

## Delegates from The Royal Norwegian Embassy Visited Kathmandu University (KU)

Delegates from The Royal Norwegian Embassy visited Kathmandu University on June 1, 2022 in order to plan and discuss the activities that are to be carried out on June 8, for the State Secretary Visit. EnergizeNepal Program (ENEP) team coordinated and participated in the discussion and planning. As per the discussion a detailed plan was prepared for secretary visit.

## Kathmandu University Business Incubation (KUBI) Alumni Meet



1 Discussion between ENEP and KUBI Alumni

Dr. Bijay Thapa, Program Manager, ENEP and Mr. Nawaraj Sanjel, Assistant Program Manager, ENEP met with alumni of KU business incubation on June 2, 2022. The objective of meeting was to collect feedbacks from incubates for effective business support programs to improving it as well as to discuss on sustainability of KUBI.

## State Secretary from the Ministry of International Development, Norway Ms. Biørg Sandjkaer Visited Kathmandu University (KU)

The Honorable State Secretary from the Ministry of International Development, Norway Ms. Biørg Sandjkaer visited Kathmandu University on June 8, 2022. The State Secretary was accompanied by the Norwegian Ambassador to Nepal H.E. Torun Dramdal and other Norwegian dignitaries.



2 Hon. Ms. Biørg Sandjkaer extending her remarks

Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa welcomed the delegates. A short interaction program was held at the senate hall (KU). The Dean, Prof. Dr. Manish Pokharel, of the School of Engineering, extended his opening remarks. Associate Prof. Dr. Biraj Singh Thapa presented a brief talk on history of the collaboration between KU and Norway from its inception to the present day. The VC, Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, and the Registrar, Prof. Dr. Subodh Sharma, presented their remarks highlighting the importance of such collaboration. Honorable State Secretary Ms. Biørg



Sandjkaer extended her remarks appreciating the work being done at Kathmandu University. The VC presented the token of love to all the delegates. The interaction program ended with the vote of thanks given by Associate Prof. Brijesh Adhikary. The overall program was organized and coordinated by the ENEP program office which was attended by KU officials, faculty members, project leaders, and staff.

about the ongoing ENEP activities.



4 UGC Delegates & KU Faculties with ENEP Team



3 Norwegian Delegates with KU Officials & Staffs

The ENEP program was briefly introduced by Mr. Nawaraj Sanjel, Assistant Program Manager, highlighting academic support, publications support, research support, and business incubation support provided over the last six years, as well as ENEP extension and up-scaling which is planned till December 2024

The delegates participated in a short tour to The Inge Johansen Block, an eponymous building named in honor of a Norwegian professor, and the Turbine Testing Lab at Kathmandu University.

### Center for Electricity Trade Research and Facilitation (CETRF) Organized a One Day Seminar

### Delegates from University Grants Commissions (UGC), Nepal Visited ENEP

Centre of Electricity Trade Research and Facilitation (CETRF), a research center at the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, supported by ENEP organized a one-day seminar on the topic "Cross Border Power Trade in the South Asia Sub-Region: How Ready is Nepal?" on June 13, 2022 at Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu. The event was supported by ENEP.

The delegates from University Grants Commission Nepal, with staff member Ms. Ashma Adhikari, and Expert Coordinator Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya visited the ENEP program office on 9 June, 2022 and discussed



**Some Snaps of a One Day Seminar Organized by CETRF**  
*(Picture Credit: Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering)*

## Project Closing Ceremony of Project titled “Integrated System for Sustainable Production of Algal Fuel Pellet in Nepal”



*5 Project handover to School of Science*

The project ENEP-RENP-II-17-03, titled "Integrated system for sustainable manufacture of algal fuel pellet in Nepal," was successfully completed under the leadership of Asst. Prof. Parash Mani Timilsina. Shubham Biotech Nepal and university partner Norwegian Institute of Science and Technology, Norway jointly implemented the project. On June 22, 2022, a brief celebration to mark the project's completion was conducted at the ENEP Program office, under the chairmanship of institutional contact person ENEP Associate professor Brijesh Adhikary. The owner of the project, Prof. Dr. Janardan Lamichhane, Dean of the School of Science, received the project conclusion paperwork. Program Manager Dr. Bijay Thapa thanked them for accomplishing the task and expressed enthusiasm for further cooperation.

## Delegates from World Bank Visited ENEP Program office



*6 ENEP with KU Faculties and World Bank Delegates*

On June 23, 2022, representatives from the World Bank visited to the ENEP program office. The World Bank expressed interest in learning about ENEP's contributions to the renewable energy sector. Dr. Bijay Thapa, manager of ENEP, gave a brief explanation of how ENEP has supported research, innovations and further improvements focusing on the renewable energy sector. Delegates, KU officials, and ENEP had a discussion about how the World Bank and ENEP may collaborate to improve and innovate the renewable energy sector in Nepal.

## Project Monitoring Visit at Ficus Biotech Pvt. Ltd.

ENEK Team visited Ficus Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Budhanilkantha, on June 29, 2022. Ficus Biotech Pvt. Ltd. is supported by ENEP under Business Incubation support of ENEP. It is an Agribiotech company working with the aim of promoting disease free high quality, high

value

plants.



7 Ficus Biotech Team with Engineer of ENEP Ms. Kritisha Pahiju

## Visibility

Urjakhbar.com, an online news portal covered the news of one day seminar conducted by CETF on June 13, 2022, which spelled as indicated below:

## Meet Our New Team Member

“इनरजाइज नेपालको सहयोगमा काठमाडौं विश्वविद्यालयले आज (जेठ ३० गते) आयोजना गरेको ‘दक्षिण एसिया उपक्षेत्रमा सीमापार विद्युत व्यापार, नेपाल कति तयार छ?’ विषयक अन्तरक्रियामा भारत तथा तेस्रो मुलुकसम्मको व्यापार फराकिलो हुनेमा शंका गरिएको छ ।”

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