

## Nepal Japan Dialogue Series

### “Bridging science and policy for sustainable development of Nepal: lessons and practices in international context”

Nepal is now at the forefront of promoting economic and social prosperity. The country can capitalize on the strengths of its diaspora. Nepal-Japan Dialogue series aims to promote dialogues on strengthening the role of Nepali scholars, professionals and technocrats based in Japan through their innovative ideas and skills. We aim to identify a number of issues that we can discuss and moderate each seminar in a way that there can be outputs for each. The first dialogue will center on “Bridging science and policy for sustainable development of Nepal: lessons and practices in international context” featuring Japan-based Nepali scholars, policy experts and professionals.

<b>Date/Time:</b>	11 August 2018 (Saturday), 10:30 ~ 15:00
<b>Venue:</b>	JICA Ichigaya Building, 10-5 Ichigaya Honmuracho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-8433 ( <i>Access to the venue is attached in the end</i> )
<b>Chief Guest:</b>	Her Excellency Ms. Prativa Rana, Ambassador of Nepal to Japan
<b>Guests of Honor:</b>	Mr. Krishna Chandra Aryal, Deputy Chief of Mission / Minister Counselor, Embassy of Nepal, Tokyo Mr. Bhaban Bhatta, President of Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA)
<b>Program Coordinators:</b>	Netra Prakash Bhandary (Associate Professor, Ehime University, Japan) Laxmi Kumar Parajuli (Assistant Professor, Juntendo University, Japan) Gagan Bahadur BK (Under-secretary, Government of Nepal, currently on study leave at the University of Tokyo)
<b>Program Sponsor:</b>	Kyodai Remittance

#### Program Format

The lead session speakers will make presentations on the session themes and raise a few issues on how the lessons learned and methods practiced in Japan or any other countries may be relevant to speedy and sustainable development of Nepal. Then, the session moderators will drive the panel discussions and all panelists will be requested to put their views over the session theme and issues raised by the lead speaker. Each panelist will have 3-5 minutes to float his/her views. After the panelists' views, the moderator will open the floor for general discussion over the session theme. Each session will last for 75 minutes, including the floor discussion.

#### Program Flow

Time	Program details	
10:30-10:50	<b>Opening Program</b> Welcome Note (5 min) Chief Guest Remarks (10 min) Guest Remarks (5 min)	Gagan Bahadur BK, on behalf of the coordinators H.E. Ms. Prativa Rana, Ambassador of Nepal to Japan Mr. Bhaban Bhatta, President of Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA)
10:50-11:15	<b>Self-Introduction</b> ( <i>Full name, current affiliation, residence location in Nepal</i> )	

11:15-12:30	<b>Session I</b>	
	<p><b>Session Theme:</b> Developing a developing nation: Nepal's dilemma!  <b>Lead speaker:</b> Netra Prakash Bhandary, Associate Professor (civil engineering), Ehime University</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Moderator:</b>  Mr. Sharad Rai (Softbank Innovation Program, Softbank Corporation)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  Dr. Bhuwadeshwar Sah (Associate Professor, The University of Tokyo; Senior Consultant PASCO corporation)  Mr. Chandi Subedi (IT Expert based in Japan)  Mr. Ganesh Kumar Jimjee (Director, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Division, NSET, Nepal; Currently at the University of Tokyo)  Dr. Hom Bahadur Rijal (Professor, Tokyo City University)  Dr. Jhabindra Ghimire (Chief Engineer, Commonwealth Engineers Co. Ltd, Tokyo)</p>	
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
13:30-14:45	<b>Session II</b>	
	<p><b>Session Theme:</b> Bridging science and policy: the role of stakeholders for technology transfer and capacity building  <b>Lead Speaker:</b> Mr. Kendra Barua (Director of CITYNET, <a href="http://citynet-yh.org/english/about/staff/">http://citynet-yh.org/english/about/staff/</a>)</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Moderator:</b>  Gagan Bahadur BK (Under Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Nepal)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  Dr. Dilip Khatiwada (Visiting Researcher, the University of Tokyo; Assistant Professor, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)  Mr. Gokarna Mani Duwadee (Joint Secretary, Government of Nepal; Currently on study leave at Meiji University, Tokyo)  Dr. Jeet Sapkota (Assistant Professor, Tsukuba University, Japan)  Ms. Laxmi Paudel (Under Secretary, Government of Nepal; currently on study leave at Meiji University, Tokyo)</p>	
14:45-15:00	<b>Closing Program</b>	
	<p>Closing Remarks (10 min)</p> <p>Vote of Thanks (5 min)</p>	<p>Mr. Krishna Chandra Aryal, Deputy Chief of Mission / Minister Counselor, Embassy of Nepal, Tokyo</p> <p>Laxmi Kumar Parajuli on behalf of the Coordinators</p>

**Program Language:** Mostly Nepali (English/Japanese in case of Japanese guests)

## Access to the program venue:

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### JICA Ichigaya Building

JICA Global Plaza, JICA Library, [JICA Research Institute](#), and JICA Training Center for International Cooperation are in the Ichigaya Building

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### Map

