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### **Seminar/ Workshop and Symposium /Training**

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

Mr. Dhanapati Subedi and Padam Raj Pant participated in a training program on Human Resource Management and Performance Management of KU's Employees in Dhulikhel. The program was organized by HR Department of Kathmandu University. In the program, they presented a proposed HR policies and plans in order to make the university more productive.

*Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

Mr. Thomas Jones, a facilitator from UK facilitated a training session to KU's faculty members on "Sooner Barbarity than Boredom Experiential Learning: How to Convert Chaos into Creativity. The training program was organized by KU and NELTA in coordination with IATEFL TTED SIG.

### **PhD Fellowships**

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

Four candidates were selected for PhD fellowship (3 years) **Under Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) Project** entitled "Locating Public Finance Dynamics in Education in Nepal". The Principal Investigator of this research is Prof. Dr. Mahesh Nath Parajuli. The fellows were selected based on the evaluation of PhD proposal submitted by the applicants, presentation of their proposals, written tests, and interviews. The following applicants were selected for the fellowship:

1. Kul Prasad Khanal
2. Rebat Kumar Dhakal
3. Rupa Munakarmi
4. Sanjay Hamal

The themes of the fellowship included: Sociological perspective, political economy perspective, historical perspective and anthropological perspective. The overall research project "Locating Public Finance Dynamics in Education in Nepal" is led by Martin Chautari, Nepal. The other two partners are Kathmandu University, Nepal

### **Academic and Administrative Meeting**

*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015*

A meeting of KUSOED faculty members was held to discuss the agenda on NORHED Project's responsibility and new admission for MPhil 2016 February batch. The meeting decided to prepare six action research proposals by each program coordinators incorporating themes: Core Education, English Language Education, Mathematics Education, Sustainable Development and Gender. The meeting also decided to prepare a new brochure of KUSOED and admission notice. The responsibility was given to each of the program coordinators of KUSOED.

*Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

A meeting of KUSOED faculty members was held to discuss the agenda on facilitation of distance students and result publication. The meeting decided to facilitate distance students by subject teachers who are also teaching the same subjects to the face to face students. Regarding systematic process of exam and results publication the meeting decided to implement "Conference Checking" for three days suspending all other works on those days to submit the result on time.

A meeting of the English Language Teaching Subject Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Dean Prof. Dr. Mahesh Nath Parajuli in order to discuss on proposed B Ed in Chinese Language Teaching curriculum and the possibility of double degree with PGDE in ELT. The meeting started with the sharing of the context of and the progress with the preparation of the B Ed in Chinese Language Teaching at School of Education in collaboration with the Confucius Institute at Kathmandu University: The curriculum has been prepared for the proposed four year B Ed in Chinese Language

and Aarhus University, Denmark.

### **Proposal and Dissertation/ Thesis Defense**

*Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2015*

Mr. Mahashram Sharma defended his PhD proposal entitled School Management Practice: A Case Study of High Performing Public Secondary Schools of Nepal.

*Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015*

Mr. Jeevan Maharjan, a student of MPhil defended his proposal entitled ‘ Perceptions and Practices of Mathematic Teachers towards Teaching Mathematics: A Correlational Study of Private Secondary Schools in Lalitpur District’

Mr. SheshaKantaPangeni, a student of PhD defended his proposal entitled ‘ Use of Web 2.0 Technologies in Higher Education: Online Learning Environment and Activities’

*Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2015*

Mr. Joti Chandra Ojha, a student of M Phil defended his proposal entitled ‘Factors Affecting Knowledge among Adolescent Students on HIV/AIDS of Secondary School’

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

Mr. Lila Bishwakarma, a student of MPhil defended his proposal entitled ‘Caste-based Discrimination in Schooling Process: An Autoethnographic Reflection from Dhading Nepal’

*Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

Mr. Chola Kanta Regmi, a student of MPhil in ELE defended his proposal entitled ‘Practices of Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Multicultural Classroom in Nepal’.

*Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

Mr. Binod Panta, a student of MPhil in Mathematics Education defended his dissertation entitled ‘ Pondering on My Beliefs and Practices on Mathematics, Pedagogy, Curriculum and Assessment’

### **Convocation**

*Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

A total number of 72 graduates of KUSOED participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> Convocation of KU in Dhulikhel. Of these, one was PhD graduate, seven were MPhil graduates, 48 were M Ed graduates, 15

Teaching. There was a concern from the Kathmandu University authorities as well as the School of Education authorities that the proposed program could be launched with value addition. A few possibilities were considered, five-year program, double major, major-minor option. Finally, the meeting decided that the time for the program would remain four years as five year study would be too long for the candidates and within the four year PGDE in ELT could be offered. So, the meeting made the following decisions:

1. B Ed in Chinese Language Teaching will be of four years and the courses proposed totaling 120 credits will be forwarded to the faculty board as they are.
2. Within the same four-year time period, PGDE in ELT will be offered. It will be offered as optional.

*Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

### **Admission Notice**

*Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2015*

KUSOED announced admission notice for 2016 batch Mphil Programs in Educational Leadership, Development Studies, Mathematics Education and English Language Education. The notice is also available at [www.kusoed.edu.np](http://www.kusoed.edu.np)

### **MoU/ Collaboration and Coordination**

School of Education has signed a contract with the British Council that the former, in coordination with the British Council and NCED (National Centre for Educational Development), will deliver training interventions for teachers and/or school leaders based on the British Council Core Skills training packages in Kavre, Kaski, Nawalparasi, Rupendehi and Kathmandu districts. The training packages include the introductory training packages and the in-depth training packages. In between these face to face training events, participants will be expected to deliver their agreed actions and participate in a number of “reflect, re-plan, do” meetings. The training packages are intended to inform and inspire teachers and school leaders to reflect on and makes changes to their practice, pedagogy and, where appropriate, curriculum. This model of professional learning is intended to follow the principles of good practice, such as: being suitable intensity; spaced; modelled; including practical elements; provision of feedback; including peer review; self-reflection.

were B.Tech.Ed graduates and one was PGDE graduate.

Up to 40 participants are expected to participate in each training intervention for both school leaders and teachers. The total budget for the project is Rs. 58,00,000.