



**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
and Agreement of Cooperation**
between
American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEgr)
PO Box 39524,
Baltimore, MD 21212, USA
and
National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET)
Bhaisepati Residential Area, Lalitpur, Nepal

This memorandum of understanding (MoU) is made and entered into by and between the American Society of Nepalese Engineers herein referred to as ASNEgr and the National Society for Earthquake Technology herein referred to as NSET.

Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to create a framework for cooperation between two organizations (ASNEgr and NSET) through mutual exchange of technological ideas, practices and scientific developments that will enable each organization to better serve Nepal and Nepalese people, Nepali diaspora, and the engineering and scientific professions as a whole.

The collaboration of both organizations should enable each organization to better achieve their stated missions and goals. With this understanding, ASNEgr and NSET agree to have joint endeavor of cooperation, which will include actions and initiatives (meetings, sharing and exchange of ideas, information, technological know-how, joint committees, joint projects, etc.) that will enhance each organization's contributions in areas of common interest.

Areas of Common Interest

Activities contemplated under this MoU include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. ASNEgr and NSET will
 - a. Exchange information on scientific and technical topics and publications that are of mutual interest;
 - b. Conduct joint research, development, and publications;
 - c. Organize meetings, seminars, symposia, workshops, trainings and conferences.
2. ASNEgr and NSET will work closely in the sectors pertaining to issues related to natural disasters and risk management, specifically pertaining to Nepal and shall work closely in the event of the future natural disasters in Nepal to provide efficient relief effort to the affected people.

This MoU will become operational upon approval by the governing bodies of the above organizations and will have a fixed duration of five years. It will be reviewed six months prior to the MoU termination date and could be renewed for another five-year or shorter term. Otherwise, it will be automatically considered expired or terminated. It may also be terminated

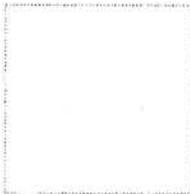


at any time prior to the date of expiration upon six-month's written notice by either of the organizations. The notice shall contain the reasons for termination.

Amendments to the MoU may be made at any time with mutual approval of both organizations.

Each organization, within a month after signing the MoU, will nominate one person to be the point of contact for communication to coordinate the detail plans of action to be undertaken under this MoU.

Both parties agree to work with true spirit of partnership for the mutual benefit. If required, both the parties will sign a project specific contract separately. The approval of this MoU by ASNEng and NSET does not constitute financial commitment by either of the two parties for the implementation of activities under this MoU. A separate agreement shall be executed for such purposes when and if needed.



On Behalf of ASNEng

Upendra L. Karna
Dr. Upendra L. Karna
President

Date: 20 November, 2019



On Behalf of NSET

Ramesh Guragain
Dr. Ramesh Guragain
Deputy Executive Director

Date: 20 November, 2019