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NEGAAS TO CONVENE 33rd AGM

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of NEGAAS is to open online on Saturday, January 08, 2022 amidst a special function. At the outset, NEGAAS President Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dahmala will welcome the Special Guests, Executive, and Life Members of NEGAAS. Following his welcome address, NEGAAS Secretary Er. Ravi Khanal is scheduled to present the progress report of 2021 and the tentative program for 2022 at the meeting. Then, Treasurer Er. Kalidas Neupane will put forward income and expenditure report of the financial year 2021/22. One of the highlights of the program is the release of NEGAAS News, an annual publication of the Alumni's Organization. As per the program of the meeting new members will be presented the certificate of Life Membership of NEGAAS.

Prior to the discussion at the meeting, distinguished Guests-Dr. Katja Lasch Director of DAAD-Delhi Regional office and Mr. Sebastian Woitsch Director of Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu will give special remarks.

NEGAAS-Talk Series Programs



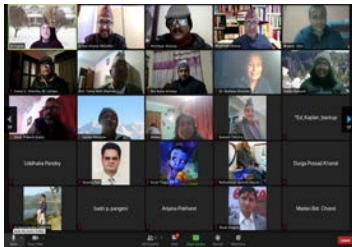
NEGAAS organized series of NEGAAS- Talk Programs led by its members in 2021. They included topics such as Importance of Electricity Regulation in Nepal, by NEGAAS Vice President Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital, Research Career Development –Sharing personal journey from

environmental science graduate to global health leadership by Dr. Meghnath Dhimal, Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in Nepal's Hydropower Development by Er. Narendra Bhupal Malla, Meditation during the COVID Fatigue by Ms. Sushma Bajracharya, Computational Physics Lab at Central department Tribhuvan University by Dr. Narayan Prasad Adhikari, Health services and Education: Learning from The European Experience by Prof. Dr. Malak Lal Shrestha

Webinar Programs

NEGAAS organized various webinars over the year 2020/21 on themes including Modeling Local Coronavirus Outbreaks, Forest Fire in Nepal and Online Counselling for Postgraduate studies in Germany.

The theme: Modeling Local Coronavirus Outbreaks- was discussed in detail through mathematical tools by Prof. Dr. Edward H. Kaplan of Yale University, USA.



In another Webinar the theme was Forest Fire in Nepal. Experts- Mr. Sundar Sharma and Dr. Krishna Bhujel- presenting their views based on research and science, underlined their importance of avoiding forest fire for preservation

of Forest and the overall situation of climate in countries, regions and the globe.



On the occasion panelists - Dr. Sindhu Dhungana, Prof Dr. Rejina Maskey, Mr. Birendra Bajracharya and Mr. Shiva Khanal - highlighted of significance of raising public awareness about preventing forest fire and minimizing the risk of the same in dry season. Special Guests- Mr. Anil Pokharel, His Excellency Australian Ambassador to Nepal Ms. Felicity Volk , Mr. Min Bahadur Khadka expressed their views on curtailing the incidents of forest fire for protecting natural forest and saving human lives, settlements

and wild lives. In the opening remarks Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala, President of NEGAAS shed light on the challenges of forest fire in Nepal. While Mr. Ram Hari Aryal, President of ANAA in his remarks, talked of the need for collaboration among institutions and experts for forest fire in Nepal.



In the webinar entitled: Online Counseling for Postgraduate studies in Germany. Speakers - Ms. Rumi Singh Maharjan, Mr. Rupesh Shrestha, Mr. Santosh Gyawali and Ms. Menuka Maharjan presents a broad scenario of, provision for, and procedures for getting higher education and

scholarship in German of DAAD.
Universities in the context

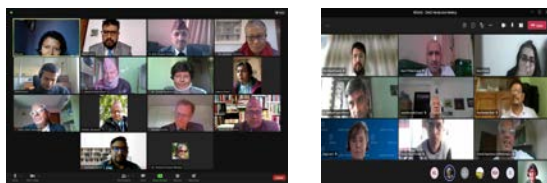
Participation in Program



The year 2021 was also the occasion when NEGAAS participated and supported in series of webinar programs organized on the themes such as: Virtual International Alumni Event: DAAD Alumni work despite /defies

Corona (Organized by Alumni DAAD Italy (ADIT)), The Pandemic and Managing Public Health Crises: Updates and Appeals from Nepal (Organized by Fulbright Association Nepal), Internationales Treffen der DAAD-Alumni-Vereine (Organized by Alumni DAAD Italy (ADIT)), Virtual Event Study In Germany (Organized by Goethe Zentrum Kathmand), DAAD e-visits Nepal for a Web Session on: Higher Studies Research and Funding Opportunities in Germany (Organized by DAAD).

NEGAAS engagement with German Institutions



The year 2021 marked very busy period for NEGAAS. Its engagement with various

German Institutions contributed to important networking among the institutions and the alumni. Special meetings under this scheme were: GIZ Nepal, CIM, German Embassy Kathmandu, Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu and DAAD Regional Office New- Delhi.

Farewell Program (Blended)

One of the highlights of NEGAAS Program in 2021 was the Farewell Program in honour of German Ambassador Mr. Roland Schäfer. It was both online and physical. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala President of NEGAAS, Dr. Roshana Shrestha, Former President of NEGAAS and Ms. Sushma Bajracharya spoke of the great contributions made by German Ambassador to developing ties among the alumni, academia, professional civic organizations, private sectors and various German organizations.



Similarly, two NEGAAS members: Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital (Vice- President) and Er. Ravi Khanal (Secretary) presented token of Love and appreciation letter in person to German Ambassador in German Embassy Kathmandu. As the Ambassador was returning home at the end of his high diplomatic tenure in Nepal they wished him well in his future career besides appreciating his contributions to further consolidating friendship and cooperation between Nepal and Germany.

NEGAAS 's First International Women's Day Celebration

Gender Equality and opportunities for enabling women through appropriate development programs also constituted one of the important agenda for NEGAAS in 2021. In this context, NEGAAS organized First International Women's Day Program on March 8; 2021. The guest of Honour at the program was German Ambassador Mr. Roland Schäfer. On the occasion, Ambassador Mr. Roland Schäfer underlined the

need to offer opportunities for women to participate, lead and decide in public affairs without any sense of gender-discrimination.



and knowledge on gender equality and its various dimensions in the light of Nepali Women's background.

NEGAAS takes gender equality as a very important dimension for all its activities and works for it as part of SDG-5.

President, Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala in his opening remarks highlighted the importance of gender equality in Nepali society and underlined the need to treat women on equal footing in social and public life.

Various NEGAAS members such as: Dr. Roshana Shrestha, Former President of NEGAAS; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel; Ms. Sushma Bajracharya; Dr. Menuka Maharjan; Dr. Babita Paudel and Ms. Sabina Khatri- shared their experiences

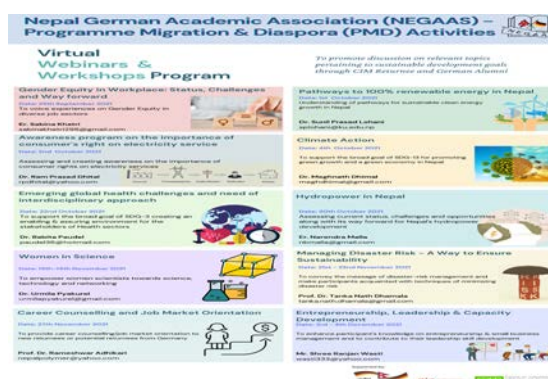
Program Migration and Diaspora (PMD) Activities

- a NEGAAS project

The project- Program Migration and Diaspora- was one of the highlights of the activities organized in 2021 by NEGAAS in collaboration with Centrum für internationale Migration und Entwicklung (CIM) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Nepal. The program brought various experts from seven countries to dwell on current professional themes.

The program emphasized the promotions of SDG through the appropriate mobilization of experts trained in Germany and working in Nepal. The alumni found all the programs to

be very effective and helpful in adding to SDG efforts being made in Nepal in various sectors.



The programs linked various specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as: Emerging global Health challenges and the

need of Interdisciplinary Approach; Climate change impacts, mitigation and adaptation: Climate action for green growth and economy; Pathways to 100% renewable energy in Nepal; in addition to other highly important sectors – Gender Equity in workplace: Status challenges and way Forward; Entrepreneurship and Leadership Capacity Development; Women in science; Managing Disaster Risk: A way to Sustainability; Hydropower in Nepal;

Awareness Program on the Importance of Consumer’s Right on Electricity Services and Youth Career Counselling and Job Market Orientation for Youths

Participants of the programs included high-level Government officers, policy makers, professionals, academicians (national and international), stakeholders, influencers, practitioners, youths, women and students.

New Member Included

1. Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan
2. Ar. Prana Shrestha
3. Dr. Madhav Prasad Ghimire
4. Er. Shirish Maharjan
5. Er. Sheila Dangol
6. Er. Sudridh Prasad Acharya
7. Ms. Erica Udas

NEGAAS Member Achievement

Mr. Ganga Datta Nepal

Mr. Nepal was working as a Country Team Lead for Nepal the USAID WASH-FIN Global Project from May 1, 2019 to July 30, 2021. On his leadership overall direction of the USAID's Water Supply Sanitation and Hygiene – Finance (WASH-FIN) Nepal activities has met and exceeded the expectations of the period.



Picture of Project Closeout Event

Overall performance goals were successfully achieved even though challenges stemming from

the COVID-19 pandemic. The strong relationships with Nepal's WASH sector partners and USAID and his professional networks, and proactive coordination skills were the strong strength. Project has provided new approach the business models in Water Supply and Sanitation sector of Nepal. Alongside has effectively consolidated WASH-FIN Nepal's position as a technical assistance program delivering targeted support to partners, which has been well received by Government and USAID. At the end led a successful high-level national closeout and knowledge sharing event, where much appreciation come for the country team lead by the Government of Nepal side.

Er. Sandhya Regmi



Engineer Sandhya Regmi completed a milestone of 2 years as an International Consultant in a mission to construct the largest railway in the Philippines. She has been contributing since January 2020 as Project Management Specialist (Contracts Manager) in the North South Commuter Railway (NSCR) Project where she is the only Engineer from Nepal working in an International Consulting Company named 'Greater Consortium Railway' (GCR), in which almost 2000 international

and national specialists and engineers from over 20 nations are engaged. This mega project, worth 15.6 billion USD financed by the ADB and JICA, is constructing a 150 km long railway to connect the South of Manila to the Clark International Airport in the north though an underground station along with the construction of

bridges, flyovers, tunnels, 25 railway stations and a huge depot with many buildings spread over a 33-hectare land.

Sandhya Regmi, the Founder President of Buddha Harmony Foundation, has been awarded the 'UNWG Charity Award' twice by the United Nations Women's Guild (UNWG) of Vienna for establishing libraries in the community schools of Nepal, namely in Shree Tika Secondary School (Sanepa) and Khagendra New-Life Special Education School (Jorpati) amidst

the Covid-19 pandemic. She is in an ongoing mission to establish libraries in the underprivileged schools of Nepal deprived from the benefit of library and facilities.

Ar. Rupesh Shrestha



Mr, Rupesh Shrestha is conducting research at University of Kaiserslautern, Germany on the topic "Resilient Housing and Urban Planning - Adaptation strategies for flood resilience" as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow. Mr. Shrestha won the best poster award in a scientific conference "Tag der Hydrologie"

organized at University of Potsdam, Germany in 2021 for his conceptual poster "Integrated Design and Planning Strategy for Flood Resilient Housing in Nepal".

Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan



Ms. Rumi Singh Maharjan is an architect, who was elected as a board member of Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu (GZK). Currently, she serves as a DAAD Young Ambassador for the year 2021-2022.

Er. Sheila Dangol



Er. Sheila Dangol is an engineer, who serves as a DAAD Young Ambassador for the year 2021-2022.

Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel, a member of EC, has been promoted to the status of professor of Mathematics in Tribhuvan University from Open Competition.

Latest List of NEGAAS Life Members:

1. Mr. Daya Ram Acharya
2. Prof. Dr. Narayan Prasad Adhikari
3. Prof. Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari
4. Mr. Raja Ram Aryal
5. Ms. Sushma Bajracharya
6. Dr. Satish K Bajaj
7. Dr. Dambaru Raj Baral
8. Mr. Sambhu Dev Baral
9. Asst. Prof. Dr. Netra Lal Bhandari
10. Prof. Dr. Hari Datta Bhattarai
11. Prof. Dr. Pradeep Bhattarai
12. Prof. Dr. Tribikram Bhattarai
13. Mr. Yuba Raj Bhusal
14. Prof. Dr. Marcus Brem
15. Mr. Shambhu Charmakar
16. Mr. Amrit Chitrakar
17. Ms. Anita Chitrakar
18. Dr. Bhupendra Devkota
19. Mr. Surendra Dhakal
20. Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala
21. Dr. Meghnath Dhimal
22. Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital
23. Mr. Dev Raj Gautam
24. Mr. Surendra Gautam
25. Mr. Bishal Ghimire
26. Mr. Hira Mani Ghimire
27. Mr. Madhab Raj Ghimire
28. Mr. Girija Prasad Gorkhaly
29. Er. Jeetendra Kumar Gurung
30. Prof. Dr. Shekhar Gurung
31. Prof. Dr. Chandra Bahadur Joshi
32. Mr. Rajesh Joshi
33. Assoc. Prof. Rajendra Joshi
34. Dr. Rajendra K. C
35. Mr. Prachan Karanjit
36. Mr. Rajendra Kumar Karki
37. Mr. Shankar Prasad Kharel
38. Er. Sabina Khatri
39. Assoc. Prof. Lila Raj Koirala
40. Dr. Ajay Jung Kunwar
41. Mr. Rom Raj Lamichhane
42. Dr. Mandira Lamichhane Dhimal
43. Dr. Sunil Prasad Lohani
44. Er. Narendra Bhupal Malla
45. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ramesh Kumar Maskey
46. Mr. Ganga Datta Nepal
47. Prof. Dr. Bharat Raj Pahari
48. Dr. Wolfgang Palz
49. Mr. Aatma Prakash Paneru
50. Er. Surendra Pandit
51. Dr. Mahesh Raj Pant
52. Prof. Dr. Tulsi Pathak
53. Dr. Babita Paudel
54. Dr. Chinta Mani Pokharel
55. Mr. Sunil Kumar Poudyal
56. Mr. Pramesh Pradhan
57. Mr. Rajendra Pradhanang
58. Mr. Krishna Hari Pushkar
59. Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel

60. Prof. Dr. Novel Kishore Rai
61. Dr. Shashi S. Rajbansi
62. Er. Sandhya Regmi
63. Dr. Rishi Shah
64. Mr. Santosh Bikram Shah
65. Mr. Buddha Bahadur Shakya
66. Ms. Sarita Shakya-Pradhan
67. Mr. Prabin Raj Sharma
68. Dr. Anil Bahadur Shrestha
69. Mr. Hari Kumar Shrestha
70. Dr. Kamal Krishna Shrestha
71. Prof. Dr. Malakh Lal Shrestha
72. Ar. Buddha Shrestha
73. Mr. Narayan Bahadur Shrestha
74. Mr. Nitesh Shrestha
75. Dr. Roshana Shrestha
76. Ms. Rubika Shrestha
77. Ar. Rupesh Shrestha
78. Dr. Samir Shrestha
79. Ar. Sharmila Shrestha
80. Dr. Saroj Krishna Shrestha
81. Mr. Shanker Kumar Shrestha
82. Prof. Sharada Shrestha
83. Dr. Shiva Shrestha
84. Mr. Simon Shrestha
85. Ms. Sulochana Shrestha Shah
86. Prof. Dr. Dilip Subba
87. Dr. Shankar P Suri
88. Dr. Prem Bahadur Thapa
89. Mr. Prithbi Man Thapa
90. Dipl.-Kfm. Ram Pratap Thapa
91. Mr. Ram Singh Thapa
92. Dr. Manfred Treu
93. Er. Ashok Ratna Tuladhar
94. Er. Sanjeev Kumar Raut
95. Er. Ravi Khanal
96. Mr. Deepak Tolange
97. Mr. Sabin Dhakal
98. Er. Ajay Sharma
99. Mr. Sanjit Shrestha
100. Er. Kalidas Neupane
101. Er. Heeraman Waiba
102. Er. Sarad Mainali
103. Mr. Buddhi Narayan Shrestha
104. Prof. Dr. Jyoti Upadhyaya Devkota
105. Mr. Abhinab Kadel
106. Mr. Shree Ranjan Wasti
107. Dr. Menuka Maharjan
108. Ar. Prana Shrestha
109. Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan
110. Er. Sudridh Prasad Acharya
111. Ms. Erica Udas
112. Dr. Madhav Prasad Ghimire
113. Er. Shirish Maharjan
114. Er. Sheila Dangol

National- Speakers and Panellist at NEGAAS Webinar

Following Friends and well-wishers of NEGAAS attended the Virtual Program of NEGAAS as Speakers

Dr. Radha Wagle	Dr. Uditā Panta	Dr. Santosh Nepal
Er. Ganesh Shah	Porf. Dr. Rejina Maskay Byanju	Ms. Madhuri Kumari Mahato
Mr. Jyoti Baniya	Dr. Ajaya Jang Kuwar	Ms. Maorama Sunuwar
Dr. Netra Prasad Gyawali	Dr. Archana shrestha	Dr. Kalpana Giri
Er. Ranju Pandey	Prof. Dr, Bhagawan Koirala	Dr. Sanjeev Upreti
Dr. Anish Ghimire	Dr. Dipendra Raman Singh	Dr. Deepak Bikram Thapa Chhetri
Ms. Resha Piya	Mr. Manohar Lal shrestha	Er. Gaurav Kumar Panthi
Dr. Ananta Prasad Gajurel	Mr. Bishnu Dutta Gautam	Ms. Humakala Pandey
Mr. Rabin Man Shrestha	Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Singh	Mr. Madan Timsina
Dr. Narayan Prasad Adhikari	Mr. Shekhar Sharma	Mr. Umesh Raj Shrestha
Mr. Haree Ram Bhattarai	Prof. Dr. Bijaya Pant	Dr. Deepak Kumar Khadka
Dr. Dovan Rai	Dr. Jwala Dhamala	Dr. Tista Prasai
Mr. Shiva Khanal	Dr. Sindhu Dhungana	Dr. Buddhi Sagar Poudel
Dr. Krishna Bhujel	Mr. Sundar Sharma	Mr. Birendra Bajracharya
Mr. Santosh Gyawali		

NEGAAS Member: Speakers at NEGAAS program

Following members of NEGAAS contributed the Virtual Program of NEGAAS as Speakers

Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala	Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan
Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital	Dr. Sunil Prasad Lohani
Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel	Dr. Babita Paudel
Dr. Meghnath Dhimal	Dr. Menuka Maharjan
Mr. Narendra Bhupal Malla	Ms. Sabina Khatri
Ms. Sushma Bajracharya	

International- Speakers at NEGAAS program

Following Friends and well-wishers of NEGAAS attended the Virtual Program of NEGAAS as Speakers

Prof. Dr. Edward Kaplan	Prof. Dr. Stefan Wolfgang Pickl
Prof. Dr. Miriam Porter	Ms. Melissa Lederle
Prof. Dr. Shashi Shekar	Prof. Dr. Anna Nagourney
Prof Dr. Muhammad Qumrul Hassan	Prof. Dr. Yalemshay Mekonnen
Prof. Dr. Evelyn Fogwe Chibaka	Dr. Katja Yang
Prof. Dr. Stefan Nickel	Ms. Alexandra Plueschke
Prof. Dr. Bodo Ahrens	

Moderators at NEGAAS program

Following people contributed to the Virtual Program of NEGAAS as Moderator

Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala	Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan	Ar. Rupesh Shrestha
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ramesh Kumar Maskey	Ms. Pasma Dahal Jha	Prof. Dr. Rameshwor Adhikari
Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel	Ms. Sabina Khatri	Er. Surendra Pandit
Dr. Meghnath Dhimal	Er. Ravi Khanal	Ms. Erica Udas
Ms. Sarswati Aryal	Prof. Dr. Rajesh Rai	

Guests at NEGAAS program

Following distinguished people contributed to the Virtual Program of NEGAAS

HE Felicity Folk Australian Ambassador to Nepal

Prof. Dr. Dharma Kanta Baskota	Dr. Enno Aufderheide	Dr. Elke Foerster
Mr. Dinesh Kumar Ghimire	Er. Kulman Ghising	Prof. Dr. Nanda Bahadur Singh
Prof. Dr. Ram Nath Prasad Yadav	Mr. Anil Pokharel	Dr. Prem Narayan Kandel

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ADIT (Alumni DAAD Italy)	Fulbright Association Nepal
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Nepalese Alumni from Australia (ANAA)	REDD Implementation Center, MoFE
DAAD-Delhi	Centrum für internationale Migration und Entwicklung (CIM)

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HE Roland Schäfer, German Ambassador to Nepal

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Ms. Pasma Dahal Jha, GIZ Nepal/ CIM

Mr. Saurav Korala, GIZ Nepal/ CIM

Mr. Jagu Bishunke GIZ Nepal/ CIM

Mr. Bhim Kumar Shrestha, Hardik Business Support Pvt. Ltd

NEGAAS wishes all the best to its member on the occasion of New Nepali Year 2078

NEGAAS wishes all the best to its member and German Community living in Nepal and abroad on the occasion of New Year 2021 and New Year 2022.

NEGAAS extends its cordial Thanks to following Office Bearers, Executive and Life Members for having hosted the regular monthly meetings of NEGAAS in 2020/2021

Obituary

NEGAAS expressed condolence to the Vice President Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital on the demise of his beloved mother Nanda Maya Upadhya Dhital and wished the departed soul eternal peace.



Obituary

NEGAAS expressed condolence to the Life Member Prof. Dr. Malakh Lal Shrestha for the irreparable loss that he suffered on the deaths of his beloved mother Sushila Singh and beloved father Manik Lal Shrestha and wished the departed souls eternal peace.



NEGAAS organized 32nd AGM

From the pages of History Nepal German Academic Association (NEGAAS) convened its 32nd Annual General Meeting on Saturday, November 28 2020 through ZOOM. In the meeting, the President of NEGAAS Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ramesh Kumar Maskey welcomed the life member and the general Members of NEGAAS. The Secretary of NEGAAS Ar. Rupesh Shrestha, presented the achievement report and

programs of NEGAAS for the year ahead. Treasurer Ms, Sabina Khatri presented income and expenditure for the financial year 2019/2020.

The current executive board was elected in the year 2020/22 under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala.

On the occasion, Guest of Honour His Excellency German Ambassador Mr. Roland Schäfer, Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Hridaya Ratna Bajracharya, Vice- Chancellor of Lumbini – Buddhist University, Special Guest Mr. Ram Hari Aryal President of Nepalese Alumni from Australia (ANAA) and Special Guest Mr. Durga Muktan, Vice President of Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu wished the new team good luck and expressed confident over the new team's future work being more focused on the best utilisation of German Alumni for the benefit of various sectors of Nepal. They also appreciated the work undertaken by 2018/20 Executive Team for promoting the cause of NEGAAS.

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