

First Circular

11th Nepal Geological Congress (NGC –XI) 10-11th March 2025 Kathmandu NEPAL



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1. INTRODUCTION

Nepal Geological Society (NGS) founded in 1980 as a professional scientific organization of Geoscientists. It is well known for organizing academic and professional activities in national as well as international level since its establishment. The 11th IAEG Asian Regional Conference (ARC-11) and 35th Himalaya Karakoram Tibet Workshop (35th-HKT) were the latest international events successfully accomplished in 2017 and 2022 respectively. Similarly 10th Nepal Geological Congress was organized on 7-8 March 2021 in Kathmandu and significant number of international geoscientists participated in the event.

It is our pleasure to announce the 11th Nepal Geological Congress is being held on **10 -11th March 2025** to exchange experiences, knowledge and recent findings of the research and development works 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. **MND**

2. THEMES AND SUBTHEMES

The main theme of the Congress is **Geosciences for Climate Change Adaptation, Natural Resources and Geo-hazard Management**. 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. Geomorphology, stratigraphy, paleontology and tectonics
2. Mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, geochronology
3. Geophysics and Seismo-tectonics
4. Exploration and exploitation of mineral resources, petroleum and natural gas
5. Engineering geology and geo-techniques for infrastructure development
6. Environmental geology, hydro-geology and glaciology
7. Geo-hazards and disaster risk management
8. Climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation
9. Geology for sustainable development and tourism
10. Artificial intelligence in geoscience and geoscience education

3. 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 Prof. Dr. Khum N. Paudyal, Convener of the 11th Nepal Geological Congress at khum.paudyal@cdgl.tu.edu.np

Abstract submission deadline: 15 January, 2025.

4. VENUE

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

5. FIELD EXCURSIONS

Two Field Excursions around Kathmandu and Muktinath area are planned.

Excursion 1: Pre-conference excursion

One day excursion of historical monument, UNESCO world heritage sites, and geomorphology and geology of Kathmandu Valley is planned just before the conference start day (**9th March, 2025; 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. However, the minimum number of participants for the excursion to be arranged shall be ten.

Excursion 2: Kathmandu-Pokhara-Tatopani-Jomsom-Muktinath-Pokhara

Kathmandu (four days excursion, March 11-14, 2025) 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 on the way to Muktinath Temple, a major religious and touristic attraction in Nepal.

6. ACCOMMODATIONS

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 can be found at <https://www.hotelassociationnepal.org.np/> under membership menu or other online booking platforms like booking.com.

7. 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.

8. PASSPORT AND VISAS

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, Gratis Visa is available since 2014. We request you to confirm your eligibility of Gratis Visa yourself.

9. ABSTRACT FORMAT

The following abstract format can be used to send the abstract for the 11th 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.

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

Keywords: Less than seven words; each word with an initial letter capitalized.

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

10. REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Time line		
	Until 30 December 2024	30 December 2024 to 5 February 2025	After 5 th February - On arrival 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\$ 125	US\$ 150	US\$ 175
Accompanying persons (SAARC nations)	US\$ 80	US\$ 100	US\$ 150
Students (SAARC nations)	US\$ 80	US\$ 100	US\$ 150
Participants from international organizations based on 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, 2024. 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 is as follows:

Account Name: Nepal Geological Society

Account Type: CURRENT

Account No. 0203217500574

SWIFT: NARBNPKA

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

After the bank transfer, kindly send the scan copy of the slip to Treasurer of executive committee, Dr. Kabita Karki (email: kabita.geo@gmail.com) and convener of the congress, Prof. Dr. Khum Narayan Paudyal (khum.paudyal@cdgl.tu.edu.np)

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 26, 2024, US\$ 1 is equivalent to NRs 133.98 and, it may subject to change during the conference time.

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March 10-11, 2025

Kathmandu, Nepal

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:

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 elsewhere 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.....

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

For further detail

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