

नेपाली ईन्जिनियरहरूको अमेरिकी समाजद्वारा "नेपालको महाभूकम्प: अनुभव र चुनौतीहरू" सम्बन्धि अन्तरक्रिया कार्यक्रमको आयोजना

नेपाली ईन्जिनियरहरूको अमेरिकी समाज (ASNEng) वाशिंगटन डीसी क्याप्टरले निम्न मिति र स्थानमा "नेपालको महाभूकम्प: अनुभव र चुनौतीहरू" सम्बन्धि कार्यक्रमको आयोजना गर्ने भएको छ।

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सो कार्यक्रममा प्राध्यापक डा. राजेश ढकाल (Canterbury University, New Zealand) र स्ट्रक्चरल इन्जिनियर Rafael Discipulo (US Department of State) ज्युहरूले आफ्ना अनुभवहरू र भूकम्प प्रतिरोधी निर्माण कार्य सम्बन्धि प्रस्तुती गर्नुहुनेछ। उहाँहरू दुबै विनाशकारी भूकम्प पछि नेपालमा पुगेर संरचनाहरूको जाँच / परीक्षणमा सहभागी हुनुभएको थियो र दुबैले पुनर्निर्माण प्रयासका लागि धेरै काम गरिरहनु भएको छ।

The Greater Washington D.C. Chapter of American Society of Nepalese Engineers (GWDC-ASNEng) announces a mini seminar "Nepal Earthquake: Experiences and Looking Ahead"

Meet with **Dr. Rajesh Dhakal**, Professor at University of Canterbury in New Zealand and **Mr. Rafael C. Discipulo**, P.E. and Structural Engineer at Department of State. Both were in Nepal after devastating earthquake and have also been working heavily for reconstruction effort in Nepal. They will share their experiences and expertise in recovery and reconstruction effort.

Location: Chantilly Regional Library

**4000 Stringfellow Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-2628**

Date: Sunday, August 09, 2015

Time: 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Bio of Dr. Dhakal

Dr Rajesh Dhakal is a Professor of Structural and Earthquake Engineering at University of Canterbury, and a fellow of IPENZ (Institute of Professional Engineers New Zealand). He is a Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) in NZ, and led several building assessment teams following the 2010-11 Canterbury earthquakes in NZ. Prof Dhakal has authored more than 250 technical papers in different aspects of structural and earthquake engineering, and is internationally known for his expertise in the field of earthquake engineering. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Bulletin of the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE). Prof Dhakal has received more than a dozen awards including the prestigious EQC-NZSEE Ivan Skinner award for advancement of earthquake engineering research in NZ, and NZSEE Otto-Glogau award (2007 and 2011) for publishing outstanding technical papers in the field of earthquake Engineering.

Prof Dhakal spent more than 7 weeks in Nepal right after earthquake and will be spending rest of the year assisting government of Nepal for recovery and reconstruction effort.

Prof Dhakal was born, raised and educated in Nepal. He received his Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from the Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University in Nepal in 1992; for his outstanding academic performance he was conferred the Vice Chancellor Gold Medal and the Kulratna Tuladhar Medal. After working in Nepal (for the Nepal Telecommunication Corporation first and then for the Ministry of Water Resources) for 3 years, he went abroad for higher education; his Master degree in Structural Engineering was from Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand in 1997 (with another gold medal) and he received his PhD from University of Tokyo in 2000.

Currently in Christchurch, NZ, Prof Dhakal is also the President of the Nepal New Zealand Friendship Society of Canterbury, for which he co-led the NZ4Nepal fundraising campaign after the 25 April Nepal earthquake. The campaign has so far generated more than 100,000 NZ dollars; more than half of which has already been used to provide relief materials to thousands of earthquake victims in Nepal.

Prof Dhakal came to Nepal as a member of the expert engineering team sent by New Zealand Government in response to the Government of Nepal's request. Since coming to Nepal, he has helped

DUDBC assess several government buildings and other buildings of high strategic importance (such as hospitals, high rise apartments etc).

Bio of Mr. Discipulo

Mr. Rafael C. Discipulo, P.E. A Structural Engineer with over 33 years of progressive design experience. He has worked on structures located in high seismic high wind areas including new and strengthening upgrades. Projects include low rise to high rise commercial buildings, as well as industrial, and institutional. With concrete, he has worked on pre-stressed and post-tensioned concrete structures in both new buildings and in strengthening applications in combination with composite materials. He was previously the Engineering Manager of the VSL Washington DC branch. Currently, he works for the US Department of State where he handles projects in high seismic areas.

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