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KU-Oration 2014



Kathmandu University (KU) felicitated two distinguished personalities contributing to the development of the University in a programme at the central premises, Dhulikhel on Friday, December 5, 2014.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha and the Registrar Prof. Bhola Thapa honored Prof. Saraswati Prasad Rimal, former Dean and Senator of KU and Mr. John Aiden Warlow, a British Citizen who has contributed to the University for establishment and development of Kathmandu

University High School (KUHS) with KU Oration 2014, the first award of KU to honor notable scholars, academicians and experts for their remarkable contributions to the academic sector.

The Oration was attended by distinguished guests including the founding Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma; Chairman of Board of Trustees, Mr. Daman Nath Dhungana; Senators; Members of Board of Trustees; and academicians as well as the entire KU family. The University will award KU-Oration annually.

NAST Awarded Young Scientist Award to Dr. Neopane



Dr. Hari Prasad Neopane, Associate Professor and Head of Mechanical Engineering Department received young scientist award from Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). Prime Minister Sushil Koirala bestowed the award to Dr. Neopane for his contribution on investigation about the effect of sediment erosion in hydropower turbines, and optimization techniques for minimization of the effect of sediment erosion in Nepalese hydropower turbines. NAST awards annually five young scientists below forty years who has endeavored and dedicated in the innovative work in their field of expertise.

KU Team at Dar-es-Salaam, Africa

A four member delegation team of Kathmandu University participated in a conference organized by the Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development in the fields of Energy and Petroleum (EnPe) at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania during 26-28 November, 2014.

Associate Professor and coordinator of EnPe-MEEPE Mr. Brijesh Adhikary, and Associate Professor and coordinator of EnPe-MEEPE Dr. Hari Prasad Neopane and other two former EnPe students Mr. Nagendra Prasad Chaudhary and Ms. Supriya Koirala were present on the conference. The coordinators of each program presented their papers

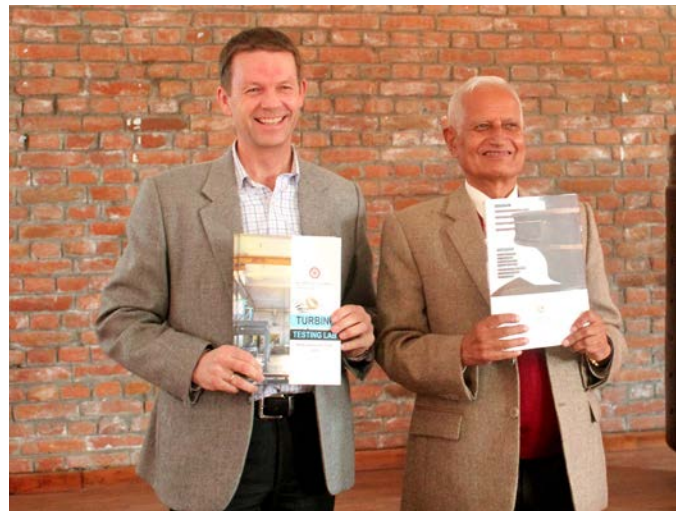
about their experiences, challenges and lessons learnt from their projects at the Kathmandu University. The former students also presented their motivation and future plans of executing their knowledge in the related fields in the conference.

TTL Celebrates Third Anniversary



On November 18, 2014, Turbine Testing Lab (TTL) celebrated its Third Anniversary at TTL Auditorium. Norwegian delegates representing Norwegian Research Council, NTNU, SINTEF, NORAD, NINA and other delegates of Bhutan and Uganda participated in the program.

On the occasion, the Third Anniversary Issue Magazine of TTL was officially released jointly by the Founder Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University, Prof. Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma and Prof. Dr. Ole Gunnar Dahlhaug from NTNU. The program followed a Project Compendium event organized by



the students of Mechanical Engineering Department, 'Aviyanta 2014'. The event was complemented by the MED Project Exhibition outside the Auditorium, which consisted of many of the undergraduate projects handled by the department.

APPOINTMENT

Kathmandu University organized a Professorial Inaugural Lecture for newly appointed Professor Janardhan Lamichhane (PhD) on November 16, 2014. Prof. Lamichhane has joined KU from the beginning as a faculty member and recently been promoted as a Professor of Biotechnology in the University. Prof. Lamichhane shared his experience and future plans on the occasion.

We congratulate him for his new appointment!

Professorial Lecture

IWA Specialist in Nepal

Department of Environment Science and Engineering of Kathmandu University and other organizations including International Water Association Conference Secretariat Team, International Water Association Specialist Conference organized five-day conference at Kathmandu on October 26-30, 2014. The theme highlighted in the conference was 'Nepal on Global Challenges:

Sustainable Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery'.

The event was attended by 319 delegates representing over 37 different countries. The President of the IWA as well as the President of the Water Environment Federation(USA) attended the Five days programme. The conference was inaugurated by Rt. Honorable President of Nepal Dr. Ram BaranYadav.



Delegates of Norwegian Embassy at KU

The University hosted 28 delegates from Royal Norwegian Embassy including the Norwegian Ambassador H.E. Mr. Kjell Tormod Pettersen on December 3, 2014. The Ambassador Mr. Pettersen recollected a satisfactory remark over collaborative history between Norway and KU at the programme.

Dr. Hari Prasad Neopane, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering welcomed the participants and highlighted the ongoing programmes at the University. Different presentations were presented focusing on the cordial relationship that exists between Norway and KU at different

sectors.

Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa concluded the programme sharing the past and present activities of KU and reflecting the two-decade collaboration between KU and Norway along with the possible ways to move forward.



GIS Day Celebrated

Geomatics Engineering Society (GES) celebrated the global event – International Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day on the premises of Kathmandu University (KU) on November 19, 2014. GES, a club under Department of Civil and Geomatics

Engineering at KU has been organizing the annual event since its establishment in 2008. The programs designed for GIS Day in this year are – poster competition, unmanned aerial vehicle application demonstration, geospatial project demo-nstration followed

by discussion on GIS in Nepal by the national experts. The event is celebrated worldwide on the third Wednesday of November every year.

VISITS

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A delegation team lead by Prof. Susan Price, the Vice Chancellor of Leeds Beckett University (LBU), UK, paid a visit to the Kathmandu University on November 8, 2014. The team met Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, the Vice Chancellor of KU and discussed the possible areas of collaboration between the two institutions. The team was comprised of Prof. Paul Smith, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohamad Dastbaz, Dean, School of Arts from the Leeds Beckett University and other members of British College, Kathmandu.

SAU President at KU

The President of South Asian University (SAU), India, Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, took part in an interaction with the Kathmandu University authority coordinated by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Nepal, on November 25, 2014.

On behalf of the University, the founding Vice Chancellor Prof. Suresh Raj Sharma welcomed Dr. Sharma and shared his experience during the establishment and development of the University. Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, Registrar of Kathmandu University highlighted the ongoing research and academic programmes and possible areas of collaboration between SAU and KU.

BSU II Program Launched at KU

Kathmandu University signed a trilateral agreement on Development Research Cooperation under Building Stronger Universities Programme (BSU) II, in a programme organized by the University in the presence of the Danish Ambassador to Nepal Her Excellency Ms. Kristen Geelan. The Danish partner of this programme is a Danish Consortium consisting of the universities,

namely, Aarhus University, Aalborg University and University of Copenhagen.

The partnership will be centred on developing research capacity within two major areas as urban futures and renewable energy and the required administrative support systems of the Kathmandu University.

Gym Center at KU



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ram KM Shrestha inaugurated a Gym Center in an opening ceremony at Kathmandu University central premises on November 18, 2014. KU- Student Welfare Council has initiated the establish the Center recognizing its necessity for the students and staff of the University in order to improve their physical and mental health.



Congratulation to our Graduates

KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY
20th CONVOCATION CEREMONY
December 12, 2014

Graduates of KU, 1995-2014

By 2014, the university has produced 18191 graduates. Out of them, 8329 are from its constituent schools and 9862 from the affiliated colleges.

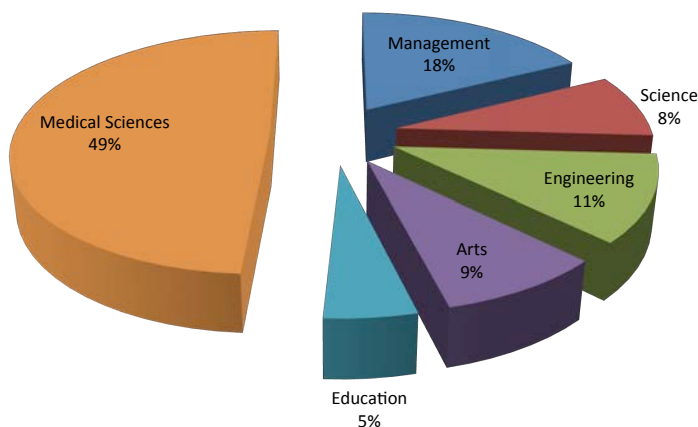
NUMBER OF GRADUATES RECEIVING DEGREE IN 20th CONVOCATION

In the twentieth convocation ceremony 2283 graduates are receiving degrees. Among them 1024 (44.85%) are females. Similarly, 229 (10.03%) foreign students are receiving degrees in undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate programs, including M Phil and PhD.

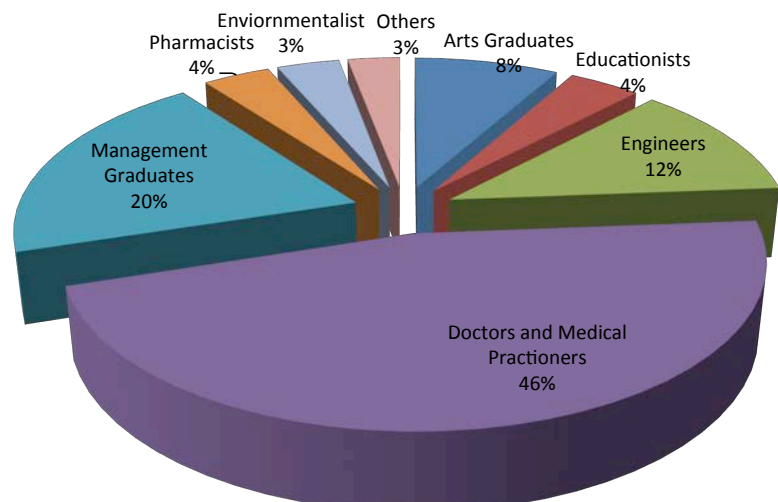
The foreign students are from Afghanistan, Argentina, Bhutan, China, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Germany, India, Mexico, Maldives, Spain, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Russia, USA, Zambia and others.

This year twelve graduates are rewarded with PhD Degree. Over 40 % graduates are in technical subjects. The pie diagram below presents the number of graduates (school-wise).

Graduates of 2014



Graduates 1995 to 2014





KU Graduation Ceremony





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