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KATHMANDU HUMBOLDT-KOLLEG 2022 (KHK – 2022)

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International Conference

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Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Strengthening Science and Culture

October 16 – 19, 2022, Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur, Nepal (Hybrid-Mode)

Background

During the last decades, Nepal has gone through a lot of socio-political transformation which has not only created new avenues and opportunities for the overall development of the society in various sectors such as, education, and social justice, protection of cultural, geographical and natural heritages but also germinated the challenges of coping with the high public aspiration of economic growth and overall prosperity of the country. There is a high demand of physical development in the society embodied with the protection of cultural and traditional values. Science, technology and innovation have an important role to play in this regard, protecting the cultural values, and safeguarding peace and harmony in the region. This requires strong interdisciplinary networking and collaboration among the scholars of South Asia and of the rest of the world towards meeting the sustainable development goals. In this context, with generous financial support from Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, we are going to host the Humboldt-Kolleg in Kathmandu with the theme "Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Strengthening Science and Culture". We invite the Humboldtians of the South Asian Region, Asia Pacific and rest of the world to send papers in the thematic areas of the conference and look forwards to welcome you soon in Kathmandu.

Objectives

The prime objective of the proposed Kolleg lies in utilizing the network of Humboldtians in the South Asian region and the rest of the world to promote interdisciplinary collaboration toward meeting the sustainable development goals. The specific objectives are:

- Strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration at local, regional and international levels among Humboldtians and other scholars across the disciplines;
- Share the ideas and experience of the Humboldtians to combat the societal problems; related to education and research, innovation and entrepreneurship, epidemics and other disasters, climate change and biodiversity;
- Synthesize the current trends and prospects of interdisciplinary collaboration, research, development and sustainability in the society; and
- Link science, culture, and virtues and thus safeguard peace and harmony.

Conference Symposia

- Life Sciences (Agriculture, Forest and Biodiversity, Health)
- Social Sciences (Economy, Education, Language, Law and Ethics, Politics, Tourism)
- Earth Science and Disaster Management (Geology, Epidemics, Climate Change)
- Physical/Chemical Sciences (Mathematics and Computational Sciences, Physics, Chemistry)

There will be a *Plenary Lecture* by a prominent scientist/scholar, overview keynote lectures (provided by well-known scientists and scholars), invited presentation (by Humboldt Fellows and Senior Experts). Other prominent researchers, prospective Humboldt Fellows and young scientists will have opportunity to present and discuss their finding in dedicated Poster Sessions.

In addition, there will be dedicated, *Panel-Audience Discussion* in the topic *Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities*.

Participants and Expected Outcome

The participants from different disciplines have been invited emphasizing the young scientists (prospective future Humboldt fellows) and other scholars. The representatives from the National planning commission (NPC), Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), Nepal German Academic Association (NEGAAS), University Grants Commission (UGC), Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany, German Cooperation Agency (GIZ), Goethezentrum Kathmandu (GZK) and relevant professional societies will be invited to participate and contribute. We expect, the Humboldtians from Argentina, Bangladesh, China, Germany, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, and the USA will take part in the conference.

The conference will be a platform for stronger professional and personal networking of Humboldtians in the region. The outcome of the conference will be extracted in the form of a *White Paper* and the proceedings comprising the major outcomes of the conference will be published.

Program Overview

Day I: Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022

Arrival of foreign participants, and Registration at Hotel, Press conference
Get together (informal discussion on collaboration and networking)

Day II: Monday, Oct. 17, 2022

Registration, Opening ceremony
Plenary and Keynote Lectures, Panel-Auditorium discussion, Poster Session I, Reception

Day III. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022

Scientific Symposia in two different Halls, Poster Session II, Conference Dinner

Day IV. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022

Scientific Symposia in two different Halls, Closing Ceremony, Excursion to historical Places

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

April 2022	Preparation of Kolleg begins
Sept 15, 2022	First Circular and formal invitation
Sept 25, 2022	Abstract submission and registration
Sept 30, 2022	Final program announcement
Oct. 16-19, 2022	Humboldt-Kolleg

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