

**Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors  
(NICS)  
Kathmandu, Nepal**



**Bid Proposal for Hosting  
FIG Working Week 2015  
in Kathmandu, Nepal**

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To

**The President**  
**International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)**  
**Copenhagen, Denmark**

Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure and honor that we express our intention to bid for the privilege to host the FIG Working Week 2015 in Kathmandu, the capital city of beautiful Himalayan country in Nepal. We believe, this is the first attempt from a south Asian country to host an event of such kind. Nepal, being the safest and attractive destination for international visitors in South Asia, deserves strong candidacy in this context. Furthermore, strong willingness from the government agencies including Survey Department, the National Mapping Organization of the country, and Land Management Training Center, and Kathmandu University to support this event has boosted up our confidence to successfully organize the event.

We look forward to be given this immense privilege to host the FIG Working Week 2015 and will do all that is within our capability to ensure 'the best value of money', professionally rewarding, pleasant and memorable experience to all the participants of the event.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

*Buddhi Narayan Shrestha*

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**Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (NICS)**

## **Bid Proposal to Host FIG Working Week 2015**

International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) has announced a call for bid to host FIG Working Week 2015. In this context, Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (NICS) has expressed its interest to host the week in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal, and has submitted this proposal.

### **Hosting Organization: Nepal Institution Chartered Surveyors (NICS)**

Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (NICS) is an association of licensed surveyors of Nepal licensed under the provision of Article 11(E) of Land (Surveying and Mapping) Act, 1963. It was established in 2008 aiming to contribute in professional development in the country along with professional security of its members. The association is dedicated and determined to follow up the code of conduct, norms, standard and specification set by the concerned government department and organization. Furthermore, NICS is the only professional association that is a member association of International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) in Nepal.

### **The Country Context**

Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal is a landlocked Himalayan country in South Asia, surrounded by China in the North and India in the East, South and West. The country has the area of 147,181 Km<sup>2</sup>. Preliminary result of the census 2011 shows the population of the country as 26.6 million. The country is in the stage of restructuring. Administratively, the country is currently divided into 5 Development Regions, 14 Zones, 75 Districts, 58 Municipalities/ 3913 VDCs The country has heavenly countryside. It has multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, and diverse culture. The country is famous for Mt. Everest and the birth place of Lord Buddha. There are about 5000 surveyors practicing in the government and private sector in the country.

### **Rationale of Hosting FIG Working Week in Nepal**

Nepal is the safest destination for international visitors in South Asian region. Even during the time of a decade long violent conflict in the country that lasted till 2006, it was a safe place to visit for international visitors. The country hosted 23<sup>rd</sup> Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS) in 2002 with grand success, at the time when the country was suffering from the violent

conflict. After the reinstatement of peace in 2006, the country is progressing towards socio economic developing of the country. The country is not only a safe place for visit but also a country of attractive touristic destination. On the other hand, no any FIG event has been conducted in South Asian Region until now. Therefore, the country deserves sufficient rationale to host the event.

## Introduction to the Hosting City, Kathmandu

Kathmandu is the capital city of Nepal. The city is the largest metropolitan city of the country. The city stands at an elevation of approximately 1,400 metres in the bowl-shaped valley in central Nepal surrounded by four major hills, namely: Shivapuri, Phulchowki, Nagarjun and Chandragiri. Kathmandu valley is part of three districts, Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktpur districts. The city is the nerve centre of the country's economy. With the most advanced infrastructure among urban areas in Nepal, Kathmandu's economy is tourism centric. The city's rich history is nearly 2000 years old, as inferred from an inscription in the valley. It has historic temples with pagodas, temple of living goddess *Kumari*, attractive places, historical palaces, etc. The climate of the city is fairly pleasant. Average temperature in the months of April/May is about 12 °C to 28 °C, which is one of the peak touristic seasons of the country.

## Supporting Organizations

Following organizations have shown their strong willingness to support the event:

- a) **Survey Department:** Survey Department, under the Ministry of Land Reform and Management, is the National Mapping Organization of Nepal. The department is also an affiliate member of FIG. The department is the organization with the largest numbers of surveyors. ([www.dos.gov.np](http://www.dos.gov.np) )
- b) **Land Management Training Center:** Land Management Training Center is also an organization under the Ministry of Land Reform and Management. The center produces surveyor by conducting various kinds of training courses. The center is an academic member of FIG. ([www.lmtc.gov.np](http://www.lmtc.gov.np) )
- c) **Kathmandu University, Department of Civil and Geomatics Engineering:** Kathmandu University is the only university to the date of conduct academic course in Geomatics Engineering in the country. The university conducts undergraduate level

courses in Geomatics Engineering and produces about 25 survey graduates each year. The university is also preparing for launching Master's course in Land Administration and Geomatics Engineering in the future, in collaboration with the University of Twente, Faculty of Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation, ITC, the Netherlands. Ministry of Land Reform and Management of the Government of Nepal is also supporting these academic initiatives of the university. ([www.ku.edu.np](http://www.ku.edu.np))

## Fee Structure

Fee structure has been proposed as follows:

### a) International Participants

| <i>Early Registration Fees</i> |                     |          | <i>Late Registration Fees</i> |                     |          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Conference                     | Accompanying Person | Students | Conference                    | Accompanying Person | Students |
| USD 750                        | USD 300             | USD 250  | USD 1,000                     | USD 500             | USD 300  |

### b) Nepalese Participants

| <i>Early Registration Fees</i> |                     |            | <i>Late Registration Fees</i> |                     |            |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Conference                     | Accompanying Person | Students   | Conference                    | Accompanying Person | Students   |
| NRs. 5,000                     | NRs. 2,500          | NRs. 2,000 | NRs. 7,500                    | NRs. 3,000          | NRs. 3,000 |

Full registration fee and students' registration fee are planned to include admission to the General assemblies, all technical sessions, exhibition, welcome reception, and coffee breaks. For the technical and social tours and Farewell banquet participants are to register and pay separately. The fee for social tour in Kathmandu Valley will be approximately about USD 50 per person whereas the farewell banquet will be charged approximately USD 30. These prices can vary depending upon the number of participants. Furthermore, USD 15 will be included in the registration fee of the International participants for FIG Foundation. Donations for FIG Foundation are always welcome. Free registrations will also be offered as per the FIG decisions and agreements. An amount equivalent to 2% of the early registration fees will be allocated to subsidize the participation or waving the registration fee of presenter(s) of peer reviewed paper(s) from the developing country or under representative group or students. NICS will also

explore sponsorship or financial support from the government organizations in the country. The royalties will be shared by NICS and FIG on fifty-fifty basis. The budgetary issues can be further negotiated with the FIG.

## Expected Participants

Following is the expectation of participants. However, the expectation does not have any scientific basis.

- International Participants with Full Registration Fee: 500
- Accompanying participants: 50
- International Students: 100
- Local Participants: 200

## Venue

The proposed venues for the event are:

- a) **Birendra International Convention Center (BICC).** This center is located at the center of Kathmandu Valley. Currently, the center is being used by the Constituent Assembly and Legislative Parliament of the country. The center has state-of-the-art facilities for conferences and conventions with sophisticated audio, video, lighting, communications,



catering, ventilation and parking facilities. In 2002, 23<sup>rd</sup> Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS) was organised in this center. This center meets all the requirements to organize FIG events.

- b) **Soaltee Crown Plaza.** Soaltee Crown Plaza, a five star hotel in the country, can be considered as an alternative venue for the event. The hotel is spread over 11 acres of space surrounded by manicured gardens and with



views of the mountain ranges. The hotel has sufficient facilities to organize international event like FIG Working Week.

## **Proposed Date**

Second Week of April, 2015

## **Arrangement during the Working Week**

The activities during the working week including opening ceremony, technical conferences, meeting, social tours, exhibitions, social events, closing ceremony will be organized as scheduled by FIG. Most probably, the Prime minister of the country will be the Chief Guest of the Opening Ceremony. Details of the program will be developed in consultation with FIG.

## **Hotels in Kathmandu**

Kathmandu has a number of international class hotels to suit every one's fancies and finance. Soaltee Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, Hotel Yak & Yeti, Hotel Everest, Hotel Annapurna, Hotel Radisson, Hotel Hyatt and Hotel Le Meridian are the five star hotels in Kathmandu. The other hotels are Hotel Dwarikas, Summit Hotel, Shanker Hotel, etc. One can also find cheap hotels in the city with affordable accommodation and safety.

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