Regional Conference on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific

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Presentation areas

- Policy provisions
- Present status
- Future direction / further initiatives
Higher education policy

- Provision of public and private universities
- Public universities are governed by University Grant Commission
- Policy provision of running higher education affiliated colleges
- Public universities are independent in their management and receives basic grant form the government
Higher Education in Nepal: A Glimpse

- **Started in 1918** with the establishment of a government college
- **The first university** - Tribhuvan University (TU) - established in 1959
- **Currently 9 Universities and 4 Medical Academies** are running
Higher Education...

- Campuses: 1,276
- Constituent: 96
- Community: 429
- Private: 751
- Teachers: 9,867
- Students: 5,69,665 (Female: 47.5%)
- GER: 16.84
Higher Education...

- TU is the largest university in terms of number of campuses and coverage of the students
- TU has 60 constituent campuses and 981 affiliated campuses, and more than 500 thousand students
- TU’s share to total students: 88 %
Faculties of Higher Education

- Aayurved
- Agriculture
- Buddhism
- Education
- Engineering
- Forestry
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Law
- Management
- Medicine
- Sanskrit
- Science and Technology
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<th>Country</th>
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Recognition of SSL Certificates

Curriculum Development Center under MoE is authorized to provide equivalence certificates of grade 10

Higher Secondary Education Board under MoE is authorized to provide equivalence certificates of grade 12
Recognition of Higher Education Certificates

- Every university has provided full authority of recognition of higher education degrees and qualifications.

- Issues that are concerned with the government of Nepal are supposed to be carried by Tribhuvan University.
New Initiatives on Recognition

- **Umbrella act of higher education** is being finalized
- **Quality assurance and accreditation act** is being initiated
- **Higher education policy** has been finalized
National Skill Testing Board (NSTB)

- NSTB is a statutory Skills Testing Authority
- Currently focusing on vocational education and working as a semi-autonomous body under MoE
- Governed by its own board
- But, it works under the CTEVT’s chair
National Vocational Qualification Authority (NVQA)

- Replacing NSTB by NVQA is being initiated — A new policy reform of the Government of Nepal
- Aims to meeting standard admission criteria
- NVQA - in the long run - looks after the accreditations of both general and vocational qualifications