

First Circular



An International Geoscientific Event

10th Nepal Geological Congress (NGC- X)

**March 7-8, 2021
Kathmandu, Nepal**



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Introduction

Nepal Geological Society (NGS) is well known for its continuing academic and professional activities in national as well as international level since its establishment. International and national level conferences, seminars and scientific talk programs are being organized regularly since the beginning of this organization. One of the important aims of such activities is to provide platforms to the national and international geoscientists to share their latest research findings and establishing international networks for the advancement of research and development in the field of geosciences and geo-engineering. NGS has been providing ample opportunities to the young geoscientists from around the world to share and gain knowledge in their field of interest from the experts. To mention some of NGS's achievements, it 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. It was also honored with Science and Technology Promotion Award 2013 from Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) in recognition of its contribution in the research and promotion of Geoscience. 11th IAEG Asian Regional Conference (ARC-11) held in Kathmandu from November 28 to 30, 2017 was the recent big international event successfully accomplished by Nepal Geological Society. Similarly, 9th Nepal Geological Congress held in Kathmandu during November 19-21 was another recent international event successfully organized by Nepal Geological Society.

As a continuation of this tradition, NGS planned to conduct 10th Nepal Geological Congress in November 2020. However because of the widespread of deadly COVID-19 pandemic in the world, NGS has decided to reschedule **10th Nepal Geological Congress** from **March 7 to 8, 2021** to exchange experiences, knowledge and recent findings in the field of geosciences and its application among the

geoscientists without borders. The women and young geoscientists will be given priority to share their experience in this particular Geological Congress.

THEME AND SUB-THEMES

The main theme of the Congress is **Geosciences for Sustainable Development and Prosperity**. The theme of the congress itself is of great significance, which tries to reveal the importance of geology and its applications in the sustainable development and economic prosperity of the nations. For this purpose, knowledge from different sectors of geosciences can be utilized. The Congress will focus on the following sectors and subthemes:

1. Geological mapping, Stratigraphy and Regional tectonics
2. Advances in Mineralogy, Petrology and Geochemistry
3. Exploration and Mining of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Natural Gases
4. Engineering Geology for Sustainable Infrastructure Development
5. Geo-Hazard Assessment, Risk Reduction and Mitigation
6. Hydropower Development and Tunneling
7. Hydrogeology and Water Resources
8. Advances in Geophysics, Earthquake Seismology and Seismo-tectonics
9. Environmental Geology and Climate Change Issues in Geosciences
10. Plans, Policies and Strategies of Nepal Government on utilizing geosciences
11. Women and Youths in geological sciences
12. Geotourism and Geo-heritage Conservation
13. Promoting Geoethics for Sustainability
14. COVID-19 and Earth Science Studies

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The Congress will have both oral and poster sessions. We invite all the geoscientists and engineers from around the world to contribute to the congress by sending abstracts of their recently completed or undergoing researches, in the themes and sub-themes outlined above.

Any updates on abstract submission method will be posted in NGS website. As of now, submit abstract to Dr. Subodh Dhakal, Convener of the 10th Nepal Geological Congress at dhakalsubodh@gmail.com

Abstract submission deadline: 15 January, 2021.

VENUE

The Congress will be organized in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal. The exact venue will be disclosed later in the second circular of the congress.

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Timeline		
	Until 30 December, 2020 Early Bird	30 December, 2020-6 February, 2021	After 6 February 2021/On-site Registration
Foreign participants	US\$ 150	US \$ 200	US\$ 250
Accompanying persons of foreign participants	US\$ 100	US \$ 150	US\$ 200
Foreign students	US\$ 100	US \$ 150	US\$ 200
Participants from SAARC nations	US\$ 100	US \$ 150	US\$ 200
Accompanying persons (SAARC nations)	US\$ 80	US \$ 100	US \$ 150
Students (SAARC nations)	US\$ 80	US\$ 100	US\$ 150
Participants from international organizations based in Nepal	US\$ 100	US\$ 150	US\$ 200

The registration fee of the participants covers conference materials (stationery, conference bag, program and abstract volume), tea/coffee, snacks and lunches during the conference. It also covers a conference cocktail party followed by dinner within one of the conference dates. The registration fee for the national NGS members and other Nepalese participants will be informed later in the third circular.

Registration Fee Payment

Registration begins from November 15, 2020. NGS will arrange the necessary system for the online payment soon and the link for this purpose will be provided in our website <http://www.ngs.org.np>. At this moment, registration fee can be paid by Bank Transfer, the details of which is as follows:

Account Name: Nepal Geological Society

Account Type: CURRENT

Account No. 0203217500574

SWIFT: NARBNPKA

Bank Name and Address: Nabil Bank Limited, Durbarmarga, Kathmandu, Nepal

After the bank transfer, kindly send the scan copy of the slip to jaya.sin16@gmail.com and dhakalsubodh@gmail.com

FIELD EXCURSION

Two Field Excursions around Kathmandu, Pokhara and Muktinath area are planned. This is subject to change based on the situation of current pandemic of COVID-19.

Excursion 1: Pre-conference excursion

One day excursion of historical monument and geomorphologic sites of Kathmandu Valley is planned just before the conference start day (**6th March, 2021; one day tour**). Total cost of this excursion is US\$ 100.00 per person. It includes transportation, a breakfast and a lunch in the day of excursion.

Excursion 2: Kathmandu-Bandipur-Pokhara-Tatopani-Jomsom-Muktinath-Pokhara -- Kathmandu (four days

excursion, March 9-12, 2021) Total cost of the excursion is **US\$ 750.00** 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, sink holes and caves in touristic city of Pokhara, observation of Himalayan fold and thrust zone in touristic Bandipur village and visit to Muktinath Temple, a religious and touristic place.

ACCOMMODATION

Wide ranges of hotels are available in Kathmandu for the accommodation of participants, from expensive 5 star Hotels to fairly inexpensive non-star hotels. A list of hotels with their contact details and their charges for single and double occupancy will be provided later for your convenience in the Third Circular. The room rates can roughly range from US\$ 35.00 to US\$ 45.00 per night.

WEATHER

During the month of March, the weather in Kathmandu is generally pleasant, neither too hot, nor cold. March is considered as the popular month for visiting most of the touristic places in Nepal including Kathmandu valley, Pokhara, Lumbini and their surroundings. Based on the temperature trend, the average daytime temperature in Kathmandu during March will be about 20°C, which is just the perfect for trekking and outdoor activities. Mornings and evenings will be cool, and it is advised the participants to bring warm clothes as well with them.

PASSPORT AND VISA

All the foreign participants must have valid passport and visa for entering into Nepal. For the visitors from most of the countries around the globe, visa on arrival can be obtained from the Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. Participants are advised to contact the Nepalese Embassy or

Consulate in their respective countries to get visa for entering into Nepal. 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 (current price) cash for the visa fee. For the participants from India, a valid identification or passport is sufficient. For the participants from other SAARC countries visiting Nepal, Gratis Visa is available since 2014. We request you to confirm by yourself if you are eligible for Gratis Visa or not.

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 August 10, 2020, US\$ 1 is equivalent to NRs 120.13 and, it may subject to change during the conference time.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

The following abstract format can be used to send the abstract for the 10th Nepal Geological Congress. Please visit www.ngs.org.np for any updates on abstract submission.

Guidelines for the submission of Abstract

Title: Should be in 14 point Times New Roman without capitalizing initial letters of each word unless necessary. No abbreviations.

Author's Name and Address: Should be written in 12 points Times New Roman. All the names should be separated by commas. Surname of all authors should be underlined. Name should follow the address. In case of more than one author, each author's address should begin from a next line.

Text: The Text should be between 250-300 words and be typed in Times New Roman 12 point with single space.

Speaker: Specify the speaker's name by bold letters.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Use the following format to send the pre-registration. Please check the website www.ngs.org.np for the possibility of sending it.

Name:

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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

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Please tick as appropriate:

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

Title of the Paper:

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Author (s) :

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I intend to take part in the Field Excursion:

EX-1.....

EX-2.....

Date:.....

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