ARC-15 of IAEG

The 15th Asian Regional Conference of IAEG

Geological Engineering for Societal and Sustainable Development

Jointly organized by Nepal and Bangladesh

Third Circular

27-29 November, 2025

Kathmandu, Nepal

https://arc15.nseg.org.np/

Organizers: IAEG BNG

Co-organizers: KAGAWA UNIVERSITY

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Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG)

IAEG Bangladesh National Group (IBNG)

The ARC-15 of IAEG

The IAEG Bangladesh National Group (IBNG) and the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG), along with partner organizations in Bangladesh, Japan, and Nepal, are organizing the 15th IAEG Asian Regional Conference (ARC-15) in Kathmandu, Nepal from November 27-29, 2025. This prestigious international conference series has been a crucial platform for advancing Engineering Geology in Asia. Over the years, geoscientists and engineers from around the world have contributed to and greatly benefited from the discussions at past IAEG Asian Regional Conferences. The upcoming event will be another key milestone in enhancing geoengineering knowledge and furthering the understanding of Engineering Geology in this region.

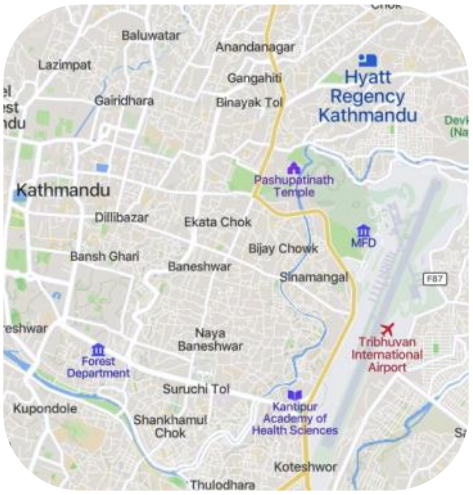
This will mark the third time Nepal is hosting an IAEG Asian Regional Conference, reaffirming its status as a favored destination for geoscientists and tourists alike. While ARC -15 was initially planned to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the venue has now been shifted to Kathmandu, Nepal. The conference serves as a forum for geoscientists and engineers to engage in collegial discussions and share the latest research findings in the fields of Engineering Geology and related subjects. Both IBNG and NSEG have received an overwhelming response from the global geoscience community, and this event is poised to be another milestone in the history of ARC.

This first circular is being issued to provide important information about the conference. Pre -registration is now open through the official conference website (https://arc15.nseg.org.np/). Geoscientists and engineers working in geoengineering, geotechnics, geology, disaster risk management and engineering geology are kindly encouraged to submit their pre-registration forms along with their details before the stated deadline. Your cooperation will greatly assist the organizers in planning and executing this significant event successfully.

Conference Venue

The ARC-15 will take place at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, the largest city in the country, with an estimated population of around five million. Kathmandu, together with its neighboring cities Lalitpur and Bhaktapur, form the Kathmandu Valley. This valley, known for its historically significant cultural monuments and ethnic delicious cuisines draws millions of international and domestic tourists each year. It includes three major and two minor urban areas, along with several rural communities, housing nearly 20% of Nepal's population. Situated at an average altitude of 1,350 meters, the valley floor consists of ancient lake sediments, reaching depths of approximately 600 meters in certain areas. All key events for the ARC-15 will be hosted at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bouddha, Kathmandu, with field excursions planned at various locations across Nepal.

World Heritage at Bhaktapur



Hyatt Regency, Bouddha, Kathmandu-The ARC-

Conference venue hotel agreed for special discount to the ARC-15 participants.
Visit: https://arc15.nseg.org.np/hyatt
Hotel Radisson situated at city centre area is also providing special discount for the participants of ARC-15.
Visit: https://arc15.nseg.org.np/radisson

HYATT REGENCY KATHMANDU

RADISSON HOTEL KATHMANDU

Special Arrangements for The 15th Asian Regional Conference (ARC-15) of IAEG


Hotel Tibet International


Shambling Boutique Hotel


Hotel Bhrikuti Tara


Vannasut Hotel and Spa


Hotel Dolmaling


Auttara Lords Plaza


Kathmandu Guest House


Hotel Mulberry

Please visit https://arc15.nseg.org.np/conference-accommodations/

for direct booking of these hotels or use hotel booking platforms such as Booking.com or Agoda to reserve your preferred accommodation.

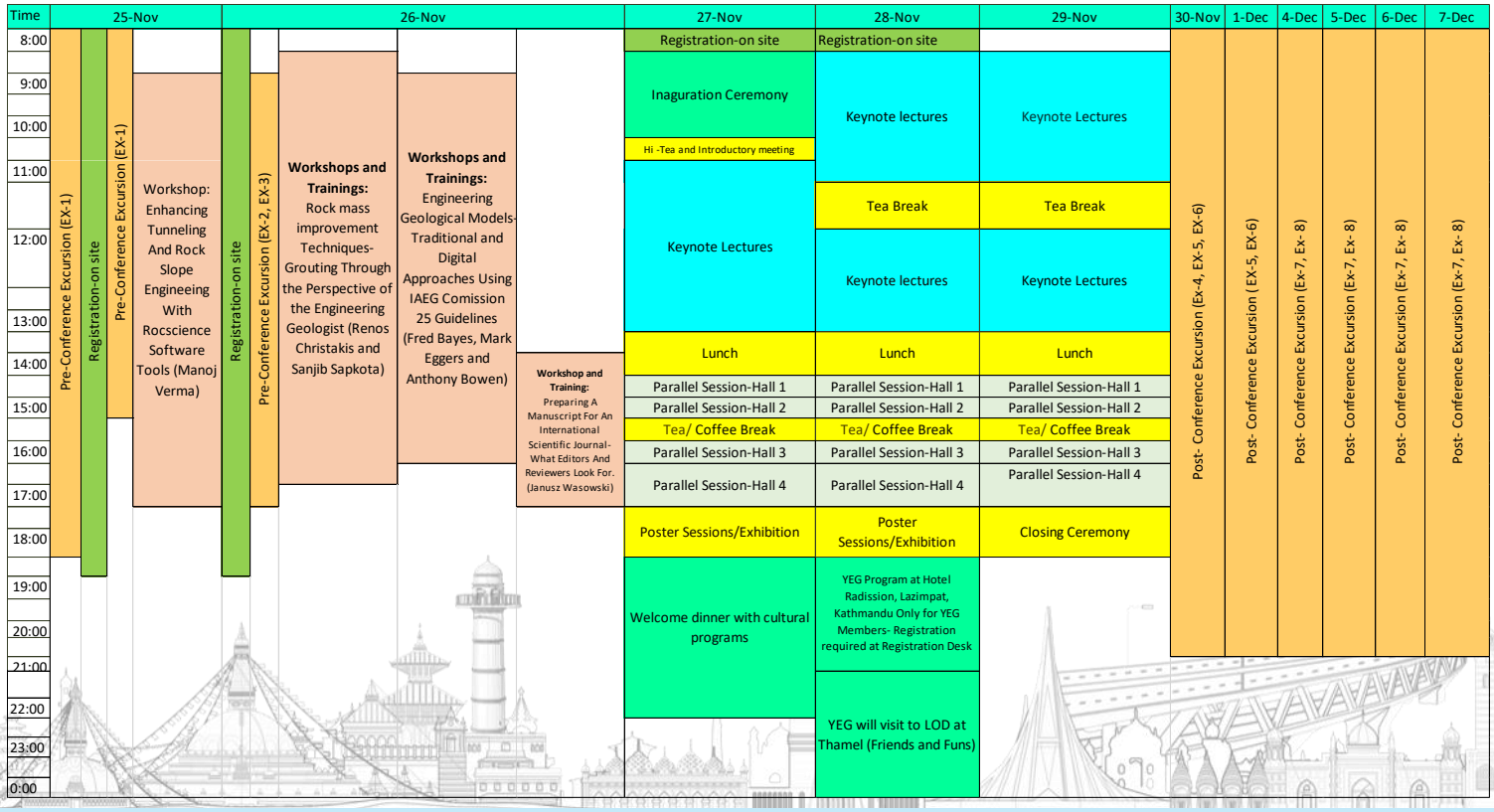
Conference Format

Following the international conference formats, thematic oral and poster sessions have been planned within a single venue. Parallel sessions will be provided for various themes in order to provide all participants an opportunity to present their presentations. Besides, booths for exhibiting advanced technologies and R&D methodologies are highly encouraged inside the premises of the conference venue.

Important Dates	
30 Oct. 2024	Conference 1st circular and pre-registration open
30 Jan. 2025	Conference 2nd circular and registration open with Extended Abstract (two pages) submission and payment of early bird registration fee
15 Jun. 2025	Conference early bird registration fee payment deadline
30 Aug. 2025	Conference 3rd circular
15 Oct. 2025	Conference 4th circular, deadline of conference regular fee
30 Oct. 2025	Final Extended Abstract (two pages) submission
15 Nov. 2025	Conference final circular
27 Nov. 2025	Conference on site registration and full payment of registration fee
31 Dec. 2025	Deadline of submission of Full Paper
31 Jul. 2026	Publication of Proceeding Volume as Vol. 3 (No. 1) of Asian Journal of Engineering Geology (www.ajeg.nseg.org.np)
31 Dec. 2026	Publication of Proceeding Volume as Vol. 3 (No. 2) of Asian Journal of Engineering Geology

Conference Program Plan	
24-26 Nov. 2025	Pre-conference excursions, Trainings and Workshops both in Nepal
27 Nov. 2025 (Thu.)	Inaugural program followed by technical sessions and Welcome Reception Dinner
28 Nov. 2025 (Fri.)	Technical sessions, Evening IAEG YEG Party sponsored by NSEG for Young Engineering Geologists (YEG) members of IAEG
29 Nov. 2025 (Sat.)	Technical sessions and closing ceremony
30 Nov. - 2 Dec. 2025	Post-conference excursions both in Nepal and Bangladesh

Conference framework



Keynote Speakers

Dr. Vassilis P. Marinos

Advancements in Tunneling: The Role of Engineering Geology in Design and Construction Over the Last 30 Years

Prof. Dr. Shuichi Hasegawa

Significance of Dissected Deep-Seated Landside Topography and Hydro-thermal Alteration in Active Mountain Belts

Dr. Ann Williams

Climate Change: Closing the Gap between Challenges Faced by "Developing" and "Developed" Countries

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Muhammad Qumrul Hassan

Smart Water Management for Sustainable Development: Bridging Groundwater-Surface Water Dynamics Amid Climate Change

Professor Manchao He

Cross-Fault Newton Force Measurement for Earthquake Prediction

Prof. Dr. Christian Zangerl

Deep-Seated Rock Slides: Understanding Processes and Assessing Impacts on Settlements and Infrastructure

Dr. Shahid Azam

New Methods for Characterizing and Modeling the Engineering Behavior of Expansive Soils

Prof. Dr. Trilok Nath Singh

Rockfall Prediction and Prevention in High Hills of Deccan Trap

Dr. Shengwen Qi

Geological Environment and GeoDisasters in Qinghai–Xizang Plateau, China

Dr. Daniele Giordan

Glacier instabilities identification and monitoring: case studies in the Alps

Prof. Dr. Xuanmei Fan

The Paul Marinos Distinguished World Lecture

Prof. Dr. Keh-Jian (Albert) Shou

Catchment Sedimentation and Landslides Induced by 1999 Taiwan Chi-Chi Earthquake

Keynote Speakers

Mr. Anil Pokhrel
A Multidisciplinary Approach to Disaster Risk Reduction in Nepal

Prof. Dr. Fawu Wang
Rapid and Long Runout Landslides Triggered by Different Liquefaction Mechanisms

Prof. Dr. Giovanna Vessia
Neo Deterministic Seismic Hazard Approach (NDSHA) for Seismic Response Analyses in urban areas. Case histories from Italian territory

Prof. Dr. Tümay Kadakci Koca
Erosion and Mass Wasting Processes in Post-Wildfire Mountainous Terrains: Impacts and Challenges

Dr. Scott Andersen
The evolution of remote sensing for the regional characterization of and response to geohazards and extreme events

Mr. Dinesh Napit
Role of DMG in Advancing Engineering Geological Sciences in Nepal

Invited Speakers

Dr. Mike Winter
Debris Flow Risk to Roads and Road Users

Dr. Ko-Fei Liu
Wave Dynamics and Geohazards Monitoring

Prof. Md. Bodruddoza Mia
Climate Related Drought Hazards in the Northeastern Bangladesh

Prof. Dr. Younus Ahmed Khan
Progressive failure analysis based on a method of non-vertical slices

Dr. Md. Shofiqul Islam
Tectonic Evolution and Seismic Hazards in Bangladesh: Insights from Geophysical and Geotechnical Studies

Prof. Dr. Mian Sohail Akram
Harnessing Pakistan's Hydropower Potential: The Critical Role of Engineering Geology in the Northern Areas

Invited Speakers

Dr. H M Sayem
Role of Suction in Unsaturated soils

Prof. Dr. Toru Terao
Asian Monsoon, Climate and Climate-Induced Hazards in the Asia and Pacific Region

Dr. Sultana Nasrin Nury
Quantitative Analysis for Greening as an option for Sustainable City

Dr. Mahmuda Khatun
Establishment of Rainfall Thresholds for Shallow Landslide in Rangamati Sadar, Bangladesh

Prof. Dr. Tomochika Tokunaga
Land Subsidence and Subsurface Environmental Changes in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area, and Possible Groundwater Management for Urban Sustainability

Prof. Dr. Jia-Jyun Dong
Random Field Modeling of Subsurface Stratigraphic/Parameters and Its Applications: Using the Taipei Basin as an Example

Dr. Goh Thian Lai
An Analog Study for Fracture Basement in Malaysia: Photogrammetry Fracture Mapping

Dr. Abd Rasid Jaapar
An Emerging Roles of Engineering Geologists in Geotourism including Geopark and Geosite Development: Some Case Studies from Malaysia

Prof. Dr. Atsuko Nonomura
Communication and Application of Engineering Geology for Community Based Disaster Preparedness

Dr. George Papathanassiou
Enhancing Liquefaction Hazard Forecasting on Regional Scale

Dr. Shahab Yasrebi
Deep Excavation in Urban Areas: Design and Construction Challenges

Dr. Manoj Verman
Resilient Tunnelling in the Himalayas: Lessons from Recent Projects

Prof. Yun-Tae Kim
Quantitative Debris Flow-Induced Vulnerability Assessment

Conference Excursions

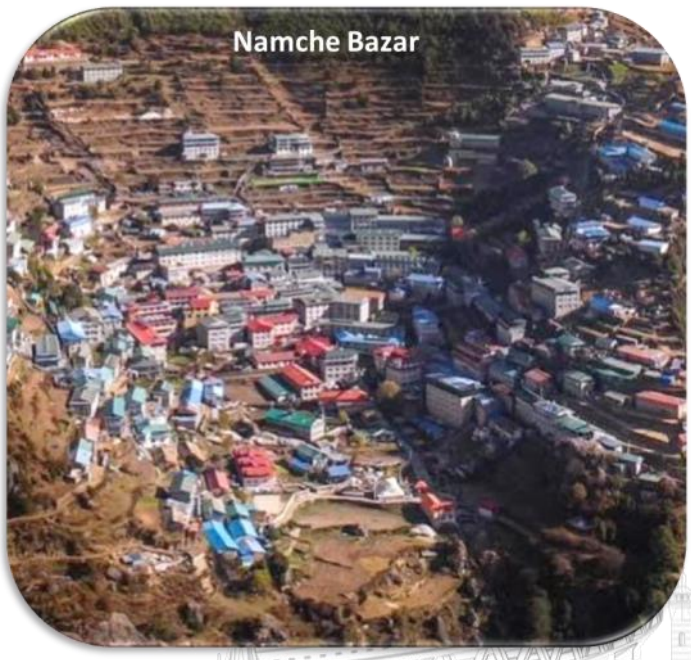
To provide a valuable opportunity particularly to all international participants, the conference has been planned to include pre and post field excursion programs in both Nepal and Bangladesh. These excursions are designed to offer hands-on experience and in-depth insights into the region's unique geological and geotechnical settings. Participants will explore significant geological formations, natural hazards, infrastructure projects, and cultural landmarks, enhancing their understanding of field applications in geoscience. These excursions aim to foster knowledge exchange, promote collaboration, and provide a comprehensive learning experience beyond the conference sessions. Detailed itineraries for each excursion are outlined below.

Date: 2025-11-24 to 25 Conference Tour Schedule

Ex-1: Everest Base Camp (Kalapatthar) Aerial Tour: Unveiling the Engineering Geology of the Higher Elevation by Airplane and Helicopter.

Time	Schedule
8:00	Departure from Kathmandu (Tribhuvan International Airport – Domestic Terminal) to Lukla (Tenzing-Hillary Airport).
9:00	Arrival at Lukla
9:00 – 11:00	Refresh and rest
11:00 – 12:00	Lunch at Lukla
12:00 – 16:00	Short Trekking in surrounding area of Lukla
16:00 – 17:00	Back to Hotel
18:00	Evening Dinner
Next Day 8:00	Departure from Hotel and Fly to Kalapatthar
9:00 -11: 00	Back to Kathmandu

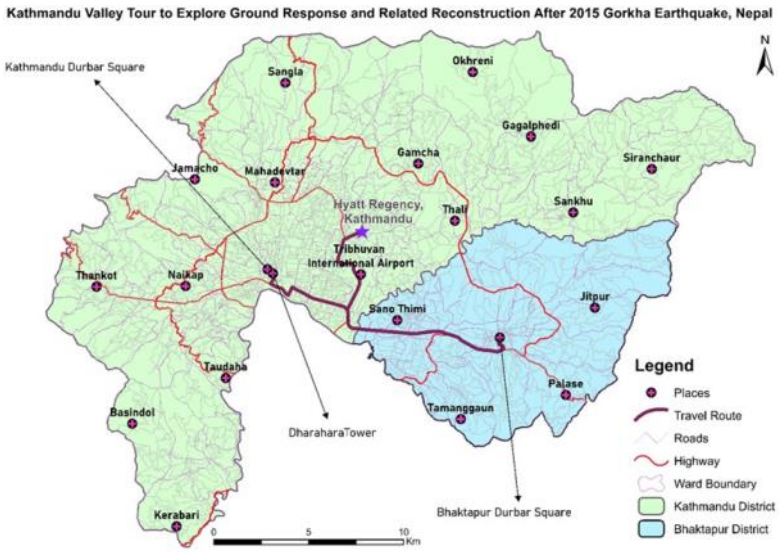
Route map showing the excursion path from Tribhuvan International Airport to Everest Base Camp (Kalapatthar) for Excursion 1.



Date: 2025-11-26 Conference Excursion Schedule

Ex-2: A Full Day Kathmandu Valley Tour to Explore Ground Response and Related Reconstruction After the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake, Nepal

Time	Schedule
8:00	Departure from Venue Hotel
9:00	Arrival at Bhaktapur Durbar Square
9: 00 – 11:30	Observation of Reconstructed Monuments
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch at Bhaktapur
13:00 – 14:00	Travel to Kathmandu Durbar Square
14: 00 – 15:30	Observation at Kathmandu Durbar Square
15:30 – 16:00	Travel to Dharahara Tower
16:00 – 17:00	Visit Newly Constructed Dharahara Tower
17:00	Return to Venue Hotel



Route map showing the excursion path from Bhaktapur Durbar Square to Dharahara Tower for Excursion 2.

Kathmandu Darbar Square

Bhaktapur Durbar Square

Date: 2025-11-26 Conference Excursion Schedule

Ex-3: A Full Day Tour to Explore Engineering Geological Setting of the Kathmandu Valley.

Time	Schedule
8: 00	Departure from Venue Hotel
9:00	Arrival at Chovar Gorge
9: 00 – 10:00	Field observation of Chovar Gorge and surrounding
10: 00 – 10:30	Arrival at Nakkhu River Flood Damage Site
10: 30 – 11:30	Observation of Nakkhu River Flood Damage Site
11: 30 – 13:00	Lunch (Nepali Traditional Cuisine)
13: 00 – 14:00	Arrival at Nagdhunga Road Tunnel Site
14:00 – 17:00	Observation of Nagdhunga Tunnel and surrounding
17:00	Return to Venue Hotel

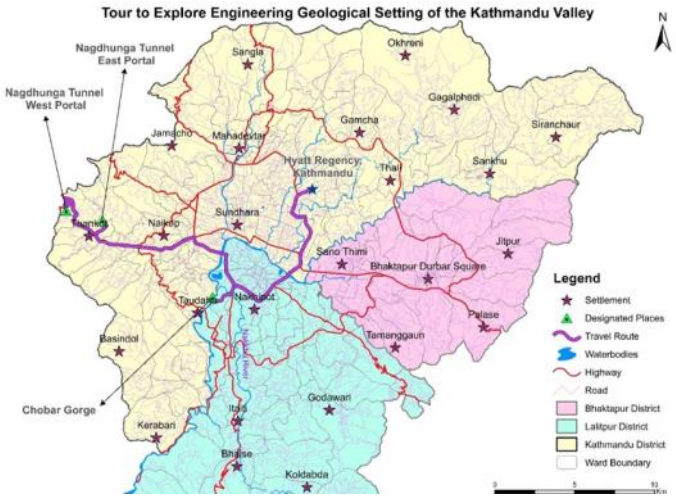


Figure 3: Route map showing the excursion path for Excursion 3.

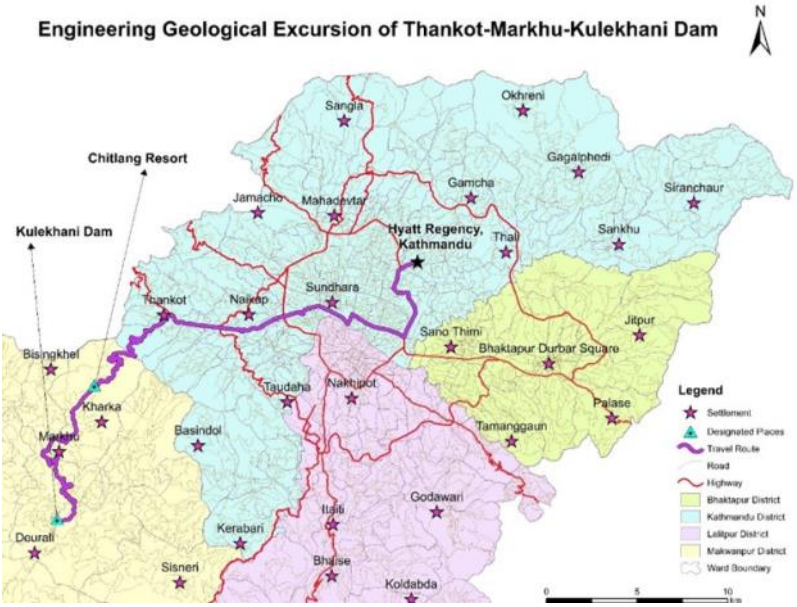
Date: 2025-11-29/2025-11-30 Conference Tour Schedule

Ex-4: Engineering Geological Excursion of Thankot—Markhu—Kulekhani Dam Route South of Kathmandu.

Team Leader: Ujjwal Raghubansi

Day 1 (2025-11-30): Kathmandu – Chitlang –Kulekhani

Time	Schedule
8: 00	Departure from Venue Hotel
9:00 – 9:30	Observation of Kathmandu Valley Lake Sediment Deposit
10:30	Arrival at Chitlang Saddle
10:30 – 11:00	Observation of Kathmandu Valley from Chitlang Saddle
11:00 – 12:30	Arrival at Kulekhani Reservoir
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at Kulekhani
13:30 – 15:30	Observation of Debris Flow Location
15:30 – 17:00	Observation around Kulekhani Reservoir Site
17: 00	Return to Chitlang Resort
Day-2 (2025-12-01): Kulekhani – Kathmandu	
8:00 - 9: 00	Breakfast
9:00	Departure to Kulekhani Dam site
10:30 – 11:00	Observation of Kulekhani Dam
11:00	Departure to Kathmandu



Kulekhani hydropower dam reservoir at Markhu

Date: 2025-11-30 to 2025-12-2 Conference Tour Schedule

Ex-5: Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Characteristics of Kathmandu-Pokhara Area.

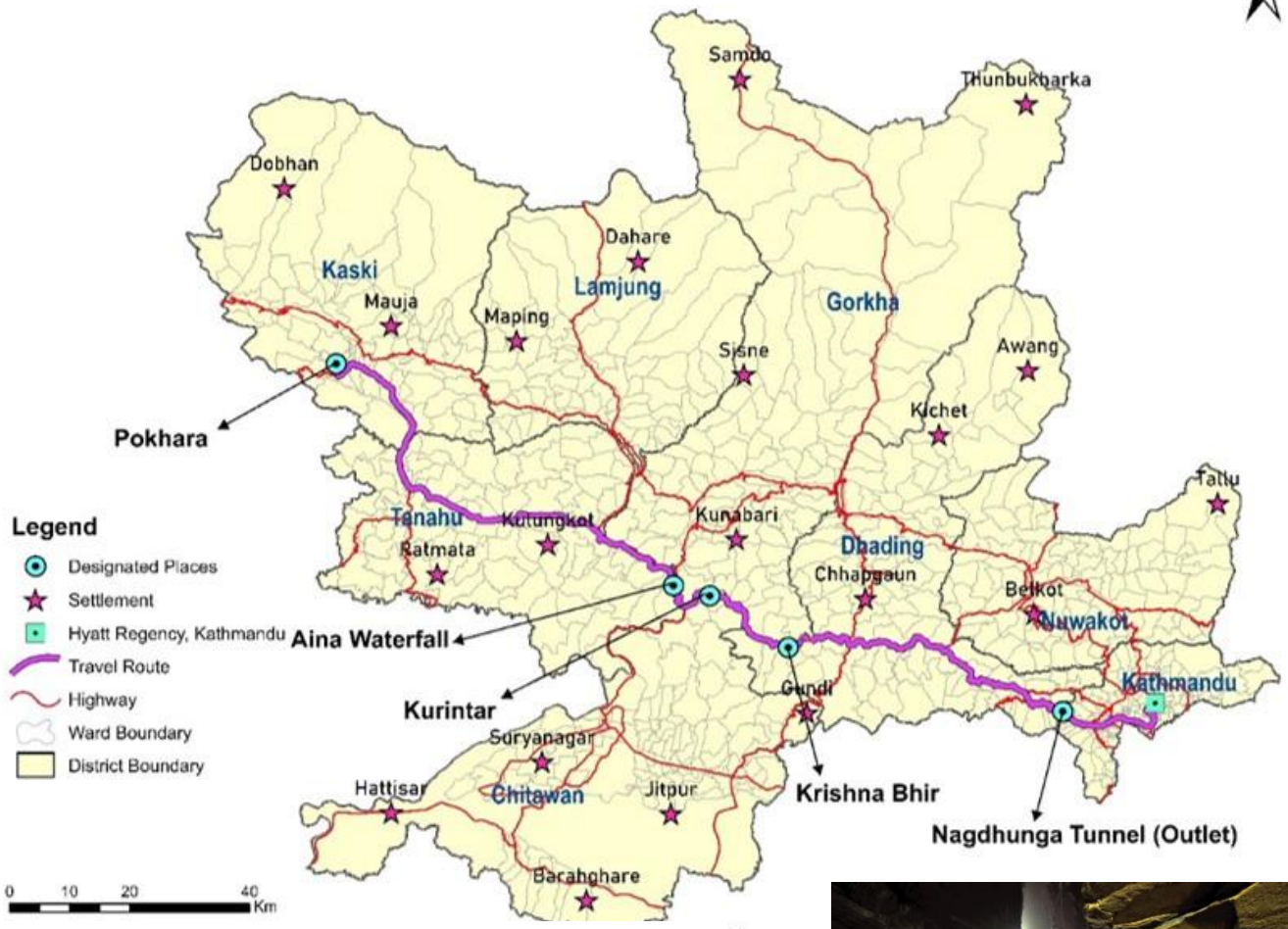
Team Leader: Dr. Manita Timilsina (WEG team of NSEG will run this excursion)

Time	Schedule
Day 1 (2025-11-30): Kathmandu - Pokhara	
8: 00	Departure from Venue Hotel
8: 00 – 9: 00	Arrival at Nagdhunga Road Tunnel Site
9: 00 – 10: 00	Observation of Nagdhunga Tunnel Outlet
10: 00 – 12: 00	Arrival at Krishna Bhir
12: 00 – 12: 30	Observation of Krishnabhir
13: 15	Arrival at Kurintar
13: 15 – 14:00	Lunch at Kurintar Barasinghe beer factory
15:30 – 16:30	Observation of Tanahu Hydropower Dam
16:30 – 18:00	Arrival at Pokhara, stay at hotel
19:00	Dinner at Lakeside Pokhara
Day 2 (2025-12-01): Pokhara – Geological Features Exploration	
8: 00	Departure from Hotel
8: 30	Arrival at World Peace Stupa
8: 30 – 9:30	Observation of World Peace Stupa
10:00	Arrival at Devi's Fall
10:00 – 11: 30	Observation of Devil's Fall and Gupteshwor Gufa
12: 00 – 13: 00	Lunch (Thakali Authentic Cuisine)
13:30	Arrival at Ramghat
13:30 – 14:30	Observation of Seti River Gorge Opening
15:00	Arrival at Mahendra Cave
15: 00 – 16:00	Observation of Mahendra Cave
16: 30	Back to Hotel at Pokhara
16: 30 - 22:00	Free time, Enjoy Lakeside area
Day 3 (2025-12-02): Return to Kathmandu from Pokhara International Airport	

*** Interested participant can enjoy the surrounding environment.**

Pokhara International Airport

Kathmandu to Pokhara

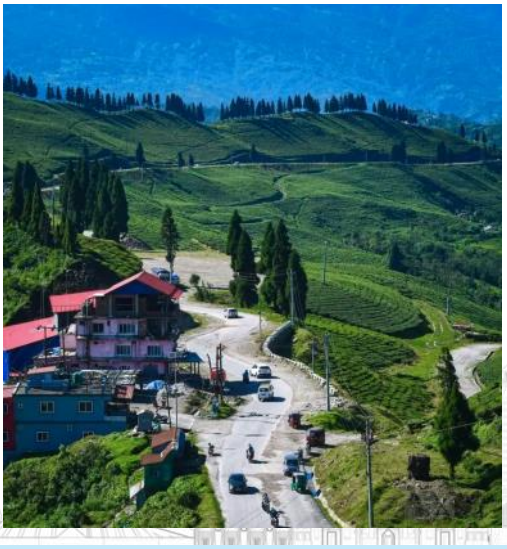


Geological Features Exploration at Pokhara

Date: 2025-11-30 to 2025-12-2 Conference Tour Schedule

Ex-6: Engineering Geology Insights: Exploring the Tea Farming Landscapes of Far Eastern Nepal from Jhapa to Ilam (Three Days- 1h fly from Kathmandu in Airplane and Bus Trip in Jhapa and Ilam)

Time	Schedule
Day 1 (2025-11-30): Kathmandu – Biratnagar – Jhapa	
8: 00	Departure from Venue Hotel, Kathmandu
8:30	Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport
9: 30 – 10:30	Flight to Biratnagar from TIA
10: 30	Arrival at Biratnagar Airport
10: 30 – 12:00	Biratnagar Airport to Chatara Koshi bridge
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at Koshi Bridge, Chatara
13:00 – 14:00	Observation of Koshi sediment, MFT and Siwalik
14:00 – 15:30	Moving to Koshi Barrage
15:30 – 16:00	Observation of 63 yrs old Koshi Barrage
16:00 – 18:45	Travel to Birtamod, Jhapa
18:45	Stay at Jhapa
Day 2 (2025-12-01): Jhapa – Ilam	
8: 00	Departure from Jhapa to Illam
8: 30 – 9:00	Observation of Main Frontal Thrust (MFT) at Budhabare
9:00 – 9:30	Arrival and Observation of MBT at Chihandada
9:30 – 10:00	Arrival and Observation of Lesser Himalayan Rock at Kutidada
10:00 – 10:30	Arrival and Observation of Tea State
11:00	Arrival at Tea State at Kanyam
11:30 – 12:30	Observation and enjoy the surrounding of Tea State at Kanyam
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at Fikkal Bazar
14:30	Arrival at Maikhola
14:30 – 16:00	Observation of Creeping Landslide at Maikhola
16:30	Arrival and stay at Ilam
17:30	Free time, evening walk at Tea State
16:00	Moving to Hotel
19:30	Dinner at Hotel
Day 3 (2025-12-02): Pasupatinagar to Kathmandu	
8: 00	Departure from Pasupatinagar
11:30	Arrival at Kakarbhitta
11:30—12:30	Lunch
Interested participants can go to India from the border, be careful that you have valid Indian Visa	
14:00	Departure from Bhadraput Airport to Kathmandu
16:00	Arrival at Venue Hotel in Kathmandu



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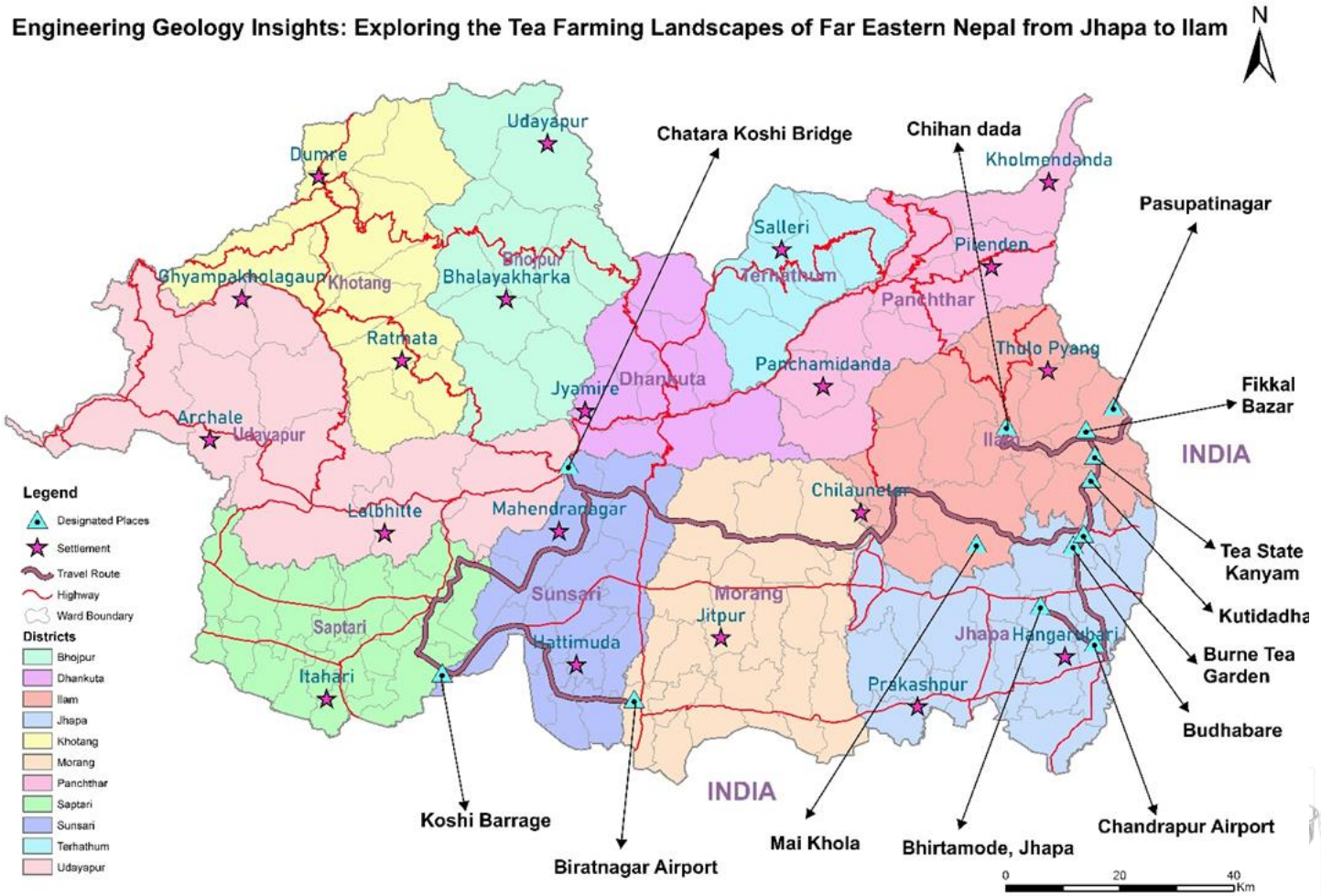

Excursion in Bangladesh

Ex-7: Padma Bridge en route to UN World Heritage site Sunderbans.

Convener: Prof. Dr. Md Hasan Imam
Associates: Mr.Azhar (GSB). Sunny & Asmaul

Sundarban Field Trip

DATE
Dec 4 to Dec 6 (2025) Thursday to Saturday,
2 Nights and 3 Days

Purpose: To understand the geology and geomorphology of the Sundarbans area, as geological, environmental and climate assessment across the Padma Bridge route to the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Sundarbans.

TRAVEL COST AND HOW TO PAY

- **International Participant**: 500 USD
- **Local Participant**: 20000 Tk
- All Participants have to pay in advance to confirm their participation in the trip.
- **Website**: https://arc15.nseg.org.np/

REGISTER NOW

- The field trip package will include all transport, meals & accommodation.
- "Accommodation on the ship during the sightseeing to the Sundarbans."

Travel Spots

- Dhaka - Padma Bridge- Mongla Port — By Bus
- Karamjal
- Harbaria
- Kotka
- Dublar Char

— By Ship

Padma Bridge

Length: 6.15 km
Width: 18.10 m
Height: 120 m
Water depth: 29 m
No. of spans: 41
Construction start: 26 November 2014
Construction end: 23 June 2022

1st Day (DEC 4th)

07:00 Jahangirnagar University campus (Meeting Point)
07:00 Breakfast
12:00 Arrive Padma Bridge (site Visit)
13:00 Lunch Break & Prayer Break
16:00 Arrive Mongla Port get into ship
17:00 Evening Snacks & Prayer Break
17:30 Site Visit (**Koromjal**)
20:00 Dinner And Relaxing

2nd Day (DEC 5th)

07:00 Breakfast
08:00 Site Visiting (**Harbaria & Kotka**)
13:00 Lunch & Prayer Break
16:00 Site Visiting (**Dhublar Char**)
18:00 Evening Snacks & Prayer Break
20:00 Dinner
21:00 Amusement & Relaxing

3rd Day (DEC 6th)

07:00 Breakfast
08:00 Site Visiting (**Hiron Point**)
12:00 Back to Mongla Port
13:00 Lunch & Prayer Break
14:00 Back to Dhaka by bus
20:00 Dinner And Relaxing in Bus

SUNDARBAN INFORMATION

1. Average latitude 21°27'30" & 22°30'00"N and longitude 89°02'00" & 90°00'00"E.
2. Geographic Location: Bay of Bengal, within the Ganges Delta, formed by the confluence of the Ganges, & Meghna rivers.
3. The total area of 10,000 km^2 is 60% of the property in Bangladesh.
4. The Sundarban is the world's largest mangrove forest. It is a recognise UNESCO World Heritage Site for its unique ecosystem and biodiversity.

Plant: Sundari (Heritiera fomes), Gewa (Excoecaria agallocha) Goran (Ceriops decandra), keora(Sonneratia apetala) & Nipa plam.

Animal: Royal Bengal Tiger, various birds, saltwater crocodiles, spotted deer, rhesus monkeys, birds, fish, reptiles & amphibians.

GEOLOGY OF SUNDARBAN

1. Lower salinity in the northern part and higher salinity in the southern part.
2. Landforms of the region can be classified into the broad morphotypes of beach, dune, estuary bank, swamps.
3. Primarily built by the deposition of sediments from the Himalayan rivers & the Bay of Bengal
4. Characterized by Quaternary Era sediments, including sand, silt & clay mixed with marine salt deposit.
5. The area is characterized by deltaic formations, including drainage lines, levels, tidal flats & sandbars.

Back to Dhaka

Ex-8: Bangabandhu Tunnel—en route to the world's largest sea beach Cox's Bazar.

Convener: Syeda Jesmin Haque

Associates: Sanjib & Asmaul

KARNAPHULI TUNNEL – EN ROUTE TO THE COX'S BAZAR SEA BEACH

PURPOSE: To explore the engineering marvel of the Karnaphuli Tunnel and study geo-exposures at Inani and Himchari along the world's longest natural sandy beach, highlighting its geology and coastal erosion.

Date

December 3rd to 5th (Wednesday to Friday) 2 Nights and 3 Days

As part of the trip package, all transport, meals, and accommodation at a designated hotel will be provided to participants during the geological field excursion and sightseeing program in Cox's Bazar

Travel Spots:

- Dhaka-Patenga Sea Beach
- Karnaphuli Tunnel- Cox's Bazar
- Marine Drive- Patuartek Sea Beach-Inani Sea Beach - Himchari Sea Beach
- Cox's Bazar Beach travel from Laboni Point to Kolatoli Beach.

Travel Cost and Payment Method

- ✓ International participant: 550 USD
- ✓ Local Participant: 25,000 Tk
- ✓ Online Payment System
- ✓ Cash or Credit card at the Registration Desk at the Venue
- ✓ Website: https://arc15.nseg.org.np

KARNAPHULI TUNNEL

First underwater tunnel in Bangladesh and South Asia.

- Length of the entire route: 9.39 km
- Length of the main tunnel: 3.32 km
- The diameter of the tunnel: 10.80 m
- Length of the twin tubes: 2.45 km

COX'S BAZAR INFORMATION

- Longest natural sandy beach in the world with an unbroken length of 120 km.
- Low coastal plain leaving behind Tertiary hills with different geological exposures.
- Tertiary hill consists of massive sandstone interlayered with claystone, shale and siltstone.
- Sediments were deposited during the major development of the Bengal Basin.
- The coastal plains are covered with Holocene deposits which are dominantly tidal in nature.
- The sand at Cox's Bazar beach and surrounding areas are rich in mineral content.
- Surrounding area contains different geological exposures
- Homes to nearly 8,000 different kinds of flora and fauna, abundant sea life creatures, including jellyfish, starfish, numerous fish species, turtles, and tiny red crabs.

1ST DAY (DECEMBER 3RD)

07:00 Jahangirnagar University Campus (Starting point)
07:00 Breakfast
07:30 Start by Bus
13:00 Arrive at the port city of Chattagram
13:00 Lunch and Prayer Break
14:30 Arrive at Patenga Sea Beach and Sightseeing
15:30 Arrive Karnaphuli Tunnel (Site Visit)
16:00 Starts for Cox's Bazar
17:00 Evening snacks
21:00 Arrive at the Hotel at Cox's Bazar Sea Beach
21:30 Dinner and Relaxing

2ND DAY (DECEMBER 4TH)

07:30 Breakfast
9:00 Starts for Marine Drive, Patuartek Sea Beach-Inani Sea Beach-Himchari Sea Beach
10:30 Sightseeing and Refreshment
12:30 Arrive at the Hotel
13:00 Lunch and Prayer Break
14:30 Site Seeing; Longest Sea Beach
16:00 Evening Snacks and Sightseeing
20:00 Dinner and Relaxing

3RD DAY (DECEMBER 5TH)

07:00 Breakfast
08:00 Visit to Cox's Bazar Beach
10:00 Shopping at The Burmese Market
12:00 Lunch and Prayer Break
13:30 Departure
Back to Dhaka by Bus

For Registration:

Synopsis of All Excursions

Excursion Ex-1: *Everest Base Camp (Kalapatthar) Aerial Tour: Unveiling the Engineering Geology of the Higher Elevation by Airplane and Helicopter* is priced at **USD 1,650**. The cost includes airfare (by airplane and helicopter), accommodation, and all necessary transportation. This unique aerial experience offers an exceptional opportunity to observe the geological features of the highest Himalayan regions without trekking.

Excursion Ex-2: *A Full Day Kathmandu Valley Tour to Explore Ground Response and Related Reconstruction after the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake* is available for **USD 100**. The price covers transportation and guided services. Meals, where applicable, may also be included. This excursion focuses on urban seismic impacts and post-earthquake reconstruction in the Kathmandu Valley.

Excursion Ex-3: *A Full Day Tour to Explore Engineering Geological Setting of the Kathmandu Valley* is also priced at **USD 100**. It includes transportation, guide services, and relevant field briefings. This tour offers participants an insight into the geotechnical and geological configuration of the Kathmandu Basin.

Excursion Ex-4: *Engineering Geological Excursion of Thankot—Markhu—Kulekhani Dam Route South of Kathmandu* costs **USD 180**. This includes transportation, guide services, and meals. The trip provides a comprehensive view of slope stability issues and hydropower infrastructure in a hilly terrain.

Excursion Ex-5: *Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Characteristics of Kathmandu-Pokhara Area* is a multi-day excursion priced at **USD 600**. The cost covers airfare, accommodation, and transportation. However, please note that **dinner on the second day is excluded**, and that day is kept as a **free day for participants** to explore Pokhara on their own.

Excursion Ex-6: *Engineering Geology Insights: Exploring the Tea Farming Landscapes of Far Eastern Nepal from Jhapa to Ilam* is a three-day excursion offered at **USD 900**. The price includes a one-hour domestic flight from Kathmandu, as well as all accommodation and local transportation by bus. This excursion integrates geological observations with agro-engineering and sustainable land use practices.

Excursion Ex-7: *Padma Bridge en route to UN World Heritage site Sundarbans* is available for **USD 500***. This includes airfare, accommodation, and transportation. The excursion offers insights into large-scale infrastructure development in Bangladesh. (*Price does not include international travel arrangements.)

Excursion Ex-8: *Bangabandhu Tunnel en route to the World's Largest Sea Beach, Cox's Bazar* is priced at **USD 550***. The package covers airfare, accommodation, and transportation. This tour explores underground engineering marvels in a coastal setting. (*Price does not include international travel arrangements.)

Registration fee for field excursions

Ex. No.	Excursion	Fee
Ex-1	Everest Base Camp (Kalapatthar) Aerial Tour: Unveiling the Engineering Geology of	$1,650
Ex-2	A full day Kathmandu Valley tour to explore ground response and related reconstruction after the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake, Nepal	$100
Ex-3	A Full Day Tour to Explore Engineering Geological Setting of the Kathmandu Valley.	$100
Ex-4	Engineering Geological Excursion of Thankot—Markhu—Kulekhani Dam Route	$180
Ex-5	Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Characteristics of Kathmandu-Pokhara Area.	$600
Ex-6	Engineering Geology Insights: Exploring the Tea Farming Landscapes of Far Eastern Nepal from Jhapa to Ilam (Three Days- 1h fly from Kathmandu in Airplane and Bus Trip in Jhapa and Ilam)	$900
Ex-7	Padma Bridge en route to UN World Heritage site Sundarbans.	$500*
Ex-8	Bangabandhu Tunnel - en route to the world's largest sea beach Cox's Bazar.	$550*

Local participants can contact IBNG for fee payment!

Karnaphuli Tunnel

Connecting Road of the Karnaphuli Tunnel

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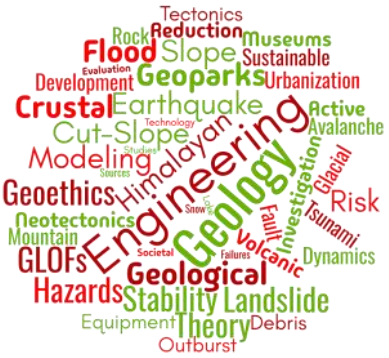
Conference Themes

The IAEG Bangladesh National Group (IBNG) and the Nepal Society of Engineering Geology (NSEG), have planned for the main theme of the congress as "***Geological Engineering for Societal and Sustainable Development***". Sub-themes of the congress include:

1. Engineering Geology and Geological Engineering for sustainable development



1.1 Geological Engineering from theory to practice

1.2 Engineering Geological Modeling

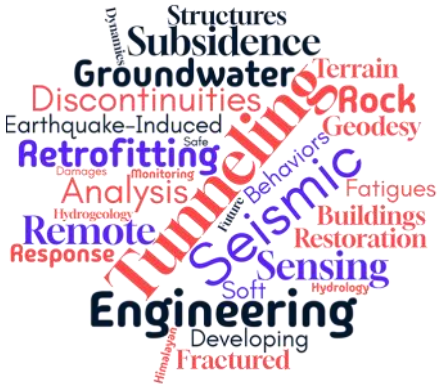
1.3 Geoethics in Engineering Geological Investigation

1.4 Case Studies for Engineering Geological Investigation

1.5 New Technology and Equipment for Engineering Geology

1.6 Geoparks and Disaster Museums for Sustainable Development

2. Neotectonics



2.1 Active Fault and associated earthquakes

2.2 Himalayan Tectonics

2.3 Crustal Dynamics and Recent Earthquake Sources

2.4 Special Session on "Engineering Geology Perspectives on the March 2025 Mandalay Earthquake and its effects in Myanmar, Thailand and China"

3. Landslides

3.1 Landslides, Debris Flows, and Rock Fall

3.2 Landslide Hazard and Risk Evaluation

3.3 Landslide Risk Reduction

3.4 Slope Stability

3.5 Urbanization on Mountain Slopes

3.6 Rock Slope Failure

3.7 Snow and Debris Avalanche

3.8 Cut slope failures

3.9 Large-Scale Landslides: Advanced Investigation, Monitoring, and Modelling

3.10 Formation of Landslides: Reconstruction, Mapping, Modeling, and Prediction under Different Influencing Factors

4. Hydro-climatic and Geological hazards in Developing Countries

4.1 Flood Hazards

4.2 Volcanic Hazards

4.3 Tsunami Hazards

4.4 Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs)

5. Geotechnical and Geo-Environmental Engineering

5.1 Foundation Engineering

5.2 Ground Improvement Techniques

5.3 Unsaturated Soil Mechanics, Physical Properties of Soils, Geo-Environmental Issues

5.4 Soft Ground Treatments

5.5 Transportation Geotechniques

5.6 Earth Retaining Structures

5.7 Stability Analyses

5.8 Physico-chemical Environment of Soils

5.9 Geotechnical Modeling

5.10 Uses of Geopolymers in Geotech and Geo-Environment

6. Water Resources and Environmental Engineering

6.1 Water Resources and Watershed Management

6.2 Wastewater Treatment and Water Purification

6.3 Water Pollution in River, Lake and Coastal Area

7. Urban Geology, Urban Planning and Management – Engineering geological perspective

7.1 Environmental Assessment for Urban Development

7.2 Urban Design and Development Planning

7.3 Transportation Planning for Sustainable Development

7.4 Conceiving Reliable Engineering Geological Models for mining activities, infrastructures and building design, risk and urban planning

8. Engineering Hydrogeology and Management

8.1 Groundwater Management

8.2 Groundwater and Land Subsidence

8.3 Groundwater Monitoring and Restoration

8.4 Fractured Rock Hydrology

9. Tunneling and Role of Rock Mechanics in Developing Countries

9.1 Hard rock tunneling Issues and Development

9.2 Soft ground Tunneling Issues and Development

9.3 Rock Mechanics and Behaviours of Discontinuities in Hard Terrain

9.4 Tunneling in Challenging Geologies: Himalayan Experience and Global Perspectives

10. Remote Sensing and Geodesy

10.1 Remote Sensing and Geodesy in Geological Applications

10.2 Remote Sensing and Geodesy in Geotech/Geo-Environment

10.3 Remote Sensing and Geodesy in Water/Coastal Management

10.4 Remote Sensing and Geodesy in Urban Planning and Waste Management

11. Seismic Hazards, Earthquake Engineering and Structural Analysis

11.1 Engineering Geological and Geotechnical Consequences

11.2 Earthquake Engineering and Ground Response

11.3 Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics

11.4 Retrofitting Structures

11.5 Structural Damages and Fatigues in Structures

11.6 Future of Himalayan Earthquake

11.7 Coseismic Landslides: From Case Histories to Risk Assessment

11.8 Seismic hazard analysis

11.9 Earthquake Safe Buildings in Developing Countries

12. Consequences of Geo-Disasters and Disaster Risk Management

12.1 Assessment of Geohazard Chains in high Mountain Regions

12.2 Seismic consequences in Social Welfare and Mental Trauma

12.3 Effects of Flooding/Tsunami/Storm in Infrastructures

12.4 Effects of Flooding/Tsunami/Storm in Social Welfare and Mental Trauma

12.5 Volcanic Disasters and Management

12.6 Landslide Risk Management

12.7 Disaster Risk Reduction

12.8 Disaster Risk Resilience and Disaster Management

12.9 Engineering Geologists in Risk Communication

13. Dimension Stones and Quarry Sites

13.1 Reserves and Utilization of Dimension Stones

13.2 Construction materials and aggregates for developing countries

13.3 Disposal of Mine Wastes and Mine Tail

14. The role of women in development of engineering geology

15. Climate change and related geopolitics

16. Landfill engineering and solid waste management

17. The Training and Education in Engineering Geology

17.1 Communication and education based on the knowledge of engineering geology

17.2 Global Engineering Geology Education – present and future directions

18. Asian Monsoon, Climate & Climate-Induced Hazards in the Asia & Pacific Region

18.1 Mega-geo-disasters under the changing climate and stability in Asian monsoon climate.

19. Engineering Geology for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development

20. AI in Engineering Geology

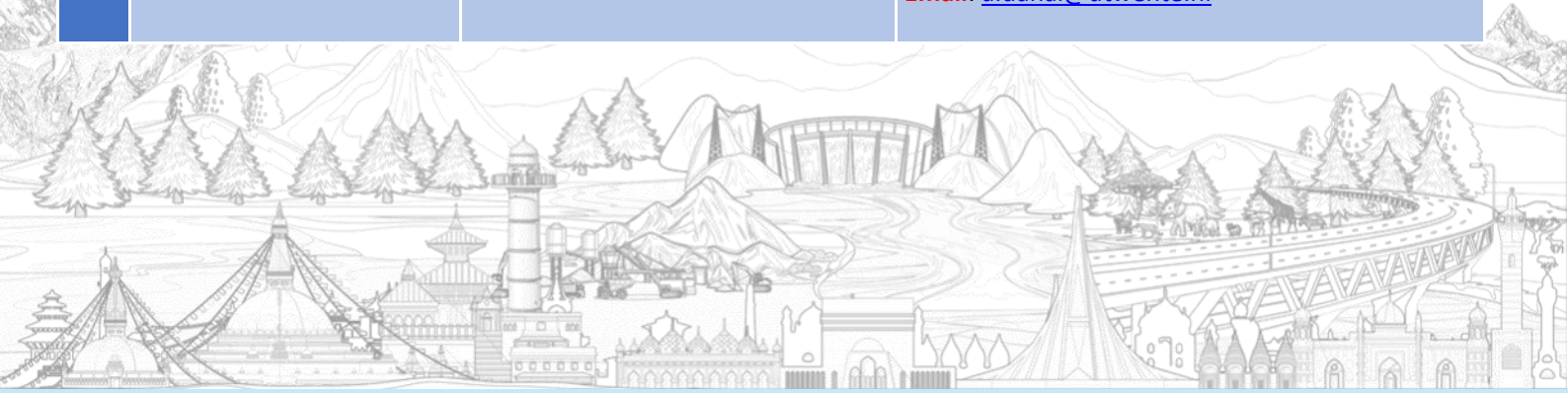
20.1 AI for Engineering Geology: Recent Advances and Emerging Frontiers

Submitted Sessions:

SN	Theme	Session Title	Session Convener
1	2. Active Tectonics and Goehazards Sub-theme 2.4	Special Session for Engineering Geology Perspectives on the March 2025 Mandalay Earthquake and its effects in Myanmar and Thailand and China	**Convener:** Dr. Janusz Wasowski, senior research associate, CNR-IRPI (National Research Council of Italy) **Email:** janusz.wasowski@cnr.it
2	3. Landslides Sub-theme 3.2	Landslide Hazard and Risk Evaluation	**Convener:** Dr. Ananta Man Singh Pradhan, Water Resources Research and Development Centre **Email:** anantageo@gmail.com
3	3. Landslides Sub-theme 3.9	Large-Scale Landslides: Advanced Investigation, Monitoring, and Modelling	**Convener:** Univ. Prof. Mag. Dr. Christian Zangerl BOKU University, Department of Landscape, Water and Infrastructure , Institute of Applied Geology, Vienna, Austria **E-mail**: christian.j.zangerl@boku.ac.at
4	3. Landslides Sub-theme 3.10	Sensing technologies for landslide monitoring toward early warning	**Convener:** Dr. Łukasz Pawlik, Associate Professor, Institute of Earth Sciences, University of Silesia, Poland **E-mail:** lukasz.pawlik@us.edu.pl
5	3. Landslides Sub-theme 3.11	Geohazards in the Himalaya	**Convener:** Tetsuya Kogure, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan **Email**: kogure.tetsuya.8j@kyoto-u.ac.jp
6	4.Hydro-climatic and Geological hazards in Developing Countries Sub-theme 4.1	Geohazards in the Himalaya	**Convener:** Dr. Subodh Dhakal, Head Department of Geology, Tri-Chandra Campus, Nepal **Email**: dhakalsubodh@gmail.com
7	4. Hydro-climatic and Geological hazards in Developing Countries Sub-theme 4.2	Flood Hazards	**Convener:** Prof Dr. Monique Fort, University Paris Cité, France **Email** : fort.monique@gmail.com
8	5. Geotechnical and Geo-Environmental Engineering Sub-themes 5.3	Unsaturated Soil Mechanics, Physical Properties of Soils, Geo-Environmental Issues	**Convener:** Prof. Dr. ATM Shakhawat Hossain, Geological Engineering, Geohazards & Disaster Sciences Research Group, Department of Geological Sciences, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. **E-mail**: shakhawathos2004@yahoo.com
9	7. Urban Geology, Urban Planning and Management Sub-theme: 7.1	Environmental Assessment for Urban Development	**Conveners:** Michael Schmitz, Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR), Germany Manuel Hobiger, Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR), Germany Mohammad Feruj Alam, Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB), Bangladesh
10	7. Urban Geology, Urban Planning and Management Sub-theme: 7.4	Conceiving Reliable Engineering Geological Models for mining activities, infrastructures and building design, risk and urban planning	**Convener:** Prof. Dr. Vessia Giovanna University "G.d'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara, Italy **E-mail**: g.vessia@unich.it

Submitted Sessions:

SN	Theme	Session Title	Session Convener
11	7. Urban Geology, Urban Planning and Management Sub-theme: 7.5	Deep Excavation in Urban Areas: Design and Construction Challenges	**Convener:** Dr. Shahab Yasrebi, President, Geomaple Geotechnical Inc., Canada **Email**: s.yasrebi@geomaple.ca
12	9. Tunneling and Role of Rock Mechanics in Developing Countries Sub-theme: 9.4	Tunneling in Challenging Geologies: Himalayan Experience and Global Perspectives	**Convener:** Dr. Manoj Verman Rocscience India **Email**: manoj@mverman.com
13	11. Seismic Hazards, Earthquake Engineering and Structural Analysis Sub-theme: 11.7	Coseismic Landslides: From Case Histories to Risk Assessment	**Conveners:** Prof. Dr. Gonghui Wang, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, **Email**: wanggh@landslide.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp Prof. Dr. Jia-Jyun Dong, National Central University, Taiwan, **Email**: jjdong@geo.ncu.edu.tw
14	12. Consequences of Geo-Disasters and Disaster Risk Management Sub-theme: 12.1	Assessment of Geohazard Chains in high Mountain Regions	**Convener:** Prof. Dr. Hans-Balder Havenith Liege University, Belgium **Email**: hh.havenith@uliege.be
15	12. Consequences of Geo-Disasters and Disaster Risk Management Sub-theme: 12.6	Landslide Risk Management	**Convener:** Dr. Mike Winter Director, Winter Associates Limited, UK **Email**: mwinter@winterassociates.co.uk
16	14. The role of women in development of engineering geology	The role of women in development of engineering geology	**Convener:** Ann Williams (IAEG-WEG Chair) BECA, New Zealand **Email**: ann.williams@beca.com
17	17. The Training and Education in Engineering Geology Sub-theme: 17.1	Communication and education based on the knowledge of engineering geology	**Convener:** Prof. Dr. Atsuko Nonomura Kagawa University, Takamatsu, Japan **Email**: nonomura.atsuko@kagawa-u.ac.jp
18	18. Asian Monsoon, Climate & Climate-Induced Hazards in the Asia & Pacific Region Sub-theme: 18.1	Mega-geo-disasters under the changing climate and stability in Asian monsoon climate.	**Convener:** Prof. Dr. Toru Terao Kagawa University, Takamatsu, Japan **Email**: terao.toru@kagawa-u.ac.jp
19	20. AI in Engineering Geology Sub-theme: 20.1	AI for Engineering Geology: Recent Advances and Emerging Frontiers	**Convener:** Dr. Ashok Dahal, Assistant Professor of AI for Early Warning Systems University of Twente, The Netherlands **Email**: a.dahal@utwente.nl



Women in Engineering Geology

WEG Session in ARC-15 of IAEG

Empowering Women in Engineering Geology

JOIN US TO LEARN FROM AND WITH WOMEN IN ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

Session Convener:
IAEG-WEG Chair

Ann Williams

Coordinators:

Anjila Malla
NSEG-WEG Chair

Mahmuda Khatun
IBNG-WEG Chair

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Men and women professionals in Geoscience and Engineering
- Industry leaders and policymakers
- Anyone advocating for gender diversity in STEM fields
- Students and early-career Geologists

KEY THEMES

Breaking down barriers
Overcoming gender based challenges in the field of engineering geology.
Leadership & mentorship
Inspiring the next generation of women engineering geologists.
Innovations & contributions
Showcasing success stories and research by women in engineering geology.
Opportunities & networking
Building a strong global community of women and advocates for women in engineering geology.

WHY ATTEND?

- Gain valuable insights from experienced women in engineering geology
- Connect with professionals and expand your network
- Explore opportunities for mentorship and career growth

CONFERENCE ATTRACTIONS:

- Pre-conference ice-breaker hike for women sponsored by NSEG
- Panel discussion
- Quick fire research presentations
- Short interactive workshop
- Poster/photo exhibition

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"Elevating Young Talent in Engineering Geology"

Empowering Young Engineering Geologists: Embracing New Roles through IAEG

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YEG Session in ARC-15 of IAEG

KEY THEMES:

- Leadership and Career Development in Engineering Geology
- The Role of Young Engineering Geologists in Disaster Management and Mitigation
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering Geology
- Global Collaboration among Young Engineering Geologists

Call for Abstract

Be part of a dynamic exchange with the next generation of Engineering Geologists

WHY ATTEND?

- Hear from fellow young professionals and learn from experienced mentors.
- Explore emerging tools, techniques, and innovations in the field.
- Discover career pathways, internships, and job opportunities.
- Develop your leadership and technical skills
- Expand your professional network and join a global movement to amplify the voice and impact of young professionals in Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Engineering

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Early-career professionals in Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Engineering
- Students and recent graduates
- Academic researchers and educators
- Industry practitioners interested in mentoring or engaging with young talent
- Geological engineering societies and associations

Session Convener:

Dr. Stratis (Efstratios) Karastanellis
(IAEG-YEG Chair)

Session Coordinators:

Mr. Shankar Pantha
(NSEG-YEG Chair)

Mr. Om Prasad Dhakal
(NSEG-IAEG-YEG member)

Mr. Shafiqul Islam Sany
(BNG-YEG Secretary)

CONFERENCE ATTRACTONS:

- Pre-Conference Hike-a networking kickoff for YEG members sponsored by NSEG
- Interactive Panel Discussion with experts
- Rapid-Fire Research Presentations
- Brief Hands-On Workshop
- Poster And Photo Exhibition

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Student Exhibitions of Engineering Geological Models

Role of IAEG in the development of Geological Engineering in the global arena

KEY THEME: Enhancing Practical Learning through Visual demonstration: Where Science Meets Creativity in Engineering Geology

GEOLOGICAL CROSS-SECTIONS · SLOPE FAILURE MECHANISMS · GROUNDWATER FLOW MODELS · SOIL/ROCK MECHANICS SETUPS

EXHIBITION

EARTHQUAKE AND LIQUEFACTION DEMONSTRATIONS · ENGINEERING GEOLOGICAL HAZARD REPRESENTATION · INNOVATIVE GEOTECHNICAL OR GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS

EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- International Platform For Students
- Student-Led Innovation
- Global Networking
- Hands-On Experience
- Get Recognized With A Certificate Of Participation from IAEG

Awards For Innovation & Creativity

SESSION CONVENOR:

Mr. Milan Kumar Rai (NSEG-YEG Member)

SESSION COORDINATORS:

Ms. Anjila Malla (NSEG-WEG Chair, IAEG WEGC Member)
Mr. Shankar Pantha (NSEG-YEG Chair)
Mr. Rajan Mahat (NSEG-YEG Secretary)
Ms. Samina Khatun (NSEG -WEG Member)

ADVISORS:

Stratis Karantanellis (YEG Chair, IAEG)
Ann Williams (WEG Chair, IAEG)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE ?

Postgraduate and graduate students from:

- Engineering Geology
- Geology
- Civil/Geotechnical/Structural Engineering
- Environmental Science

(Individual or group participation-up to 5 members and open to all ARC-15 registered students)

WHY ATTEND ?

- Build, present and shine
- To showcase your creativity and technical knowledge on engineering geology and geotechnical engineering
- Learn through interaction with peers, professors and professionals
- Gain visibility within the IAEG team
- Develop teamwork and presentation skills
- Competing to be the best (Best Model Awards)

WANT TO JOIN THE EXHIBITION?

Submission Deadline: August 31, 2025
Confirmation of selection: September 15, 2025
Setup and Exhibition Date: Will be published later but it will be during the ARC-15 of IAEG, Nov 27-29, 2025

JOIN US

Contact: Milan Kumar Rai and Anjila Malla

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Pre-Conference Workshop Series

Workshop 1: In-depth technical workshop with case studies and expert-led discussions

Rock Mass Improvement Techniques - Grouting through the Perspective of the Engineering Geologist

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: Focuses on advanced grouting techniques for rock mass improvement emphasizing practical engineering geological perspectives and site-specific solutions.

KEY THEMES:

- Grouting basics: why, where, what, how, when
- Designing with geological, test, groundwater data
- Execution: permeation, consolidation, barrier techniques
- Roles, equipment, and managing uncertainties

26 November 2025
Full day 8:30 - 4:30 PM

Convener:

Renos Christakis
Sr. Engineering Geologist

Coordinator:

Sanjib Sapkota
Sr. Engineering Geologist

Case Studies Include: Upper Tamakoshi & Tanahu Hydropower Projects, Nepal , HATS-2A, Hong Kong and Engurhi Hydropower, Georgia

Workshop 2: One-day interactive workshop

Engineering Geological Models - Traditional and Digital Approaches

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: Hands-on workshop on building Engineering Geological Models using IAEG Commission 25 (IAEG C25) guidelines with real world project examples and highlighting evolution of traditional mapping to digital tools.

KEY THEMES:

- Structured EGM approach using C25 guidelines
- Hands-on modeling for water storage project
- Digital tools for 2D and 3D models
- Real project examples: dams, hydropower sites
- Interactive session for questions and insights

26 November 2025 | 9:00 to 4 :00 PM

Conveners:

Fred Baynes
Past President of IAEG

Mark Eggers
Sr. Engineering Geologist

Coordinator:

Anthony Bowden
Sr. Engineering Geologist

Workshop 3: Master's and PhD students, early career researchers

Preparing a Manuscript for an International Scientific Journal - What Editors and Reviewers Look For

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: Guidance for preparing manuscripts and publishing in top scientific journals covering editorial expectations, writing tips and firsthand insights from Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment (BOEG) editors.

KEY THEMES:

- Editorial insights on writing strong manuscripts
- Q&A with editors and publishing experts
- Sharing experiences, challenges, and feedback
- Overview of BOEG journal and submission process

26 November 2025
2:00 to 5 :00 PM

Convener:

Janusz Wasowski
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Enhancing Tunnelling and Rock Slope Engineering with Rocscience Software Tools

ROCSCIENCE

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW:

This workshop aims to bridge engineering theory and practical software application by first establishing the key challenges in tunnelling and rock slope engineering—particularly in complex Himalayan terrain—and then demonstrating how Rocscience tools offer robust solutions. The format includes conceptual discussions, live demonstrations, and case-based applications, ensuring value for both new and experienced professionals.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

- Introduce current geotechnical and geological challenges in tunnelling and rock slopes.
- Demonstrate the use of Rocscience software tools—RS2, RS3, Slide2, Slide3, RocTunnel3, UnWedge, Dips, RocSupport, RocFall2, RocFall3 and others—in addressing real-world problems.
- Facilitate understanding of modelling workflows, interpretation of results, and best practices.
- Engage participants through practical examples and interactive problem-solving.

Session 1: Context and Engineering Fundamentals

- Tunnelling in Complex Geology: Key Design and Stability Issues
- Rock Slope Engineering: Modes of Failure, Reinforcement Strategies
- Introduction to Numerical and Limit Equilibrium Approaches

Session 2: Rocscience Software Ecosystem

- Overview of the Rocscience Suite: What, Why, and When
- Core Capabilities and Interoperability of Tools

Session 3: Applications in Tunnelling

- Modelling Tunnel Excavation & Support with RS2 and RS3
- Convergence-Confinement Method of Support Design with RocSupport
- Jointed Rock and Discontinuity Analysis with RocTunnel3, UnWedge & Dips
- Groundwater Effects and Support Interaction

Session 4: Applications in Rock Slopes

- Slope Stability Using Slide2 & Slide3 and RS2 & RS3
- Slope Stability Analysis for Structurally-controlled Instability using RocSlope2, RocSlope3 and Dips
- Probabilistic and Seismic Analysis
- Use of RocFall2 and RocFall3 for Rockfall Hazard Mitigation

Session 5: Interactive Q&A and Discussion

Trainer:

Dr. Manoj Verman
Tunnelling & Rock Engineering Expert
Rocscience Representative – India & South Asia

25 November 2025
Full day (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Engineering geologists, geotechnical engineers, tunnelling specialists, slope stability analysts, academic researchers, and postgraduate students.

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Conference Registration

All interested participants are requested to fill pre-registration form available in the conference website (https://arc15.nseg.org.np). Details on registration fee is given below, and it is decided on a basis of number of pre-registered participants and their suggestions. Registration fee will cover access to all presentation sessions, a copy of abstract volume, one reception dinner, conference lunches, and tea/coffee during the breaks. It does not cover the cost of other dinners and hotel accommodations.

Category	Early Bird (Before June 15, 2025)	Regular (Before October 15, 2025)	Full (After October 15, 2025)
All Participants	$550	$650	$750
Woman in Engineering Geology (WEG)	$450	$550	$650
Young Engineering Geologists (YEG)	$270	$370	$470
Students	$270	$370	$470
Low and Lower-Middle Income Country (According to World Bank)	$350	$400	$450
WEG from Low and Lower-Middle Incom Country (According to World Bank)	$300	$350	$400
YEG from Low and Lower-Middle Income Country (According to World Bank)	$200	$250	$300
Student from Low and Lower-Middle Income Country (According to World Bank)	$200	$250	$300
Official Participant from Nepal and Bangladesh*	NRs. 25,000	NRs. 35,000	NRs. 45,000
Non-member Participant from Nepal and Bangladesh*	NRs. 20,000	NRs. 25,000	NRs. 30,000
NSEG or IBNG Member*	On site payment on Nov 24-26,2025		
	*Mode of payment: Nepali Bank Cheque or Cash only		

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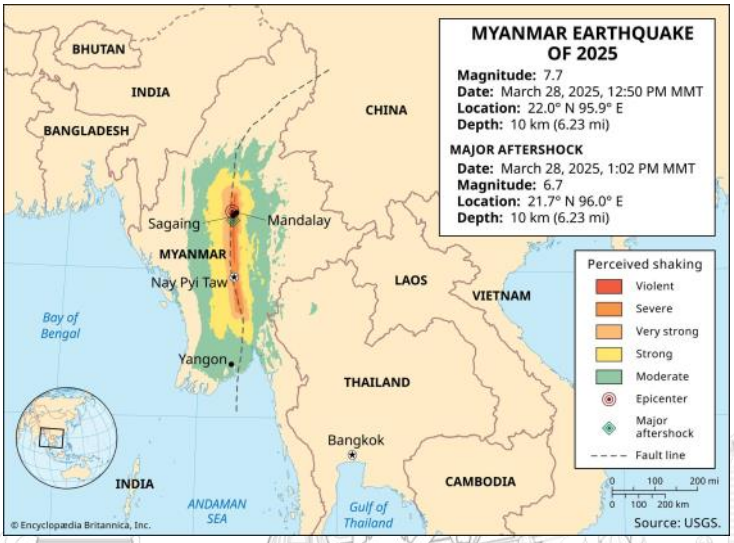

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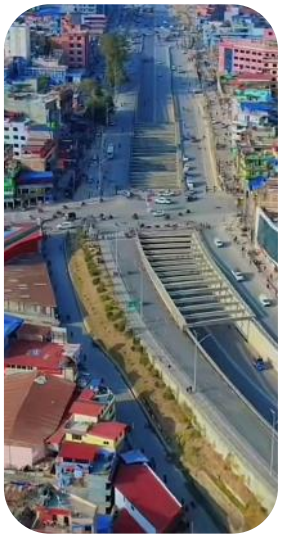


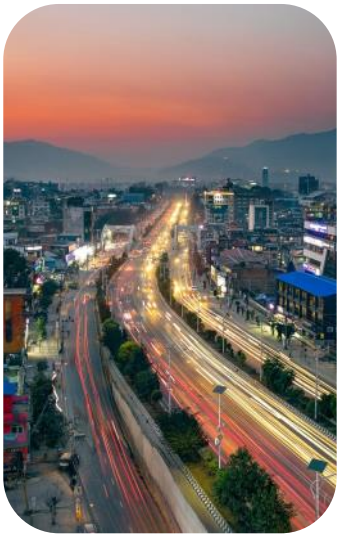


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