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Training on Extended Jurisdiction for District Judges

NJA-Nepal conducted three different training programs on Extended Jurisdiction of District Court for District Judges. The objectives of these training were to familiarize the participants with the extended jurisdiction of District Court in line with the changes brought about by the new Constitution of Nepal. The first training was held in Palpa on May 2-3, 2017. Twenty-four district judges from adjoining districts attended the program. The second training program was conducted from May 30 to June 1, 2017 at NJA-Nepal, Manamaiju in collaboration with RoLHR, UNDP. Whereas the third one was convened at

Dhankuta from June 4 to 5, 2017. judges in both of the programs Number of participating district was 22 each.



Rt. Hon'ble Chief Justice Gopal Parajuli and Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit with participants at NJA-Nepal Manamaiju

Delegation from National Judges College, China

A six-member delegation led by Ms. FENG Wenli, Vice President from National Judges College, China visited NJA-Nepal and Nepal Judiciary from April 18th to 20th 2017 as a part of needs assessment for Nepali Judges Seminar to be held from May 31st, 2017 in Beijing, China. During their visit, delegates had fruitful meeting with Rt. Hon'ble Chief Justice Shushila Karki along with other Hon'ble Justices of Supreme Court. The delegates also visited the Office of the Attorney

General, Nepal Bar Association, Kathmandu District Court, Lalitpur District Court and the Judicial Service Training Center and had fruitful meetings. During their visit, MoU was signed between NJA-Nepal and National Judges College, China for future judicial cooperation.



Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit and Ms. FENG Wenli from NJC, China at signing of MOU.

NJA-Nepal at a Glance

The National Judicial Academy, Nepal (NJANepal) is an autonomous institution established on March 17, 2004 under the National Judicial Academy Ordinance, 2004 which was subsequently replaced by the National Judicial Academy Act, 2006. NJANepal works under the broad policy guidelines of a sixteen member Judicial Academy Council led by the Rt. Hon'ble Chief Justice of Nepal.

Its main objective is to serve the training and research needs of judges, government attorneys,

government legal officers, judicial officers, private law practitioners and others who are directly involved in the administration of justice.

NJANepal adopts an inclusive approach and focuses on working with wide cross-sections in the area of administration of justice through different activities like imparting training, undertaking research and producing publications, reports and so on. NJANepal, so far, has been able to bring out around 100 publications.

Since the inception of NJANepal, the number of programs and participants covered in its programs are depicted in the following table.

FY	Number of programs	Number of participants
2004/05	18	250
2005/06	25	497
2006/07	28	595
2007/08	20	400
2008/09	84	1785
2009/10	58	1543
2010/11	82	2242
2011/12	82	2048
2012/13	87	2104
2013/14	63	1795
2014/15	59	1308
2015/16	46	1243
2016/17	53	1306
Total	705	17116



Hon'ble Executive Director Keshari Raj Pandit with other members of NJANepal

Sector-wise participants

Sector	No. of participants
Judges	4287
Public Prosecutors	2148
Court Officers	3010
Law Officers	348
Advocates	2471
Non-Gazetted Staff	2067
Quasi Judicial and others	2785
Total	17116

Training on Commercial Law for High Court Judges

From April 9 to 28, 2017, a 'Training on Commercial Law' program was conducted for High Court Judges. The areas covered during the training were under contract law, competition Law, company law and cyber law. The issues related to the settlement of insurance claims; fundamentals of insolvency law, interim relief under Section 87 of Contract Act, 2000; crimes relating to banking and financial institutions etc. were also discussed during the training period. Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of High Court as well

as the prominent legal experts were invited to facilitate the sessions. Altogether twenty-four High Court

Judges attended the program. The program was supported by Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB).



Training in progress

Trainings on International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

NJA-Nepal, in collaboration with ICRC Nepal organized two workshops on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) for Judges, Public Prosecutors and Court Officers. The main objectives of the workshop were to infuse deep understanding of IHL, its relevancy in transitional justice process and role of judiciary in the application of IHL.

The thematic sessions were conducted by Ms. Kristy Welch, ICRC Regional Legal Advisor for South Asia, Mr. Anees Ahmed, Chief of Legal Affairs, UN Mission in Liberia, Mr. Dilli Raj Ghimire, Member Secretary, the National IHL Committee, and Prof. Gita Pathak Sangroula, Executive Director, Kathmandu School of Law. The first program was held on 24th and 25th

of April 2017 and the second one was held on 27th and 28th of April, 2017. Altogether 23 participants had actively participated in the first workshop and 21 participants

in the second one. Hon'ble Executive Director Mr. Keshari Raj Pandit chaired inaugural sessions of both the programs. During the inaugural sessions Mr. Andre Paquet, Head of Mission, ICRC Nepal highlighted the role of ICRC to implement the Geneva Conventions and their Optional Protocols.



Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit, ICRC Head Mr. Andre Paquet, Foreign facilitators along with participants

Commercial Law Training for District Judges

A Commercial Law Training for District Judges was conducted from 2 to 6 April, 2017 at the premises of NJA-Nepal, Manamaiju, Kathmandu. The program covered the issues related with the processing and adjudicating of cases under company law, contract law, telecommunication law, electronic transaction law and banking law. Altogether, 22 District Judges participated in the program. The sessions were conducted by Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court, Honorable judges of High Court and senior law practitioners.



Hon. Keshari Raj Pandit and Academic Directors of NJA along with participants

Induction Training for newly appointed Court Staff

An induction training program designed for newly appointed Court Staff was held from 16th of April to 5th of May 2017 at the NJA-Nepal city office Harihar Bhawan, Lalitpur. The main objectives of the program were to make the participants familiar with the various disciplines of judicial service and to impart knowledge on court structure, judicial procedure, judicial performance and court decorum. The program also incorporated practical sessions to impart the performance skill on the new entrants. Altogether 23 participants participated in the program.

Interaction Program on Training Management

A two-day program on training management was organized from May 5 to 6, 2017 at the Hotel Park Village. There were 30 participants including Judges, Public Prosecutors and Academic Directors, Directors and officers from NJA-Nepal. The objectives of the program were to discuss the current problems and challenges of judicial training management and to identify the solutions thereof. The experts in the field of training management were invited to facilitate the interaction.

Interaction Program for Special Class Officials

NJA-Nepal organized a two-day interaction program for Special Class Officials of Nepal Judicial Service on June 16 and 17, 2017 at Hotel View Bhrikuti, Godawari. The objective of the program was to discuss the need of institutional reform and role of high level officials in the judiciary. The Secretary

of Judicial Council Mr. Nahakul Subedi, Deputy Attorney General Mr. Kiran Poudel and Secretary Mr. Chiranjibi Khanal from Nepal Law Commission made presentations on the role of their respective institutions and outlines for judicial reform.

Interaction Program on Law and Practice on Combating Organized Crimes

NJA-Nepal conducted a two-day interaction program for Senior Government Attorneys at Hotel View Bhrikuti, Godawari on "Combating Organized Crimes: Challenges and Solutions" on May 19 and 20, 2017. The objective of the program was to discuss on the existing legal provisions of the Organized Crime Prevention Act, 2014. During the interaction, participants put forward the problems they encountered during its implementations

and tried to resolve on creating common understanding in the uniform application of existing law. The discussion was moderated by Hon. Raman Kumar Shrestha, Attorney General of Nepal, Hon. Madhav Poudel, Chairperson of Nepal Law Commission, Mr. Bhesh Raj Sharma, Vice Chairperson of Nepal Law Commission and Mr. Bam Bahadur Bhandari, AIGP, Nepal Police. The program was participated by twenty senior government attorneys.



Academic Director delivering welcome speech

Training Program for Court Officials on Court Management

From May 22 to May 25, 2017, two training programs were conducted for the Court Officials (Shrestedar) at the Office of NJA-Nepal, Manamaiju by NJA-Nepal. There were 42 participants altogether comprising 21 in each program. The objective of the program was to update the

officers with the fundamentals of management, traits of successful managers, extended jurisdiction of district courts, its opportunities, challenges and solutions. Further, the preparation of budget, financial problems and solutions were also discussed in the program.

Training on Legislative Drafting and Providing Legal Opinion

Training on Legislative Drafting and Providing Legal Opinion was conducted from May 24 to May 26, 2017 at NJA-Nepal City Office, Harihar Bhawan, Lalitpur. The objective of the program was to impart knowledge and skill on legislative drafting and providing legal opinion. There were 18 officers from the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs participated in the program.

Interaction on Exercise of Writ Jurisdiction

On May 5, 2017 NJA-Nepal conducted an interaction program on exercise of writ Jurisdiction under the new Constitution of Nepal for lawyers. The major topic of discussion was the jurisprudential development in the practice of different sort

of writs issued by the Supreme Court, High Courts and District Courts. Senior Advocates and Advocates interacted on various constitutional provisions and the writ jurisprudence. Former Attorney General, Senior Advocate Mr. Badri Bahadur Karki

presented on the opportunities, challenges and the role of legal professionals in the exercise of writs jurisdiction by the courts.



Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit addressing the program

Australian Ambassador's visit to NJA-Nepal

Australian Ambassador to Nepal, His Excellency Peter Budd, paid a visit to NJA-Nepal on Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Hon'ble Executive Director Mr. Keshari Raj Pandit welcomed His Excellency to NJA-Nepal. His Excellency Budd and Hon'ble Executive Director Pandit along with Academic Directors and Directors from NJA-Nepal discussed on the possible areas of cooperation between NJA-Nepal and Australian judicial institutes.



Australian Ambassador to Nepal HE Peter Budd with NJA Team

Interaction Program for Senior Advocates

NJA-Nepal organized an interaction program for Senior Advocates on 16th and 17th of June, 2017 at Hotel View Bhrikuti, Godawari, Lalitpur. The themes for the interaction were Pro-Bono service and the current

scenario of the criminal justice system of Nepal. Mr. Petrit Skenderi from UNDP/RoLHR, Senior Advocate Mr. Badri Bahadur Karki presented on the theme. In the meantime, an interaction on training needs

assessment was done in order to receive feedback for NJA-Nepal's future programs. Twenty-seven Senior Advocates attended the program.



Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit and Directors of NJA-Nepal along with the Senior Advocates

National Coordination Committee Meeting of Training Institutes

The meeting of National Coordination Committee of different training institutes was held at NJA-Nepal, Manamajju, Kathmandu on July 4, 2017. Executive Director of

Nepal Administrative Staff College Mr. Punya Prasad Neupane presided over the meeting. The meeting was represented by Chiefs and their subordinates of different training

providing institutes. Hon'ble Executive Director Mr. Keshari Raj Pandit extended a warm welcome to the participants and briefly presented NJA's activities including training programs. On that occasion, the need of coordination among various training institutes in the new federal setup was discussed.



Executive Director of Nepal Administrative Staff College Mr. Punya Prasad Neupane addressing the meeting

NJA-Nepal celebrates its 14th Anniversary

NJA-Nepal celebrated its 14th anniversary on Friday, March 17. Presiding over the program, on that occasion, Executive Director Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit highlighted the history of NJA-Nepal, its activities, challenges and opportunities. He requested the local people to keep the surroundings neat and clean. Representatives from the Supreme Court, Tarakeshwar Municipality, Mansingh Dharma Secondary School and other local agencies have participated the program. On this occasion, a one-day intra-staff cricket match was also organized inside the NJA-Nepal premises.



Keep the surroundings clean: NJA Team on Annual Day

Welcoming newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Tarakeshwar Municipality

NJA-Nepal organized a welcome program for newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Tarakeshwar Municipality and Chairperson of Ward No 10 of Tarakeshwar Municipality and other members. The program was attended by Senior Academic Directors, Academic Directors, Registrar, Deputy Directors and Officers of NJA-Nepal along with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and other members. The Mayor of Tarakeshwar Municipality Mr. Rameshwar Bohara extended his thanks to NJA-Nepal and also recalled the story as to how this plot of land was made available to NJA-Nepal during its formative stage. Hon'ble Executive Director Mr. Keshari Raj Pandit welcomed the members of Tarakeshwar Municipality and shared its activities to the elected representatives.

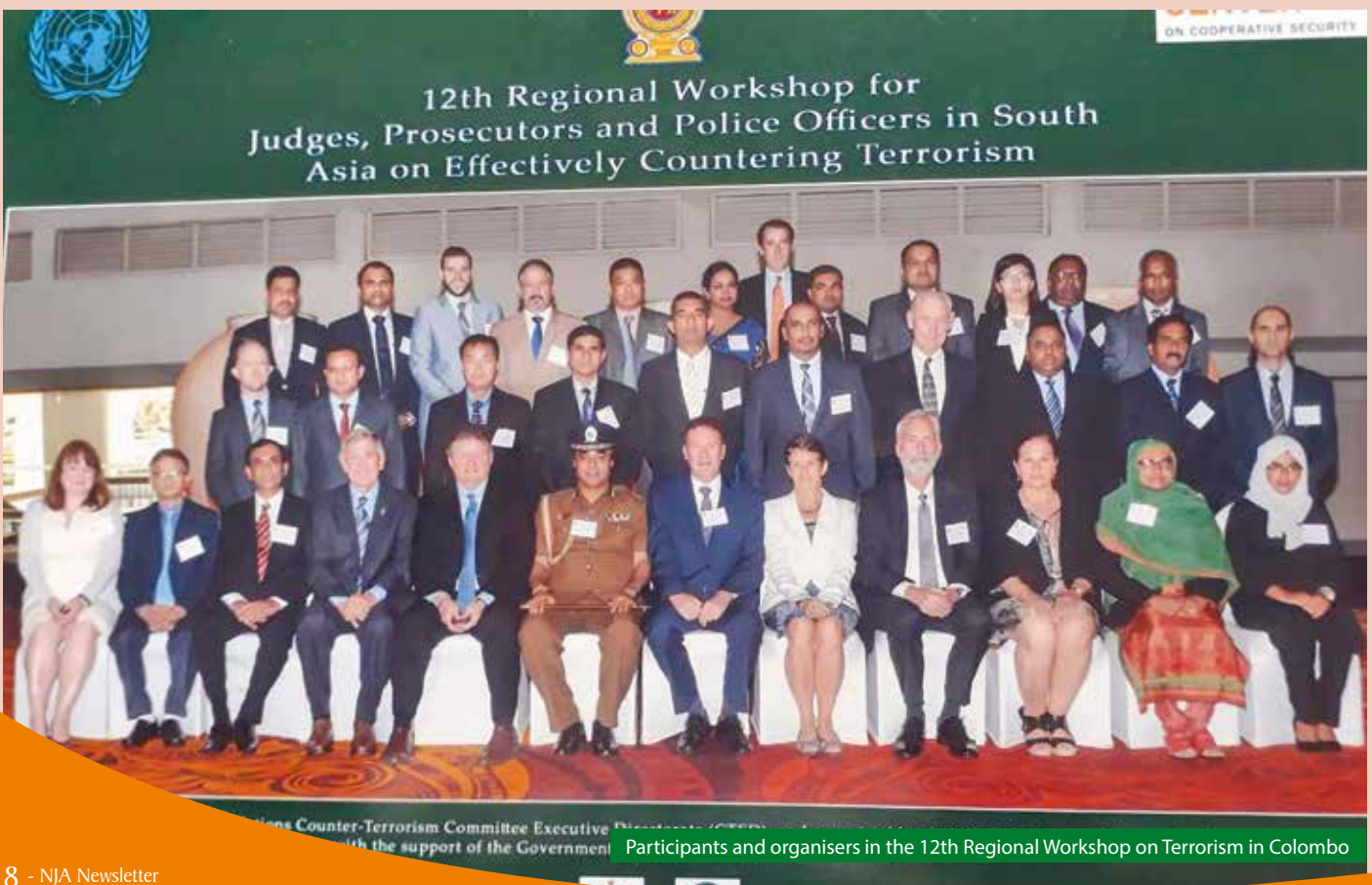
Participation in the Lahore Roundtable

Senior Academic Director Hon'ble Mr. Binod Prasad Sharma and Registrar Mr. Man Bahadur Karki from NJA-Nepal participated in a two-day conference, dubbed Lahore Roundtable, on Judicial Education: Future of Judicial Academies. It was held in the city of Lahore in Pakistan on May 13 and May 14, 2017. The delegates from Nepal, USA, UK, South Africa, Turkey and Pakistan had taken part in the conference. The main theme of the program was to discuss on the matter of strengthening the judicial training institutions within respective jurisdiction.

Participation in the 12th Regional Workshop on Terrorism in Colombo

Registrar Mr. Man Bahadur Karki participated in the 12th Regional Workshop for Judges, Prosecutors and Police Officers in South Asia on Effectively Countering Terrorism, held in Colombo in Sri Lanka from June 5 to June 7, 2017. The UNODC, CTED and

Global Center on Cooperative Security were the organizers of the Regional Workshop. There was a participation from Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia and the USA.





Senior Academic Director Hon'ble Binod P Sharma and Registrar Mr. Man B Karki in the Roundtable

Internship at JRTI

Research Officer from NJA-Nepal Mr. Jyoti Pandey and Section Officer Mr. Dhana Bahadur Karki from Sindhuli District Court participated for a month's capacity

building internship program from May 29th to June 26th, 2017 at Judicial Research and Training Institute (JRTI), Korea. During the program, they also participated in the two weeks global training program, etc.



NJA interns with President of JRTI

Participation in TOT for Judicial Educators in South Africa

Senior Academic Director Hon'ble Mr. Binod Prasad Sharma, NJA-Nepal, took part as a facilitator in the Training of Trainers for Judicial Educators held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from June 26 to June

28, 2017. The participants in the program were judicial educators and judges from 15 African nations and 2 Asian nations namely Pakistan and Nepal. Senior Academic Director Hon'ble Sharma delivered a keynote

speech on Asian Perspective on Environmental Law and TOT for the Judiciary. Dr. G. Moshoeu (CEO SAJEI South Africa) concluded the program with feedback on Johannesburg Action Plan on Environmental Law.



Senior Academic Director Hon'ble Binod Prasad Sharma with TOT participants in South Africa

UNDP Representatives visit NJA-Nepal

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, the representatives of UNDP/RoLHR paid a visit to NJA-Nepal, Manamaiju. Lara Deramaix DCAF, Centre for Security, Development and the Rule of Law, Alexander Burian, SSR Advisor, International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT) and Dr. Surendra Bhandari visited with an objective to follow up and review the impact of the programs being run with their assistance. There was a fruitful discussion about the issue of cooperation to strengthen the rule of law through reform of judiciary in Nepal along with review of the Norwegian funded programs.

Two-Day Visit to MJA by Deputy Directors

A four-member NJA-Nepal team led by Deputy Director Mr. Shreekrishna Mulmi visited Maharashtra Judicial Academy (MJA) and High Court of Bombay on July 10 and July 11, 2017. Deputy Directors Mr. Paras Poudel and Mr. Kedar Ghimire and Accounts Officer Mr. Keshab Dahal were there in the team. During the visit, the NJA-Nepal

team had meetings with the members of MJA and Hon'ble Justices of Bombay High Court where they also discussed about Nepali judicial system as well. The team also visited the Thane District Court where they were informed regarding the Case Information System (CIS), National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) and the trial process at district level.



Nepali delegates with Justices of High Court of Bombay

Delegation from World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Mr. Mohamed Abderraouf Bdioui, Senior Counsellor and Mr. Someshwar Singh, Counsellor, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific from WIPO, Geneva visited NJA-Nepal, Justices and other officials of Supreme Court of Nepal, Chief Judge and Judges of High Court Patan, Director General of Department of Industries and the officials at Nepal Copyright Registrar's Office as a needs-assessment mission to Nepal for judicial training institutions project. The visit took between May 22nd, and 24th, 2017 in Kathmandu. Meeting with Executive Director

Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit and other members of NJA-Nepal had a fruitful meeting as to how the

project could be taken forward between NJA-Nepal and the WIPO.



WIPO delegates with NJA Team

Nepali Judges Seminar in China

A 25-member Nepali delegation led by Hon'ble Executive Director Mr. Keshari Raj Pandit participated in the Nepali Judges Seminar from 31st May, 2017 to 15th June 2017 in Beijing, China. Objectives of the Seminar were to enhance the understanding and learning of best practices from Chinese legal and judicial system

among Nepali judges. There were theoretical lectures, observation visits and cultural excursions as a part of the program. The president of the National Judge's College delivered his remarks and stated that they were very eager to extend co-operation with NJA-Nepal for capacity enhancement of Nepali judiciary. Hon'ble Pandit

extended sincere thanks on behalf of NJA-Nepal and Nepali delegation for their cooperation and support. The seminar was a part of the MOU signed between NJA-Nepal and Chinese delegation in Nepal during the visit of Chinese delegation to Kathmandu in April 2017.



Nepali delegates with Chinese counter parts

Interactions on Banking Laws

A one day interaction program on banking law was organized in Palpa on May 1, 2017. The program organized in partnership with Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of the country, was attended by twenty-four District Judges and four Public Prosecutors. In the program the presentation of Dr. Chijanjibi Nepal, the Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank and Hon. Keshari Raj Pandit, the Executive Director along with Hon'ble Binod Prasad Sharma, the Senior Academic

Director of NJA-Nepal was highly appreciated by the participants.

The second interaction program on Banking Law was held in Dhankuta on June 6, 2017 in support of Nepal Rastra Bank. Hon'ble Judges, Academic Directors of NJA and Directors from Nepal Rastra Bank facilitated the sessions. Altogether 24 participants including District Judges and Prosecutors actively participated in the program.

TAF donates books to NJA-Nepal

International Law Book Facility from The Asia Foundation (TAF) donated books related to law and justice to NJA-Nepal. A total of 337 book volumes were handed over to NJA-Nepal by Ms. Nandita Baruah, Deputy Country Representative, TAF. Executive Director Hon'ble Keshari Raj Pandit extended thanks to TAF for their support.

Survey on Training Needs Assessment

A Survey on Training Needs Assessment was carried out in two provinces of Nepal in May 2017. Altogether seven districts, five districts from province one and two districts from province two were surveyed to identify the needs of the target groups. The survey team was led by Senior Academic Director Hon'ble Binod Prasad Sharma and the discussions were made with 298 respondents including 51 judges, 247 officers, court staff and others. Feasibility study on Provincial Training Institutes' infrastructure was also done during the visit.



Academic Director Hon'ble Brajesh Pyakurel addressing the respondents

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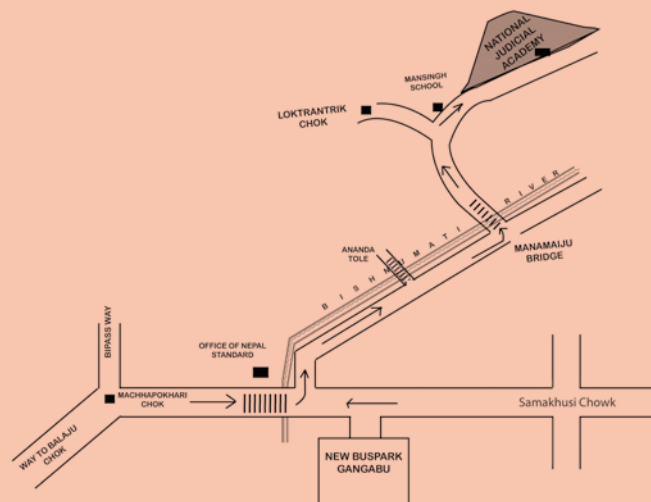
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