



AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOLOGY OF
HIMALAYA-KARAKORAM-TIBET REGION

27th Himalaya-Karakoram-Tibet WORKSHOP

Kathmandu, Nepal
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FIRST CIRCULAR

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Introduction

Nepal Geological Society is pleased to announce that it is hosting the 27th Himalaya-Karakoram-Tibet (HKT) workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal, during November 28-30, 2012. The HKT workshops have been a forum instrumental in the advancement of geologic understanding of this part of the earth. Geoscientists from across the world have contributed and have benefited from each other during such workshops in the past. It is expected that this forthcoming event will add again one more building block in furthering the geosciences and the understanding of the geologic phenomena in this part of the globe. After the 9th workshop in 1994, this is the second time that the HKT workshop is going to be held in Nepal – a popular destination for all natural scientists as well as tourists from all over the world alike. The workshop is a forum of all geoscientists for a collegial discussion and sharing of their new findings from research in the HKT region. The Nepal Geological Society invites the HKT geosciences community from all over the world to participate and make the event successful.

Important Dates:

Nov 28 th , 2012	Wed	Inaugural session and beginning of the workshop
Nov 29 th 2012	Thu	Continuation of the Workshop Conference dinner in the evening
Nov 30 th , 2012	Fri	Continuation of the Workshop
Dec 1 st -6 th , 2012	Sat-Thu	Post-conference field trips (3 different field trips, each of between 1 to 6 days duration)

Deadlines:

Workshop pre-registration form submission	Jun 30 th , 2012
Abstract submission	Jul 31 st , 2012
Workshop and field trip registration and payment (<i>All registrations after this date shall incur a late fee</i>)	Sep 15 th , 2012
Full paper submission	Oct 30 th , 2012

Submission of Pre-Registration Form

Pre-registration form, which is available on the website: www.ngs.org.np should be submitted by email to the Organizing Committee at hkt27kath@gmail.com. The Pre-registration form must be submitted not later than the 30th of June, 2012. The Second Circular, to be circulated in mid-August, will be sent to only those who have submitted the pre-registration form within the deadline. The second circular shall provide detailed information about the workshop venue, post-conference field trips, travel, accommodation, payments and other relevant information.

Submission of Abstracts

Scientific abstracts must be received by the Organizing Committee before the 31st of July, 2012 in order to be considered for presentation in the workshop; earlier submissions are highly encouraged. Abstracts should be submitted by email at hkt27kath@gmail.com. Presentations will be assigned to oral or poster sessions based on the scientific quality of the abstract and topical fit within the sessions convened by the organizers. If you prefer a poster presentation, please indicate so clearly in your abstract submission email. Abstracts must be

submitted using the specified template, which has been in use since the 25th HKT workshop. For details on abstract formatting, length etc., please refer the template available in the society's website: www.ngs.org.np.

Publications

Abstracts of all the accepted papers will be published in the Journal of Nepal Geological Society, which will be distributed to all the registered participants during the workshop. The full text of the papers presented in the workshop will be published after peer review in the Journal of Nepal Geological Society as a special issue.

Registration Fee

Fees quoted below are in US Dollars and are the net amount receivable by the organizer (*All applicable bank charges should be added extra while transferring the fund*). Fees include all applicable taxes in Nepal.

	Paid by Sep 15 th , 2012	Paid after Sep 15 th , 2012
Foreign Participants		
Full registration	US \$ 400.00	US \$ 450.00
Students	US \$ 300.00	US \$ 350.00
Accompanying members	US \$ 250.00	US \$ 300.00
SAARC Countries	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan	
Full registration	US \$ 250.00	US \$ 300.00
Students	US \$ 150.00	US \$ 200.00
Accompanying members	US \$ 150.00	US \$ 200.00

Registration fee includes: All sessions and poster sessions, abstracts, coffee breaks and lunches.

It does not include dinners or accommodation costs.

Field Trips

There will be three different field trips to choose from: (i) EX-1: it will take you along the road section from Kathmandu-Butwal-Pokhara-Tatopani and finally to Jomsom. This will be a 6 days excursion during which you will get to see a complete S-N transect from Himalayan Frontal Thrust to the Tibetan Tethys Himalaya; (ii) EX-2: It will be a one day excursion along the Kathmandu-Kodari highway to the northern border with China. Along the way, you will pass through the Kathmandu Complex, Mahabharat Thrust, Nawakot Complex and ultimately across the Main Central Thrust to the Central Crystalline terrain; and (iii) EX-3: It will be a 3 days excursion from Amlekhgunj to Kathmandu to take you from Himalayan foothills to Mahabharat Range exposing you to Siwaliks, Main Boundary Thrust, Nawakot Complex, Kathmandu Complex and the Tethys Sedimentary sequences occurring in the Lesser Himalaya at the Phulchowki Hill in Kathmandu. Organization of each field trip will depend on the number of participants who will express their confirmed interest by paying in full the cost of the field trip within the stated deadline.

All the field trips will be lead by expert members of Nepal Geological Society. The cost of each field trip will be announced in the second circular.

Accommodation

Kathmandu has a wide range of accommodation facilities ranging from deluxe 5 star hotels to fairly inexpensive non-star guest houses. The room rents ranges from US \$ 400 to

US \$ 10.00 per night. Since November is a peak season for tourists in Nepal, advanced booking is highly recommended. The second circular will provide a list of suggested hotels where the organizer would have negotiated a discounted tariff for the participants. Since most of the hotels and guest houses in Nepal do operate their business online, participants are encouraged to book their rooms online on their own, and inform the same to the organizer in advance in order that daily pick-up to the workshop venue could be arranged.

Climate

Climate in Kathmandu during November is pleasant but cool. Mornings and evenings will be cool, but the day time will be pleasantly warm. It is advised to bring warm woolen clothes with you.

Passport and Visa Requirements

All foreigners must have valid passport and visa for entering into Nepal. For visitors from most countries, visa on arrival is granted at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. You are advised to contact the Nepalese Embassy or Consulate office in your respective countries to find out the exact status for your country. For participants from India, a valid identification or passport is sufficient.

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