



58th International EUHOFA Congress at Nepal

58th International Congress of International Association of Hotel School (EUHOFA) was successfully held in Kathmandu. Nepal took the opportunity to organize for the first time in Asia. The 57th Congress was held in Lausanne, Switzerland where the eight member hotel management colleges of Nepal participated the congress and requested for next congress to happen in Nepal which was agreed by the EUHOFA Board. Mr. Prakash Regmi, Principal of Nepal Tourism and Hotel Management College (NTHMC) participated the 57th congress of Switzerland and is one of the members to organize the congress here in Nepal.

The 58th International EUHOFA Congress was held from 27th November to 1st December 2019 in Kathmandu. The theme of the congress was "Sustainable Himalayan Hospitality; Amalgamation of Nature, Culture and Adventure". Dr. Maria Wiesinger, EUHOFA International President and Mr. Khem Lakai, Board Member EUHOFA International welcomed all the delegates to Nepal. The whole congress was divided into two parts i.e. for member and partners and sessions were academic and site visits. The academic sessions were moderated by Prof. Peter Johnes and Mr. Dipendra Purush Dhakal and the key speakers were as follows.

His Holiness Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche
H.E. Francoise - Xavier Leger - French Ambassador to Nepal
H.E. Elisabeth von Capeller - Swiss Ambassador to Nepal
H.E. Dr. Pasang Dorji - Member of Parliament - The Kingdom of Bhutan
Ms. Srijana Rana - President - Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN)
Dr. David Molden - Director of ICIMOD
Master Chef Michael Staedtlander - Founder of Canadian Chef's Congress
Ms. Rujuta Diwekar - Leading Nutrition and Exercise Science Expert
Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung - Country Director of WWF
Ms. Shailee Basnet - Mountaineer
Dr. Usha Bhandari - National Program Officer, SDC
Ms. Judy Sebastian - Food & Culture, Wellbeing Expert
Ms. Carmen Renee Berry - Author
Mr. Megh Ale - President, Nepal River Conservation Trust
Chairperson of college management committee
Mr. Ashok Palikhe and Principal, Mr. Prakash Regmi attended the 58th International EUHOFA Congress in Kathmandu.



PICNIC PROGRAM FOR 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

Picnic program for 12th grade students is one of the regular programs of the college. This time the picnic spot was Kaste Taal, Lekhnath. The purpose to select this spot was to make students aware about the lakes of Pokhara which are not being popular like Fewa and Begnas. Total 49 students along with few faculties and staffs attended the picnic on 22nd December, 2019. The breakfast and lunch were prepared and served with soft beverages. Students enjoyed the picnic program with various games, boating and music and dances.



STUDENTS' HOTEL VISIT TO RUPAKOT RESORT

Altogether 99 students from grade 11 (Hotel Management) were taken to Rupakot Resort on 13th December, 2019. The resort is nestled on the hills of Rupakot village a top of Rupa and Begnas Lake. The hotel visit for the student is a regular program of the college. The objective of this visit was to make the students familiar with the resort and its operational procedures. The students were divided into four groups and were taken to various departments like front office, food and beverage outlets, housekeeping laundry and guest rooms. They were rotated and the department heads gave the detail briefing to the students. The briefing session was followed by the exclusive four course buffet lunch. Students explored splendid view of Begnas, Rupa and Fewa lakes, couple of hiking routes, an infinity pool, a world-class spa, panorama restaurant, and exotic bar. The Operational Manager Mr. Kamal Dahal, Mr. Surya Bahadur Thapa, FNB Manager and Mr. Vicky K. Thapa, Executive chef facilitated the students about the facilities, properties and system of establishment at Banquet hall. Principal Mr. Prakash Regmi, +2 Coordinator, Mr. Dinesh Kumar Yadav and Faculty member, Ms. Rita Galami guided the students. Most of the students shared their experiences and praised the hotel for their warm hospitality.



CHANGE CAN CREATE A MAGIC – FACULTY TRAINING PROGRAM



Nepal Tourism and Hotel Management College organized a training program “Change can Create a Magic”, for its faculty and staffs on 9th November, 2019 at Mount Kailash Resort, Lakeside. The motivational speaker, Mr. Ranjit Acharya, talked about how a small change can create a magic in our life and highlighted the importance of positive thinking. During his session he performed few experiments with the participants to highlight the importance of creative thinking and accepting the change. He also shared his experience about his journey as a motivational speaker.



BBA-BI's Research Trip

Nepal Tourism and Hotel Management College – Centre for Business Management organized two days ‘Research Based Trip’ to Sauraha, Chitwan on 13th -14th December, 2019. The trip was led by Faculty member Mr. Santosh Kumar Gurung and account officer Mr. Sailesh Koirala along with the BBA-BI First semester students. The objective of the



trip was to make students aware regarding the research techniques like filing questionnaires, dealing with respondents, data collection, gathering feedbacks etc.

The research was conducted to analyze how the visit Nepal 2020 campaign can be beneficial for the growth of tourism industry. The students were divided into two groups in which one of them carried out survey with domestic as well as international tourists to measure their level of satisfaction during



their stay in the hotels of Sauraha whereas the other group conducted interview with the executives and owners of the hotels.

The total numbers of students in this trip were 25. On the way back, they visited Saswat Dham, a socio-cultural site of Chaudhary Group where students learned the importance of such heritages in promoting the tourism. “The program was a great learning experience as well as recreational in nature” says one of the student, Mr. Pratik Bhandari.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR BBA, BBA-BI AND BHM

The Orientation program for newly admitted students for BHM, BBA and BI 1st semester was held on 9th November, 2019. The program was conducted as 'Motivational Career Counseling' and was facilitated by energetic motivational speaker Ranjit Acharya. The theme of the session was "Pagal Bhayauki Kya Ho". Mr. Ashok Chairperson of the college, gave a welcome speech, college introduction and all the new commers for choosing NTHMC as their second home. The students parents were welcomed with a bouquet from chairperson, principal and from management committee. The entire program was hosted by Mr. Arjun Lamichhane (Faculty of English) of Nepal Tourism and Hotel Management College (NTHMC). From the management committee, Mr. Krishna Bahadur Thapa, Mr. Jay Ram Hamal, Mrs. Karma Gurung, Mr. Huta Raj Shrestha, Dr. Anil subedi and Mr. Narayan Prasad Duwa attended the program.

The Chairperson of the College, Mr. Ashok Palikhey, welcomed Mr. Acharya by presenting a bouquet and later on gifted him a token of love. The main session was conducted by Mr. Acharya where the audience were the students of BBA, BBA-BI and BHM, their respective parents, NTHMC full time and part time faculties, administrative staffs, coordinators and board members of the college. The session lasted for around 2 hours where Mr. Acharya gave the importance of dreaming high, positive thinking and importance of discipline to achieve your dream. The program was conducted at Mount Kailash Resort, Lakeside, where the total number of participants were 306. The program ended with buffet lunch provided at the restaurant.



SURVIVING DURING ODD HOURS BY MRS. MILAN THAPA

Nepal Tourism and Hotel Management College, Centre for Business Management hosted a guest lecture for BBA-BI first semester as a part of an inspirational program. Mrs. Milan Thapa, a socialist and entrepreneur, shared an eye-opening experience of "Surviving During Odd Hours", to the class of 48 students. According to her, the top 3 qualities necessary for the success of a start-up; those were 1) team building, 2) risk taking, and 3) entrepreneurial spirit. During the session, she advised the students that the earlier they start their own business there is a greater chance of failure. The major reasons for such setbacks are lack of experience, lack of capital, failure of the idea, inability to deliver. However, she suggested that it is good to fail fast and recover than to fail after a long time. She elaborated that the passion for creating start-up businesses is formed by a series of successes and through self-motivation. She shared her own experiences to encourage and motivate the students to overcome the failure. She talked about how being self-confident helped her to overcome the difficult situations.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND TOURISM- GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Gehendra Bahadur Gurung, Climate Change Expert was invited as a guest speaker to the students of BHM on 12th December 2019. BHM first students got an opportunity to attend the session which was entitled as 'Climate Change and Tourism'. Mr. Gurung started the session with his journey at ACAP. He highlighted the effect of climate change in earth from shifting the seasons, periodical changes of whether, lives of hundreds of animal and

plant species are in endanger state and many more. He focused that climate change has already begun and its effects has started to affect the lives of people and their livelihood. Furthermore, he explained that climate change affects the nature and livelihood of people which directly and indirectly affects adversely the tourism business. Mr. Gurung suggested students to change their habits so that it has very less affect to the nature.



MEDICAL STUDENTS OF INDIA VISITED NTHMC

Professor Dr. Swades De of University of Calcutta came to NTHMC along with his 30 BSc. Human Physiology students of City College, Calcutta to do a survey and research on the human body physiological study of the people from hilly region on 18th December, 2019. The students did various minor tests and took measurement of the body structures of the students of NTHMC as sample respondents from hilly region, Pokhara. The students were excited to see our college and were delighted with the Christmas performances acts done by our students.

Hongshi Cement Factory – An Industrial Visit

Nepal Tourism and Hotel Management College – Centre for Business Management organized two days “Industrial Visit” to the students of BBA first semester to Hongshi Cement Factory, Nawalparasi on 17th and 18th December 2019. Industrial visit is one of the regular programs of the college.

Hongshi Cement Factory is operated in a joint collaboration of China and India. Mr. Cheng Peng, Administrative Assistant welcomed our students with snacks in a company hall. Mr. Peng gave the Hongshi Cement Factory’s overview through some videos. Later on the team took the students on a factory tour showing their administrative block, control units, and other departments. From factory’s control room, the students were shown the processing and other steps performed during the manufacturing of the cement.

The objectives of the visit were to gain hands on experience on how industry operates, bridge gap between theoretical training and practical learning and make students aware of the industry practices



and local regulations. 39 students along with Mr. Madhu Sudhan Joshi- Faculty, Mr. Sailesh Koirala- Asst. Accountant and Mrs. Apsara Adhikari- Librarian of the college visited Hongshi Cement. Before leaving the factory, the students shared their experience with the team of Honshi Cement Factory and appreciated their guidance, cooperation and valuable time during the factory visit.

NTHMC HAS BECOME THE CENTRE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION



Each year the students from different hotel management colleges visit Nepal Tourism and Hotel Management College (NTHMC), Pokhara. Hundreds of students have a dream to pursue their higher studies here. Higher secondary students of Madhyabindu Multiple Campus, Kawasoti and Sunshine College, Bhairahawa visited NTHMC on 4th December and 23rd December 2019. The students of both colleges were made a short tour of NTHMC with all departmental visits. The students were then given a session on ‘Importance of Hospitality and Tourism Education’ by the college Principal, Mr. Prakash Regmi in the audio visual hall. The students were curious regarding the admission procedures, seats availability and internship programs for BHM students.

INTERNSHIP EXPOSURE PRESENTATION

Bachelor of Hotel Management (BHM) 8th Semester students after completion of their ‘Internship Program’ from Dubai, Malaysia, Kuwait, Oman, China, Thailand and Nepal presented their experiences of internship to team of Evaluators on 20th December 2019. Mr. Prabindra Singh, GM of Swiss International Hotel, Pokhara was invited as one of the Evaluator. Mr. Singh was happy to listen from the students and was very impressed with the students’ performances. Mr. Prakash Regmi, Principal and Ms. Rita Galami, Faculty of the college were the other evaluators.

Similarly, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) 6th Semester students presented their project work report and BBA-BI (Banking & Insurance) 6th Semester students presented their Internship Exposure experiences at Center for Business Management to the team of Evaluators on 23rd and 24th December respectively. Prof. Bharat Ram Dhungana, Examination Controller of Pokhara University was invited as an Evaluator along with Mr. Prakash Regmi, Principal and Ms. Dikshya Rana, Faculty Member of College. Mr. Dhungana gave the positive and constructive feedbacks to the students with the best wishes for their bright career ahead.



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