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7th Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet

(7th - 10th October 2015)

Kathmandu Declaration-2015

The 7th Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet of SAARC Diploma Engineers Forum (SDEF) held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 7th to 10th October 2015. His Excellency **Parmanada Jha**, Hon'ble Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nepal inaugurated the convention.

The Declaration adopted under the Chairmanship of Engr. Satnam Singh Dhanoa, Chairman, SAARC Diploma Engineers Forum, today the 9th October 2015 at the Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet of SDEF hereinafter called **Kathmandu Convention**. The Convention Resolves and Formulates "Kathmandu Declaration-2015" as follows:

1. The Kathmandu Declaration-2015 expresses with great sadness, deepest condolence for all who lost valuable lives in devastating earthquake taken place last April 2015 in Nepal. The convention sincerely sympathies to all those who lost their properties and any way affected by the disaster. The convention prays to Almighty for early recovery of losses and damages by devastating earthquake. The convention also hope that the courageous people of Nepal will be able to overcome the challenges and all Diploma Engineers of SAARC region be remain with people of Nepal in this trip.
2. The "Kathmandu Declaration 2015" in continuation of "Dhaka Declaration-1998", "Karachi Declaration-2000", "Kathmandu Declaration-2000", "Colombo Declaration-2001", "Karachi Declaration-2004", "Kathmandu Declaration-2005", "Delhi Declaration-2008", "Dhaka Declaration-2010", "Colombo Declaration-2011", "Chandigarh Declaration-2013", reiterates the spirit of application and innovations in the field of science and technology for the welfare of people in the SAARC region and considers the joint efforts of member countries for this application as indispensable for economic growth and poverty alleviation of the region including achievement of unachieved Millennium Development Goal (MDG) especially in the areas of poverty, primary education, Gender equity and reduction of child mortality, Maternal mortality, Major diseases and environment sustainability.
3. The Kathmandu Declaration 2015 also urge for proper implementation of SDGs (a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity) adopted in United Nations on 25 September 2015 to be implemented by the year 2030 comprising 17 goals especially the end of poverty, combat hunger, achieve food security, quality education, sustainable water & sanitation, energy security for all, productive employment & decent work for all, resilient infrastructure, sustainable industrialization & foster innovation and action for climate change and its impact etc. by the govt. of SAARC countries.
4. The Kathmandu Declaration 2015 acknowledged that the expansion of technical & vocational education and training for enhancing skill to accelerate the socio-economic



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development of the region which has already are on going in the SAARC countries be enhance further. The SDEF will endeavor to accelerate the govt. efforts in this respect.

5. The Kathmandu Declaration-2015 makes reverent reference of the presence of His Excellency **Parmanada Jha**, Hon'ble Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nepal for inaugurating the Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet as the Chief Guest. The convention respectfully express gratitude and thanks to His Excellency for making a valuable speech which SDEF treasure for inspiration and guidance in future. The Convention also makes relevant reference to the presence of **Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey**, Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Govt. of the Federal Republic of Nepal for his kind presence in the closing session and making valuable speech as Chief Guest which SDEF will treasure for inspiration.
6. The Kathmandu Declaration expresses due acknowledgement with honour to Mr. Lal Babu Pandit, Minister of General Administration, Govt. of the Federal Republic of Nepal and hon'ble Arjun Bahadur Thapa, Secretary General of SAARC and Dr. Dineshchandra Devkota, Former Vice-Chairman, NPC for their kind presence in the inaugural session as Special Guests and making valuable speech which SDEF treasure for inspiration.
7. The Kathmandu Declaration expresses thanks and gratitude to Mr. Madhav Prasad Regmi, Secretary, MOFALD, Er. A.K.M.A Hamid, President, IDEB, Dr. Narottam Prasad Upadhyay, Er. Hare Ram Shrestha, president, president, SCAEF, Er. Arjun Kumar Karki, Secretary, MOUD, Er. Shamsur Rahman, General Secretary, IDEB, Er. Narayan Khanal, SDE, DWSS, Er. Ram Chandra Devkota, DG, DWSS, Er. Satya Narayan Shah, Chairperson, NEL, Er. Kamal Pandey, Senior Transport Controller, Er. S.T.J. Arawawala, Chairperson, IIESL(Sri Lanka), Co-chairman, SDEF, Mrs. Chineemaiya Maharjan, vice-president, DEAN, Dr. Ar. Sumitra Amatya, Ms. Padma Mathema, Er. Khadga K.C. Former Chairman, DEAN and Former Chairman, SDEF, Er. Harsa Mahottala, Council Member, IIESL, Er. Gajendra Thakur, Secretary, MOPIT, Er. Satnam Singh Dhanoa, Chairman, SDEF, Er. Sahadev Bhandari, SDE, DoLIDAR, Er. Saroj Basnet, General Secretary SCAEF, Er. Jeevan Kumar Shrestha, DG, DoLIDAR, Er. Binod Dhakal, Former Chairman, DEAN, Prof. Dr. Deepak Bhattarai, Senior Consultant, CMT, Mr. Punya Prasad Neupane, ED NASC, Er. Madav Belbase, DG, DOI, Dr. Er. Murli Gopal Ranjitkar and Saroj Upadhyay, Er. Jagdishwor Man Shrestha, Er. Sher Singh Bhat, DED, NEA, Er. Raju Man Manandhar, DDG, DUDBC, Er. R.K. Singh, General Secretary AIFODE, India for their kind presence & valuable addresses in the ceremonial session & Technical session.
8. The Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet expresses gratitude & thanks to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nepal and peoples' of Nepal for their help and co-operation to hold the Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet in Kathmandu, Nepal.
9. The Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet expresses gratitude & thanks to the Govt. of the SAARC countries for precious help and co-operation to hold the Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet in Kathmandu, Nepal.



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10. The Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet expresses its gratitude to His Excellency Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, Hon'ble President, Federal Republic of Nepal, His Excellency Paramanda Jha, Hon'ble Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nepal, Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, Hon'ble President, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Sushil Koirala, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Govt. of the Federal Republic of Nepal, Mr. Jua Oram, Minister of Tribal Affairs Government of the Republic of India for sending message on the occasion of the Convention & 14th Apex Body meet.
11. The Kathmandu Convention expresses its gratitude for appropriate and timely theme presentation in the technical session by Prof. Dr. Bharat Raj Pahari, Former Dean, TU/IOE, Prof. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Adhikari, Advisor, DEAN, Er. Ramkrishna Sapkota, Joint Secretary, MOFALD, Dr. Sumitra Amatya, Ms. Padma Mathema, Er. Saha Dev Bhandari, SDE, DOLIDAR, Er. Saroj Basnet, General Secretary, SCAEF, Dr. Murli Gopal Ranjitkar, Saroj Upadhyay, Er. Jagdisgwor Man Shrestha. The convention also offer special thanks to **Eng. Md. Fozlur Rahman Khan of Bangladesh, Engr. H B Dayaratne** of Sri Lanka, **Engr. R.C. Srivastva** of India for their key note presentation on "Regional Power Grid System Development" "Climate Change and Environment Protection with Relevant Aspects", and "Regional Communication System Development".
12. It reveals that the Colombo Convention has appointed Hon'ble P. Dayaratne, M.P, Senior Minister for Food Security, Sri Lanka, the Chandigarh Convention appointed Er. H.D Deve Gowda. Former Prime Minister of India, Md. Rahmat Ali, MP, Former State Minister of GoB as patron of SDEF. The Kathmandu convention requested to all other SDEF member organizations to propose name of dignitaries for appointment as patron of SDEF.
13. The Kathmandu convention congratulates newly elected Apex Body of SAARC Diploma Engineers Forum with Er. Kameshwar Prasad Singh (President, DEAN) as Chairman and Er. Md. Shamsur Rahman, (General Secretary, IDEB) as Secretary General for next 2(two) years.
14. The Advisory Committee, Standing Committee, Technical Committee, Committee for SAARC Technology Centre, Lady Diploma Engineers Committee appearing bellow stands be approved by the Kathmandu Convention. The Kathmandu Declaration also decided to form Sub-Committees on Disaster Management, Sustainable Development, Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET).



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15. The Kathmandu Convention expresses thanks for submission of application by the SDEF Head Quarters to the SAARC Secretariat for upgradation of SDEF Status from recognized body to Apex Body. The Convention expresses satisfaction and offer gratitude to Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Hon'ble Foreign Minister, Govt. of Federal Republic of Nepal and Hon'ble Arjun Bahadur Thapa, Secretary General of SAARC for their commitment to upgrade the SDEF Status from recognized body to Apex Body.
16. The Kathmandu convention expresses thanks for submission of application by the SDEF HQs to the SAARC Secretariat for Establishment of "SAARC Technological Centre in Nepal and Sub-Centre in every member countries. The convention urged to the SAARC Secretariat for early & favorable consideration and take necessary action in this regard. All member organizations are requested to submit proposal for Establishment of Sub-Center in their countries.
17. The Kathmandu Convention request to all member countries for undertaking a comprehensive study on Diploma Engineering Courses in terms of duration, modes of Implementation of teaching-learning activities & certification by obtaining relevant information on Engineering courses conducted in respective countries.
18. The Kathmandu convention unanimously decided to hold the next SDEF Convention and 15th Apex Body Meet in Pakistan subject to the confirmation PDEF, failing which the IIESL/IDEB shall take responsibility to hold Apex Body Meet in Colombo, Sri Lanka/Dhaka, Bangladesh.
19. The report presented by Er. Md. Shamsur Rahman, the Secretary General of SDEF in the Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet is approved with thanks. The Report of Advisory Committee, Standing Committee & Technical Committee presented by the respective committees was discussed in the convention. The proposal of election of Secretary General by rotation from every member country be resolved as per constitution. The other proposal of the committees will be discussed in the next Apex Body Meet.
20. That Kathmandu Convention unanimously thanks DEAN for hosting the convention very sincerely & successfully place on record the hospitality and services rendered to the participants of the convention by DEAN.
21. The Convention & 14th Apex Body Meet requested all the Committees of the SDEF for overall monitoring and co-operation of the programs as approved in the Convention.
22. The Kathmandu convention request all the Member Countries to Deposit US\$200 per year for the Headquarter expenses as decided earlier.
23. The Kathmandu Convention unanimously advice that all the member organizations should take steps to restyle their organizations as Institute or Institutions or Form new Institution through constitutional means of respective countries by providing aims & objectives of identical nature at the earliest convenience.



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24. The Kathmandu Convention reiterates the need of technology centre as a centre of Excellency for Engineering Execution, Operation & Services amongst the people of the region. Technology Centre shall be established in Nepal duly recognized by the SAARC.
25. The convention acknowledge the theme "Save Agricultural Land Build Planned Village (Residential Area)" in the SAARC region for future food security and better lifestyle.
26. The Kathmandu convention unanimously request to establish the study exchange program among the teachers & students of the Polytechnic Institutes within SDEF member countries.
27. The Kathmandu convention unanimously request to Govt. of the SAARC countries to allow the professionals to visit in industry and critical technical development projects for transformation of experience within SDEF member countries.
28. The Kathmandu convention urges the Governments of the SAARC countries to take initiative to allow the professionals to visits the historical places /museum/ tourists spot etc. without or on arrival VISA in member countries at the same fees applicable for their citizens.
29. The Kathmandu convention requested to all head of the country head of the government of the SAARC Countries for Visa free entry and concession rate air ticket for engineering professionals among SAARC countries for rapid technology transfer in the region.
30. The Apex Body of SDEF elected for the next 2(two) years are given bellow :

Sl. No.	Designation	Name	Country
(i)	Chairman	Er. Kameshwar Prasad Singh	Nepal
(ii)	Co-Chairman	To be nominated	Afghanistan
(iii)	Co-Chairman	Er. A K M A Hamid	Bangladesh
(iv)	Co-Chairman	To be nominated	Bhutan
(v)	Co-Chairman	Er. Satnam Singh Dhanoa	India
(vi)	Co-Chairman	Er. Hossain Mohamed Didi	Maldives
(viii)	Co-Chairman	Er. Syed Mansoor Hussain	Pakistan
(ix)	Co-Chairman	Er. S T J Arrawwawala	Sri Lanka
(x)	Secretary General	Er. Md. Shamsur Rahman	Bangladesh
(xi)	Executive Member	Er. R. K. Singh	India
(xii)	Executive Member	To be nominated	Bhutan
(xiii)	Executive Member	To be nominated	Maldives
(xiv)	Executive Member	Er. Bindiya Karki	Nepal
(xv)	Executive Member	Er. Syed Hussain Malik	Pakistan
(xvi)	Executive Member	Er. H B Dayanate	Sri Lanka
(Xvii)	Executive Member	To be nominated	Afghanistan

31. The Kathmandu convention reiterates that the main objective of the SDEF advisory council is to obtain the expertise of senior member as and when requires by the Apex Body. The SDEF Apex Body decide to Reformed SDEF Advisory Council as follows:

Engr ABM Anwarul Haque, MP

Bangladesh

Engr Abdur Rob Bhuiyan

Bangladesh



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Engr. Satnam Singh Dhanoa	India
Engr. R.C. Srivastava	India
Engr. Hossain Mohamed Didi	Maldives
Engr. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Adhkari	Nepal
Engr. Khadga K. C	Nepal
Engr. Syed Mansoor Hussain	Pakistan
Engr. Imtiaz Rasheed	Pakistan
Engr. Jagath Arawwawala	Sri Lanka
Engr. Lt. Col. Pani Kavikeshawa	Sri Lanka

32. The SDEF Convention & Apex Body Meet approved the following Committees:

(a) Standing Committee 2 (Two) member from each Country

Sl. No	Name	Country	Designation
(1)	Er. Md. Fozlur Rahman Khan	Bangladesh	Member
(2)	Er. Fazlul Haque Mallick	Bangladesh	Member
(3)	Er. R. K Singh	India	President
(4)	Er. R. K. Rawat	India	Member
(5)	Er. Mohamed Waheed	Maldives	Member
(6)	Er. Kamal Aryal	Nepal	Secretary
(7)	Er. Barma Lal Rajbhandari	Nepal	Member
(8)	Er. S. M. Shakil Asraf	Pakistan	Member
(9)	Er. Syed Hasan Ahmed Zaidi	Pakistan	Member
(10)	Er. Chandrasiri Wanasinghe	Sri Lanka	Member
(11)	Er. R. M. S. Upali	Sri Lanka	Member
(12)		Afghanistan	Member
(13)		Afghanistan	Member
(14)		Bhutan	Member
(15)		Bhutan	Member

(b) Technical Committee 2(Two) persons from each Country

Sl. No	Name	Country	Designation
(1)	Er. Ajoy Kumar Sarker	Bangladesh	Member
(2)	Er. Aminul Islam Mintu	Bangladesh	Member
(3)	Er. Shivanand Hugar	India	Secretary
(4)	Er. Manmohan Rajbongshi	India	Member
(5)	Er. Hossain Mohamed Didi	Maldives	Member
(6)	Er. Pradeep Kumar Shrestha	Nepal	Member
(7)	Er. Dasharath Yadav	Nepal	Member
(8)	Er. Mahamud-ul-Hasan	Pakistan	Member
(9)	Er. Qasim	Pakistan	Member
(10)	Er. S.B. Udakumbura	Sri Lanka	President
(11)	Er. P.A. D.R Chandrasiri	Sri Lanka	Member
(12)		Afghanistan	Member
(13)		Afghanistan	Member
(14)		Bhutan	Member
(15)		Bhutan	Member



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(c) Lady Diploma Engineers Committee (2(Two) persons from each Country)

Sl. No	Name	Country	Designation
(1)	Er. Nigar Banu	Bangladesh	Secretary
(2)	Er. Mina Parvin	Bangladesh	Member
(3)	Er. Saira Naseem	India	Member
(4)	Er. Shimpi Borah Phukan	India	Member
(5)	Er. Chinee Maiya Maharjan	Nepal	Member
(6)	Er. Sarita Upadhaya	Nepal	Member
(7)	Er. (Mrs.) Harsha Mohottala	Sri Lanka	President
(8)	Er. (Mrs.) Kanthi De Silva	Sri Lanka	Member
(9)		Maldives	Member
(10)		Maldives	Member
(11)		Pakistan	Member
(12)		Pakistan	Member
(13)		Afghanistan	Member
(14)		Afghanistan	Member
(15)		Bhutan	Member
(16)		Bhutan	Member

(d) Technological Center Committee

Sl. No	Name	Country	Designation
(1)	Er. Nihar Ranjan Mandal	Bangladesh	Member
(2)	Er. Kamruzzaman Nayan	Bangladesh	Member
(3)	Er. Sudhir Panwar	India	Secretary
(4)	Er. Angrej Singh	India	Member
(5)	Er. Ram Subaran Chaudhary	Nepal	President
(6)	Er. Jiban Ghimire	Nepal	Member
(7)		Pakistan	Member
(8)		Pakistan	Member
(9)	Er. Saman Talagala	Sri Lanka	Member
(10)	Er. Nalin Mendis	Sri Lanka	Member
(11)		Maldives	Member
(12)		Maldives	Member
(13)		Afghanistan	Member
(14)		Afghanistan	Member
(15)		Bhutan	Member
(16)		Bhutan	Member

e) Disaster Management Sub-Committee

Sl. No	Name	Country	Designation
(1)	Er. Md. Atiar Rahman	Bangladesh	Member
(2)	Er. Golam Mohammad	Bangladesh	Member
(3)	Er. R. A Patel	India	Secretary
(4)	Er. P.C. Joshi	India	Member
(5)	Er. Top Bahadur Baniya	Nepal	President
(6)	Er. Rajinanda Prasad Chaudhary	Nepal	Member
(7)		Pakistan	Member
(8)		Pakistan	Member
(9)	Er. Kamalanath Jinadasa	Sri Lanka	Member



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(10)	Er. D. J. Amarakoon	Sri Lanka	Member
(11)		Maldives	Member
(12)		Maldives	Member
(13)		Afghanistan	Member
(14)		Afghanistan	Member
(15)		Bhutan	Member
(16)		Bhutan	Member

f) Sustainable Development Sub-Committee

Sl. No	Name	Country	Designation
(1)	Er. Md. Abdun Numan	Bangladesh	President
(2)	Er. Md. Khabir Hossain	Bangladesh	Member
(3)	Er. Vijay Srivastava	India	Member
(4)	Er. J.S. Jaggi	India	Member
(5)	Er. Badri Bhandari	Nepal	Member
(6)	Er. Sadhu Sharan Purwe	Nepal	Member
(7)		Pakistan	Secretary
(8)		Pakistan	Member
(9)	Er. Wimal Jayawardena	Sri Lanka	Member
(10)	Er. (Miss) Muditha Prasadini	Sri Lanka	Member
(11)		Maldives	Member
(12)		Maldives	Member
(13)		Afghanistan	Member
(14)		Afghanistan	Member
(15)		Bhutan	Member
(16)		Bhutan	Member

g) TVET Development Sub-Committee

Sl. No	Name	Country	Designation
(1)	Prof. Dr. Mohammad Golam Sultan Alam	Bangladesh	President
(2)	Er. Md. Idris Ali	Bangladesh	Member
(3)	Er. N.K. Singh	India	Member
(4)	Er. P.K. Namdeo	India	Member
(5)	Er. Thakur Bhattra	Nepal	Member
(6)	Er. Sundar Thapa	Nepal	Member
(7)		Pakistan	Member
(8)		Pakistan	Member
(9)	Er. Jagath Arawwawala	Sri Lanka	Secretary
(10)	Er. Lt. Col. Pani Kavikeshawa	Sri Lanka	Member
(11)		Maldives	Member
(12)		Maldives	Member
(13)		Afghanistan	Member
(14)		Afghanistan	Member
(15)		Bhutan	Member
(16)		Bhutan	Member

33. The Topics earmarked in the Chandigarh Declaration-2013 will be continue for further studies.

34. The Kathmandu Convention-2015 unanimously decided to work on the following sectors:



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| (a) Disaster Management | Nepal |
| (b) Renewable Energy & Hydropower Development | Sri Lanka |
| (c) Climate Change and Food Security | India |
| (d) Engineering Education & Career Development | Bangladesh |

Responsible Country will work on these issues.

35. The Kathmandu Convention-2015 has unanimously decided to follow the Chandigarh Declaration-2013 and monitor the decision and update the same.
36. The Kathmandu Convention decided that the Apex Body will meet twice in a year by rotation in every country. The concern member organization will arrange the meeting.
37. To reduce the global warm alarming situation the member organization will start plantation of trees in their country and submit report every year to the SDEF HQs. The HQs in turn submit report to the SAARC secretariat as activities report.
38. The social and organizational work undertaken by the member organization should be submitted to SDEF HQs which in turn be submitted to the SAARC Secretariat.
39. The Convention opined that the role of Secretary General should be defined. The convention advised the member organizations to submit their proposal in this respect to the SDEF HQs.
40. The Convention unanimously offer thanks and gratitude to Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) for providing spacious space for Chairman and Secretary General Office with a conference hall at IDEB Bhaban, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The convention also acknowledged with thanks for bearing the expenditure of the SDEF HQs from IDEB own found from its inception.



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The delegates of SAARC Diploma Engineers Forum put their respective hands together to this Kathmandu Declaration-2015 and signed today the 9th October-2015.

Signatories

(Er. Satanam Singh Dhanoa)

Chairman, Apex Body, SDEF

and

President, All India Federation of Diploma Engineers (ALFODE)

(Er. Kameshwar Prasad Singh)

Chairman (Elected), Apex Body, SDEF

and

President, Diploma Engineers Association, Nepal (DEAN)

(Er. S T J Ararawwala)

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