



**MADAN BHANDARI  
UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

# **FIRST STEPS TOWARDS WORLD-CLASS**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**



**Sunday, May 4, 2025 (Baishakh 21, 2082)**

**7:30 am - 6:30 pm**

**Venue:  
Radisson Hotel, Lazimpat, Kathmandu**

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Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST) was established through the Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology Act, 2079 (2022 AD) on August 3, 2022. This Act grants extensive autonomy to the University creating an enabling environment for developing MBUST into a world-class research-oriented university. MBUST holds the promise 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 economy.

The MBUST vision is to be a world-class university and the mission is to build prosperous and just Nepal. MBUST is committed to provide world-class education by attracting talented and committed students and academic staff, and providing a conducive environment for research and development activities focused at solving real-life problems of the industry using the state-of-the-art knowledge and technology.

The teaching and research activities of the University are guided by the real-life problems of the industry delivered through the Institutes engaged in research related to specific economic sectors. Study and research programs are planned and implemented in close collaboration with related industries. This approach is designed to produce graduates who are "job creators" rather than "job seekers".

MBUST has been offering PhD and Master of Applied Science (MAS) programs in Organic Agriculture, Forest Biomaterials Science and Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure.

This conference is the third conference on the theme of world-class universities in Nepal. The first – "Workshop on World-Class Universities" – was held in November 16-18, 2016. The conference titled "Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology – In Pursuit of World-Class" held on August 7, 2023 was the second conference on this theme. The second conference was a University Launch Conference. The University started academic programs from December 1, 2023.

The first conference attended by prominent international academicians and higher education managers together with a broad range of stakeholders in Nepal confirmed the feasibility of establishing a world-class university in Nepal. The second attended by the trustees of the University, a variety of stakeholders in Nepal and addressed online by prominent international well-wishers of the University shared the framework for operation of the University, opportunities and challenges ahead and expected outcomes of the University. The conference also provided guidance to the University to deal with challenges ahead.



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## About the Conference

The objective of this conference is to share with stakeholders the achievements the University has made, the expected outcomes, the challenges it is facing, getting advice for overcoming the challenges and rallying the stakeholder support for meeting the vision and the mission of the University.

The Conference is being organized in a hybrid mode so that large number of interested people could attend 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 five sessions:

- Inaugural Session
- Contributing to economic growth
- "Building a World-Class University: The Power of Stakeholder Engagement" – Panel Discussion
- Rallying stakeholder support

## Internationally Acclaimed Speakers:

 <p>Mr. Bruce Flessner</p>	<p>Former VP, American University in Cairo; Chair, Fundraising Committee, MBUST; Chairperson, Everest Fund of Science and Technology, USA</p>	 <p>Prof. Richard Miller</p>	<p>Founding President, Olin College of Engineering, Boston, USA</p>
 <p>Dr. Kenichi Ohashi</p>	<p>Former Country Director, The World Bank Nepal Country Office; Member, Trustee Selection Committee, MBUST; Director, Everest Fund of Science and Technology, USA</p>	 <p>Prof. Seeram Ramakrishna</p>	<p>Former Vice President, National University of Singapore; Trustee, Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology</p>
 <p>Prof. Nam Pyo Suh</p>	<p>Former President, Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology; Trustee, Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology</p>	 <p>Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha</p>	<p>Chairperson, Board of Trustees, University of Central Asia, Kirgizstan; Founding President, Agha Khan University, Pakistan</p>
 <p>Prof. Netra Chhetri</p>	<p>Chair, Innovation in Global Development PhD Program, School for the Future of Innovation in Society, Director of Center for Innovation and Development in Society, Arizona State University, USA</p>	 <p>Prof. Suzanne Fortier</p>	<p>Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, McGill University; Trustee Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology</p>



## ACTIVITIES



## HELP GROW OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

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