



Year 2, Issue 1, January 2016

**PhD Qualifying**

*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

Ms. Meenakshi Dahal, a student of PhD defended her qualifying paper entitled ‘Ethical Dilemmas in Researching Children in Developing Countries: An Ethnographer’s Response.’

Mr. Lal Bahadur Pun, a student of PhD defended his qualifying paper entitled ‘Knowing People’s Everyday Living through Narrative Ethnography.’

Mr. Ganga Ram Gautam, a student of PhD defended his qualifying paper entitled ‘Ethnography as an Inquiry Process in Qualitative Process.’

Ms. Binda Pandey, a student of PhD defended her qualifying paper entitled ‘Leadership and Feminist Movement in Nepal: Agenda for Gender Equality.’

Mr. Prabin Raj Gautam, a student of PhD defended his qualifying paper entitled ‘Educational Institutes and Entrepreneurial Orientation: A Conflict between Values and Performances.’

Ms. Sarmila Pokhrel, a student of PhD defended her qualifying paper entitled ‘Learner Autonomy: A Western Hegemony/Strategies to Enhance Student’s Learning for Non-western Countries.’

Mr. Toyanath Khanal, a student of PhD defended his qualifying paper entitled ‘Interview in Ethnographic Study: Issues and Challenges.’

**Entrance Examination**

*Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

KUSOED conducted written entrance tests for students of MPhil in Educational Leadership, Development Studies, English Language Education and Mathematics Education. Altogether seventy five

**Academic and Administrative Meeting**

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

A meeting of KUSOED faculty members was held to discuss the issues on promotional activities, end semester results. Semester closing, exams and conference marking time. The meeting decided that promotional activities will be started from 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 in order to collect aspiring candidates for MPhil Programs of KUSOED. Regarding end semester results, the meeting decided to publish result within a week and the meeting also decided to that this semester will end by 12<sup>th</sup> of the February, exam will start from 14<sup>th</sup> and end by 21<sup>st</sup> of February, and conference marking time will be 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016.

*Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

A meeting of KUSOED’s Faculty Board was held to discuss on Bachelor of Education in Chinese Language Teaching (B Ed CLT). The Meeting endorsed Bachelor of Education in Chinese Language Teaching (B Ed CLT) and a revision of PGDE (ELT), thereby recommending for Academic Council for the final approval.

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016*

A meeting of KUSOED faculty members and administrative staff was held to discuss on academic and administrative issues. The meeting decided to continue promotional activities. The meeting also welcomed newly joined two faculty members: Mr. Suresh Gautam and Mr. Indra Yamphu.

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

A sharing session of action research proposal was held among faculty members of KUSOED. Altogether six action research proposals from six different areas like core education, gender, mathematics, sustainable development, inclusive education and English language teaching were

aspiring candidates for MPhil studies participated in the entrance test.

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

*Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

Mr. Rajesh Maharjan, a student of MEd in Educational Management defended his research proposal entitled, 'Application of ICT in Secondary School of Lalitpur Sub Metropolitan.'

*Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

Mr. Shree Krishna Wagley, a student of MPhil defended his dissertation entitled 'From Hopelessness to Hope at Academia: A Self-Reflective Inquiry on Conditioning of Learning Emotions.' Mr. Wagley was declared pass but was also advised to do some additional works in his dissertation.

*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016*

Mr. Shikhar Khanal, a student of MPhil defended his proposal entitled 'Effects of Early Childhood Development Programs on Learning Achievement: A Study of Kathmandu District.'

### **Participation in Conference/Seminar/Visit Program**

*Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

Prof. Dr. Mahesh Parajuli, Dean of the School of Education participated in an international conference on Education Policies for 2030 organized by UNESCO from 18 to 20 January 2016 in Paris, France. In the conference, he presented on school leadership as one of the panelists (there were five panelists in this group) particularly focusing on opportunities and challenges in this area. He also focused on what could be done to develop this area. Before this conference, he had contributed to prepare a paper on Comparative Review of Policies and Practices on School Leadership: South and West Asia. Six such regional papers were presented by different people. The conference was also important for him to broaden the network of personal as well as professional relationships.

presented. Each presenter received comments from experts in order to improve their proposals.

*Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

A meeting of KUSOED faculty members and administrative staff was held to discuss on academic and administrative issues. The meeting decided to prepare questions for the entrance test by the respective coordinators of the programs.

*Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

A meeting of KUSOED faculty members and administrative staff was held to discuss academic and administrative issues of KUSOED. The meeting decided roles and responsibilities of the faculty members for the entrance test.

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

*Thursday and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2016*

Dr. Manon Truchon, a Professor from Laval University Canada, visited at Kathmandu University School of Education, Hattiban. During her visit, she presented on her research projects. Her first presentation was on 'Stress and Psycho-social Risks at Work: How to Face it Collectively?' and her second presentation was on 'Satisfaction at Work of Nurses (SATIN Project).' More than 20 KUSOED's faculty members and students participated in her presentation sessions.

### **NORHED QUENTICT Project Activities**

*Tuesday and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

QUENTICT project organized a two days professional development program for faculty members and visiting faculty members of KUSOED on video editing and conferencing. In the program, trainers were Mr. Rajesh Manandhar and Mr. Bijaya Shrestha from the School of Engineering, KU in order to facilitate the training. As per the objectives of NORHED project and the mission of KUSOED is to empower faculty members as per the need of the time and become more efficient to handle even online and distance learners. There were altogether 25 participants in the program. Six participants were from Tribhuban University which is a partner university of the NORHED project. The women issues is always a crosscutting

*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

Prof. Dr. Mahesh Parajuli, Dean of the School of Education was in Manila from 26 to 31 January 2016. On 27<sup>th</sup> January he participated in the Board meeting of Comparative Education Society of Asia (CESA) as the member of the Board. This year Nepal had presented its bid to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial CESA conference. Unfortunately, the Board did not decide in favor of Nepal and gave this opportunity to Cambodia. On 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January he participated in the CESA conference and presented a paper titled Filling the Cultural Gap in Education by Recognizing the Knowledge Heritage. On 30<sup>th</sup> January he participated in a Writing Workshop organized by Compare journal, a journal of British Association of International and Comparative Education, and presented his experience as the editor of Journal of Education and Research, a KUSOED journal, on different aspects of writing and publishing. Participation in these programs provided an opportunity for him to broaden the network of personal as well as professional relationships.

### **Examination Reform Project Activities**

*Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

Activities under the Examination Reform Project contract signed jointly by NILE, UK and Kathmandu University School of Education with the British Council Nepal, are taking place as planned. The three-day planning meeting held in Kathmandu from 30 November – 2 December 2015, hosted at British Council Nepal, hosted by Rhona Brown (Head of Programmes, British Council Nepal) and attended by Laxman Gnawali, Ganga Ram Gautam, Jai Raj Awasthi, Bal Chandra Luitel (Kathmandu University), Thom Kiddle (Director, NILE) and Rita Green (NILE Consultant Testing Expert) developed the timeline for specific activities for the project period. Following this, two Steering Committee meetings have been held at the Ministry of Education. An inception report and test items review report have also been submitted to the British Council. Later, from 10 to 15 January 2016, a test writing workshop was organized to train the English examination test items writers. The workshop facilitated by Dr. Rita Green was participated in by 20 secondary level English teachers from Kathmandu and outside. These teachers are now writing listening and reading test

issues of the project, so there were 2 (8% of total) women and the rest were male. The program was quite successful in terms of developing basic skills of editing and producing short videos that are useful for teachers who are especially teaching in online and distance program.

### **Connecting Classroom Project Activities**

*Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2016*

Under the Connecting Classrooms Core Skills Training Project signed between Kathmandu University School of Education and the British Council, 80 teachers and 80 school leaders and SMC members have been trained in Kavre and Kaski districts. The training that is planned to be delivered in three phases has already completed two rounds and the third round will be held after eight weeks. Similar trainings are scheduled to be held in Nawalparasi and Rupandehi in late February. The trainings are being facilitated by Asst. Prof. Tika Ram Pokhrel and Asst. Prof. Parbat Dhungana as well as the visiting faculty Mr. Jiban Khadka and Mr. Laxman Sharma along with six trainers from the Ministry of Education.

### **Teacher Training Project Activities**

*Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2016*

A one-day teacher training for school English teachers was held at Karmachari Milan Kendra, Damauli, Tanahu. The program was organized in coordination with NPABSON and Times Publication, the training was facilitated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Laxman Gnawali with support from Mr. Ramesh Neupane and was participated in by 50 local teachers. On the same day, a programme for awareness raising about the KUSOED graduate programmes for the prospective candidates and enthusiasts was held at Adikabi Bahubhakta Campus, Tanahu and the sessions were facilitated by Dr. Gnawali and Mr. Neupane. The response from the participants was encouraging as they showed strong interest to join the KUSOED programmes. They also requested that the programme be run in Tanahu for those who cannot leave their work stations.

items which will be piloted in three districts later in February and March. This project is aimed to reforming the item writing process for the SLC examination and at this stage covers listening and reading.