

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

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HEBEI AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (HAU) DELEGATES' VISIT TO KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY

Delegates from Hebei Agricultural University (HAU) in China--consisting of College of Agronomy faculty members Prof. Cui Yanhong, and Prof. Liang Wei-li, Vice-Director of International Cooperation Office Mr. Zhao Xusheng, and current Nepali Ph.D. student, and Kathmandu University (KU) alum

Ms. Shikha Thapa Magar--visited Kathmandu University in Dhulikhel, and Kathmandu University School of Management (KUSOM) in Balkumari, Lalitpur on December 4, 2019.

The primary objective of this visit was to explore avenues of collaboration between the two universities. Some of the areas of discussion were: recruitment of Kathmandu University students for Master's and Ph.D. level studies at HAU; provision of training to KU faculty/staff; promotion of faculty research; and exchange of faculty thought various funding mechanisms, including those from Chinese government.



FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL H.E. FRANÇOIS-XAVIER LEGER'S VISIT TO KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY

French Ambassador to Nepal H.E. François-Xavier Leger, accompanied by Honorary Consul General of Portugal and KU Senator Mr. Rajendra Khetan, met KU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha and

other officials at KU in Dhulikhel on December 9, 2019 to talk about potential areas of cooperation between France and KU.

One of the topics discussed was the Festival of Astronomy of Nepal, which is to be organized with support from Nepal France Friendship Society, Kathmandu University, French Embassy, Laxmi Bank, France-Nepal Parliament Groups, and other national and international institutions, tentatively in November 2020.



**CENTRAL MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY (CMU)
DELEGATES' VISIT TO
KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY**

Delegates from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, U.S.A. visited Kathmandu University from December 17-18, 2019.

The delegates consisted of: Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dr. Richard Rothaus; Chair of the Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Model UN Advisor, and Pi Sigma Alpha

Advisor Prof. Dr. David Jesuit; Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science & Public Administration Dr. Prakash Adhikari, and Director of Study Abroad in the Office of Global Engagement Ms. Dianne De Salvo.

During their visit, they met--in addition to high level administrative officials--selected faculty and Deans/Associate Deans from KU School of Science, Dhulikhel Hospital-KU School of Medical Sciences, KU School of Engineering, KU School of Arts, KU School of Management, and KU School of Education to share ideas on how academic programs at both universities can be strengthened through mutual support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 3, 2020 - HONG KONG LIFE PLANNING ASSOCIATION (LPAHK)-SPONSORED EXCHANGE VISIT OF STUDENTS AND STAFF**

Hong Kong Life Planning Association (LPAHK), an organization based in Hong Kong, is organizing an exchange program for 30 Hong Kong university students and 3 staff to Nepal. The students and staff will also be visiting Kathmandu University and interacting with a select group of KU students, including those from Confucius Institute, as part of the program.

The theme of the current exchange program is "Belt and Road Ambassador Scheme – Straight to Nepal." LPAHK's primary objective is to: promote cultural exchange; share ideas; explore youth-related issues; and discover how youths from both Nepal and Hong Kong can benefit through greater mutual interaction.

Best wishes to all our newsletter readers for the New Year 2020!

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