

The Greater Washington D.C. Chapter of American Society of Nepalese Engineers (GWDC–ASNEng)

Report on mini seminar and discussion on “Nepal Earthquake: Experience and Looking Ahead”

A mini seminar and discussion program titled “Nepal Earthquake: Experience and Looking Ahead” was organized by The DC Chapter of American Society of Nepalese Engineers on 9 August 2015 at Chantilly Regional Library in Chantilly, VA.

The first presenter was Dr. Rajesh Dhakal, Professor of Earthquake Engineering at University of Canterbury and a fellow of IPENZ (Institute of professional Engineers New Zealand). He shared his experience on his work in Nepal during the post-earthquake assessment of the partially damaged hospitals, high rise apartment buildings, and other historically and strategically important buildings.

The second presenter was Mr. Rafael Discipulo, P.E., and Structural Engineer with US Department of State. He presented his experience with the Earthquake recovery efforts in Nepal (April 2015) and also shared his experience from the earthquake relief efforts in Philippines.

Dr. Keshav Paudel, President of Non-resident Nepali National Coordination Council (NRN-NCC) of USA highlighted the benefits of the talk program.

Member of the Board of Director of ASNEng and Fund Raising Chair of the 8th Annual Conference, Mr. Surya Lamsal informed about the upcoming conference and asked the participants to get involved in fund raising and conference participation.

President of the DC Chapter Mr. Deependra Pokharel welcomed guests and speakers and highlighted the importance of the program. The program was moderated by secretary of ASNEng – DC Metro Chapter, Mr. Mangal Maharjan.

After each speaker, a QA/discussion session was conducted and the session was moderated by Mr. Dilli Neupane, Treasurer, GWDC Chapter of ASNEng. Many professionals participated in the discussion session. The program was very interactive.

More than 50 Engineers and Professionals participated on this program. Mr. Bishwa Raj Thapa and Mr. Khem Battachan from “nepalese.com” reported on the program. At the end of the program, certificates and tokens of appreciation were given to presenters for their remarkable work in Nepal immediately after the earthquake in April 2015.

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Video Highlights

<http://nepalese.com/2015/08/37912.html>

<http://youtu.be/Hg7vSEzAmOA>

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