

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

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### **KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR DELIVERED SPEECH AT THE PRESIDENTS' FORUM TO MARK THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (AIT) IN THAILAND**

On October 24, 2019, Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha presented a concept note at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)'s Presidents' Forum on how Kathmandu University has been collaborating globally with academic, government, multinational, and other

institutions to bring about greater social impact through research. The Forum, which was inaugurated by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Siridhorn, was organized by AIT to mark its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and had high-level representation from a select group of universities around the world.



### **NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT H.E. DAG-INGE ULSTEIN'S VISIT TO KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY**

Norwegian Minister of International Development H.E. Dag-Inge Ulstein visited Kathmandu University (KU) in Dhulikhel, Kavre on November 5, 2019.

The Minister was accompanied by Norwegian Ambassador to Nepal H.E. Lasse Bjørn Johannessen and other Norwegian dignitaries. The delegates were welcomed by KU Vice Chancellor

Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, KU Registrar Prof. Dr. Subodh Sharma, KU Trustees, faculty and staff, and alumni of Norway-funded programs at KU. During the visit, two KU faculty members associated with Norwegian universities—Director of Community and Public Health Program and Assoc. Prof. of Public Health Dr. Biraj Man Karmacharya, and Faculty In-Charge of Turbine Testing Lab and Asst. Prof. of Mechanical Engineering Dr. Biraj Singh Thapa—briefed the Minister and the delegates on: “KU-Norway Collaboration in Health Sector;” and “History of KU-Norway Support and Partnership.” After an interaction session with the welcoming party, the Minister toured the Prof. Inge Johansen Engineering Block, an eponymous building named in honor of a Norwegian professor and long-time KU supporter, and KU's Turbine Testing Lab (TTL).



## **BUILDING NEPAL'S INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY—HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP**

A workshop titled “Building Nepal’s Institutional Capacity – Higher Education Administrator Workshop” was held at Kathmandu University on November 19, 2019.

Former Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University Prof. Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma, and U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Chief Mr. Paul S. Thomas inaugurated the workshop.

The primary objective of the workshop was to increase Nepal’s contribution in the fields of Agriculture & Rural Development, Alternative & Renewable Energy, and Health-Related Livelihood by building and strengthening Nepalese academic/research institutions’ capacities to host U.S. researchers, independently develop proposals, and effectively executive programs in those fields.

Representatives from U.S. educational institutions (mainly, Michigan State University, the University of Washington, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Colorado), and from over twenty Nepali governmental, and non-governmental agencies and institutions participated in the workshop.

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## **SEMINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNTIES IN JAPAN**

A “Seminar on Higher Education Opportunities in Japan” was held at Kathmandu University in Dhulikhel on November 26, 2019.

The seminar was organized by the University of Tokyo in collaboration with the University of Tokyo Alumni Association of Nepal (UTAAN), and Kathmandu University. The University of Tokyo is the primary lead for the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)’s Study in Japan Global Network Project in South West Asia.

Its main objective was to inform Nepali students, especially those who are considering studying abroad, about Japan, and Japanese education system.

Several Nepalese alumni and current students at Japanese educational institutions, and representatives from Japanese Embassy, UTAAN, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), the University of Tokyo, KU, and the University of Aizu spoke about various educational opportunities for students in Japan.

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