

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
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	