

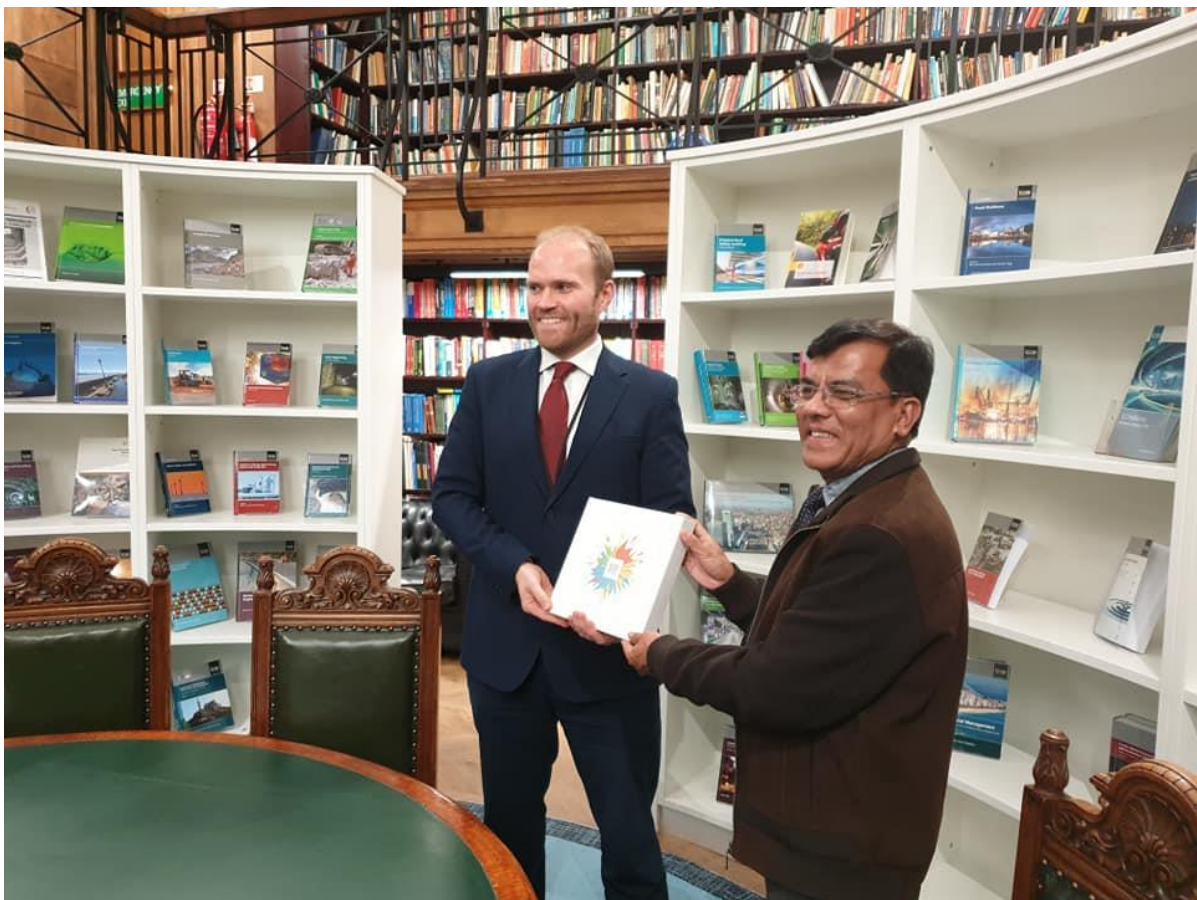
President Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya attended SONE UK Conference and Visited ICE, London

The President of Nepal Engineers' Association (NEA) Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya visited London, United Kingdom from 26th April to 4th May 2019. Prof. Bajracharya was invited by the Society of Nepalese Engineers in United Kingdom (SONE-UK) to give Keynote Speech on their Technical Conference entitled "Engineering for Sustainable Development of Nepal: Opportunities and Challenges" which was held in London on 27th April 2019. The conference was jointly inaugurated by the H.E. Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi, Nepalese Ambassador to the United Kingdom and President of NEA Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya. The Conference was participated by many Nepalese Engineers from different parts of the world.



Visit to Institutions of Civil Engineers (ICE)

President Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya also visited the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) in London during his stay in London. A very fruitful meeting was held in the headquarters building of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) at One Great George Street, Central London. The meeting was conducted to discuss the ways of helping fresh graduate engineers and the experienced engineers in Nepal to pursue their dream to be a chartered professional through the ICE membership. The initiation was undertaken by the Society of Nepalese Engineers UK (SONEUK) and ICE. The meeting was attended by the International Director of ICE Ms. Catherine Cole and International Membership Recruitment Manager of ICE Mr. Patrick Courtney, Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya, President of Nepal Engineers' Association (NEA), Dr. Indra Acharya, Assistant Professor, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Er. Shailendra Kumar Shrestha, President of SONE-UK, ER. Ghanashyam Paudyal, Advisor and Past President of SONE-UK, Dr. Bidur Ghimire, Coordinator of Membership Drive Committee, SONE-UK.



The meeting discussed in the various aspect of professional developments of engineers in Nepal: both graduates and experienced engineers including students. The meeting was also informed about the Professional Engineering (P.Eng.) system which has been taken by the Nepal Engineering Council (NEC) for the enhancement of the standard of engineers in Nepal. Various ongoing activities in Nepal for ICE Membership were also discussed during the meeting. One of the activities in which Sr. Er. Bharat Raj Panday was involved in the ICE membership drive jointly with NEA was also highlighted.



The discussion was mainly focused on various opportunities where the NEA and the ICE can jointly work together to assist the Nepalese Engineers to become the professionally qualified engineers such as C.Eng., I.Eng.

Amidst various topics discussed, following three short-term decisions have been made to go forward as a starting point.

- NEA will arrange a webinar in which ICE representatives will deliver on the benefit and various routes to chartered engineer through ICE membership. The content can be discussed according to the need of engineers in Nepal (Actions: NEA and ICE to collaborate; SONEUK to liaise and include existing links such as Sr. Er. Bharat Raj Pandey, CEng, FICE. Prof Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya will inform the timing of the event.)
- SONEK will liaise among ICE and Institute of Engineering (IoE) to establish a link that can benefit engineering students in sharing engineering knowledge and experiences. The students and fresh graduates can tap vast resources within ICE holdings for their career benefits. (Actions: SONEUK to liaise between ICE and IoE)
- To seek opportunities to engage graduate engineers to tap the benefit of from ICE membership (Action: SONEUK to liaise with NEA for future programs).
- In this endeavor, SONE UK will liaise between NEA, IOE and ICE for professional development.