

World Wildlife Fund Inc. (WWF) Official visit to Kathmandu University (KU)

Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung, Senior Conservation Program Director of WWF Nepal, visited Kathmandu University on 15 October 2017. During the visit, a meeting was held with KU officials and Mayors of Dhulikhel and Paanchkhal municipalities at the Office of the Vice Chancellor.



In the meeting, Dr. Gurung shared about WWF activity at Indrawati, Panchkhaal and Kavre district catchment areas mainly in chemical fertilizer usage control and water resource management. He also highlighted the idea of preserving the Roshi river as the community conservation area.

From his long working experience in the conservation sector, Dr. Gurung pointed the lack of expert Biologists in Nepal. Hence KU and WWF can jointly develop course in this area. Also, he highlighted the opportunity for KU students to carry out research in the bio-engineering works implemented by WWF.

Similarly, Mayors from Dhulikhel municipality (Mr. Ashok Byanju) and Paanchkhal municipality (Mr. Mahesh Kharel) stressed on the need of water resource conservation management program in collaboration with KU and WWF.

From KU, Dr. Dhurva Gauchan, Associate Professor at Department of Biotechnology, presented the departmental research on bamboo and envisioned Organic Farming research and testing center at KU. Prof. Subodh Sharma, Dean of School of Engineering, highlighted the opportunity to organize a Regional Conference on watershed management and groundwater recharge.



Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, the Vice Chancellor, presented the idea of municipalities in Kavre district as 'Living Laboratory' for students and faculties of Kathmandu University.

Prof. Dr. Bim Prasad Shrestha adjourned the meeting with handover of KU souvenir to Dr. Gurung by the Vice Chancellor.

Note:

On 13 December 2015, KU and WWF signed a Memorandum of Understanding valid for 5 years from July 2015 to July 2020. The main objective of this MoU is to use the resources of both organizations efficiently and effectively to promote conservation education and research. The relationship is expected to exchange information on biodiversity conservation in Nepal and share related research publications.