

News from the Vice Chancellor's Office of Global Engagement at Kathmandu University

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A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN FLENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, GERMANY AND KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY

On May 9, 2019, Kathmandu University and Flensburg University of Applied Sciences (FUAS) in Flensburg, Germany made an agreement to promote joint educational and cultural collaboration. The proposed scope of collaboration included, but were not limited to: joint teaching, research, and cultural activity; mobility of faculty, scholars, and students between institutions; staff professional development; and know-how transfer for the establishment of a practical laboratory for electrical power systems. Based upon that understanding, an MOU was signed on July 1, 2019, through exchange of documents, by FUAS Vice President for International Affairs Prof. Dr. Bosco Lehr, FUAS Professor for Electrical Power Systems Dr. Rajesh Saiju, and KU Registrar Prof. Dr. Subodh Sharma.



VIDEO TESTIMONIALS OF KU STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Several students from Kathmandu University recently participated in various international programs. A video clip has been created to document their experience. In this clip they share how it feels to represent KU in an international forum, and their tips to other aspiring students who may be planning to participate in similar international programs. Click [here](#) to see their

testimonials.

CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR ICIMOD MOUNTAIN CHAIR 2019-21

The ICIMOD Mountain Chair is an honorary title given by ICIMOD's Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) to persons who currently hold a full-time teaching and/or research position in an HUC full member institution. Kathmandu University is one of the HUC member institutions.

The term of the ICIMOD Mountain Chair is for two years. The goal of the position is to promote inter-university cooperation and enhance institutional capacities through knowledge-sharing and collaborative research and training for sustainable mountain development in the HKH region.

Interested KU academicians, and researchers can find more information on this position at the ICIMOD website: <http://www.icimod.org/mountainchair> or through huc@icimod.org. The application deadline is August 25, 2019.

CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR BIGYAN MEMORIAL RESEARCH AWARD

Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO) has called for application from interested candidates for the Bigyan Memorial Research Award 2019, which is given every year to a Master's level student with an excellent and innovative research proposal.

Proposals are requested from interested students/researchers in one of the following fields of study: 1) Wastewater Management; 2) Faecal Sludge Management; 3) Rainwater Harvesting and Groundwater Recharge.

Students who have passed Master's First Year, joined Master's Second Year program, and are supposed to start their thesis are eligible for this award. The deadline for submission of proposal is August 20, 2019. Interested KU students can contact ENPHO at enpho@enpho.org for further information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 25, 2019 - Workshop on "Water Resource Management and Hydropower Development in Himalayan Region," at Hotel Himalaya in Kupondole, Lalitpur. The workshop is partly supported by Kathmandu University-World Bank Project 'Expert Mobility Program.'

Ten experts from Wuhan University (WHU) in China, who will be visiting Nepal for the workshop, will also deliver lectures to field-related students, including those selected from Kathmandu University, Tribhuvan University, Pokhara University, Agriculture & Forestry University, and Mid-Western University under the 2019 Nepalese Students Fellowship program.

The WHU experts will further help institutionalize the ongoing collaboration between WHU and Nepalese hydropower and water resource professionals through their support for the establishment of the Hydropower Research Center for Himalayan Region at Kathmandu University.

- August 26-27, 2019 - Visit by officials from George Mason University in the U.S. to Kathmandu University in Dhulikhel to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and interact with selected faculty working in Computer Science and Engineering, Sustainable Development, Environmental Science and Engineering, Computational Mathematics, and Applied Physics. The MOU signing will take place in the presence of high-level participation from the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu.
- September 8, 2019 - "International Conference on Vibrant Platform for Social, Economic and Technological Development," a joint conference by Kathmandu University and Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University (www.jjtu.ac.in) in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, India at Kathmandu University.
- September 11, 2019 - Visit by delegates from Nippon Sport Science University in Tokyo, Japan to Kathmandu University in Dhulikhel for collaboration in the background of the upcoming 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

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