

**TCDPAP Conference
Day 3 - March 13, 2009**

Closing Ceremony

Closing Remarks by Keshab Man Amatya, President/SCAEF

The Chief Guest of the Closing Session Honorable Minister Mr. Ganesh Shah,
Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology;

President FIDIC Dr. John Boyd;
Elect FIDIC Mr. Greg Thomopolus;
President TCDPAP Mr. Karamat Ullah Chaudry;
President ASPAC Mr. Akihiko Hirotsu;
Secretary General TCDPAP Dr. Sunil Abrol;
Bureaucratic Chiefs and High Officials of the Govt. of Nepal;
Invited Guests;
Representatives of the Media and Press;
Ladies and gentlemen;

It gives me a great pleasure in presiding over this concluding session of the 3 days long International Conference of TCDPAP and FIDIC ASPAC. It was a privilege and pleasure for all SCAEF members to host this very important conference. During three days, I have witnessed the member countries of TCDPAP and FIDIC strengthening the process of globalization and accelerating its pace through development of partnership among the participants of the conference. I take pleasure in informing you that to-day SCAEF has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with National Engineering Consultancy Society of Azerbaijan (NECSA), and Uzbek Association of Consulting Engineers (UZACE) for mutual cooperation in the consultancy development. Perhaps this is one of the achievements of the conference.

The need for consolidation and sharing of experiences among the member countries was brilliantly visible during the conference. The presence of FIDIC high officials has given immense moral boost and encouragement to the conference and to SCAEF fraternity. During the conference we received various suggestions and particularly about the need for involvement of FIDIC on capacity building of Government authorities and consultants and contribute for professional development in procurement issues including maintenance and updating of FIDIC documents, training on various aspects of contract management including variation orders, dispute resume etc.

We all know that TCDPAP has been working towards strengthening and collaboration among the member firms. This conference in line with the theme has focused on three aspects:

1. Policy reforms requirement for strengthening the consulting industry
2. Business opportunities in Nepal
3. Sharing experiences of Consultants working in different fields

I would like to reiterate the aspiration of the Prime Minister who recognized the Consulting Industry as the basic bone of Economy and has highlighted the role of the consultants in economic development. We need to be able to stand at that level for which we need the cooperation of all the partners across the globe.

We are overwhelmed to note that the Executive Committee Meeting of TCDPAP has adopted the proposal from Vietnam to host the annual conference on 2010 and also Malaysia's acceptance to host the Conference on 2011.

We have come to the end of the conference and I would like to express my confidence that the outcome of the conference is being carried by the member countries and the participants. The knowledge and the information disseminated in the conference will certainly be useful for strengthening the consulting industry across the region.

Lastly but not the least, I am especially pleased with the press and the media this time that they gave so much coverage to this event. The Prime Minister, Ministers and all other have said and expressed that consultants are the pillars of development and in line with these views, the press and media responded with maximum coverage, Thank you Media and Press, you have adapted the right track.

With these notes, I would like to conclude and give sincere thanks to all participants, high officials of FIDIC, ASPAC, TCDPAP, the high officials of the Government of Nepal and all other contributors for the successful completion of this conference.
THANK YOU.