric smart card, laser engraved polycarbonate**, with several world leading security features. **The card features a chip, containing the cardholder's photograph, fingerprint and signature.**



*IDEMIA recognises the importance of Identity to people around the world, especially those in remote areas such as those across Nepal. IDEMIA has worked with the government of Nepal on a number of key Identity projects in recent years, and we look forward to a successful rollout of e-ID cards to the Nepalese people.*

Tim Ferris, APAC Regional President for IDEMIA

*It is a major step in creating an ecosystem of trusted identities which promises to transform the lives of citizens, from the busy streets in Kathmandu to villages in the Himalayas. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciate the efforts and coordination put forward by IDEMIA to bring the project up to National Identity card distribution (issuance) level.*

Dipak Kafle, Director General of DoNIDCR

**About IDEMIA** - IDEMIA, the global leader in Augmented Identity, has the ambition to provide a trusted environment enabling citizens and consumers alike to perform their daily critical activities (such as pay, connect, travel and vote), in the physical as well as digital space.

Securing our identity has become mission critical in the world we live in today. By standing for Augmented Identity, we reinvent the way we think, produce, use and protect this asset, whether for individuals or for objects, whenever and wherever security matters. We ensure privacy and trust as well as guarantee secure, authenticated and verifiable transactions for international clients from Financial, Telecom, Identity, Public Security and IoT sectors. With close to \$3 billion in revenues and 14,000 employees around the world, IDEMIA serves clients in 180 countries.

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