



Year 2, Issue 5, May 2016

### **PhD Colloquium and Qualifying Paper**

*Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

Mr. Ambika Mohan Joshi, a student of PhD, presented his thesis chapters entitled “Financing Higher Education in Nepal: A Qualitative Research”.

*Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2016*

Mr. Thakur Prasad Bhatta, a student of PhD defended his qualifying paper entitled “Development Planning at Local Level in Nepal: A Political Economy Perspective”.

### **Thesis / Dissertation/Project Work**

*Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016*

Mr. Prem Sigdel, a student of MPhil defended his dissertation entitled “Educational Business in Nepal: A Multiple Case Study of Private Schools”.

### **Proposal Defense**

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

Mr. Yadap Chandra Neupane, a student of MPhil defended his proposal entitled “Ethical Decision Making in Public Higher Secondary Schools in Nepal: An Ethnography Study”.

*Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

Mr. Yam Nath Giri, a student of MPhil defended his proposal entitled “Contribution of Livelihood Strategies for Generating Livelihood Outcomes of Dalits: A Survey of Parbat District”.

*Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

Ms. Nibedita Sharma, a student of MPhil defended her proposal entitled “English Teachers’ and Students’ Perceptions of Knowledge and Power Relations”.

### **Publication / Award**

*Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016*

Mr. Dhanapati Subedi, a faculty got his article published entitled “Explanatory Sequential Mixed Method Design as Third Research Community for

### **Academic and Administrative Meeting**

*Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016*

A regular meeting of KUSOED’s faculty members and staff was held to discuss various agenda. In the meeting, Dean shared that 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in Dhulikhel passed the PhD Guidelines of the School of Education. He also shared decisions of the EC meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016. After his sharing the meeting discussed the first agendum: Budget and programs for 2073/74. After discussing on this agendum, it was agreed to prepare a practical budget and programs having a quality focus, institutional strength and students’ learning.

Concerning the second agendum: NORHED Project, Dr. Bal Chandra Luitel briefly shared the plan of online meetings with the Norwegian partner team. As they could not come because of their flight cancellation, series of online meetings are arranged between them and core members of Math, English, IT, Sustainable Development, and gender groups in KUSOED and in the Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University. The purpose of these meetings were to review the progress on different aspects of the project as well as on upcoming plans, particularly the annual meeting and Conference in Oslo, that will be held in the coming June and in which Dr. Luitel will be participating. Dr. Luitel also shared that it would be important to maintain the disaggregated data of all NORHED activities and pointed out on the need for speeding up all the activities under the project. Likewise, he noted that the project supported three PhD students need to support the project activities while carrying out their own PhD study.

Regarding the third, agendum: Strategic Plan, Dean mentioned on the need for updating the five year strategic plan of the school. This has become now necessary in the context of Quality Assurance and Accreditation (QAA) process that the School has begun with the University Grants Commission. He suggested organizing a day outing for this purpose. Concerning QAA Updates, Dr. Tika Paudel, Chair of

New Knowledge Claim” in American Journal of Education Research Volume 4 (7).

*Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

Ms. Elisha Shrestha, a student of M. Ed Leadership and Management got her article entitled “Win- all” published in the national daily paper Republica. In the article, she emphasizes community services of educational institutions for hands on learning.

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

*Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2016*

KUSOED organized one- day workshop on strategic planning of KUSOED. In the workshop, faculty members and staff presented and shared their ideas in order to enrich the strategic planning of KUSOED. The workshop was held at Birkuti Hotel Godawari.

### **Lecture Series**

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

Dr. Wade Davis, a Professor of Anthropology delivered a lecture at Kathmandu University School of Education, Hattiban. He is an ethnographer, writer, photographer, and filmmaker. He has received degrees in anthropology and biology and received his Ph.D. in ethnobotany, all from Harvard University. Mostly through the Harvard Botanical Museum, he spent over three years in the Amazon and Andes as a plant explorer, living among fifteen indigenous groups in eight Latin American nations while making some 6000 botanical collections. His work later took him to Haiti to investigate folk preparations implicated in the creation of zombies, an assignment that led to his writing *Passage of Darkness* (1988) and *The Serpent and the Rainbow* (1986), an international best seller later released by Universal as a motion picture.

### **NORHED Quantict Project Activity**

*Sunday to Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

KUSOED has stepped forward its online and distance education program through its outreach Centre at Kanti Higher Secondary School Butwal. MoU between the school and KUSOED has been signed in for establishing the school as a Centre of KUSOED for supporting online and distance education for the aspiring students of the Western part of Nepal on May 7, 2016. The faculty members of KUSOED on this occasion, organized a week long awareness program on gender, ICT and online and distance learning to make them ready for the program.

the Self-Assessment Team (SAT), shared that they are at the final stage of preparing the Letter of Intent (LOI) for submitting to the UGC for the QAA process.

*Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2016*

A regular meeting KUSOED’s faculty members and staff was held to discuss various agenda. Concerning the first agendum, Strategic Plan of KUSOED, it was agreed to have a close camp in a hotel near KUSOED to develop the strategic plan on Sunday, 22 May 2016. It was also decided to organize discussion sessions with the students of Master, M. Phil and PhD for this same purpose.

Regarding the second agendum: Developing a teacher training proposal , Dean informed that a request has been made to prepare a proposal for a short-term training for teachers in schools located in areas in the outreach centers of Dhulikhel Hospital, Kathmandu University.

On the third agendum: Mid Semester Review, Dean pointed out on the need for carrying out mid semester review of on-going semester. Accordingly, it was agreed to organize unit wise interaction sessions with all the faculties and visiting faculties.

On the fourth agendum: TOR for Internal Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee (IQAAC) and for Self-Assessment Team (SAT), Dean shared the detailed TOR for IQAAC and SAT which were agreed upon.

On the fifth agendum: Hiring teachers for B.Ed in CLT, Dr. Laxman Gnawali shared that teacher for B. Ed. in Chinese Language Teaching program has been almost completed.

On the sixth agendum: Performance assessment of faculty and staff, Dean mentioned on the need for initiating a system of performance assessment of all faculties and staff. Dean requested Asst Prof Dhanapati Subedi and Finance Manager Biraj Pradhan to work on this. Dean also pointed out on the need for developing this system in accordance with the rules and regulations of the university. So, Dean directed Mr. Subedi and Mr Pradhan to carry out the task in close consultation with Ms. Jyoti Pradhan, HR Manager, KU.

