

University Launch Conference

“Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology – In Pursuit of World-Class”

August 7, 2023

Lalitpur

Introduction of the University

Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST) was established through the promulgation of the Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology Act, 2079 (2022 AD) on August 3, 2022. The University is planning to enroll first students into PhD and Master's programs on December 1, 2023. The MBUST Act represents a major departure from the governance framework of existing universities. This Act grants extensive autonomy to the University creating an enabling environment for developing MBUST into a world-class research-oriented university. This departure has been made by the Parliament because of the promise the MBUST holds in terms of making a direct contribution to the economic development of the country through the creation of new knowledge and technology, which should enhance the competitiveness of the country's products.

The MBUST vision is to be a world-class university and the mission is to build prosperous and just Nepal. To maximize the impact of the efforts of the University on economic development, it plans to engage in selected areas of economy with the significant potential for contributing to the economic development. The selected areas, which may evolve, are organic agriculture and food, forest biomaterials, digital technology, tourism infrastructure, water resources and energy. And the overarching themes are hill economy development, climate change mitigation, sustainable development and gender equity.

About the Conference

MBUST is organizing a University Launch Conference on **“Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology – In Pursuit of World Class”** on August 7, 2023 at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur. The Conference is organized in hybrid mode so that large number of interested people could attend it. The objectives of the conference are to familiarize the mission and vision of the university, to elaborate its approach and strategies linking academic and research programs to economic development and to share its plans to contribute to the development of nation. It is also to justify the importance of world class university in national development and why MBUST is aiming for it.

Highly learned and distinguished speakers of national and international repute from academia, industry, business community and policy makers will be addressing the Conference. The Conference is organized in four sessions:

- Inaugural Session
- Reflections on MBUST Journey
- Creating New Knowledge and Technology
- MBUST Journey into Uncharted Water

List of International Speakers

No.	Name	Designation/Affiliation	
1	Prof. Seeram Ramakrishna	Former Vice President, National University of Singapore; Trustee, Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST)	
2	Dr. Sungsup Ra	Deputy Director General and Deputy Group Chief, Sectors Groups, Asian Development Bank	
3	Prof. Suzanne Fortier	Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, McGill University; Trustee MBUST	
4	Mr. Bruce Flessner	Former VP, American University in Cairo; Chair, Fundraising Committee, MBUST; Chairperson, Everest Fund of Science and Technology, USA	
5	Prof. Nam Pyo Suh	Former President, Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology; Trustee, MBUST	
6	Prof. Richard Miller	Founding President, Olin College of Engineering, Boston, USA	
7	Dr. Kenichi Ohashi	Former Country Director, The World Bank Nepal Country Office; Member, Trustee Selection Committee, MBUST; Director, Everest Fund of Science and Technology, USA	

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