

**TCDPAP Conference**  
**Day 3 - March 13, 2009**

## **Closing Ceremony**

### **Vote of Thanks by Mr. Hare Ram Shrestha, Vice President /SCAEF**

Greetings. So our effort which we started since last year when we committed to host TCDPAP FIDIC ....conference this time has to come to an end almost, only the gala dinner is left now. So this is our duty to express vote of thanks to all who has rendered their support to us. I am afraid I can't name all of them who have supported us generously but I attempt to give our vote of thank on organizers' behalf. Let me thank our Chief Guest of this closing ceremony Hon. Ganesh Shah who is our colleague of this engineering community, who has supported us with his time and given very encouraging speech for the consulting community and the engineers.

So likewise our TCDPAP President has rightly pointed out FIDIC President and elect president who have stayed with us from beginning to end, that is great support for us, so thank you John Boyd and Mr. Thomopulos. Similarly, TCDPAP President Mr. Kara Ullah Chaudry, who has worked and suggested us to organize this conference in various occasions with emails with our President and of course our Conference Manager Mr. Rajesh Thapa. So similarly we thank MR. A. Hirotani for your support and coming here. Similarly TCDPAP General Secretary Dr. Abrol for giving us support and our line ministry, Ministry of Physical Planning and Works and we have here our secretary Mr. Punya Prasad Kadaria and all the team of the ministry. We would like to record of our thanks to the Ministry.

Likewise during the inaugural ceremony, the Prime Ministry Pushpa Kamal Dahal, who despite of his very busy schedule, he encouraged us with his graceful and historic speech. Mr. Babu Ram Bhattarai, Finance Minister gave a key note address taking the spirit of the conference theme. He and Minister Hisila are the mebers of this fraternity, the consultants and engineers. Similarly, the Minister of Physical Planning and Works, Mr. Bijaya Kumar Gachhadar, who also had a very very pressing time and had to fly within few minutes to his hometown for very important family works, was with us till the last minute, supported us and gave a very encouraging speech, We thank all the Prime Minister and other ministers for their valuable time and support to us. We also thank the government of Nepal.

Similarly, just now our conference manager and master of ceremony Mr. Rajesh Thapa have read out, the message from the President of Nepal Mr. Ram Baran Yadav who was so enthusiastic to extend encouragement at personal level to host this seminar. We are very thankful to the President. Equally, we are thankful to the high officials of the Government of Nepal, director generals and chairmen of various boards and commissions who have supported by sending the institutional participants.

Similarly, we would like to thank the Asian Development Bank and specially Mr. Terry Woods who have supported us and SCAEF in various occasions including this time also.

Now, I come to the session of technical part, session chairmans, of course, who have given their time to chair the sessions and preparing reports. Session chair of Plenary Dr. John Boyd, Mr. Greg Thomopulos, Kishor K. Shakya, Dr. Shankar Sharma, Dr. Jagadish K. Pokharel, Mr. Badal Lal Nyachhyon, Mr. Kiran Kumar Kapila, and Mr. Subash Malhotra?? Who chaired our technical sessions. Similarly I thank co-chairs who supported chairs for conducting the sessions and rap-porters, of course the nine country paper presenters, 7 business paper presenter all from Nepal, specially from business houses and government and conference manager Mr. Rajesh Thapa. We thank you for your good effort and coordinators of the session. Shyam Sundar Sharma and Saroj Basnet, the coordinator of the session we thank of them an of course the participants who are the main part of the conference. The international delegates from 15, 16 countries including Nepal. I would like take the names of the country only because when I take the names of all you'll all run away, I think (laugh). Rajesh Thapa has already acknowledged the participation from China, 21 delegates from China, similarly Korea, Iran, India, Japan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Pakistan, Thailand, Uzarbaizan, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Australia, USA, Canada and Sri Lanka and Nepal. Thank you international delegates for your support, that is a big big big achievement for us and of course we are really delighted with your presence here and we hope you enjoyed your stay here in Nepal. Similarly our national delegates from various government, non governmental, private organizations, individuals and of course the member firm of SCAEF who have send their delegates for participations and to name few, Rural Water Supply Fund Board, PPMO, SCAN??, department of water supply and many others. I apologize for not taking the names of all. Melamchi project likewise. Now I would like to thank our past Presidents who have worked very hard to make a success of this conference. Immediate past President Mr. Keshab Kumar, Ram Bahadur Shrestha, Bal Lal Nyachhyon, Mr. Bal Sundar Malla, thank you past Presidents and I thank the spouses of international delegates and family members of the delegates who encouraged to come to Nepal, I think. Their accompany might have really encouraged them to come here in Nepal. Thank you spouses and family members of international delegates. Similarly spouses of EC members of SCAEF who helped them to look around our cities and surrounding of nearby cities of Kathmandu. Thank spouses of EC members who helped spouses of international delegates. Now I would like to name few sponsors who helped us to make this conference a success, CBDIC, Construction Business Development Implementation Committee, which is under Ministry of Physical Planning and Works, government of Nepal for giving generous support to SCAEF at this conference likewise Panchakanya Group, ICTC Private Ltd and bag sponsors, our members EREMC?? Multi Nepal Concern, Silteck? Fro sponsoring the bags. Likewise Etecho??? in association with Etecho Engineer Switzerland??? and of course the contributors who gave their advertisements in our pre conference proceeding, that helped us raise some amount of money to support the conference and that we have listed in our pre conference book so I acknowledge their support and the media. Our President have also acknowledged the support of media, they have really covered our program very nicely, Avenues television, Nepal television, ABC television, they have given lot of programs, they covered our inaugural ceremony, other programs, lot of interviews with our organizer and print medias and at the same time I would like to thank Mr. Manhari Thapa for

coordinating the press and media and helping the conference. Similarly Vista Travels who helped us moving our international delegates here and there and the spouses. Vista Travels, Handicraft Association of Nepal, Hotel Yak and Yeti of course, this venue, they have also helped us from the beginning to organize various types of our programs. Nepal Tourism Board and the organizations who sent us the beautiful volunteers, Kathmandu Engineering College, Silt Nepal Concern Multi??? Asian, We Link? Free Car?? Meher?? And of course our SCAEF Secretariat staff, they have worked very hard day and night from many months ago. And likewise TCDPAP Secretariat including General Secretary Mr. Mishra who helped us from the beginning to organize this conference and Colour Graphics who worked in very sort period of time because we had few days, 3 – 4 days left and he had to print this book, therefore I appreciate his cooperation, hardwork, Colour Graphics. And Deluxe Radio Service and Om Photographs and there are many to name but I think all are now in different moods since we are at the end of our conference and we are heading for our gala dinner and enjoyable and beautiful night ahead. At the end I bring sincerely apology to those who directly or indirectly helped us but I forgot unwillingly to name them and due to the time constraints, I wish to name them but sorry for not being able to name all of them. So at the end I would like to thank all of you for patiently listening to my vote of thanks and hope we all meet in Vietnam next year. Thank you thank you all.