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## Mao's name now obsolete in Nepal: Dr. Bhattarai admits

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Dr. Baburam Bhattarai—nation's finance minister who is currently on a trip to the US in an interview with the *Washington Post* has said that the Maoists' Party is currently mulling over the issue of changing the name of the party itself.

"We are discussing this issue since long and perhaps we will make it happen in the party's next General Convention", said Dr. Bhattarai.

Dr. Bhattarai said this when asked by a reporter if the Maoists' Party was thinking to drop Mao Tse-tung from the Party's name as Chairman Mao of China has become a lost case even in China.

"Previously Mao's revolutionary ideals were relevant to abolish the 240 years old monarchy in Nepal, thus we preferred to name the party from Chairman Mao."

"The US policy to continue with the terrorist Tag on the Maoists in Nepal has merely become a matter political debate", Dr. Bhattarai added.

"I was in the US in the year 1990—I have traveled to some European countries and I was educated in India" said Bhattarai when asked how does it feel now coming to the US directly from the Jungles?

"I am feeling normal", concluded Dr. Bhattarai.

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