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"Collaboration Avenues with Nepalese Diaspora in Science, Technology and Innovation"

Jan. 3, 2019 (Thursday)

Venue: Research Centre for Applied Science and Technology (RECAST), Tribhuvan

University, Kirtipur

The program was organized jointly by Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) and Research Centre for Applied Science and Technology (RECAST), Tribhuvan University with an objective to discuss on potential areas of collaboration in the science and technology sector of Nepal between NRNs Scientific community and RECAS, TU.. With the glory of rural technology improvement and dissemination in the past, RECAST is looking for future collaboration with Nepalese diaspora community to develop innovative technologies. NRNA organized 1st NRN Global Knowledge Convention in last October. One of the major objectives of that convention was to create network between Diaspora Nepali S&T community and research/academic institution of Nepal. The program can be taken as part of that objective and has identified major areas of collaboration as follows:

- 1. Agriculture
- 2. Nanotechnology, Biotechnology and AI
- 3. Information Technology
- 4. Research and Technology
- 5. Scholar exchange
- 6. Mineral exploration
- 7. Manufacturing technology

Programme

The program was conducted as follows:

11:00-11:30 Opening Remarks

-Prof. Dr. Arjun Bahadur Karki, Patan Academy of Health Sciences -Mr.

Mahabir Pun, National Innovation Center

-Prof. Dr. Ram Prasad Khatiwada, Dean, Institute of Science and Technology, Tribhuvan University

-Prof. Dr. Bhupa prasad Dhamala, Head, International Relation Study Centre, Tribhuvan University

-Prof. Emeritus Ram Prasad Chaudhari, Former Director, RECAST

Presentations followed by discussion

11:30 - 12:00	Dr. Raju Adhikari, Nepal Science Foundation, SKI, NRN Academy	
12:00 - 12:30	Dr. Pramod Dhakal, NRNA Academy	
12:30 - 12:45	Mr. Sudeep Karki, NRNA Australia	
12:45 - 13:00	Dr. Tilak Bhandari, Agriculture Promotion Sub-committee, NRNA,	
	USA	
13:00 - 13:15	Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari, RECAST	
13:15 - 13:45	Open Discussion	
13:45 - 14:00	Closing remarks: Er. Ganesh Shah, Former Minister, Ministry of	
	Science and Technology	
14:00 onwards	Refreshment and networking	

Outcome of the program:

The program has discussed on major areas for the future collaboration with Diaspora Nepalese scientific community. RECAST has proposed for an agreement with NRNA by addressing issues like joint research initiatives, technology transfer, scholar exchange and innovation. The draft of agreement will be identified and developed soon.

Logistic Management:

Venue, stationery and tea/coffee were provided by RECAST. Snacks were provided by NRNA.

Program expenses:

The expense of the program was NRs. 12500/- only. Out of that expense, NRNA contributed Rs. 9750/- and remaining was contributed by RECAST.

Contribution of NRNA

Title	Amount (NRs.)
Snack (45 box @ NRs.150) Bagmati sweets	6750
Program management expense (Mr. Shreeram	3000
Ghimire)	
Total	9750

Program Photos:



Dr. Tilak Bhandari during introduction session



Dr. Arjun Karki delivering opening remarks



Participants of the program



Mr. Mahabir Pun during his opening remarks



Dr. Raju Adhikari sharing NRNA perspective and initiatives during his presentation



Mr. Sudeep Karki presenting his ideas



Open Discussion



Group Photo of the participants