

## **The Greater Washington D.C. Chapter of (GWDC) ASNEng Washington D.C.**

### ***Report on the talk program “Nepal Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction”***

The DC Chapter of American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng GWDC Chapter) organized a talk program on “Nepal Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction” on 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 at Patrick Henry Library in Vienna, VA. The first presentation was on “Earthquake preparedness and Disaster Relief in Nepal – a Position Paper” on which Mr. Thakur Dhakal, P.E., shared a summary of what is included in the 2015 position paper jointly prepared by ASNEng, CAN-USA and ANMF.

The second presentation was made by Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team volunteers Mr. Tom McLaughlin P.E., and Mr. Jon Tung, P.E., on “Nepal Earthquake Rescue Operation “. Both of them are structural engineers and were a part of rescue and recovery team sent by US government immediately after first earthquake on April 25, 2015. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Tung shared their experiences with many pictures, observations and suggestions.

The program was moderated by secretary of ASNEng – DC Metro Chapter, Mr. Mangal Maharjan. President of chapter Mr. Deependra Pokharel welcomed the participants and presenters and emphasized on the importance of such talk programs in engineering community for proper reconstruction of earthquake affected areas of Nepal .

The QA/discussion session was moderated by Secretary of chapter, Mr. Dilli Neupane. Counselor from Nepalese Embassy in Washington DC, Mr. Narayan Mainali, highlighted the need assessment of Nepal earthquake 2015 prepared by the Government of Nepal. More than 30 engineers and professionals participated on this program. Mr. Bijay Thapa from “nepalese.com” reported on the program. At the end of the program, certificates and tokens of appreciation were presented to Tom and Jon for their remarkable rescue service in Nepal immediately after the earthquake in April 2015.

NSET was planned to remotely present on the title “Need and Possibility of Safer Reconstruction in Nepal” however, due to some scheduling issues at their end, the presentation from Nepal was not possible.

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