

International Disaster Seminar

~ Landslide Disaster Mitigation in Nepal: Status and Role of Line Agencies ~

Ehime University has been involved in integrated disaster research and education activities in Nepal for the last 14 years. Situated in mid Himalayas, Nepal suffers from heavy loss of life and property every year due to landslide and flood events. Due to its location over the Indian-Tibetan plate boundary, the earthquake occurrence frequency is also high, and it is anticipated that an M8.0 class earthquake will hit Nepal Himalaya within the next 20 years. Especially, the fatal loss during such an earthquake in the capital area of Kathmandu is expected to reach as high as 100,000. However, despite being one of the most disaster-prone countries in the Asian region, Nepal is not yet prepared to deal with pre- as well as post-disaster issues. In October 2011, Ehime University Center for Disaster Management Informatics Research proposed a concept to establish a non-governmental organization in Nepal under the active involvement of political leaders so as to influence the disaster policies in the nation. This led to establishing Himalaya Conservation Group (HCG) in 2012 and at present, this organization has been playing a lead role in the disaster management sector of Nepal. In this seminar, we have invited the President of Himalaya Conservation Group, Mr. Gangalal Tuladhar (Member of Parliament and Ex-Minister for Education) and an Associate Professor of Tribhuvan University and a Landslide Expert, Dr. Ranjan Kumar Dahal (Chief Technical Advisor, Himalayan Conservation Group) to talk about their efforts in Nepal. You are cordially invited to participate in the seminar and interact with the speakers.

Date/Time: 16 February 2015 (Monday), 15:00 – 17:00

Venue: Seminar Room, Ehime University Collaborative Research Building 2F

Fee: Free

Capacity: 30 (International Students are very much welcome!)

Organizer: Ehime University Center for Disaster Management Informatics Research

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Program:

15:00 **Opening Remarks**

Prof. R. Yatabe (Director, Center for Disaster Management Informatics Research)

15:05 **Lecture I: Hazard Management Perspective of Roadside Landslides in Nepal**
—Lessons from the 2014 Jure Landslide Disaster—

Dr. Ranjan Kumar Dahal (Associate Professor, Tribhuvan University; Visiting Associate Professor, Ehime University Center for Disaster Management Informatics Research; and Chief Technical Advisor, Himalaya Conservation Group)

16:00 **Lecture 2: Role of NPOs in Advocating Disaster Management Policies in Nepal** —
Case of Himalaya Conservation Group —

Mr. Gangalal Tuladhar (Member of Parliament and Ex-Minister for Education of Nepal; President, Himalaya Conservation Group; Visiting Researcher, Ehime University Center for Disaster Management Informatics Research)

16:50 **Closing Remarks**

Prof. M. Sakakibara (Chief, Asia and Regional Disaster Management Informatics Division of Ehime University Center for Disaster Management Informatics Research)

Application for participation:

Please let us know if you wish to participate. You may send your details (Full Name, Affiliation, Tel. no., etc.) to: **Ms. R. Ohno**

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