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Press Release

**American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng) holds
Second Annual Conference and Meetings
July 2009**

The second annual American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng) conference was held at Oakland Convention Center, Oakland, California over the July 4th weekend at the Association of Nepalese in the Americas (ANA) Convention. The theme of this conference was “Engineering and Science for Sustainable Development of the Society”. It provided a common venue for the engineers, scientists, and related professionals to have a collaborative effort for further research and development. In addition to the general membership/BOD meeting, the conference included three technical sessions and a panel discussion.

The conference began on Thursday July 2nd with Dr. Ramesh B. Malla, president of the ASNEng, giving an introductory presentation to the ANA General Assembly. The 2nd day, Friday July 3rd, started with Dr. Ramesh B. Malla welcoming the attendees and providing a brief history of ASNEng. Following the welcome message, the session chairs Dr. Ramesh Malla and Mr. Pradeep Khanal started the first technical session. The first technical session had a total of four presentations on a variety of interesting subject matters such as: “*Preparation of Landslide Potential Map of a Road Sector with Deterministic Analysis*” by Dr. Binod Tiwari on behalf of Dinesh Shrestha, California State University, Fullerton, CA; “*Earthquake Retrofitting of School Projects in Nepal*” by Kanhaiya Kayastha, La Habra, CA; “*Prospects of Telemedicine/Tele-ophthalmology to prevent cataracts in Nepal*” by Amod Pokhrel, University of California Berkeley, CA; and “*Construction Practice in the USA – difference with the practice in Nepal*” by Dol Raj Adhikari, Department of Transportation, Sacramento, CA.

The 2nd day ended with a panel discussion on “Knowledge Sharing for Career Advancement” moderated by Dr. Binod Tiwari and Dr. Ambika Adhikari. The panelists were Dr. Ramesh B. Malla, Dr. Rajendra K. Shrestha, Mr. Raja Upadhaya, Mr. Dol Raj Adhikari, and Mr. Pradeep Khanal. The panelist first gave a brief background on themselves and then took various angles of the subject matter. Dr. Malla talked about the academic side, Dr. Shrestha emphasized the value that community involvement will add to job hunting and career advancement, Mr. Upadhaya shared about his experience about his career development in the field of mining. Mr. Adhikari cited his perspective on working in Nepal and the challenges associated with it, and Mr. Khanal talked about the importance of right knowledge on career planning from a youth’s perspective.

The 3rd day, Saturday July 4th, started with the second technical session ran by the session chairs Dr. Ramesh B. Malla and Dr. Rajendra K. Shrestha. There were four presentations on diverse topics such as the following: “*Design Practice for Slope Stabilization Works – state of The Art Practice and Future Improvement*” by Dr. Binod Tiwari, California State University, Fullerton, CA; “*Bridge design and construction Practice in the US*” by Mr. Prem Rimal, California Department of Transportation, CA; “*How the Compressibility and Plasticity of Soil Changes with*

Mineralogical Composition” by Mr. Ishwar Dhungana, California State University, Fullerton, CA; and “Advanced Composites in Today’s Context” by Dr. Pranav Dhoj Shah, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.

The 3rd and final technical session was started by Dr. Pranav Dhoj Shah and Mr. Jagannath Ghimire chairing the session. The four presentations were as follows:

“*Petroleum Engineering in the Oil and Gas Industry*” by Dr. Rajendra K. Shrestha, ConocoPhillips, Houston, TX; “*Comments on Building Construction Practice in Nepal in View of Earthquake Safety*” by Mr. Suresh Acharya, Concord, CA; “*Towards Developing Indicators for Kathmandu*” by Dr. Ambika Adhikari, Arizona State University, AZ; and “*Structural Analysis of Percussive Penetrometer System for Lunar Exploration*” by Dr. Ramesh B. Malla, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

The annual ASNEng general membership/BOD meeting was held in the final stage of the conference. The updates on the activities of the following ASNEng Committees were provided by the committee chairs or their proxies during this meeting:

- Outreach and Membership Recruitment committee [Chair: Bishnu Phuyal (IL)]
- Programs Committee [Chair: Binod Tiwari, Ph.D. (CA)]
- Newsletter/ Publication Committee [Chair: Pradhuma Shrestha, P.E. (TX)]
- Awards, Grants, and Scholarships Committee [Chair: Prahlad Pant, Ph.D (GA)]
- Bylaws Amendment Committee [Chair: Rajendra Shrestha, Ph.D. (TX)]
- Society IRS Tax Exempt Committee [ASNEng Officers]
- Website/Database Committee [Chair: Komal Dutta (IL)]
- Technical Committee(s) [Chair: Ambika Adhikari, Dr. Des, AICP (AZ)]
- Membership Review [ASNEng Officers/Executive Committee]
- Nepal Liaison Committee [Chair: Himal Karmacharya (MA)]
- Liaison Committee [Chair: Upendra Karna, D.Eng, P.E. (NJ)]
- Nomination and Election Committee [To be determined]

The day ended with the closing remarks from Dr. Ramesh B. Malla. Dr. Malla also proposed the following future activities as the path forward for ASNEng:

- Establish General Scholarship for students for education and research purpose
- Establish Scholarships & Faculty Research grant/activities in Nepal
- Sponsor senior year design project in engineering colleges/institutions in Nepal
- Technical conference/workshop in Nepal.
- ASNEng Conference in 2010.
- Creating logo for ASNEng

All members and friends of Nepalese engineering and scientific communities are invited and encouraged to become members and support the activities of the Society. The Membership application form and detailed information on the Society and updates on its recent activities can be found on the Society’s website at <http://www.ASNEng.org>.

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