

Presentation by Session Chair 5: KK Kapila, President, CEAI/CDC India

In session five, we had five papers from very distinguish and accomplished professionals.

The first paper was capacity building of national consultancy in Asia pacific region experiences of ADB was presented by Mr. Terry Woods, ADB, Manila. He lucidly presented first ADB's capacity building program. The Bank's initiative particularly their assistance in formulating the consulting industry for Nepal is very commendable. ABD conducts two days in country which happens in disseminating knowledge amongst various stakeholders. He made a very significant observation that as a project should be tracked very early by referring country partnership strategic document.

Second paper was presented by Mr. Akihiko Hirotani, President of Japan Associate of Consultancy Engineers. His research was engineering Japan. He lucidly brought out the problem of aging society in Japan. Because with expectancy going up and decreasing in the number of children, the present number of young engineers is decreasing and that of elderly engineers increasing. Beside the long working hours and the low wages are not attractive for young people who have better opportunities in other intellectual industry. To address this issue number of steps have been taken in the education system to develop young professional engineers Japan University, junior college and college of technology also promote accreditation system for engineering education. So, the government also aims to increase the number of engineers and scientists by bringing in changes in education pattern. Engineers are also assisting by continue professional development and it is taken an obligation on the part of the professional engineering. This action will be necessary to measure challenges.

Next paper on "Partnership for consultancy development was presented by engineer Badan Nyachhyon. He explained that engineers have to be on constant vigilance as they are responsible for his work more than any other professionals who can cite their failure on others. He actually discussed the role of FIDIC in consultancy industry. He highlight the role of FIDIC as the industry voice and needs of member associations and the member firms. He also discussed about the role of TCDPAP, a forum of collaboration companies, regional consultancy association. In conclusion, he highlighted, the only way to move towards excellence providing consultancy service is to understand the demand and the expectation of the clients such deliberation can save the environment of the clients and the consultants to meet together and contribute towards stringent the industry for enhancing sustainability of economic development.

Next was by Engineer Mazar Islam. His paper was on capacity building of consultancy in WTO context. He actually described the various aspects of WTO and its impact on the service sector, GATS. He lucidly brought out the distinction GATT and GAT, he discussed

the WTO service sector and classify it in 12 major categories. He also covered the aspect of the mode of trading of Services.

The last paper was presented by Gyanendra Pradhan on promoting hydro power for national development. He brought out that Nepal is rich in natural resources, clean water and competent electricity generated from the adequate water resources. He highlighted the immense potential of generation of hydropower in Nepal and ready made for sale to India. He also highlighted that hydropower is not only powerful for production sector but is also a powerful means of bringing social, economic transformation and development of villages. In the past all big projects have employed the foreign firms and the contractors for its technical and engineering tasks. So the local talent didn't grow in this field which has immense potential. He emphasized on the need to develop local talent, there vast scope of consultants in this sector and should take this opportunity. He sees hydropower as a potential contributor for transforming Nepal society into prosperous economic zone.