

Dear Suzuki San,

Namaste.

Thank you very much for the email with your concern. All the scholarship students and I are doing well. I hope you and your family are also doing well.

There was a devastating flood yesterday that originated from Tibet and came through Kerung, along the Nepal–Tibet border. It mainly affected the Rasuwa, Nuwakot, and Dhading areas.

The situation in Rasuwa is particularly serious. A sudden and extremely powerful surge in the Bhote Koshi River swept through the Rasuwagadhi–Timure area.

- The Rasuwagadhi border/customs area, Timure market, and surrounding settlements suffered extensive destruction. Roads, bridges, vehicles, houses, and other infrastructure were washed away or badly damaged.
- Several hydropower projects and electricity infrastructure along the Bhote Koshi and Trishuli corridors were also affected.
- The situation is still developing, and casualty figures are changing as rescue teams reach affected areas. The latest reports indicate around 165 deaths and more than 800 people missing, although these figures are still being verified.
- A number of tourists and foreign nationals are also reported missing, as Rasuwagadhi is an important route between Nepal and Tibet/China.
- Rescue operations are continuing. The Nepal Army, Nepal Police, and other agencies are using helicopters and other resources to search for missing people and evacuate survivors.

Possible Cause of the Flood

The exact cause is still under investigation. Current reports suggest that a large collapse of ice, glacial material, and rock on the Tibet side may have suddenly displaced a huge volume of water into the river system. Earlier reports had also considered the possibility of an earthquake or a glacial lake outburst.

This is particularly tragic because Rasuwa was already badly affected by a major Bhote Koshi flood in July 2025, when the Friendship Bridge at Rasuwagadhi was destroyed. The new disaster has caused even more extensive destruction in the area.

We are very saddened by this disaster and hope that the rescue teams will be able to find and help as many missing people as possible.

I am sorry to inform you that I don't see the Matsumoto Himalaya Friendship Club Nepal chapter is working actively since the COVID 19.

Regarding the communication between Matsumoto & Kathmandu metropolitan city , I have no any network contact and information.

With best regards,

Pasang Dawa Sherpa