

FAR WESTERN UNIVERSITY

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Major Activities of the University in 2022-2023

1. SUMMER INSTITUTE- JUNE 2-3, 2022

Far Western University organized Scholarly Publishing Summer Institute- 2022 for the first time in the history of university. In keeping with the university's goals, the Summer Institute focused on research, writing and publication process. Over fifty faculty members participated in the two-day event.

A university's growth depends, to a great extent, on the research and academic activities of faculty members. For a university like ours, established only a decade ago, organizing research-oriented conferences and workshops holds importance. Initiatives like this enhance faculty engagement in different academic and research activities, which ultimately contribute to the university by making it more competitive in research and innovation activities in the home and abroad. Numerous renowned researchers from around the world came to present their work both in person and virtually.

In the institute, academicians from home and abroad came and shared their knowledge on writing and publication in the workshop sessions. The main presenters Santosh Khadka, PhD, California State University, Northridge, United States; Rajendra Pangen, PhD, Northwestern University, United States, Nexus Institute of Research and Innovation (NIRI), Nepal; and Bhushan Aryal, PhD, Delaware State University, United States. Some researchers were present virtually. They are J.C. Lee, PhD, California State University, Northridge; Brody Bluemel, PhD, Delaware State University; Shyam Pandey, PhD, (ABD) Purdue University; Iswari Pandey, PhD, California State University, Northridge; Chetnath Gautam, PhD, Delaware State University and Deb Jaisi, PhD, University of Delaware, United States.

2. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUDURPASCHIM STUDIES: HERITAGE, INNOVATION, AND TRANSFORMATION DECEMBER 12-14, 2022

This international conference was organized by Far Western University with close collaboration among DSD Project, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, The University of Oxford, UK,

Britain-Nepal Academic Council, UK, for three days in three parallel sessions. It was conducted in hybrid mode in order to enable people to join online from across home and abroad. However, the major attraction of the conference was the physical presentations. The conference was attended by 200 participants physically and 250 participants virtually.

Sudurpaschim (Far West) Province, made up of nine districts, is both ecologically and culturally diverse. Bordering India's Uttarakhand to the west, Uttar Pradesh (UP) to the south and China's Tibet to its north, the region preserves cultural and economic ties not only with the people of Nepal's Karnali region to the east, but also across international borders in the other directions.

Though a number of studies have been conducted in the region, there is still a serious lack of critical and consolidated academic attention to the province as yet. There is a dearth of reliable academic data and documentation in a number of fields. The conference was organized to invite a sustained academic engagement to generate a comprehensive body of knowledge on Sudurpaschim, to contribute meaningfully to future policy-making on the part of government, development workers, and others. Aiming at raising the international and national profile of Sudurpaschim, this conference, being the first of its kind, worked to bring together scholars engaged in diverse fields of studies from across the globe who have researched in the region or its geographical or cultural proximities, to share and discuss their work and, thereby, to contribute to the formation and augmentation of the discourse on Sudurpaschim.

It was a multi-disciplinary conference including, but not limited to, but not limited to the following broad themes:

- i. Society, culture, and history
- ii. Agriculture, food security, and livelihoods
- iii. Science, technology, and engineering
- iv. Health, population, migration, and development
- v. Policy, planning, and governance
- vi. Education and pedagogy
- vii. Environment, ecology, and climate change
- viii. Entrepreneurship, business, and economy



- ix. Innovation
- x. Policy implications

The major highlights of the conference were:

- i. Two keynote lectures by two prominent scholars of Nepal and South Asia
- ii. Twenty-three thematic panels, covering 66 individual papers from diverse fields of studies listed above,
- iii. Three roundtable/panel discussions on issues of topical interests, and
- iv. Film shows and exhibitions.



THE 9TH GRADUATE GCESD

In this line, Tribhuvan University- Institute of Science and Technology- Central Department of Environmental Science (TU-IOST-CDES), Resources Himalaya Foundation (RHF), and Institute for Social and Environmental Transition-Nepal (ISET-N) formed a consortium in 2015 and agreed to hold graduate conference of the universities in Nepal annually. The Government of Nepal- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (GoN-MoEST) has generously patronized the initiative since 2018. This year, Far Western University (FWU) is going to host the 9th Graduate Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development (GCESD) on 6-7th April, 2023. This conference aimed to bring together the graduates and undergraduates to present their research and review the work of each other. The organizers intend to promote the conference as a Himalayan Knowledge Conclave that will be organized every year. The Government of Nepal and other organizations working in the field of environment and sustainable development have supported the conference. The conference aimed to support participants to develop leadership skills and expects that they will equally participate in the proceedings. The conference established an interdisciplinary knowledge-sharing platform for young researchers, with a particular focus on the environment, resource conservation, management, economic development and natural science.

Thematic Areas

1. Agriculture, Food Security and Livelihood improvement
2. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management
3. Energy and Water Resources Engineering
4. Mountaineering, Tourism and Cultural Heritages
5. Green and Inclusive Development
6. Pollution Reduction and Health Management
7. Infrastructure Development and Computer Engineering
8. Science, Technology, Education, Engineering and Mathematics (STEEM)
9. Philosophy and Development
10. Humanities, Culture and Sociology

REFLECTING AND REORIENTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS IN THE SEMESTER SYSTEM

On January 1-2, 2023 the two-day workshop on “Reflecting and Reorienting Professional Development of Teachers in the Semester System” was organized by the Curriculum Development Center, Far Western University. The main objective of the workshop was to provide deeper understanding about the pedagogic practices used in higher education. Besides, the workshop highlighted the designing and writing the items by applying taxonomy of educational objectives. The facilitators of the workshop were Prof. Dr. Basudev Kafle and Prof. Ganga Gautam, who shared their insightful and constructive sessions in taxonomy of education, digital taxonomy and teachers’ ethics and professionalism. In this workshop around 50 faculty members participated from all constituent campuses of FWU.



MOU BETWEEN FAR WESTERN UNIVERSITY AND KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY

Far Western University and Kathmandu University signed a memorandum of understanding, on 9th February, 2023. The Vice Chancellor of Far Western University, Prof. Dr. Amma Raj Joshi, and the Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University, Prof. Dr. Bhola Thapa, put their signatures on the MoU on behalf of their respective universities. This partnership is set to bring about new opportunities for students, researchers, and faculty members.



MOU WITH MAHATMA JYOTIBA PHULE ROHILKHAND UNIVERSITY (MJPRU), BAREILLY, INDIA

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), stating that both academic institutions have agreed to cooperate on academic programs, development of joint research activities, faculty exchange and visiting programs for teaching and research, was signed between Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University (MJPRU), Bareilly and Far Western University (FWU), Mahendranagar, Kanchanpur, Nepal on April 9, 2023 in Mahendranagar. Due to many areas of common interest in Sciences, Arts, Commerce, Education, Law, Engineering and Agriculture, MJPRU and FWU agreed to collaborate on academic and research related activities. FWU



Registrar Prof. Yagya Raj Pathak signed the MoU on behalf of FWU, MJPRU Registrar Dr. Rajeev Kumar signed on behalf of MJPRU. Both the university representatives signed the MoU in the presence of their respective Vice-chancellors. Deans, Directors, Heads of departments and other authorities of Far Western University were present in the program. Prof. Dr. Prem Narayan Aryal, the Vice chancellor of Pokhara University, was presented on the occasion.

THE LEADING UNIVERSITY PROJECT FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (LUPIC) FROM OCTOBER 13-19, 2022 IN CHANGWON NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH KOREA

A workshop was organized by the extended project team of the Leading University Project for International Cooperation (LUPIC) from October 13 -19, 2022 in Changwon National University of South Korea. From Nepal, four Vice Chancellors: Prof. Amma Raj Joshi of Far Western University, Prof. Nand Bahadur Singh of Mid-West University, Prof. Prem Narayan Aryal of Pokhara University, Prof. Yadav Raj Koirala of Purbanchal University and the registrar of Open University Dr. Govinda Singh Bista visited Changwon University, Daegu University, Daegu Cyber University and Kwang Myung School (school for the differently able children).



LUPIC has supported Nepali universities to run Special Needs Education, completed special education teachers' training project and is still expanding the number of cooperative universities in Nepal. It has also been providing opportunity to special education teachers every year to pursue PhD research degree in special education in Korean Universities.

LUPIC as an extended project aims to support the cooperative universities to establish, operate and develop special needs education departments in Tribhuvan University, Far Western University, Mid-west University, Pokhara University, Purbanchal University and Open University, to implement a higher education system that fulfills the demand of special education experts in Nepal in a stable and regular manner by establishing undergraduate, graduate, master's and doctoral research program, to increase the access of students with disability to special education, to ensure that all the children with disabilities have the right to acquire education in Nepal and to enable teachers to conduct research and gain international exposure and expertise so that they can develop exciting and relevant curriculum and innovative pedagogic methods at home.

The delegation team visited Prof. Lee Hoyoung, the President of Changwon University, Prof. Soon-Jin Park, the President of Daegu University and Prof. Jung Dae Young, the Director of Leading University Project for International Cooperation in their respective offices on October 17, 2022. During the visit, each member of the Nepali delegation team and the PS residents of the supporting Korean universities shared experiences of special education of the respective university. Korean University presidents revealed their interest and readiness to support Nepali universities in special and inclusive education. The delegation team visited Changwon National University and Daegu University, observed their system and facilities. The team was impressed by the support of the Korean government to develop universities as the centers of learning, research, innovation and development.

THIRD CONVOCATION OF FAR WESTERN UNIVERSITY (FWU)

The third convocation of Far Western University (FWU) was held on April 9, 2023, in Central Office, Mahendranagar, Nepal. The convocation ceremony was presided over by the Chancellor of the university, Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister Puspa Kamal Dahal, "Prachand". The Pro-chancellor of Far Western University, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Ashok Kumar Rai was also present in the program. Prof. K. P. Singh, Vice-chancellor of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University Bareilly, India, delivered the commencement speech as a Special Guest.

The Vice-chancellor of Far Western University, Prof. Amma Raj Joshi, presented the annual report of the university. About 850 students graduated in the program.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNIVERSIDAD POLITECNICA DE CARTAGENA AND FAR WESTERN UNIVERSITY

The rector of the UPCT Universidad Politecnica de Cartagena and the Vice Chancellor of Far Western University signed a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions to promote future collaboration in cooperation and mobility of students and staff. The agreement was signed at UPCT as a representative of European University of Technology -EU+, because one of the objectives of the consortium (B+NeSDG) is to extend collaboration between universities of other continents.



AN INTERACTION PROGRAM WITH INLAND NORWAY UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE (INN), NORWAY

On 19th June, 2023 an interaction program was held with Inland Norway University of Applied Science (INN). It was conducted for further collaboration in the field of special/inclusive education. In the interaction program, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Amma Raj Joshi of Far Western University, Prof. Dr. Jonathan Macgregor, Prof. Dr. Rune Haustalter, Mr. Ram Chandra Giri, PhD fellow, from Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences and Prof. Dr. Basu Dev Kafle from Tribhuvan University expressed their views.



MANASKHANDA: INEVITABILITY OF INTEGRITY FOR INTERNALIZING CIVILIZATIONAL AND CULTURAL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NEPAL AND INDIA

The International Conference on Manaskhand, entitled “Inevitability of Integrity for Internalizing Civilizational and Cultural Connectivity between Nepal and India,” took place on April 15-17, 2023. The conference was hosted by Far Western University in collaboration with various organizations and institutions, including the Ministry of Social Development, Sudurpaschim Province, Nepal Bharat Sahayog Manch, Mahakali Sahitya Sangam, Indian Council for International Co-operation, Kumaun University, S. S. Jina University, and Rishihood University.



The conference focused on the following main themes:

- i. **Cross-border Pilgrimage:** Panel Discussion by bureaucrats explored the significance of cross-border religious pilgrimages between Nepal and India, with the involvement of bureaucrats from both countries.
- ii. **Temple Economy and Policy:** This theme delved into the economic aspects related to temples and religious sites, including policies governing their management and development.
- iii. **Pilgrim Rights and Securities (Social-Medical):** Discussions under this theme revolved around ensuring the rights and safety of pilgrims, covering both social and medical aspects.
- iv. **India-Nepal Foreign/Security Policy:** Panel discussion by diplomats involved discussions on foreign and security policies between India and Nepal, with diplomats from both countries participating.
- v. **Pauranic and Archaeological Corroborations:** The theme explored the connections between ancient texts (Pauranic) and archaeological evidence, shedding light on the historical and cultural ties between the two nations.

The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Amma Raj Joshi, the Vice-Chancellor of Far Western University. The conference was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kamal B. Shah from Sudurpaschim Province Government as the Chief Guest. The welcome speech was delivered by Prof. Dr. Mukund Ballav Kalauni, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Overall, the conference aimed to foster and deepen the cultural and civilizational connections between Nepal and India, touching upon various academic, social, and diplomatic aspects.



THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON REFORMATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF EXAMINATION SYSTEM AT FAR WESTERN UNIVERSITY

The Far Western University Examination Controller Office organized a significant workshop on October 21-23, 2022. The primary objective of this workshop was to provide detailed information to all the university's authorities, faculty members, and staff about the current examination management, evaluation, and question paper setting, focusing on necessary improvements for the coming days. During the three-day workshop, extensive discussions and interactions were held to identify and implement measures for conducting examinations effectively. Furthermore, the workshop aimed to improve the examination system by making it more sensitive to the time constraints while also considering the technical and theoretical aspects of question paper setting, moderation, testing, and scrutinizing. Valuable suggestions and information were made available to the Examination Controller Office for further implementation. In this workshop, 170 teaching and non-teaching staff participated, including Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Subject experts, Deans, and other university officials. The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Dr. Swayam Prakash Ja. Ba. Ra. and Prof. Dr. Anirudra Thapa from Tribhuvan University.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON THE RANA THARU COMMUNITY

Far Western University, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, has organized One-Day Workshop on the Rana Tharu Community on January 28, 2023 at FarWestern University. The program basically focused on the Rana Tharu community inhabitants of the Kailali and Kanchanpur districts. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mukund Ballabh Kalauni, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and co-chaired by Prof. Dr. Amma Raj Joshi, Vice-Chancellor of FarWestern University. The program was conducted by Dr. Harish Chandra Bhatta, the Director of the Language and Culture Center.

The workshop's main objective was to promote connectivity with the university and the community. In this workshop, Prof. Dr. Mukund Ballabh Kalauni, Jeevan Rana, Er. Vikram Rana and Premavati Rana presented their papers on various aspects of the community, including educational, social, cultural, and economic conditions.



REFLECTING AND REORIENTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS IN THE SEMESTER SYSTEM

On January 1-2, 2023, Curriculum Development Center, Far Western University successfully conducted a two-day workshop on "Reflecting and Reorienting Professional Development of Teachers in the Semester System." The workshop aimed to provide teaching faculties with valuable insights and strategies to enhance their teaching practices within the



context of the semester system. The workshop was conducted both in physical and online mode. It was attended by all teaching faculty of the University. The event commenced with an opening address by the Vice Chancellor, Prof Amma Raj Joshi, Prof. Basudev Kafle and Prof. Ganga Ram Gautam facilitated the program. The workshop concluded with a closing ceremony that recognized the active participation and contributions of the attendees. All participants received certificates of participation, acknowledging their commitment to advancing their professional development.

THREE DAY WORKSHOP ON CASE STUDIES: DEVELOPING CASES AND TEACHING NOTES

Three Day Workshop on Case Studies: Developing Cases and Teaching Notes was conducted on May 27-29, 2023 at the conference hall of Far Western University. This program was organized by the Faculty of Management, Far Western University, and supported by the University Grants Commission. This 3-Day Workshop aimed to provide the requisite skills and hands-on practice to the participants about the requirements and structure of a good case study and a teaching note. Thirty-five participants actively engaged in writing cases and developing teaching notes. The workshop provided a platform for the participants to interact with seasoned case writers and develop their own cases.



B+NESDG PROJECT PARTICIPATION.

Three Staff and two students from Faculty of Engineering attended B+NESDG Project Update Meeting at Kathmandu University from October 10-14, 2022. Dr. Kishan Datta Bhatta, Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Project Manager of B+NESDG at FWU made presentation of the progress and ongoing activities of the project at Far Western University. About 50 Staff and Students from UPCT Spain, Royal University of Bhutan, Kathmandu University, Pokhara University, Sagarmatha Engineering College and Nepal Engineering College including Far Western University attended the meeting.



B+NESDG EASTER SCHOOL AT POKHARA UNIVERSITY

Three staff and seven students of the Faculty of Engineering from Far Western University participated in the B+NESDG Easter School at Pokhara University from April 30 to May 8, 2023. This was actively participated by the staff and students from Riga Technical University Latvia, Royal University of Bhutan, Kathmandu University, Pokhara University, Nepal

Engineering College, Sagarmatha Engineering College and Far Western University. Each institution was responsible for organizing one day activities on sustainable development goals. Far Western University (FWU) was responsible for the fifth day of activities whose major focus was on teaching students about SDG11: Sustainable cities and communities.



UPCT TRAINING:

Three faculties from Faculty of Engineering Far Western University (Dr Kishan Datta Bhatta, Asst Prof. Janardan Joshi and Asst. Prof. Surendra Bhatta) participated in a training organized by the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT), at UPCT Cartagena, Spain, from July 16-31, 2022 and from September 12-17, 2022. The training was on of multiple topics related to sustainable development such as (i) design of constructively aligned teaching and assessment courses on ESD; (ii) digitally enhanced learning through PBL and storytelling for sustainable solutions; (iii) good practices within online teaching; (iv) design and creation of online materials by using an interactive digital content platform for all; and (v) Good practices on Quality Management. This training was supported by the B+NESDG Project, the Erasmus+Programme of the European Union.



B+NESDG PROJECT AND MoU WITH UPCT

The B+NESDG project provided a platform to connect with UPCT Spain and the group of institutions associated with European University of Technology (EUT+). The Vice Chancellor and Registrar of Far Western University visited UPCT Spain and conducted MoU with UPCT Spain for collaboration in education, research and staff mobility in future.



RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY TRAINING:

Dr Kishan Datta Bhatta (Dean) and Asst. Prof. Janardan Joshi from Faculty of Engineering Far Western University participated in a training “ Good Practices in Sustainable Development Strategy Building” at Riga Technical University (RTU) Latvia from Septembe 20-28, 2022.This training was supported by the B+NESDG Project, the Erasmus+Programme of the European Union.



EU FUNDED PROJECT “CYBER SECURITY FOR ALL (CS4All)” STARTED:

This project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The main aim of the project is to educate, aware and provide tools, knowledge and skills in cybersecurity to teachers, graduates and civil society in India, Nepal and Indonesia so as to increase their IT resilience in the current digital age given the higher rate of cyber crime and risks that affect both individuals and organizations. The Faculty of Engineering at Far Western University is working with 14 partners from Nepal, India, Indonesia, Spain, Croatia and Cyprus.

ERASMUS DAY CELEBRATION AT EU DELEGATION TO NEPAL OFFICE

On the occasion of Erasmus day celebration, the Delegation of European Union to Nepal invited Dr Kishan Datta Bhatta, Dean of Faculty of Engineering at Far Western University to discuss



on the possibilities of further collaboration with and support from the Delegation of the European Union to Nepal on October 14, 2022. Dr. Bhatta presented on the present context of engineering discipline at Far Western University and highlighted on the need of support and collaborative efforts from Delegation of the European Union to Nepal to enhance teaching learning and research activities at the University.



SDGs KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION:

The B+NESDG Project Staff at Far Western University conducted one day programme for the dissemination of knowledge about Sustainable Development Goals and the activities of the B+NESDG project.



INDUCTION PROGRAMME:

Faculty of Engineering, Far Western University organized an induction programme for the new students of BE (Civil and Computer) programme at School of Engineering Mahendranagar.



ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT AT UNIVERSITY CENTRAL CAMPUS, FWU

The students from Faculty of Engineering at Far Western University examined the performance of the current infrastructure at University Central Campus in addressing the accessibility for all. They evaluated the streets, paths, ramps, classrooms, library and toilets and offices by using wheelchair experience. This activity aims to prepare suggestions for adopting access to all policies in the university infrastructure development.



FOREIGN ACADEMIC VISITS (FoE)

On the invitation of Leading University Project for International Cooperation (LUPIC), Changwon National University, South Korea, October 12, 2022, the Vice Chancellor of Far Western University Prof. Dr. Ammaraj Joshi visited Changwon National University for a week. Similarly, on the invitation of the same institution and university, the registrar of Far Western University, Prof. Yagyaraj Pathak, and Dr. Bhawan Singh Chalaune, Dean of the Faculty of Education, conducted a week-long visit from June 5, 2023. During these two visits to Korea, the progress details of Special Needs Education (M.Ed. in SNE) currently being conducted at the Master's level under Far Western University, Faculty of Education were presented. Similarly, future programs related to Special Needs Education, areas of collaboration and cooperation were discussed between the two sides.

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE (FoA), FWU

From its establishment in 2018 at Tikapur, Kailali, the FoA has been providing quality education to the general people and public from the lower quintiles of the population with its affordable programs in different disciplines as well as striving to introduce new courses that are relevant for the overall development of the economy, especially in the far-western region of Nepal. As per the national level multi-university concept in the country, the FoA makes academic and educational atmosphere fairer, discipline and result-oriented. At present we are teaching about 490 B Sc Ag graduates enrolled regularly in different academic years. Last year, we published the magazine "Krishi Bigyan Prabidhi Darpan" for the welfare and publicity of the Agriculture Faculty to the society. In this academic year (2079/80 BS), the Department of Agriculture (DoA) under Agriculture Faculty has been reformed to School of Agriculture (SoA) in making it a special center of Excellence leaded by Director of School of Agriculture (DSA) to run the academics, research and publication, and extension of the agriculture technologies in the broader range in more dynamic manner.



The MoU was established with the MoLMA&C and MoSD, Dhangadhi, FWP and Rani Jamara Kulariya Irrigation Project Agriculture Implementation Unit (RJKIPAIU) and University Grants Commission (UGC) for the construction of various infra-structure buildings (Green house/ Polyhouse, Fish hatchery, Poultry shed and Buffalo shed) during 2020-2024. The university central office granted the three storied academic building with 30 room capacity for running the school of Agriculture in the robust manner.

Establishing collaborative research linkages with Prime Ministerial Agriculture Modernization Program (PMAMP) of about 5 months internship program to the 58 BSc Ag Graduates in 12 districts of Nepal, mostly of Far West, Karnali and Lumbini Provinces as effective from January- June, 2023 was completed and the 1st symposium of that project will be conducted on 15-16 August, 2023. Other collaborative partners in student and faculty researches with FoA were the SAHAS Nepal/ Paila Project, Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC), Li-BiRD, University Grants Commission (UGC) etc. at national level. The project on enterprise enhancement program was funded by the UGC to the Faculty of Agriculture in 2022/23. Virginia Tech State University/ iDE Nepal, Aalto University and LUKE, Finland, International Centre for Integrated Mountainous Development (ICIMOD), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and Sedot Negev College, Israel etc. at international level were some of the promising organizations collaborated to the Faculty of Agriculture in last 3-4 years. Nepalese Association of Agriculture, Forestry and Environmental Sciences in Australia (NEPAFE) also granted financial support for student's internship research and faculty exchange program during 2023/24. Israel Embassy to Nepal offered B Sc Ag Graduate's Internship to the 50 students by the name "Learn and Earn" program from the year 2023/24, wherein the students will be sent to Israel by 1st September for 11 months. To recapitulate, the FoA is running smoothly as self-reliant program and suggested to extend such sort of collaborative linkages for the sustainable development of the institution.

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE) AND A2J PROJECT

Far Western University Faculty of Law in cooperation of Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs conducted Strengthening Access to Justice through Institutional Reform (A2J) project in 2022. An agreement was signed between A2J project and the FOL Far Western University. The Programme mainly implemented in Central Campus and Kailali Campus where B.A, LL. B. Programme has been commenced. The Clinical Legal Education (CLE) program was signed between the Faculty of Law FWU and the UNDP A2J project aimed at enhancing the practical knowledge of students and support community level people to address their legal issues. Law students who belong to different community may support to the poor, back ward and marginalized people who are not in the position to represent in the court by purchasing a lawyer.

This program is extremely relevant to fulfil the current human resource gap in Local Judicial Committees, and legal services in the communities. Under the programme law students visit various justice providing institution, including community. Students facilitate community people through legal awareness and clinical mobile camp to ensure access to justice by the community people. The legal awareness programme empowers students, women, the poor, and the marginalized so that they can be instrumental in empowering their own community in accessing the justice system. Clinical legal education is one of the key elements of affirmative law education in addition to law internship and scholarship schemes. Some glimpse of activities conducted during programme.



Community mobilization with
Shyam Singh Chaudhary, SP Nepal Police



Community mobilization



Mobile legal aid camp



Mobile legal aid camp



Crafts made by prisoners



With Jailer Maya Basnet

COLLECTION OF FOLK TALES OF SUDURPASCHIM PROVINCE

Far Western University, Language, Literature and Culture Study Center started the work of collecting folk tales of Sudurpaschim Province. Far Western University Language, Literature and Culture Study Center has been established for the study and research of language, literature and culture prevalent in Sudurpaschim Province in order to create a civilized and advanced nation by developing language, literature and culture and to create an academic environment in the university. In the current social environment, the study of language and written literature as well as folklore genres is very necessary for linguistic, cultural, educational, sociological studies. Acknowledging this importance of folklore, this center has planned to research folklore, folk songs as well as folk culture. Under which folk tales that are in practice all over the province have been collected are in the process of publication.

A One Day seminar was organized on September 07, 2022 on the holy occasion of Gaura Parva. The program was presided over by the director of the center, Dr. Harishchandra Bhatt, the chief guest, the vice-chancellor of the university, Prof. Dr. Amma Raj Joshi. The seminar was moderated by Assistant Professor Prit Bahadur Bista and the welcome speech was given by Dev Singh Nath. The distinguished guests in the program were the Chairman of the University Service Commission, Prof. Dr. Purna Bahadur Chand, Registrar Prof. Yagyraj Pathak, guests member of service commission, director, dean of various faculties, assistant dean, head of departments, professors, staffs, representatives of various parties, local

public representatives, civil society and concerned persons were present. Working papers on the religious importance of Gaura Parva were presented by Prof. Dr. Mukundaballabh Kalauni, Dr. Tekraj Pant, Acharya Laxmikant Joshi, Bhawani Dutt Chataut and Acharya Ghanshyam Lekhak. Comments and constructive suggestions were provided by Meena Pant, Chandrakala Pant, Bhuveshwari Badu, Bhawani Dutt Chataut, Jagadish Ojha and Kaviraj Bhatt on the presented papers.

PAPER PRESENTATION ON RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL IMPORTANCE OF SIDDHANATH BAIJNATH TEMPLE

A comprehensive interaction was organized about the religious and cultural importance of Mahakali River and Siddhabaijanath temple on January 10, 2023. The program was presided by the director of the center, Dr. Harishchandra Bhatt, the chief guest was the vice-chancellor of the university, Prof. Dr. Amma Raj Joshi. The program was facilitated by Assistant Dean Dr. Madan Singh Deupa.

In the program, the registrar of the university Prof. Yagyaraj Pathak, directors, deans, assistant deans, heads of departments, professors, employees, representatives of civil society and concerned persons were present. About the religious and cultural importance of Mahakali River and Siddha Baijanath Temple, six papers were presented in different topics by Prof. Dr. Mukundaballabh Kalauni, Dr. Harishchandra Bhatt, Dr. Kisan Datta Bhatt, Dr. Madan Singh Deupa, Asst. Prof. Tarka Raj Joshi and Acharya Ghanshyam Lekhak.

INTERACTION ON LANGUAGE

An interaction program on the condition of languages in Sudurpaschim Province was organized on October 11, 2022. The program was chaired by the director of the center, Dr. Harishchandra Bhatt. The chief guest was Lavdeo Awasthi, chairman of the Language Commission. Assistant Administrator Bishnu Prasad Bhatt had moderated the program. Deans, directors, assistant deans, head of departments, professors and staffs were also in the program.

FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT KAILALI MULTIPLE CAMPUS

Research Management Cell of Kailali Multiple Campus, Dhangadhi organized the first national conference on “Modern Research in Education, Society, Management and Science” on April, 1-2, 2023. The main purpose of the conference was to disseminate the research studies of the researchers, scholars and academicians thereby promoting and enhancing academic activities in the universities and colleges.

Prof. Nanda Bahadur Singh (PhD), Vice-Chancellor of Mid-West University, Nepal was the chief guest of the conference. Prof. Vishnu Singh Rai (PhD) (Tribhuvan University) was the keynote speaker. Prof. Padam Raj Joshi (PhD), Dean of Management at Far Western University, and Prof. Deep Bahadur Rawal (PhD), Dean of Management at Mid-West University were the plenary speakers. Prof. Jib Lal Sapkota (PhD), Head of Central Department of English (Tribhuvan University), Prof. Hem Raj Pant (PhD) (Former Registrar of Far Western University), Lokranjan Parajuli (PhD) (Martin Choutari) and Devendra Uprety (Martin Choutari) were the panelists. Prof. Yagya Raj Pathak, Registrar at Far Western University, and Bhawan Singh Chalaune (PhD), Dean of Education at Far Western University were the guests of the conference.

Altogether 68 presenters from the streams of Education, Literature, Management, Sociology, Science, Maths, Nepali, Economics, Journalism, Health, ICT and Language Education representing from six universities of Nepal (Far Western University, Mid-West University, Nepal Sanskrit University, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu University and Gandaki University) presented their papers on the occasion. There were more than 200 participants in the conference.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF

Far Western University, Tikapur Multiple Campus organized three-day Professional Development Training for non-teaching staff of Tikapur Multiple Campus and other constituent campuses of Far Western University May 4-6, 2023. The training was organized at the premises of Tikapur Multiple Campus with financial support from University Grants Commission.

The program aimed to enhance the knowledge, skills, abilities, and competence of the non-teaching staff of Far Western University. Moreover, the training emphasized improving the overall professional competencies of the staff working in the university. The training was especially conducted for administrative staff.

FAR WESTERN UNIVERSITY DAY

Far Western University day (Asar 03) was celebrated in the central office of the university. The programme was chaired by Vice Chancellor of the university Prof. Dr. Amma Raj Joshi and Prof. Dr. Purna Bahadur Chand was the Chief Guest. Deans, directors, assistant deans, campus chief, head of the departments, faculties and administrative staff were present in the programme. The Vice Chancellor emphasized on the contribution of employees for the overall development of the University.



TENTH SENATE MEETING

Tenth senate meeting was held in Kathmandu at Baluwatar on November 30, 2022 under the chairmanship of Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba. The senate have sanctioned budget for the running fiscal year and amended different rules and regulations of the university.





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