

## Presentation Schedule

# Development Issues, Challenges, and Strategies for Nepal

Saturday, March 21, 2009

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

10:45 – 11:00 **Registration (O'Donnell Hall # 111, NMSU)**

11:00 – 11:10 **Welcome and Opening Comments**

President: Hikmat BC

Symposium Chairperson: Ram N. Acharya, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

11:10 – 11:30 **Decolonizing ESL Minds in Writing: Student Voice and Resistance as Power**

Marohang Limbu, Ph.D. Student, University of Texas, El Paso

11:30 – 11:50 **Rachel Stevens and Sulav Studios: Art and Friendship in Southern Patan**

Stevens Rachel, Associate Professor, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

11:50 – 12:10 **Educating Nepalese Children and Youths for Future**

Binod Gurung, Ph.D. Student, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

12:10 – 12:50 **Lunch Break**

12:50 – 13:10 **Synopsis of Growing Urban Traffic Congestion in Nepal**

Rajat Rajbhandari, Ph.D., Texas Transportation Institute, El Paso

13:10 – 13:30 **Kathmandu-Hetauda Fast Track Highway: Viable Alternative for Sustainable Transportation Network**

Desh R. Sonyok, Graduate Student, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

13:30 – 13:50 **Power Outage in Nepal**

Suresh Gautam, Ph.D. Student, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

13:50 – 14:00 **Break**

14:00 – 14:20 **Public Health Problems and Burden of Disease in Nepal: Challenges and Prospects**

Kiran Sapkota, MPH Student, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

14:20 – 14:40 **Health Issues in South Asian Countries: A Case Study of Nepal**

Saran Rai, MPH Student, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

14:40 – 15:00 **Smart Village: A Model for Rural Development in Nepal**

Alok Bohara, Ph.D., Professor, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

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