

INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1980, Nepal Geological Society (NGS) is a professional geoscientific organization with over 800 members and nearly one-third of them are international scientists. The Society is the National Group Member of Internatioanl Association of Eangineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) and was member of Nepal National Committee on International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR) to led the IDNDR activities in Nepal for a decade. The Society was honored with: the 1998 United Nations **Sasakawa Disaster Prevention Award** Certificate of Merit in appreciation for its contribution to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness and **Science and Technology Promotion Award** from Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) in recognition of its contribution in the research and promotion of Geoscience.

Since its establishment, NGS is providing platforms for scientists from all the continents to present research findings and exchange professional experiences and views on various aspects of geoscience. It has successfully organized seven congresses and a number of regional and international symposiums, conferences and workshops in the past, including the IAEG international symposium on ‘Engineering Geology, Hydrogeology and Natural Disaster’ in 1999 and the Fifth Asian Regional Conference on ‘Engineering Geology for Major Infrastructure Development and Natural Hazards Mitigation’ in 2005. All these scientific events have provided NGS a foundation for building effective geoscientific cooperation among the geoscientists of the Himalaya, Tibet and Karakoram regions and other parts of the world.

As part of its scientific activities this year, NGS is going to organize the **8th Nepal Geological Congress** from **November 27-29, 2016** to exchange expertise, experiences and knowledge for building effective cooperation among the geoscientists of all over the world. The 2015-Gorkha earthquake (Mw 7.8 mainshock on April 25 and Mw 7.3 aftershock on May 12) that caused over 9000 deaths and huge destruction is one of the main focuses of the Congress. The Congress will be followed by four excursions.

THEME AND SUB-THEMES

The main theme of the Congress is: **“Geoscience in National Development and Disaster Management”**. Sub-themes of the Congress include:

- Regional Geology, Stratigraphy and Tectonics
- Quaternary Geology and Urban Geology
- Seismology and Seismotectonics
- Remote Sensing and Geodesy
- 2015-Gorkha Earthquake
- Hydrogeology
- Mineral Resources and Mining, Oil and Natural Gases

- Exploration Geophysics and Geochemistry
- Climate Change and Environmental Assessment
- Engineering Geology and Infrastructural Development
- Geo-Hazards and Risk Management
- Geoscience Education, Geo-park and Geo-heritage Conservation

VENUE

The Congress will be organized in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

We invite you to send an abstract of your research, recently completed or in progress, in the sub-themes outlined above. The Congress will have oral and poster sessions. The abstract submission deadline is **September 30, 2016**.

PUBLICATION

All the accepted abstracts will be published in a Special Issue (Abstract Volume) of the Journal of Nepal Geological Society and distributed to the participants along with detail conference programs during the Congress. All the full papers presented in the congress will be published after peer review in the Journal of Nepal Geological Society (Proceedings Volume), Special Issue.

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Timeline		
	Until Sepetember 30, 2016	October 1 - November 15, 2016	On-site Registration
Foreign participants	US\$ 400	US \$ 450	US\$ 500
Accompanying persons of foreign participants	US\$ 250	US \$ 300	US\$ 350
Foreign students	US\$ 250	US \$ 300	US\$ 350
Participants from SAARC nations	US\$ 200	US \$ 225	US\$ 250
Accompanying persons of participants from SAARC nations	US\$ 175	US \$ 200	US \$ 225
Students from SAARC nations	US\$ 150	US\$ 175	US\$ 225
Participants from international organizations based in Nepal	US\$ 250	US\$ 275	US\$ 300

The registration fee covers conference materials (stationery, bag, program and abstract volume), tea/coffee and snacks, lunches and a cocktail party followed by dinner.

FIELD EXCURSION

There will be four Field Excursions:

- (i) **Excursion 1** (November 30 and December 1-3): Four-day trip along **Kathmandu - Mugling - Pokhara - Beni - Tatopani - Lete - Jomsom/Muktinath - Pokhara - Lumbini - Kathmandu**. Total cost of the excursion is US\$ 850.00 per person, and it includes transportation, hotel accommodation (shared rooms, 3 nights) and meals (3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners).

Excursion Highlights: Observation of a complete N-S section of the western Nepal Himalaya and visit to Lumbini, the birth place of the Buddha.

- (ii) **Excursion 2** (November 30 and December 1): Two-day trip along **Kathmandu - Galchhi - Trishuli - Dhunche - Syabrobesei - Rasuagadhi (Nepal-China border at Rasuwa) - Kathmandu**. Total cost of the excursion is US\$ 550.00 per person. The cost includes transportation, hotel accommodation (shared room, 1 night) and meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner).

Excursion Highlights: Observation of the Lesser Himalaya and the Higher Himalaya section, including the Main Central Thrust (MCT) zone in central Nepal.

- (iii) **Excursion 3** (November 30): One-day trip to **Kathmandu - Kodari (Nepal-China border at Sindhupalchok) - Kathmandu** along Arniko Highway that connects Nepal to China. Total cost of the excursion is US\$ 200.00 per person. The cost includes transportation, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch.

Excursion Highlights: Observation of the MCT zone and 2015-Gorkha earthquake-induced impacts, including geohazards.

- (iv) **Excursion 4** (November 30 and December 1): Two-day trip to **Barpak, the 2015-Gorkha earthquake epicenter area**. Total cost of the excursion is US\$ 350.00 per person, and it includes transportation, hotel accommodation (shared room, 1 night) and meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner).

Excursion Highlights: Observation of geology and earthquake-induced impacts, including geohazards.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Kathmandu is available in good 5 star Hotels to fairly inexpensive non-star hotels. The room rates range from US\$ 350.00 to US\$ 20.00 per night. Participants may book the hotel room by themselves. A list of hotels with their Name, Address, Phone no., Fax, E-mail address, Postal address and their charges for single and double occupancy will be provided in Second Circular.

WEATHER

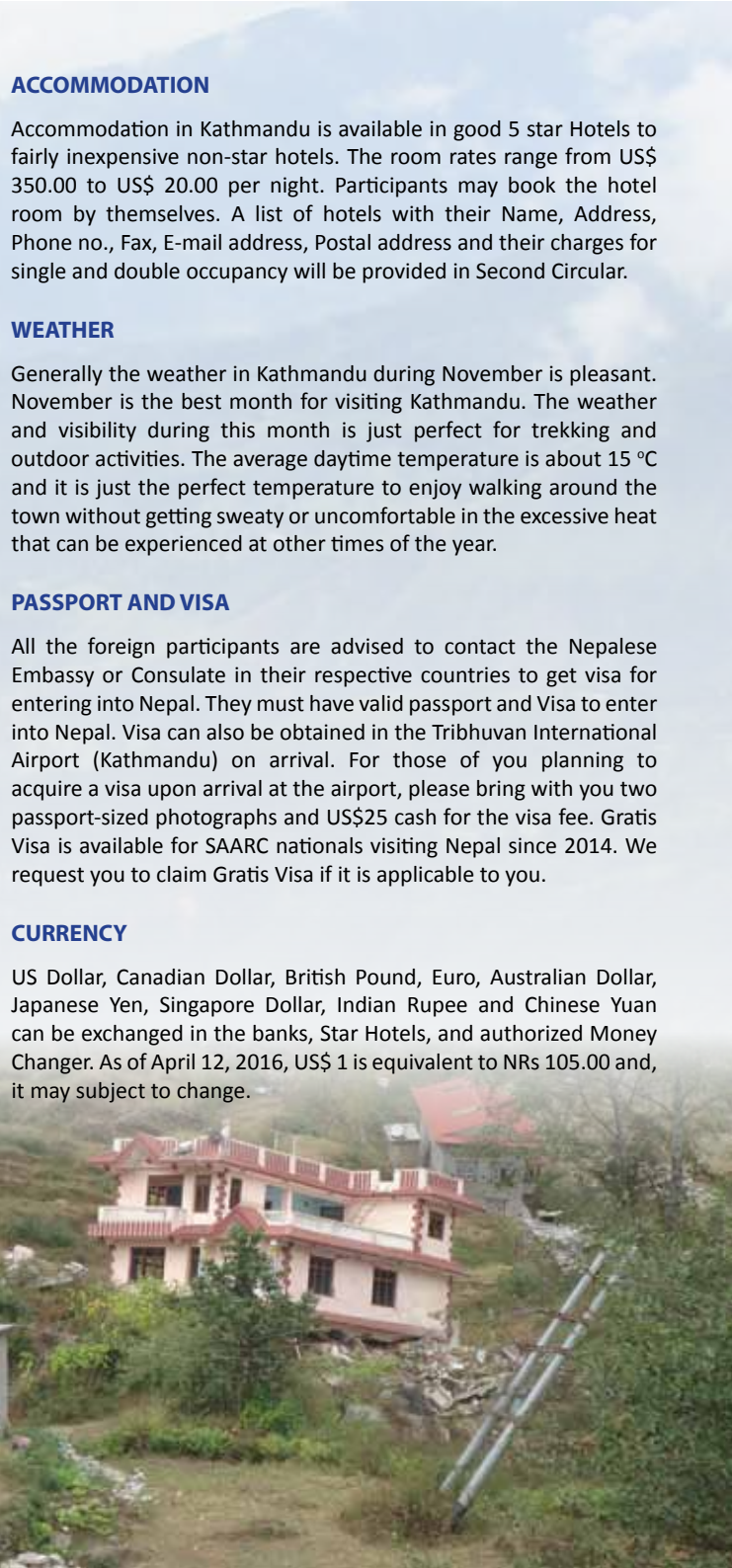
Generally the weather in Kathmandu during November is pleasant. November is the best month for visiting Kathmandu. The weather and visibility during this month is just perfect for trekking and outdoor activities. The average daytime temperature is about 15 °C and it is just the perfect temperature to enjoy walking around the town without getting sweaty or uncomfortable in the excessive heat that can be experienced at other times of the year.

PASSPORT AND VISA

All the foreign participants are advised to contact the Nepalese Embassy or Consulate in their respective countries to get visa for entering into Nepal. They must have valid passport and Visa to enter into Nepal. Visa can also be obtained in the Tribhuvan International Airport (Kathmandu) on arrival. For those of you planning to acquire a visa upon arrival at the airport, please bring with you two passport-sized photographs and US\$25 cash for the visa fee. Gratis Visa is available for SAARC nationals visiting Nepal since 2014. We request you to claim Gratis Visa if it is applicable to you.

CURRENCY

US Dollar, Canadian Dollar, British Pound, Euro, Australian Dollar, Japanese Yen, Singapore Dollar, Indian Rupee and Chinese Yuan can be exchanged in the banks, Star Hotels, and authorized Money Changer. As of April 12, 2016, US\$ 1 is equivalent to NRs 105.00 and, it may subject to change.



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ABSTRACT FORMAT

Title:

Name(s) and Address(es) of Author(s):

(Underline Surname/ Family Name)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Text (Maximum 300 words)

Guidelines for the submission of Abstract

Title: All in Capital Letters, Limited to 150 characters or less. No abbreviations.

Author's Name and Address: Last name of all authors should be underlined. Name should follow the address. In case of more than one author, each author's name should begin from a next line.

Text: The Text should not exceed 300 words and be typed in Times New Roman with single space within the area specified.

Speaker: Specify the speaker's name by bold letters if it is different from the first author.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Nationality:

Postal Address:.....

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Country:

Organization:.....

Telephone No:

Cellphone:

E-mail Address:

Fax:.....

Food Preference: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Non-vegetarian

Passport Details (Only for Foreign Participants):

(a) Passport Number:

(b) Date of Issue:.....

(c) Place of Issue:.....

(d) Date of Expiry:.....

(e) Previous visit to Nepal:.....

(f) Intended period of stay in Nepal:.....

Please tick as appropriate:

I intend to present a paper and submit the abstract and full paper that has not been submitted or published earlier.

Title of the Paper:

Author (s):.....

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I intend to take part in the Field Excursion:

EX-1 EX-2.....

EX-3 EX-4.....

Date:..... (Signature):.....

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An International Geoscientific Event EIGHTH NEPAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS (NGC-VIII)

“Geoscience in National Development and Disaster Management”

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