



ABOUT NEGAAS

A non-profit organization, established in August 1986, by a group of scholars trained/educated in Germany.

VISION

Promoting Nepal-German Academic relations

MISSION

Developing NEGAAS as a forum for Nepalese and German Academicians.

AIM

To strengthen relationships between Nepal and Germany by enhancing cooperation among the academicians in both countries; bridging Nepal and Germany in academic.cultural collaborations and exchanges.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear NEGAAS Members and Readers,

I hope all is well with you. It has been almost a year since we took the responsibility of managing NEGAAS for the years 2023 and 2024. In early 2023 in the first meeting of this EC, we agreed to volunteer some of our time to strengthen NEGAAS.

We made our commitment to continue our monthly meeting, publish the NEGAAS journal, conduct monthly talk series, coordinate with other academic associations, increase NEGAAS life members, conduct some new innovative activities to enhance NEGAAS visibility and participate in academic exchanges and knowledge sharing events.

I am pleased to observe that most of our planned activities are on track. In addition to the monthly meeting cum talk program,



we have redesigned our website and created a platform for online applications too which has resulted in significant progress in the membership drive.

It is a great pleasure to present you with this NEGAAS newsletter which details our activities including news about member's personal and professional growth. I thank the publication sub-committee for their efforts to bring this issue out to the general public.

I wish you happy reading and a very happy new year 2024!!!

Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital
President



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The 34th Annual General Meeting

Date: 24 December 2022

Venue: Alfa House Banquet, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu

The 34th Annual General Meeting was successfully conducted in the presence of all members, guests, and supporters of NEGAAS.

A presentation was made to share the activities of NEGAAS. The financial report was shared with all and approved.

The election chief Er. Jeetendra Gurung together with election committee Dr. Roshana Shrestha and Prof. Dr. Tribikram Bhattarai conducted the election and with the approval of Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala following members were elected in the NEGAAS Executive Committee 2022 - 2024. Everybody took the oaths as per the bylaws of NEGAAS.



NEGAAS Executive Committee 2022 - 2024

President: Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital

Vice-President: Prof. Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari

Secretary: Dr. Babita Paudel

Joint Secretary: Ms. Erica Udas

Treasurer: Ms. Oshin Sharma

Executive Member(EM):

Mr. Shree Ram Wasti

Er. Surendra Pandit

Ar. Rupesh Shrestha

Er. Shirish Maharjan

Er. Sheila Dangol

Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan





Honorary membership to German Ambassador H.E. Dr. Thomas Prinz

Date: 18 January 2023

Venue: German Embassy, Gyaneshwor Marg,
Kathmandu

The NEGAAS Executive Committee 2022 -2023 together with other members had visited the German Ambassador to Nepal, His Excellency Dr. Thomas Prinz to present him the "Honorary Membership" of NEGAAS, which has been our tradition for many years.

During this meeting, we were able to share the past events and activities organized by NEGAAS, share our aims and goals, and have a good discussion on how NEGAAS and the German Embassy could collaborate in future.





NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: **NEGAAS WORKSHOP**

Date: 14 February 2023
Venue: Bakery Cafe, Pulchowk

To brainstorm ideas for the year 2022 - 2024, a workshop was organized where many members gave inputs for the possible events and programs of NEGAAS.

At the end of the day a project plan was prepared and shared with all the other members for feedback.





NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: TALK PROGRAM

Several talk programs have been organized in each NEGAAS meeting to make the meeting for informative and interesting for the members. Following are the talk programs done:

1. NEGAAS life member Er. Shiva Adhikari delivered the presentation on “Nepali Samaj in Germany and Possible Collaboration with NEGAAS” on July 1, 2023



2. NEGAAS life member Dr. Ganga Datta Nepal delivered the presentation on “Impacts of Climate Change on Water Supply Sanitation and Hygiene Contextualizing from Nepal” August 12, 2023



3. NEGAAS life member and past president Dr. Roshana Shrestha delivered the presentation on “Three and a Half Decades of NEGAAS” on September 30, 2023

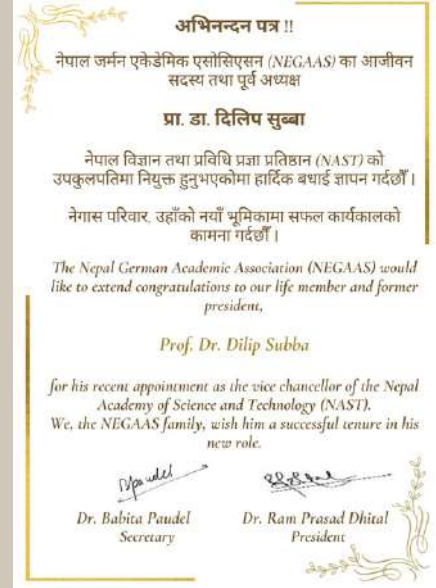




NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: FELICITATION TO PROF. DR. DILIP SUBBA

Date: 12 August 2023

The Nepal German Academic Association (NEGAAS) would like to extend congratulations to our life member and former president, Prof. Dr. Dilip Subba, for his recent appointment as the vice chancellor of the Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). We, the NEGAAS family, wish him a successful tenure in his new role.





NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: **PARTICIPATION IN GERMAN UNITY DAY**

Date: 12 October 2023

NEGAAS members were invited to the reception hosted by Dr. Thomas Prinz H.E Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to celebrate the Day of German Unity and 65 Years of Diplomatic Relations between Nepal and Germany at the Hyatt Regency, Boudha, Kathmandu.





NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: **VISIT TO NEPAL ACADEMIC OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (NAST)**

Date: 1 December 2023

NEGAAS members visited NAST and met with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Dilip Subba. The main aim of the visit was to discuss and explore possibilities of collaboration between NAST and NEGAAS.





NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: PRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION AT DAAD ALUMNI MEET

Date: 27-28 April 2023

Venue: Royal Singi Hotel, Teendhara,
Kathmandu

“DAAD Alumni Meet, Nepal” was a two-day event where Dr. Katja Lasch: Director, of DAAD Regional Office New Delhi, Shikha Sinha: Senior Advisor-International Cooperation, and Pooja Midha: Program officer alumni affairs had to present and share about “Management and Funding of International Cooperation Projects”, Good Practise examples of projects, Internationalization strategies of HEI in Nepal, DAAD Alumni offers, and Alumni Portal Deutschland”. We had several brainstorming sessions on the above various topics.

NEGAAS Secretary Dr. Babita Paudel presented about NEGAAS and its activities at the event. Many NEGAAS members participated in the meet.







NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: WEBINAR ON DAAD SCHOLARSHIP

Date: 16 June 2023

Venue: Online

Webinar on Information Session DAAD Scholarship in collaboration with DAAD Regional Office New Delhi, India, and Center for Natural and Applied Sciences.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Babita Poudel, founder/head of CENAS, and Humbolt Ambassador.

Ms. Anuroopa Dixit: Programme Officer German Academic Exchange Service presented while Ms. Rumi Singh Maharjan shared her experience as a DAAD Alumni and DAAD Young Ambassador 2021-2023.

In the end, a question and answer session took place which was very fruitful.

Webinar On
"DAAD Scholarships"
Information Session on DAAD Scholarships for Students from Nepal (Study in Germany)

Ms. Anuroopa Dixit
Programme Officer
German Academic Exchange Service,
(Resource Person)

Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan
DAAD Young Ambassador
Senior Architect - RPFC
(Moderator)

Dr. Babita Paudel
Founder/ Head - CENAS
Humboldt Ambassador
Scientist
Secretary - NEGAAS
(Coordinator)

June 16, 2023
(Ashad 1, 2080)
Friday
3 PM (Nepal Time)
Register Now!

Organizer: DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst / German Academic Exchange Service)
Supported By: NEGAAS, CENTER FOR NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Zoom Meeting Interface:

- Participants (70): Rumi Singh Maharjan (Me), DAAD Scholarships (Host), Anuroopa Dixit, Babita Paudel.
- Chat: basic requirement for further PhD degree from Rashi Khanduja to Everyone: 11:31 AM
- Buttons: Unmute, Stop video, Share, Participants, Chat



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NEGAAS ACTIVITIES: WEBINAR ON FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Date: 25 March 2023

Venue: Online

Webinar on Fulbright Scholarship in
Collaboration with Fulbright Nepal and the
Center for Natural and Applied Sciences.

5th Series

Webinar On
“Info Session on Fulbright Scholarship”
Date – 25th March, 2023, Saturday (11th Chaitra, 2079)
Time – 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Organizer

Center for Natural and Applied Sciences

Collaborator

Fulbright Nepal

Supported By

Alexander von Humboldt
Stiftung/Foundation

- *Fulbright Foreign Student Program*
for Master level study
- *Global UGRAD Program*
short term exchange for undergraduate students
- *Visiting Scholar Program*
for post- doctoral research

Coordinator
Dr. Babita Paudel
Humboldt Alumni
Founder/Head
Center for Natural and
Applied Sciences

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This webinar is one among many events made possible by **Dr. Babita Paudel** through the “Humboldt Alumni Award “ (Humboldt Foundation, Germany) for Capacity Building of female students/researchers in the STEM field in Nepal in collaboration with Fulbright Commission, Nepal

Though this program especially targets female , it is open to all

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Rakchhya Maharjan
Senior Program Officer
Fulbright Commission/
USEF-Nepal

Shweta Dhoubhadel
Fulbright – Alumni



The NEGAAS family would like to offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved family. We wish them strength and courage at this very difficult time. May the departed soul find eternal peace forever.

OBITUARY: LATE PROF. DR. URMILA PYAKUREL

NEGAAS lifetime members had raised a total of NPR 2,00,000/- for the treatment of late Prof. Dr. Urmila Pyakurel.

हार्दिक श्रद्धाञ्जली




मिति २०७९ चैत्र २९ गते त्रिभुवन विश्वविद्यालय गणित केन्द्रीय विभागका प्राध्यापक, नेपाल जर्मन प्राज्ञिक समाज (नेगास) का पूर्व कार्यकारी एवम आजीवन सदस्य, हुम्बोल्ड क्लब नेपालका सदस्य तथा अत्यन्त जुझारु र स्वप्रदर्शी व्यक्तित्व प्रा. डा. उर्मिला प्याकुरेल ज्यू को ४२ वर्षको अल्पायुमा नै असामयिक निधन भएकोमा हासो समाज र समग्र प्राज्ञिक क्षेत्रलाई अपुरणीय क्षति पुगेको छ । यो शोकको घडीमा स्वर्गवासी प्रिय उर्मिला प्रति भावपूर्ण श्रद्धा-सुमन र परिवारजन प्रति हार्दिक समवेदना व्यक्त गर्दछौं ।

नेपाल जर्मन प्राज्ञिक समाज (नेगास) / हुम्बोल्ड क्लब नेपाल
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OBITUARY: LATE ER. ASHOK RATNA TULADHAR

Late Er. Ashok Ratna Tuladhar was a vice president of the Ad-hoc committee (1983) and the first executive board (1987-1998) of NEGAAS.


We are deeply saddened to hear about the untimely passing of our former Vice President of NEGAAS (1987-1998)



Er. Ashok Ratna Tuladhar

NEGAAS Family, extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and we wish them strength and courage during this difficult time.

May the departed soul find eternal peace





The NEGAAS family would like to offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved family. We wish them strength and courage at this very difficult time. May the departed soul find eternal peace forever.

OBITUARY: PARENTS OF MR. SURENDRA DHAKAL

Name : Basu Dev Dhakal
Date of Birth : 1984 Falgun 20
Date of Death 2079 Magh 14

Name : Rama Devi Dhakal
Date of Birth : 1989 Magh 16
Date of Date: 2079 Asad 15



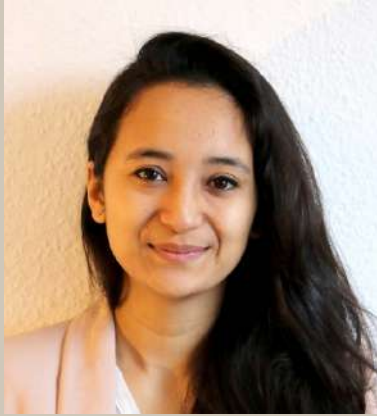
OBITUARY: LATE DR. SAROJ KRISHNA SHRESTHA

Late Dr. Saroj Krishna Shrestha was an active life member at NEGAAS.





DAAD YOUNG AMBASSADORS (DYA):



Ar. Rumi Singh Maharjan
DYA 2021 - 2023

Currently working as a Project Architect at RP Foundation for Conservation, Bhaktapur.

Master: DIA, Anhalt University, Dessau, Germany
Master of Arts in Architecture
Scholarship: Scholarship for foreign graduates in the field of Architecture



Er. Sheila Dangol
DYA 2021 - 2023

Currently working as Sanitary Engineer at BDA Pvt. Ltd.

Master: Leibniz Unniversity, Hannover, Germany
Master in Water Resource and Environmental Management
Scholarship: EPOS (DAAD)



Ms. PRATIMA RAI
DYA 2023 - 2024

Currently. working as a professional at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Nepal.

Master: Heidelberg University, Germany
Scholarship: EPOS (DAAD)



Ar. Bhupendra Jung Kesari
DYA 2023 - 2024

Currently a working professional at Tribhuvan University, IOE.

Master: TU Dortmund and Universidade Federal do ABC
Scholarship: EPOS (DAAD)



DAAD YOUNG AMBASSADORS (DYA): EXPERIENCE SHARING

AR. RUMI SINGH MAHARJAN
DYA 2021 - 2023

As a DAAD Young Ambassador, my role went beyond disseminating information; it was about fostering dreams, guiding aspirations, and empowering students to reach for the stars through diverse scholarship opportunities. Through one-on-one sessions and informal informational seminars, I clarified the process of scholarship application. Witnessing students' journeys and helping them with applications, connecting them with the right people and opportunities brought a profound sense of fulfillment.

I am glad that I could connect with the DAAD Regional Office New Delhi and learn how they work and how scholarships are processed. I shared my personal experiences on studying, day-to-day life in Germany and work experiences which helped the students get a direct perspective and ease their anxiousness. This I believe was very effective.

Above all, I believe DAAD is such an amazing scholarship, it has opened a world of opportunities for me and I wish the same for many more students.





DAAD YOUNG AMBASSADORS (DYA): EXPERIENCE SHARING

ER. SHEILA DANGOL
DYA 21 - 23

During my two-year tenure as a DAAD Young Ambassador, I had the incredible opportunity to serve as a bridge between aspiring students and the enriching academic landscape of Germany. As an advocate for education and cultural exchange, I embarked on a journey that not only deepened my understanding of the German academic system but also honed my interpersonal skills.

One of the highlights of my ambassadorship was the creation of informative and engaging videos. These videos provided a glimpse into my master's study course and served as valuable resources for prospective students navigating the intricate application process.

DAAD India provided a virtual platform where, I shared my personal experiences, shedding light on the challenges and benefits of studying in Germany. The role also granted me the privilege of attending the DAAD alumni meet in Kathmandu. The alumni meet introduced me with professionals from diverse sectors which helped me to expand my horizons, offering insights beyond academia.

Overall, I am glad to have been a part of DAAD Young Ambassador where I could assist students on their educational journey to Germany. It was immensely rewarding to connect with eager minds, addressing their questions and concerns, and guiding them through the intricate journey of pursuing education in a foreign land.





NEGAAS MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Ram Prasad Dhital

interacted and participated in various events organized by associations and the German Embassy.

1. A reception hosted by Dr. Stephan Russek, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of KFW's establishment & 60 years of German Financial Cooperation with Nepal and in honor of Ms. Carolin Gassner, KFW Director for South Asia on Friday, 3rd November, 2023 at his residence at Sanepa, Lalitpur
2. A reception hosted by Dr. Thomas Prinz H.E Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to celebrate the Day of German Unity and 65 Years of Diplomatic Relations between Nepal and Germany on Thursday, 12th October 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Boudha Kathmandu
3. NGCCI Octoberfest organized by Nepal German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NGCCI) on September 23, 2023 at Lawn, Jhamshekhel road, Lalitpur
4. A program organized by Flensburg Association of Energy Management with the support of DAAD on Micro Hydro Development in Nepal on September 15, 2023 at Hotel Radisson Kathmandu
5. AGM organized by Goethe Zentrum Kathmandu on January 26 at Goethe Zentrum Thapathali Kathmandu

Dr. Ganga Datta Nepal

Successfully defended my Ph.D. Dissertation in Water and Climate Change and awarded Doctor title from Tribhuvan University of Nepal. Received three scholarships. Firstly, the DAAD Re-Visit Fellowship Program at the University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Detmold, Germany. Secondly, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation at Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, and thirdly Water Resource Management and Climate Change Adaptation CIPSEM course at the Technical University of Dresden, Germany.

Additionally, in my leadership role successfully organized the Climate Change Induced Water Disaster: 'case of 2021 Melamchi River flooding Sindhupalchok' 1-6 Nov. 2022 Dhulikhel, Kavrepalanchok Nepal. There were 25 participants from DAAD Alumni from South and South East Asian Countries: Nepal, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Indonesia, and Vietnam. There were five local participants from Melamchi Municipality and Helambu Rural Municipality of Sindhupalchok. After six days of concentration and discussion on thematic groups and field visits, the workshop came up with the result as a finding. The result is synchronized and published in a poster, the result is handed over to the local and federal government of Nepal. It was appreciated that the decisive factor in the success of the event was the experience and leadership of the program organizer. Participants were highly qualified scientists from the region, and have provided high-level thought to come up with concrete findings.



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Dr. Babita Poudel

-Dr. Babita Paudel has been appointed as the Humboldt Ambassador Scientist to Nepal by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany for 2023-2025.

- Dr. Paudel and her team from the Central Department of Botany at Tribhuvan University have received a Collaborative Research and Innovative Grant from the University Grant Commission of Nepal for their project titled "Isolation and Characterization of Novel Antibiotic Natural Molecules from High-Altitude Soil Actinomycetes against Multidrug Resistant Human Pathogenic Bacteria." Dr. Paudel is serving as a Co-Investigator on this project.

- She was awarded the Humboldt Digital Cooperation fellowship by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany. Her project involves: Isolation of antibiotic-producing Actinomycetes from the soil samples from the Annapurna Conservation Area of Nepal against multidrug-resistant human pathogenic bacteria

- She was invited to deliver her presentation at the 4th International Conference on Biotechnology: Academia to Industry organized by the Nepal Biotechnology Association (NBA) at Hotel Himalayan, Kathmandu, Nepal from March 17-19.

- She was invited to be a panelist at the 7th Young Scientific Summit (YSS-2023) held at Uniglobe College, Kathmandu, Nepal on February 19-20. The topic of her panel was providing mentorship to young scientists.

Mr. Deepak Tolange

Awards:

- My film Buddhist Altar has been selected for the permanent exhibition at the Humboldt Forum in Berlin. The film also was selected in Turkey, South Korea, the USA, India, Italy, Canada, and Nepal. The film has been selected as the finalist in the 7th Siding Festival of Film, Canada, and the Student World Impact Film Festival in the USA.

(<https://nepalitimes.com/here-now/how-did-a-nepali-ritual-altar-end-up-in-berlin>)

- Another documentary film DUST (Chhaaro) received a 'Special Prize Award Certificate' from Gimpo International Youth Film Festival (GIYFF), South Korea.

Fellowship:

Photo documentary fellowship from VII Academy, France.

Conference:

Global Cultural Assembly conference at the Humboldt Forum, Berlin in September 2022 and October 2023.

New project:

A research documentary film on Shiva Linga, and the documentary film about Great Himalayan Trail has started.

Talks/workshops:

The documentary film-making workshops were offered to women journalists from Madhesh in Bardibas and Janakpur.

New linkages:

Made a MoU with the Nepal Secretariat of Skills and Training (NSST) for mutual collaboration on social projects.

Countries visited:

Germany, Italy, Vatican City, Hungary, Poland



NEGAAS MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS

Er. Sheila Dangol

Over the past two years, spanning from 2022 to 2023, I volunteered as a DAAD Young Ambassador, actively engaging in presenting my experiences studying in Germany across various platforms, with a focus on virtual presentations. Notably, I had the privilege of promoting studying in Germany and DAAD application at the Study in Europe fair held in Kathmandu, Nepal. Within the purview of the DAAD Alumni Special Project, I had the opportunity to participate in the International Circular Economy Week in 2022-23, hosted at the Institute of Applied Sciences in Trier, Germany. This experience significantly enriched my understanding of the circular economy concept through expert presentations and immersive field visits. Furthermore, it facilitated valuable connections with professionals involved in the sustainable development sector.

In terms of my involvement in professional organizations, I hold an executive member position in NEGAAS, and I am proud to serve as a founding member and part of the steering committee for the Young Water Professional Nepal (YWPN) Chapter. I have also been an active co-organizer of virtual talk programs and serve as a committee member in the International Water Association Nepal (IWAN) Chapter.

In the beginning of 2022, a review paper titled "Biohythane and Organic Acid Production from Food Waste by Two-Stage Anaerobic Digestion: A Review within the Biorefinery Framework," co-authored by myself and colleagues, was successfully published in the International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology.

Recently, I have transitioned to a new role in a consulting firm, where I am fully engaged as a sanitary engineer, furthering my professional journey.

Mr. Kishor Prasad Bhatta

I was awarded DAAD scholarship in April 2023 to pursue my PhD at University of Göttingen, Germany. I will study forest structure and shifts in evapotranspiration at the tree line in the Annapurna region of Nepal. I am happy to share this news with German Alumni in Nepal.

Prof. Dr. Chandra. Bahadur Joshi

Visited United States of America from May 13 to November 20, 2023. During the visit he travelled to various cities in the states of Oregon, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois etc.

Er. Sanjit Shrestha

1. Consultant to World Bank for "Preparation of Occupation Health and Safety (OHS) Module and delivering OHS Trainings specifically tailored to forest based SMEs" under forest for prosperity project (FPP).

2. Attended symposium on "Power of Hydropower - White Gold" (26.06.2022)

Mr. Shankar Prasad Kharel

After retirement from the Secretary of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Government of Nepal, I have worked as an expert in Human Resources and Finance in different Institutions of the Government of Nepal. I have received the Prabal Janaseba Shree Medal from the President of Nepal. I have established a new linkage with the Centre for Innovative Governance Practices (CIGP) Nepal and taken responsibility as a Member of the Executive Committee in this Center. I have conducted the training "Reflection on Management Skills" as a Coordinator. I have given talks on "Overview of Nepalese Tourism" and "Tourism Policy of Nepal" for the tourism-related human resources of Nepal.



NEGAAS MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS

Ar Rumi Singh Maharjan

2022-2023

DAAD Young Ambassador: Organized and moderated online and physical one-to-one and open group DAAD information-sharing and experience-sharing programs.

British Council Cultural Protection Fund Workshop: Participated in a 3-day workshop,

Society of Nepalese Architects: Organized and moderated online programs for the Women in Architects Committee and Young Architects Committee.

Mountain Architecture Dialogue Event: Moderated a session on "Pro-People" in a three-day event in July 2023.

Freelance Projects: Consulting project in Kigali, Rwanda for which I traveled to Rwanda for 3 weeks.

DAAD Alumni Meet: Participated in the workshop "Management & Funding of International Cooperation Projects" organized by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Kathmandu.

Attended a reception hosted by Dr. Thomas Prinz H.E Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to celebrate the Day of German Unity and 65 Years of Diplomatic Relations between Nepal and Germany on 12th October 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Boudha, Kathmandu.

Er. Bharat Pradhan

Returning from Italy in July 2021, I rejoined Pro Eth Pvt Ltd. (Lalitpur) as a technical advisor in 2022 and took charge as an executive Chairperson from the beginning of 2023 and have worked on designing several important structures in Nepal and beyond.

A Visiting Faculty at the Advanced College of Engineering and Management and Kathford International College of Engineering and Management as associate professor. I am teaching two specialized courses "Dynamics of Structures" and 'Earthquake Resistant Design of Structures' Apart from teaching, I also guide engineering students on final-year projects. I have been able to publish a few articles like "Nonlinear analysis of masonry buildings: strategies for simplified modeling in SAP 2000", 4th International Conference on Engineering and Technology, KEC, Vol 4 (1), 2022, "Design Demands of RC Buildings Due to Irregularities", Journal of Advanced College of Engineering and Management, Vol 8(1), 2023, "Design Demand of RC Building as per Soil Type", Vol 8 (1), 2023, "Seismicity parameters of Nepal by cumulative slope point change method" in the Journal of Engineering Issues and Solutions, Vol 2 (1), 2023.

I am also the coordinator of the Journal Committee of Structural Engineers' Association Nepal (SEANep). On 19 August 2023, I moderated a one-day seminar on "Problems and Solutions in Structural Analysis, Design and Construction" - with keynote speaker Dr. Jhabindra Prasad Ghimire (President, Aasha Consulting Group) and Panelists: Prof. Dr. Gokarna Bahadur Motra (IoE), Dr. Sanjiv Shah (MD, Shah Consult International, Dr. Umesh Puri (Director, Civil Park International), Eng. Machakaji Maharjan (DDG, Department of Urban Development and Building Construction GON) and Eng. Birendra Pandey (Director, Nepal Adarsha Nirman Company).



NEGAAS MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS

Er. Sandhya Regmi

In July-August 2023, Ph. D. Scholar Rtn. Er. Sandhya Regmi visited Singapore and Pakistan in connection with her Ph.D. research in 'Buddhism and Environment'. In Pakistan, she visited Islamabad and Taxila, which was originally known as 'Takshashila'. Situated near Rawalpindi and designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, Taxila University is the world's ancient university, and a renowned learning center of Hinduism, Buddhism, and many other religions.

She published her research paper on 'Buddhism & Lumbini' in Lumbini Buddhist University's professional Journal 'Lumbini Prabha-2023' on 27-28 April 2023, DAAD Alumni Er. Regmi actively participated in the workshop on "Management & Funding of International Cooperation Projects" organized by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Sandhya joined Rotary International in April 2023 and became a life member of the Rotary Club of Patan (District 3292, Club No. 23126). Rtn. Sandhya was honored with a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for making a presentation as a keynote speaker at KU School of Management (KUSOM) on the topic 'Project Management'.

Sandhya was honored by the Nepal Heart Foundation, Buddha Harmony Foundation, and Rotary Club of Patan for generous donations of NRs. 50,000; NRs 1,00,000; NRs. 40,000 respectively. Furthermore, artist Sandhya received a 'Certificate of Honor' from the Nepal Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) for contributing her valuable oil paintings to make the 'Nationwide Art Exhibition-2023' a grand success. Additionally, she has planned her generous donations to Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital and several other organizations through the Rotary Club of Patan.

Ar Rupesh Shrestha

Ar. Rupesh Shrestha participated in "Humanitarian Shelter Coordination Training" organized by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva, Switzerland from 15th to 20th May 2023. From 27-28 April 2023, Ar. Shrestha participated in the workshop on "Management & Funding of International Cooperation Projects" organized by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Kathmandu.

Er. Ajaya Sharma

Energy Technical Expert in ADB TA 6526 Project (July 2023 - current): Intervention lead in electricity access and promotion of electric cooking in 8 districts of Madesh Pradesh.

Electrical Engineer at thee-Go (Mar 2021 - April 2023): EV charging station installation, operation and maintenance, Research and development in new energy systems and solutions.



NACHRICHTEN AUF DEUTSCH

In NEGAAS Newsletter 2023 we have featured a new section called "Nachrichten auf Deutsch" here we plan to put German alumni relevant activities. It includes Nepal-German relevant scientific, cultural, economic and social aspects. This section is in Deutsch (German language). The objective of this section is to show that through Deutsche Sprache - German alumni in Nepal are still connected with Germany.

Mindestens 128 Tote nach Erdbeben in Nepal

04.11.2023 | 00:45

Quelle: ZDFheute

Bei einem Erdbeben in Nepal sind am Freitagabend mindestens 128 Menschen getötet und Dutzende verletzt worden. Die Erschütterungen waren Hunderte Kilometer weit zu spüren. Die Zahl der Toten bei dem starken Erdbeben in Nepal ist auf mindestens 128 gestiegen. Zudem seien Dutzende weitere Menschen verletzt worden, sagte ein Sprecher der Polizei in der Hauptstadt Kathmandu der Deutschen Presse-Agentur am frühen Samstagmorgen.

Die Opferzahlen dürften noch steigen, zumal aus mehreren von der Außenwelt abgeschnittenen Gebieten zunächst keine bestätigten Angaben vorlagen. Das Beben hatte nach Messungen der Nationalen Erdbebenwarte (NEMRC) eine Stärke von 6,4. Schon kurz nach dem Beben hätten demnach in einigen betroffenen Orten die Rettungsarbeiten begonnen. Andere Orte hätten die Helfer hingegen zunächst nicht erreichen können, weil Straßen durch Erdrutsche blockiert waren.

Die Rückkehr der Götter

08.11.2023, 21.24 Uhr

Quelle: Laura Höflinger aus DER SPIEGEL 45/2023

Jahrzehntelang haben Schmuggler und Händler wertvolle Artefakte aus Nepal gestohlen. In westlichen Museen oder an Swimmingpools reicher Leute tauchten sie wieder auf. Ein Mann bringt die hinduistischen Schätze zurück. Sie sitzt im Halbdunkel, an eine unverputzte Wand gelehnt. Lakshmi-Narayan, kaum einen Meter groß, 70 Kilogramm schwer, acht Arme. Mann und Frau in einer Person, geschätztes Alter: mehrere Hundert Jahre. Ihr Zuhause ist ein kleiner Raum aus Backstein mit Pagodendach in Lalitpur bei Kathmandu, einer Stadt im Zentrum Nepals. Der Tempelvorplatz wird als Lagerstätte für Bauschutt genutzt, ein verschwitzter Tagelöhner hievt sich einen Korb mit Sand auf den Rücken und schlurft davon. Es staubt, Mopeds hupen, ein Straßenhund hat vor dem Eingang zum Heiligsten seine Notdurft verrichtet. Kein schöner Anblick — aber Roshan Mishra ist entzückt. Für den Nepalesen ist Lakshmi-Narayan sein größter Erfolg. Er war es, der die hinduistische Statue zurück nach Nepal brachte. 37 Jahre nach ihrem Diebstahl.

NACHRICHTEN AUF DEUTSCH

Regierung will TikTok verbieten

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Quelle: - DER SPIEGEL

Die nepalesische Regierung hat einem Bericht des britischen »Guardian« zufolge angekündigt, TikTok aus dem Netz zu verbannen, weil sich die App ihrer Ansicht nach negativ auf die »soziale Harmonie« im Land auswirkt. Die Videoplattform, die weltweit pro Monat über eine Milliarde Nutzer hat, ist bereits in vielen Ländern wegen angeblicher Verstöße gegen Datenschutzbestimmungen und wegen der potenziell jugendgefährdenden Wirkung einiger Inhalte umstritten, teils auch verboten.

»Die Entscheidung für das Verbot wurde heute getroffen und die zuständigen Behörden arbeiten derzeit daran, es technisch umzusetzen«, zitiert die Zeitung die Ministerin für Kommunikation und Informationstechnologie, Rekha Sharma. TikTok werde immer wieder zum Teilen von Inhalten genutzt, die »die eine Gefahr für die soziale Harmonie darstellen, weil sie Familienstrukturen und soziale Beziehungen zerstören«. Über den konkreten Anlass des Verbots gab sie keine Auskunft.

In der Öffentlichkeit sorgte die Maßnahme für große Aufregung. Nur wenige Stunden nach Bekanntgabe der Entscheidung wurden Videos über das Verbot tausendfach auf TikTok aufgerufen. Gagan Thapa, Vorsitzender der Partei Nepali Congress, die selbst Teil der Regierungskoalition ist, sagte, die Absicht der Regierung scheine darin zu bestehen, »die freie Meinungsäußerung zu ersticken«. Regulierung sei notwendig, um diejenigen zu entmutigen, die soziale Medien missbrauchen. Aber soziale Medien im Namen der Regulierung zu schließen, sei völlig falsch, schrieb er in einem Beitrag auf X, früher bekannt als Twitter.

TikTok ist eine der am häufigsten genutzten sozialen Plattformen der Welt. Was die Gesamtzahl der User angeht, liegt die Plattform zwar noch hinter Facebook, WhatsApp und Instagram. Insbesondere bei jungen Menschen verzeichnet sie aber ein höheres Wachstum als ihre Konkurrenten.

Hinter TikTok steht der chinesische Großkonzern ByteDance. Die Plattform steht deshalb im Verdacht, zumindest indirekt im Sinne Pekings zu arbeiten. TikTok weist solche Vorwürfe zurück.



Eine junge Nepalesin betrachtet ihr Smartphone: »Gefahr für die soziale Harmonie«

Foto: Niranjan Shrestha / AP

NACHRICHTEN AUF DEUTSCH

Das Leben als Sherpa: Wenig Geld, viele Gefahren

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Quelle: dpa Deutsche Presse-Agentur

Ohne Sherpas wären viele Expeditionen im Himalaja nicht denkbar. Bis in Tausende Meter Höhe schleppen sie Verpflegung und Zelte für die Touristen, sie kochen für sie oder führen sie auf den Gipfel. Meist stehen sie aber im Schatten jener Kletterer, die durch Gipfelbesteigungen zu Ruhm gelangen. Seltener kommt es vor, dass sie es selbst zu größerer Bekanntheit schaffen. Immer wieder wird die Tätigkeit als eine der gefährlichsten der Welt beschrieben. Die Risiken werden durch unberechenbares Wetter und durch Touristen, die ohne ausreichende Kenntnisse, Achttausender besteigen wollen, noch erhöht.

In dem touristischer ausgerichteten Nepal, wo sich auch der welthöchste Berg, der Mount Everest, befindet, ist die Situation für die Sherpas etwas besser geregelt. Trotzdem beklagen mehrere Sherpas wie der langjährige Bergführer Kami Rita Sherpa, dass die Bedingungen angesichts der großen Risiken nicht gut genug seien.

In Nepal hat jeder Sherpa einen rechtlichen Anspruch auf eine Unfallversicherung, die ihnen maximal 1,5 Millionen Rupien (rund 10 700 Euro) ausbezahlt, eine Krankenversicherung, die Kosten von bis zu 400 000 Rupien (rund 2900 Euro) übernimmt, und eine Notfallrettung in Höhe von 10 000 Dollar (rund 9500 Euro), wie ein Sprecher der Nepal Mountaineering Association sagt. Nach Angaben des Tourismusministeriums in Kathmandu wird bei der Ausstellung von Genehmigungen für zahlende Bergsteiger, die von Sherpas begleitet werden, überprüft, dass die Minimalanforderungen auch umgesetzt werden.

Das bestätigten mehrere Sherpas der dpa. Sie sagten, dass die Arbeitsbedingungen je nach Expeditionsfirma, ihrer Erfahrung, ihrer Aufgabe, dem Berg und anderen Faktoren teils besser seien.

In Nepal hingegen verdienen bereits ungelernete Sherpas mindestens das Dreifache, sagen örtliche Sherpas. Das Gehalt steige mit der Zeit. Allerdings können Sherpas nicht das ganze Jahr hinweg arbeiten. Viele Sherpas fordern bessere Arbeitsbedingungen – in Nepal unter anderem eine Rente, die die meisten Nepalesen angesichts eines fehlenden Rentensystems für alle nicht haben. Die Sicherheit beim Sherpa-Job sei deutlich geringer als bei anderen Berufen, begründet der nepalesische Bergführer Kami Rita Sherpa die Forderungen. Angesichts solcher Konditionen würden viele jüngere Nepalesen Jobs im Ausland bevorzugen. Narendra Shahi Thakuri von der Nepal National Mountain Guide Association sagt, dass die derzeitigen Regeln ungenügend seien, um die Sicherheit von Sherpas zu gewährleisten. Sie hätten die Regierung deshalb aufgefordert, Anpassungen vorzunehmen.



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