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KU Marks 66th Senate



Kathmandu University marked its 66th Senate on 20 June 2014 at the central premises Dhulikhel. Mrs. Chitralekha Yadav, the Minister of Education and Pro-Chancellor presided the senate. The senate approved annual budget of 2 billion 89 crore and 48 lakh rupees for running and development cost.

Along with other decisions, the senate approved 'Kathmandu University Affiliation and Expansion Policy - 2071' and 'Kathmandu University Affiliation and Expansion Rule - 2071'.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Shrestha visits China



Prof. Dr. Ram KM Shrestha, the Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University paid an official visit to The Hebei University of Economics and Business, China from 7 to 12 April 2014. The university invited him

to attend the Board Meeting of Confucius Institute and Kathmandu University (CIKU). During visit Prof. Shrestha also visited Confucius Institute headquarters, Hanban, China. Dr. Sagar Raj Sharma, Associate Dean

of School of Arts and Dr. Shengli Wang, Chinese Director, Confucius Institute at Kathmandu University were comprised with the Vice Chancellor.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Shrestha Receives 'Sahamati Award'

Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, the Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University was honored with the award - 'Sahamati Rastriya Byaktilwa 2070' by Sahamati, a non-for-profit organization, working for health sector in Nepal on 27 April 2014

The award was honored to Dr. Shrestha for his significant contribution for strengthening community health and education sector for overall development of Nepal. On behalf of the organization, Mr.

Bhim Prasad Sharma with his team from Sahaj Hospital, Chitwan, has handed-over to Dr. Shrestha a certificate and cash prize NRs. 15,555.

We, the Kathmandu University family, would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha for receiving award!

KU Officials at Outreach Centre, Solambu



From 24 to 26 April 2014 KU officials were on a three day long visit to an outreach Health Centre at Solambu, Kavre district. The team evaluated KU's Ten Year Strategic Plan which was effective from 2013. Each School and Centre has presented their progress report as per strategic plan and discussed challenges.



UNICEF and KU Signs MoU



Kathmandu University and United Nations Children Funds (UNICEF) signed a MoU in a special ceremony at Dhulikhel on 17 April 2014. In the program Ms. Hanna Singer, the Country Representative of UNICEF-Nepal, urged that the event was very significant to her because of the initiation taken by UNICEF is very innovative ideas for addressing the needs of increasing engagement with the academia.



Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, the Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University opined that the proposed collaboration would recognize the importance of youths and enhance their capacity for building national-ownership to achieve sustainable development in Nepal.



Participants in the Experts Meeting

KU signs MoU with Volga State University of Technology

Kathmandu University and Volga State University of Technology, Russia signed a MoU in a special occasion at Kathmandu University. Prof. Dr. Ram KM Shrestha, Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University and Prof. Dr. Anna Polukhina, a representative from Volga State University of Technology signed MoU on taking into consideration of the long-term international academic and research interactions between two academic institutions in future.

TN Center Organizes Experts Meeting



Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma, Founding Vice Chancellor of KU addressing in the program.

Trailokya Nath Upraity (TN) Center for Education at Kathmandu University organized a two day 'Education Experts Meeting' at Little Angel's College, Lalitpur. The main objective of the workshop was to explore emerging issues on higher education and policy recommendation to the government of Nepal. In the meeting, around 60 participants including the Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University, former Vice Chancellors, former Chairman of UGC, former Chief Secretary, former Ambassadors and other high level dignitaries in the field of education actively participated in the workshop.

Prof. Dr. Jean-Claude Badoux at KU



Like in the past, Kathmandu University welcomed octogenarian Prof. Dr. Jean-Claude Badoux for his 11th visit at the university. Prof. Badoux observed ongoing research projects at KU and interacted with the faculties.

Prof. Badoux is the President of the Bois Chamblard Foundation and former President of Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland. He is a civil engineer by profession and also the Vice President of World Engineers Association. He

was the member of the Board of Directors of Happy House Foundation (HHF). He has been the Chief Guest of 12th KU-Convocation 2006. Since more than a decade, he has been a true friend of Kathmandu University. Prof. Badoux has been instrumental in establishing laboratories of Biotechnology and Department of Civil and Geomatics Engineering at Kathmandu University. KU family would like to extend its best wishes to his better health and active life!

KU signs MoU with AEPC and receives a grant around NRs 9.1 million

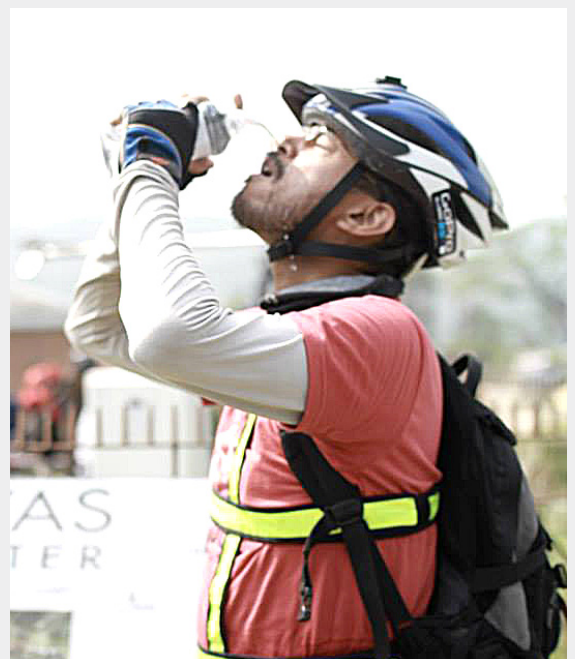
On 23 April 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Kathmandu University and Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) for Development of test rig and competence at KU Turbine Testing Lab for performance testing of micro hydro turbines manufactured

in Nepal at AEPC office, Khumaltar, Lalitpur. The grant of around NRs 9.1 million has been granted from AEPC in order to develop test rigs at TTL and design of Francis turbine to be fabricated and installed in micro hydropower plants in Nepal together with technology transfer through training to local

technicians. The grant has been provided for eight months. It is expected that from this project, the standard of micro-hydropower scenario in Nepal will be strengthened by standardizing the testing procedures and certifications of the micro-hydro turbines to be installed in a particular site.

SCHOOL SPACE

Bicycle Mela at KU



The students of Environment Science and Engineering of Kathmandu University marked 5 June as 'Environment Day' by organizing 'Bicycle Mela'. In the mela, 270 participants from different organizations took part travelling around 30 km distance by bicycle from Koteshwor, Kathmandu to the central premises of Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel.

DoCSE and e-Learning Center Conduct Training on Moodle

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (DoCSE) successfully conducted a training on “e-Learning Through Moodle” on 19 and 20 June 2014 in collaboration with e-Learning Center at Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel. On the occasion Mr. Jae Min Kim from Korea, who worked as an e-learning expert in Kathmandu University,

was invited as a guest. Dr. Bal Chandra Luitel, Associate Dean of School of Education, Subir Pradhananga and Sarina Piya from OLE Nepal shared their experiences of e-Learning.

Mr. Sushil Shrestha, Asst. Professor, DoCSE, delivered lectures on “e-contents” and

“Tips to prepare effective presentation” in the second session. In the third session, Mr. Rajesh Manandhar, researcher in E-learning center, presented on moodle system and its different features.” Similarly, Mr. Manoj Shakya, Asst. Professor, DoCSE, discussed on “Quiz in Moodle” in the fourth and final sessions.

Department of Pharmacy Organizes Alumni Reunion

The Department of Pharmacy (DoP), School of Science, organized Alumni Reunion at CV Raman Auditorium on 14 June 2014. The program was initiated by Forum for Pharmacy (FoP). On the occasion, the 2014 edition of Pharmaquest, the official newsletter of FoP, was launched.

A discussion session on “Current scenario of pharmacy education at Kathmandu University and role of KU Pharmacy alumni for its improvement” was organized during the program. The alumni provided suggestions on quality education and better pharmacy profession.

National Symposium on Pesticides Pollution

The Department of Environmental Science and Engineering (DESE), in collaboration with University Grants Commission, Nepal, organized a one-day National Symposium on Pesticides Pollution.

Forty-five people from more than fifteen organizations participated in the symposium.

Eight scholars presented papers which covered diverse themes such as pesticides' use/misuse in Nepal, analysis techniques of pesticides, pesticides residue in agricultural products (fruits, vegetables, fish and crops), pesticides contamination in soil and water, and policy issues on pesticide pollution.

Media Ethics Seminar at KU

Department of Languages and Mass Communication organized one day long national seminar on Media Ethics at Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel. In the seminar, 60 participants from different walks of professional life of media industries were present.

Engineering with Traditional Technology

The Turbine Testing Lab (TTL) organized a one-day workshop on “Engineering with Traditional Technology” at TTL Auditorium with an objective to disseminate knowledge of traditional technology and its potential application in modern engineering. The

workshop was a collaboration of two projects being carried out at TTL, funded by RenewableNepal and University Grants Commission (UGC) Nepal. It was a third in the series of Art Engineering Workshops being conducted by the lab.

Workshop on Open Source Community

On 3 April 2014 Kathmandu University Open Source Community (KUSOSC) and FOSS Nepal Community jointly organized a one-day workshop on Open Standards at IT Park, Kavre. The program was supported by Department of Information Technology (Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment), and Kathmandu University.

Symposium on Current Research in Hydraulic Turbines

TTL conducted One Day International Symposium on Current Research in Hydraulic Turbines – IV on 7 April 2014 at C.V. Raman Auditorium. The presentation session involved 23 Oral Presentations and 14 Poster Presentations. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Hari Prasad Neopane, Mr. Brijesh Adhikari and Dr. Ramesh Kumar Maskey. The

participants for the oral presentations were from NTNU, Norway; KU and KMU; South Korea. The undergraduate students from Department of Mechanical Engineering, KU presented their related project activities as a part of poster presentation. The presentations were basically focused on the state of art technology of Hydraulic turbines

and hydropower. The event discussed the technical challenges in hydraulic turbine design, sediment erosion problems in hydropower plants and their possible solutions, performance issues of turbines and new design philosophies and application methods of hydraulic turbines.

Interaction Program on Tragic Snow Avalanche on the Sagarmatha Base Camp

The Himalayan Cryosphere Climate and Disaster Research Center (HiCCDRC) KU, Dhulikhel, organized an interaction program on "Tragic Snow Avalanche on Sagarmatha Base Camp - April 2014" on 12 May 2014 at the Conference Hall of School of Management (KUSOM).

Dr. Rijan Bhakta Kayastha, Glaciologist and Coordinator of MS by Research in Glaciology, and Miss Sonam Futi Sherpa, student at the same research program, presented about the basics of snow avalanche, its causes and ways to avoid its occurrence.

Representatives from NMA, NNMGA and NMIA also highlighted their activities regarding the snow avalanche and other mountain safety techniques. Dr. Kayastha recommended setting up an Avalanche Monitoring Group (AMG).

Faculty and Non-Teaching Staff Space

Prof. Binod K. Shrestha Receives Outstanding Paper Award

Dr. Binod Krishna Shrestha, Professor at Kathmandu University School of Management (KUSOM), received an award for outstanding paper, entitled "Insights on Strategic Management Practices in Nepal." The paper was published in South Asian

Journal of Global Business Research.

The article was prepared in co-authorship with Prof. Dr. Devi Ram Gnyawali of R.B. Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Polytechnic and State University of USA.

The Journal's Editorial Team selected Prof. Shrestha's article as highly commended paper and one of the most impressive pieces of the work the Team has seen throughout 2013.



International Students at Kathmandu University

KU Officers' Trip to Europe



Mr. Birendra Kumar Lakhe, Assistant Controller of Examinations and Mr. Deepak Dahal, Manager of School of Medical Sciences of Kathmandu University made a three-week long observational visit to some universities of Austria. The main purpose of the visit was to gain first hand information of examination systems and other administrative systems of different universities.

Mr. Gupta Presents a Case Study in an Int'l Conference at Malaysia

Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Assistant Professor at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, presented a case study entitled "Putting Reality into the ICTD Curriculum: A Case Study of Kathmandu University, Nepal" at The International Conference /

Workshop on Engaged Learning and ICTD in the University Curriculum. The conference was organized by the United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (UN-APCICT) in collaboration with Cornell University (USA), the University

of Selangor (Malaysia), and the Asian Institute for Development Communication in Shah Alam, Malaysia, during 3-5 June 2014.



A glimpse of KU central premises.

Courtesy Visits

Hon'ble Minister of Education and Pro-Chancellor
Mrs. Chitralekha Yadav observing
Kathmandu University.



Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Mahendra
Pandey at Kathmandu University.



H.E. Mr. Choe Yong Ambassador of People's
Republic of Korea at Kathmandu University on
19th June, 2014.