

Presentation by Session Chair 4: Dr. Jagadish C Pokharel, Former Vice Chairman/National Planning Commission Nepal

Actually, I have summarized the papers presented in session four in a very different manner and I will just put the salient points what can be the further recommended out of this four papers. The four papers presented in session four are:

1. Competition affect consultancy services efficiency in the absence of market institutions, CIS, evidence presented by Dr. Ibrahim from Azerbaijan
2. Consulting service opportunities in the hydropower sector in Nepal, presented by Mr. Sher Singh Bhat
3. Development of the consulting industry in Uzbekistan and cross border countries: challenges and opportunities by Mr. Mirodil final
4. Engineering education in Nepal: Prospects and Challenges in the New Environment presented by Professor Deepak.

Salient points of all the four presentation which in my view can form recommendations are as under:

(1) consultants are to adjust their working in the global environment of regulated market economy, a transition from communistic and capitalistic era

(2) in these South

Asian countries existing potential in hydropower projects to be exploited for economical and environmental friendly power generation

(3) regulation of engineering profession particularly for construction consultancy and engineering education exist in Asia Pacific region to some extent. However, it is needed that these regulations to be harmonize to comply with international trade rules

(4) developed countries and more particularly the least developed countries are lacking behind in higher engineering education, respective countries to focus, rationalizing and updating course contents and teaching methodology to the international standards to enable their architects and engineers to move freely abroad to services with matching qualification equivalence.

Thank you very much.