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Workshop on Nuclear Science and Technology for Peace and Development - Episode II

On the occasion of the commemoration of Hiroshima Day, observed on 6th August every year, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI), and Hiroshima University Scholars' Alumni Nepal (HIUSAN) organized a workshop at the NAST premises on "Nuclear Science and Technology for Peace and Development - EPISODE II" with a focus on Food Irradiation Technologies, as a continuation last year's dialogue (Episode 1) on Peaceful Use of Nuclear Science and Technology in Nepal.



The event saw the presence of many dignitaries from various organizations, who had all come together for one purpose, which was to discuss a new technology in Nepal that could potentially change the scenario outlook towards the use of nuclear technology in Nepal and perhaps change the narrative towards peaceful use of it. The workshop had two sessions: 1. Presentation from Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung, Senior Research Specialist of NDRI on the latest developments after Episode I of the same series and the way forward, 2. Panel session from representatives of MoEST, NAST, NARC, MoLAD, DFTQC, and PQPMC. The panel session explored the initiatives undertaken over the past in Nuclear Science and Technology, challenges, and future plans.



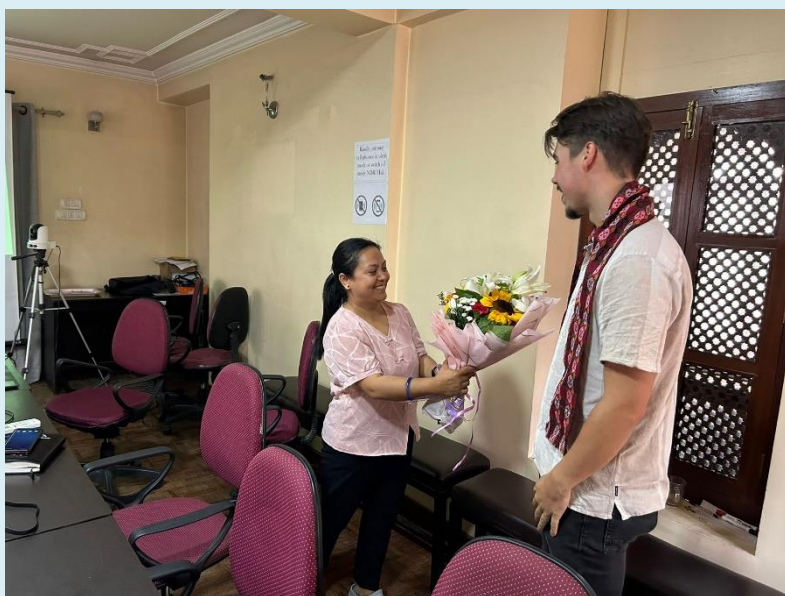
The workshop was graced by the presence of Prof. Dr. Dilip Subba (Vice-Chancellor, NAST), Dr. Rabindra Prashad Dhakal (Member Secretary, NAST), Dr. Narahari Prasad Ghimire (Director General, DoA, MoALD), Er. Ganesh Shah (Hon'ble former Minister, MoEST), Gokarna Mani Duwadi (President, JDSAAN), Dr. Kamal Krishna Shrestha (President, Nuclear Society of Nepal), Sri Kumar Maharjan (Vice Chair, HIUSAN) along with representatives from NAST, NARC, MoEST, HIUSAN, private sectors, and universities. NDRI was represented by Prof. Dr. Tara Nidhi Bhattarai (Vice-President), Dr. Manjeshwori Singh (General Secretary), Dr. Shankar Shrestha (Executive Director), Dr. Jaya Kumar Gurung (Senior Research Specialist), Dr. Kishor Dahal (Senior Research Specialist) and Ms. Binita Shahi (Research Associate). All the attendees of the workshop were provided with a feedback form, the findings along with other details of the event will be presented in a detailed report that is coming up soon.

Wageningen University Students' Conclude Research at NDRI



As part of the Global EbA-funded project, *"Mitigating Flood Risks through Women's Leadership in EbA Interventions"*, implemented by the Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) in collaboration with Wageningen University and Research (WUR), the Netherlands, two master's students from WUR, Mr. Tijme Rijkers and Mr. Thijs Smeekes, were hosted by NDRI for two months to conduct research for their master's thesis in the Mohana-Khutiya River Basin in Western Nepal.

The researchers concluded their work on August 5th, 2024, with their final presentations to the NDRI team represented by Dr. Shankar Shrestha (Executive Director), Dr. Divas B. Basnyat (Project Lead), Shreya Bajimaya, Girish Lamsal, Divya Subedi and Sophiya Shrestha providing an overview of their research activities in Nepal. In recognition of their contributions, NDRI presented them with souvenirs and certificates of appreciation, along with best wishes for their future endeavors.



NDRI Hosts Farewell Program for Research Intern Ms. Bipashwi Nepal



Nepal Development Research Institute (NDRI) hosted a farewell program for Ms. Bipashwi Nepal. Ms. Nepal worked as a Research Intern with the Economic Development Program (EDP) at NDRI.

Ms. Nepal joined NDRI for her internship, referred by Smith College in Massachusetts, USA. She completed her two-month internship and made significant contributions to the program. The event began with a presentation by Ms. Nepal, where she shared her research findings under the title "Unlocking Opportunities for Hemp Products: A Pre-Feasibility Analysis." The presentation focused on the potential and challenges of the hemp industry and was well-received by the audience, leading to an engaging Q&A session. Following the presentation, the farewell ceremony continued with attendees offering their best wishes to Ms. Nepal for her future endeavors.



Thought Provoking news

Top court orders law amendments before next polls to ensure constitutional spirit of inclusiveness

<https://kathmandupost.com/national/2024/08/09/top-court-orders-law-amendments-before-next-polls-to-ensure-constitutional-spirit-of-inclusiveness>

Bangladesh turmoil sparks alarm in Nepal

<https://kathmandupost.com/national/2024/08/06/bangladesh-turmoil-sparks-alarm-in-nepal>

Thought of the Week

The reality is: Sometimes you lose. And you're never too good to lose. You're never too big to lose. You're never too smart to lose. It happens. And it happens when it needs to happen. And you need to embrace those things."
-Beyoncé

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