

MADAN BHANDARI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

MADAN BHANDARI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – IN PURSUIT OF WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY LAUNCH CONFERENCE

KATHMANDU
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 (SHRAWAN 22, 2080)

PROGRAM

| Time | Program | Remarks |
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| 8:00-9:00 | Registration and Tea/ Coffee | |
| Inaugural Session | | |
| 9:00-9:10 | Welcome Address – Mr. Padma Jyoti, Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BOT), Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST) | |
| 9:10-9:15 | Inauguration by the Chief Guest, Mr. Ashok Kumar Rai – Honorable Minister of Education, Science and Technology | |
| 9:15-9:45 | MBUST- In Pursuit of World-Class - Prof. Rajendra Dhoj Joshi, President, MBUST | |
| 9:45-9:55 | Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between MBUST and Larke Himal Jadibuti Udyog Pvt. Ltd. | |
| 9:55 -10:25 | Relevance and Role of MBUST for Nepal - Prof. Seeram Ramakrishna, Former Vice President, National University of Singapore; Trustee and Honorable Everest Chair, MBUST | |
| 10:25-10:35 | Address by the Chief Guest, Mr. Ashok Kumar Rai –Honorable Minister of Education, Science and Technology | |
| 10:35:10:40 | Vote of thanks - Prof. Sanjaya Nath Khanal, Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST) | |
| 10:40-11:05 | Tea/ Coffee, Snacks | |
| Session I: Reflections on MBUST Journey | | |
| 11:05-11:35 | Progress Made by MBUST and Strategies for the Future - Prof. Seeram Ramakrishna | |
| 11:35-11:55 | MBUST: A New Chapter in the Development of Higher Education - Prof. Suresh Raj Sharma, Founding VC, Kathmandu University; Chairperson, MBUST Trustee Recommendation Committee | |
| 11:55-12:05 | An Experience of Association with MBUST - Mr. Birendra Pandey, Executive Director, Nepal Adarsha Nirman Company | |
| 12:05-12:20 | MBUST: A Dream Project - Dr. Sungsup Ra, Deputy Director General and Deputy Group Chief, Sectors Group, ADB | Online |
| 12:20-12:40 | MBUST Act Formulation and Promulgation - Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokharel, Former Minister of Education | |
| 12:40-13:00 | Q&A | |

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| 13:00-13:40 | Lunch | |
| Session II: Creating New Knowledge and Technology | | |
| 13:40-14:10 | Strategies for and Progress Towards Creation of New Knowledge and Technology - Prof. Sudarshan Raj Tiwari, Trustee, MBUST | |
| 14:10-14:20 | Partnership between MBUST and Larke Himal Jadibuti Udyog (LHJU) - Mr. Deepak Pandey, Chairperson, LHJU | |
| 14:20-14:40 | Forging Partnership between Industry and MBUST – Mr. Chandra Dhakal, President, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries | |
| 14:40-15:10 | Role of Universities in Knowledge and Technology Creation - Prof. Suzanne Fortier, Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, McGill University; Trustee, MBUST | |
| 15:10-15:30 | Q&A | |
| 15:30-16:10 | Tea/ Coffee | |
| Session III: MBUST Journey into Uncharted Waters | | |
| 16:10-16:30 | Strategies for Financing MBUST - Prof. Pushkar Bajracharya, Trustee, MBUST | |
| 16:30-17:00 | Fundraising for Public Universities - Bruce Flessner, Former VP, American University in Cairo; Chair, Fundraising Committee, MBUST; Board Chairperson, Everest Fund of Science and Technology, USA | Online |
| 17:00-17:30 | The Role of Government in Building a World-Class MBUST - Prof. Nam Pyo Suh, Former President, Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology; Trustee, MBUST | Online |
| 17:30-18:00 | Mobilizing Stakeholders for Building World-Class Universities - Prof. Richard Miller, Founding President, Olin College of Engineering, USA | Online |
| 18:00-18:20 | Role of Member of Parliament in BOT - Honorable Mahesh Prasad Bartaula, Trustee, MBUST | |
| 18:20-18:35 | Tapping the Inherent Strength of Nepali Society for Development of MBUST - Dr. Kenichi Ohashi, Former Country Director, The World Bank Nepal Country Office; Member, Trustee Recommendation Committee, MBUST; Director, Everest Fund of Science and Technology, USA | Online |
| 18:35-18:50 | Q&A | |
| 18:50-19:00 | Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks | |
| 19:00 | Snacks and Dinner | |