

# Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Linking Nepalese Diaspora for the Development of Nepal

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ONE STEP AT A TIME

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प्रवेश निशुल्क

10.00 AM- 4.30 PM  
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HALL, SEOUL  
국회 의원회관(2층) 제2 소회의실

बिधार्थी तथा श्रमिक प्रतिनिधिबाट  
अतिरिक्त कार्यपत्र प्रस्तुतिका साथै  
कोरियामा रहेका नेपाली समुदाय बीच  
बृहत अन्तरक्रिया



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**Additional Presentation from Students & Migrant Representatives & Panel Discussion**



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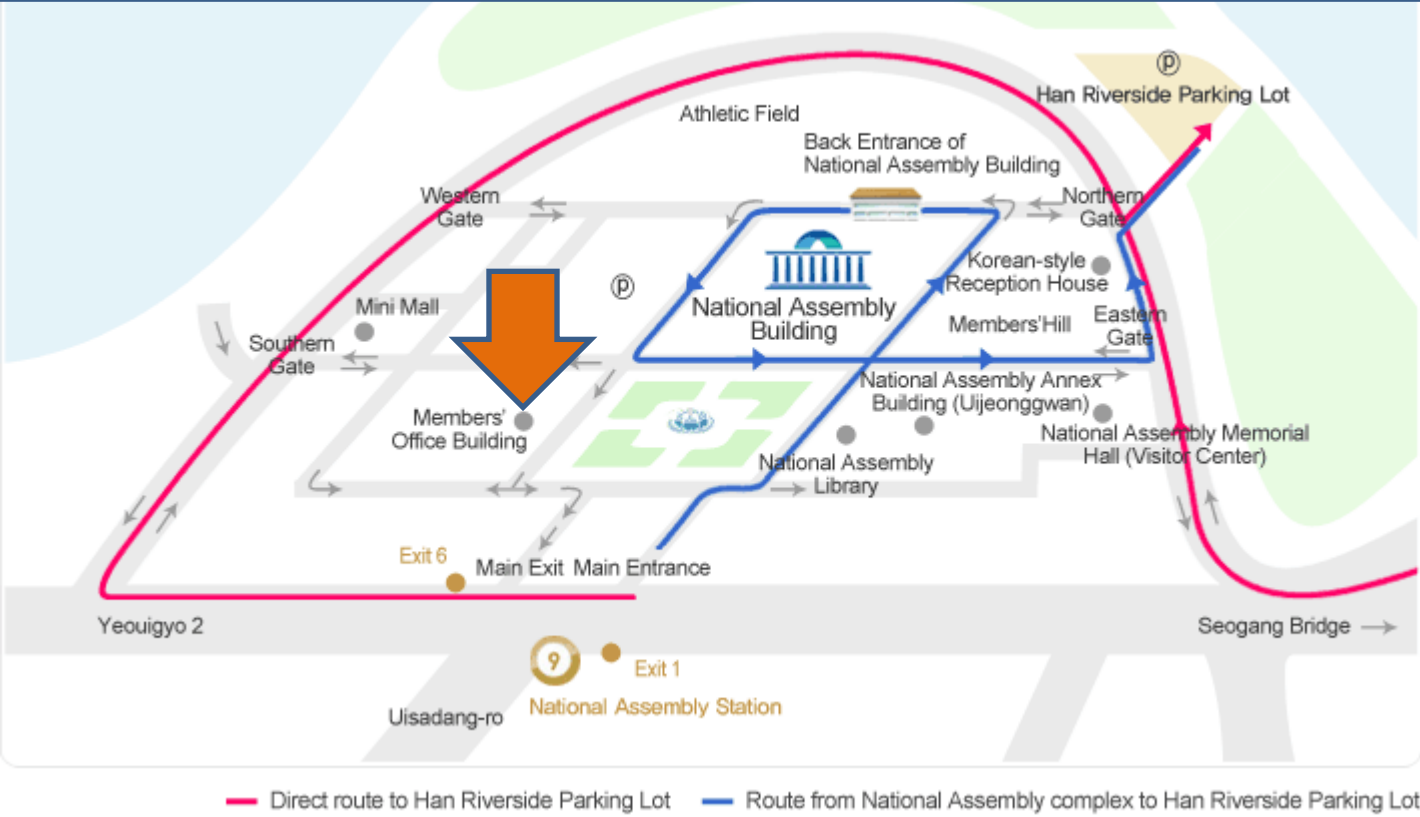
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# Workshop Location



**Venue:** NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HALL, Members Office Building, SEOUL(국회 의원회관(2층) 제2 소회의실)  
( Please bring your alien registration card or Passport along with you)

## Public Transportation

### By Bus

Yellow Bus : 61

Blue Bus : 153, 162, 260, 262, 263, 362, 461, 8153 (special line)

Green Bus : 5615, 5618, 6623, 7613

Red Bus : 10, 70-2, 108, 1002, 7007-1, M7613

Airport Limousine : 6030

**By Subway :** Line #9 National Assembly Station: Exit 1 or 6

Line #5 Yeouido Station: Exit 5, take bus no 153, 162, 262, 461, 5618 or 7007-1

## Parking

In accordance with the National Assembly transportation system, only vehicles on official duty, with a disabled passenger and others in need of protection are allowed to park in the National Assembly complex. Tourists and ordinary visitors (including buses) are asked to park at the Han Riverside Parking Lot.

## National Assembly Tour

Visitors Center/National Assembly's Memorial Hall

National Assembly Building: after ID(passport) check

Weekends: 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Saturdays and first Sunday of each month: 9 am ~ 4 pm

(Please note that tours can be held for groups of 10 or more.)

Tours may be re-routed or cancelled without notice due to building security.

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Concept Paper for  
**Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Linking Nepalese Diaspora for  
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Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2015

**Background:**

Decisive and actionable policies, and promoting and facilitating transfer of knowledge and technology, have long been an irreplaceable component for national development. Since an effective diaspora policy and the transfer of Knowledge and technology from abroad are the essence of any diaspora-led development practices in the home country, contributions made by Nepalese diaspora across the globe are of great importance.

The Society of Nepalese Students in Korea (SONSIK), being the sole community of Nepalese students and academician in Korea, is working continuously for the promotion of Nepalese diasporic role along with the ways they can contribute to the development of Nepal through assisting in policy making, and Knowledge and technology transfer. In Korea, the Nepalese diaspora community, which are close to 30,000 in numbers, comprises of three different expert groups that can mutually share and contribute their expertise in the development process. The fore and foremost unit belongs to the scholars and entrepreneurs, who are competent in science, technology, social sciences, and entrepreneurship, mainly Ph.D. scholars and business persons. Second are the students, who strive in selecting a study area that are deemed necessary in Nepal's development. Third and the largest group is made of migrant workers, who hold a considerable leverage in Nepalese economy, mainly through remittances and the skills acquired in Korea. Hence, combining these three clusters into a single platform will not only help bring innovative ideas but also will inspire each other to initiate positive moves that are much needed in Nepal. The outcome of this workshop is expected to assist policy makers in formulating necessary platforms so that that it can bring all these important aspects together in Nepal's development process. SONSIK will thus act as a bridge by facilitating the interaction between the development experts and the policy responsible representatives. In this context, this workshop will focus on "Lessons on Policy making and Knowledge and technology transfer through knowledge-sharing, mainly concentrating on the identification and solutions of the problems in the context of migration-led development practices in Nepal".



The debate will provide conclusive outcome for policy implementation, increasing access to technology, improving the strength of individual and social cooperatives to identify, acquire, adapt and use knowledge and technology. Moreover, the debates will direct the roles of Nepalese diaspora stimulating the technology and knowledge transfer that can increase and stimulate local innovation as well as develop a supportive environment for the technology transfer in the nation development.

However, it is important to bear in mind that the end purpose of this debate is not to achieve only ways for successful transfer of technology, but also to support a process of innovation that create both economic and social values – through a successful application. That is the reason why this seminar will focus not only on the theoretical debates of transfer of technology but also on the policies that Nepal may formulate and implement to ensure an effective contribution of knowledge and technology transfer in strengthening our economy.

### **Theme: “Roles of Diaspora on Post Reconstruction of Nepal”**

The “lessons” referred to in the proposed theme are those pertaining to the theoretical, advocacy, and policymaking aspects of Policy, Knowledge and technology transfer and developments of Nepal. The expected participants are scholars, advocates, researchers, activists, practitioners, and policymakers.

### **Aim of the workshop:**

This workshop aims to provide a venue where a **selected group** of scholars, researchers and educators, advocates, activists, policymakers, and practitioners can engage in **provocative** discussions and **fruitful** exchanges on the subject of knowledge transfer and developments. Bringing together the experiences of the industrial practitioners, research based experiences of the university scholars and discussion on implementing the industries-scholars collaboration in the policy level so that these inter-related human resources come together in targeted development process will be presented in broader prospective. The discussions will revolve around contentious issues in the field of knowledge transfer and development studies, along with a debate on ongoing advanced research with the help of experts who possess ample experiences in the fields of discussion.

### **Workshop Design:**

The workshop will be a day long divided into two sessions apart from Opening and Closing Session.

Plenary discussions to bring productive interaction and knowledge sharing among the participants. Separate concurrent sessions are discouraged.

Active involvement of participants from diverse sectors.

Participants: scholars, researchers, educators, students, activists, government (policymakers) officials, migrant groups, and others.

### **Expected Output:**

A publication of summary report of the workshop (i.e., book) containing papers presented; an articulation of agreements and disagreements; and identified best practices or strategies or guidelines. This informative report will also be submitted to Government of Nepal and the National Planning Commission so that the ideas can studied and implemented.



**Proposed Program:** A one (1)-day activity:

**Registration & Opening Ceremony"- (10.00-10.30)**

**Session - 1: "Knowledge Transfer from Korea to Nepal" (10.30-12.00)**

Presentation -1: Health System in Korea: What I have Learnt.

Dr. Hridayesh Pratap Malla, Neuro Surgeon, Kyung Hee University Medical Centre

Presentation -2: Need of National Innovation System in Nepal and its Role in Knowledge and Technology Transfer

Dr. Shisir Manandhar, Research Professor, International IT Policy Program, Seoul National University

Presentation -3: Roles of Migrant Workers in Nepal's Development

Mr. Khem Karki , Migrant Worker, Ex-president , Federation of Nepali Journalists, South Korea

Presentation -4: Roles of Nepalese Students abroad in Nepal's Development

Mr. Baldev Bhattraï, PhD Candidate, Kangwon National University

**Launch Break (12.00-12.40)**

**Session - 2: "Policy Making" (12.40 -14.15)**

**\*\*\*\*\*Special speech**

Presentation -5: "Linking Nepali Diaspora for the Development of Nepal"

Dr. Thakur Subedi, Professor, Gyeongju University

Presentation -6: "Social Inequalities in Health Care in Nepal: Prospect of Learning from South Korean Experience"

Dr. Madhu Sudhan Atteraya, Professor, Keimyung University

Presentation -7: Nepalese Scientists in the globe for Progressing Science & Technology in Nepal: The Power of Collaboration

Dr. Devi Bahadur Basnet, Senior Researcher, Medytox, Inc.

**Tea Break (14.15-14.30)**

**MODERATOR/COMMENTATOR**

Mr. Rajaram Bartaula, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Nepal, Seoul

**"Panel Discussion" (14.30-16.00)**

**This Session will be governed by a group of academic scholars, seniors and Social entrepreneurs.**

**"Closing Ceremony" (16:00-16:20)**

## Speaker: 1

**Dr. Thakur Subedi**  
**Professor,**  
**Gyeongju University**



Dr. Subedi, a professor at Gyeongju University, holds a Ph.D. in International Relations, and MAs in English, Rural Development, and NGO Studies respectively. He has the experience of working at organizations such as IOM Migration Research and Training Center, UNESCO, Asia Center for Human Rights, Friends of Asia, Seoul Global Center, and Kimpo Immigrant Center. He has served as an advisor to City Halls, and has worked as a policy monitor for Immigration Offices. Recently, he has been appointed as an International director at Korea International Migration Association. His expertise is often sought by the government agencies on the issues of immigrants and their integration in Korea. He has published and presented many articles on migration, Nepali diaspora, married immigrants, return migration, and multiculturalism. His Ph.D. dissertation was on how Nepal's 'brain drain' can be transformed into 'brain gain'.

## Speaker: 2

**Dr. Shisir Manandhar**  
**Professor,**  
**Seoul National University**



Dr. Manandhar, a research professor with extensive academic and management skills, works for the International IT Policy Program (ITPP) within the Technology Management, Economics and Policy Program in Seoul National University, South Korea. In addition, he has a strong portfolio of experience in local governance and development goals and capacity building of local actors. Through his work at Kathmandu Municipal Government, he established strong networks with local governments and international organizations around the world. He holds a PhD degree (2012) in technology management, economics and policy from Seoul National University. His research interests include innovation and development, technology convergence, ICT for development, and international cooperation for sustainable development.



### Speaker: 3

**Dr. Madhu Sudhan Atteraya**  
Professor,  
Keimyung University



Dr. Madhu Sudhan Atteraya (M.A. in English Literature, M.A. in International Cooperation, and MSW/PhD in Social Welfare) is a faculty member at Keimyung University's Social Welfare Department, Daegu, Korea, where the focus of his research is health disparity, domestic violence, social justice, female North Korean refugee, and migration and welfare. He received his PhD from Yonsei University's Graduate School of Social Welfare in 2014 and his doctoral dissertation was on the social inequalities and health disparities on children from developing countries.

### Speaker: 4

**Dr. Devi Bahadur Basnet**  
Senior Researcher,  
Medytox, Inc.



Dr. Basnet has deeply involved in social work starting from establishment of SONSİK and NRNA Korea. He is motivated with the idea that "Collective and collaborative effort can bring a huge change in the development of Nepal which is possible even from one single country Korea with a huge manpower of diverse capability". Currently, he is a board member of RIBB, BRICKs investment Pvt. and Support Nepal Foundation and also has involved himself as for ICC member of NRNA. He is also an editorial Chief of SONSİK Journal and the Co-chair of Constitution Amendment Advisory & Rules Formation Committee (CAARFC) of NRNA-ICC and a member of SKI (Skill Knowledge and Innovation) task force. Dr. Basnet works for a Global Biotech Company in South Korea as a senior researcher & has published his research work in various national and international Journals.



## Speaker: 5

**Dr. Hridayesh Pratap Malla**  
**Neuro Surgeon**  
**Kyung Hee University Medical**  
**Centre**



Dr. Hridayesh, a neuro surgeon by an occupation, always looks for challenging career, where there is scope for demonstration, always on a look out for a positive & bigger outlook, his principles are ideas, thrive on imagination & passion. In addition, he has a strong portfolio of experience as medical officer at Norvic International Hospital and Kathmandu Model Hospital (Department of Neurosurgery). He holds a M.B.B.S (Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery) from Weifang Medical University, China and is currently PhD student at Kyung Hee University, Seoul.

He has published, attended and presented papers at several conferences and looks forward to develop his career in the field of Neurosurgical oncology with a keen interest and deep passion in Nepal.

## Speaker: 6

**Mr. Khem Karki**  
**Migrant Worker,**  
**Immediate President, FNJ South**  
**Korea.**



Mr. Karki, represents the big fraction of Nepalese Migrant workers here in Korea. Despite of being the full time employ, he has been equally and actively involved in several social organizations and has showed his entrepreneurship skill through the Young Star Foundation in Nepal. During his 6 years stay here in Korea he has served as the president of Federation of Nepali Journalist in South Korea, member of Non Residential Nepali association (NRNA) –South Korea and support Nepal Foundation. Currently he is the managing director at popular Nepali online portal in Korea, [www.pardeshilife.com](http://www.pardeshilife.com). Karki, holds a bachelor degree from Tribhuvan University Nepal and aims to unite the Nepalese migrants in Korea and involve themselves in social entrepreneurship at community level in Nepal.

## Speaker: 7

**Mr. Baldev Bhattra**  
**PhD Candidate**  
**Kangwon National University**



Mr. Bal Dev Bhattra (I.Sc., Ascol Capus, Kathmandu, Attended: BSc Environmental in Tri-Chandra Campus, BE: Advanced material engineering, Kangwon National University, Samcheok Campus, ME: Environmental engineering, KNU, Samcheok Campus), member of the Society of Nepalese Students in Korea (SONSIK) and currently a PhD Candidate at Kangwon National University majoring Urban and Environmental Disaster Prevention. He has served various organizations as member and executives.

Moreover, He has published, attended and presented papers at several conferences on Water Quality monitoring and assessment, Non-point source pollution, Seasonal water quality variations, Dissolved organic carbon etc. and looks forward to develop his career in the field Green environment, Clean air and water, Good governance, Literature, Sports.

## MODERATOR/COMMENTATOR

**Mr. Rajaram Bartaula**  
**Deputy Chief of Mission,**  
**Embassy of Nepal, Seoul**



Mr. Raja Ram Bartaula started his professional career in 1981 after joining the Government service as an Assistant Auditor. During his 15 years career as an accountant and auditor, he served in several rural districts of Nepal under different line Ministries. Mr. Bartaula joined Foreign Service in 1998 as Section Officer and served in different capacities including as Protocol Officer and Desk Officer of the political divisions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has served Diplomatic Missions in Dhaka, Doha and Beijing as Second Secretary and First Secretary respectively. Prior to his assignment in Seoul as Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Bartaula was serving at the North East, South East Asia and Pacific Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Under Secretary. He is also a class "B" Certified Auditor. Mr. Bartaula holds Master Degree in Public Administration and Bachelor Degree in Law.



# Panelist



**Dr. Bhusan Shrestha**  
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Member



# About SONSIK

The Society of Nepalese Students in Korea (SONSIK), a nonprofit organization, is the registered sole student organization of Nepali students, academicians and intellectuals in the Republic of Korea. The Society was established in 2004 with an objective to promote academic, professional and other mutual interests through a wider, regular and more frequent exchange of ideas and views among the Nepali students studying in different academic institutions throughout South Korea. Since its inception, the Society has worked to build up an academic network among the Nepali students by easing the transition into Korean society and to create a common forum for exchange of ideas about research and other academic opportunities. SONSIK does not have any affiliation with any corporate, political or governmental organizations.

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If you have any queries about SONSIK, please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime. We are here to help you find the assistance you need. You can contact us at the following address.

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