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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.



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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.

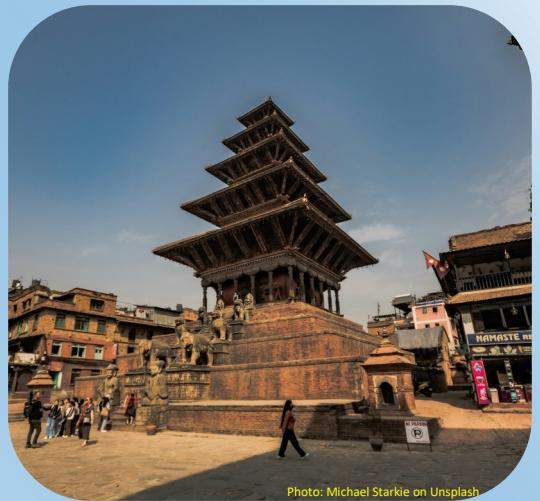


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World Heritage at Bhaktapur



Hyatt Regency, Bouddha, Kathmandu-The ARC-15 Venue, <https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/kathm-hyatt-regency-kathmandu>

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 and submission of full paper for peer review
30 Aug. 2025	Final Extended Abstract (two pages) submission
15 Oct. 2025	Conference 4th circular, deadline of conference regular fee
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 (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 and Bangladesh
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 Excursions

To provide an opportunity particularly to all international participants, the conference has been planned to include pre and post field excursion programs in both Nepal and Bangladesh as follows. **Details of all excursions will be provided in second circular.**

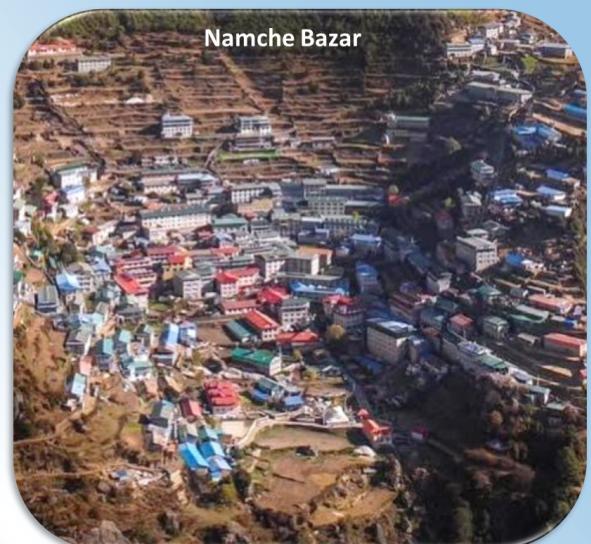
In Nepal

2025.11.24-25: Pre-conference tour

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



Everest Base camp area, Kalapatthar and Khumbu Glacier



Namche Bazar in Cirque

2025.11.26: Pre-conference tour

Ex-2: A full day Kathmandu Valley tour to explore ground response and related reconstruction after the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake, Nepal



Kathmandu Durbar Square – Reconstructed after the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake

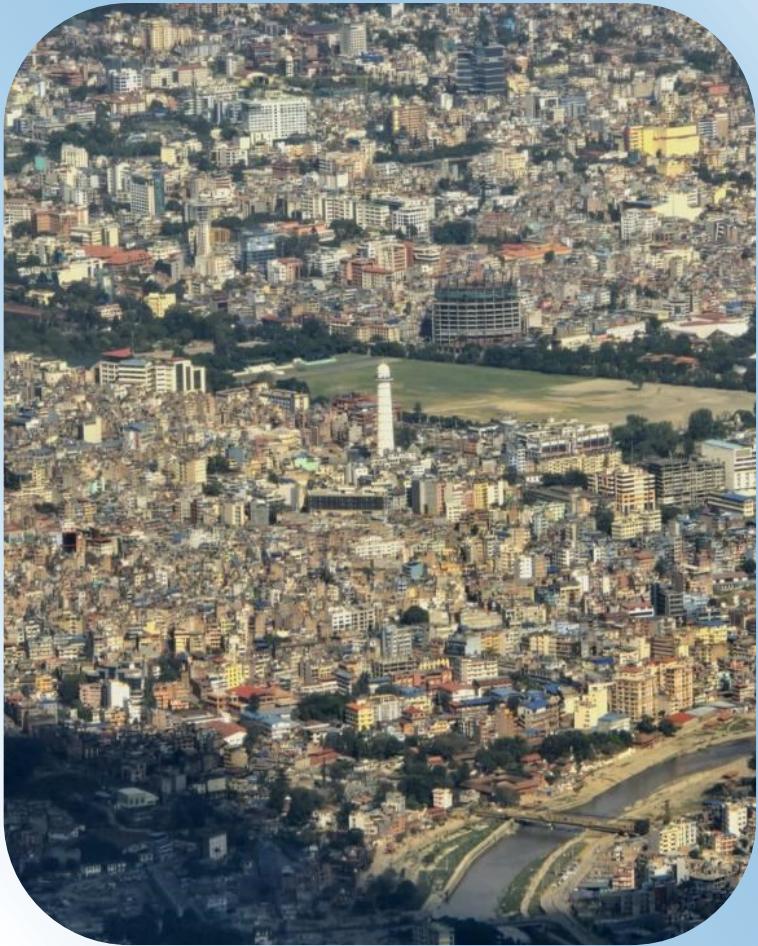


Bhaktapur Durbar Square – A Traditional Heritage Site of Nepal



2025.11.26: Pre-conference tour

Ex-3: A full day tour to explore Engineering Geological setting of the Kathmandu Valley



Suburban and core Kathmandu city

2025.11.30 - 2025.12.01: Post-conference tours

Ex-4: Engineering Geological Excursion of Thankot—Markhu—Kulekhani Dam route, south of Kathmandu.



Kulekhani hydropower dam reservoir at Markhu



2025.11.30-2025.12.02: Post-conference tours

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



Mugling to Pokhara Road Project – under construction with slope failures occurring during the 2024 monsoon season



Pokhara International Airport

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)



Map of Eastern Nepal highlighting key excursion locations



Kanyam Tea State, Ilam



In Bangladesh

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



The Padma Multipurpose Bridge stands as a landmark engineering structure in Bangladesh

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



Left: Connecting Road of the Karnaphuli Tunnel



Right: Karnaphuli Tunnel

Details of all excursions will be provided in second circular.



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

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

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
- 5.4. Soft Ground Treatments
- 5.5. Transportation Geotechniques
- 5.6. Earth Retaining Structures
- 5.7. Stability Analyses
- 5.8. Physical Properties of Soils
- 5.9. Physico-chemical Environment of Soils
- 5.10. Geotechnical Modeling
- 5.11. Uses of Geopolymers in Geotech and Geo-Environment
- 5.12. Geo-Environmental Issues

6. Water 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



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

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. Earthquake-Induced Landslide
- 11.8. Seismic hazard analysis
- 11.9. Earthquake Safe Buildings in Developing Countries



12. Consequences of Geo-Disasters and Disaster Risk Management

- 12.1. Seismic consequences in infrastructure
- 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
- Session Convener:** Prof. Dr. Atsuko Nonomura and Prof. Dr. Shuichi Hasegawa, Kagawa University, Japan
- 17.2. Global Engineering Geology Education - present and future directions

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

- Session Convener:** Prof. Dr. Toru Terao, Kagawa University, Japan

19. Engineering Geology for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development

20. AI in Engineering Geology



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 will be provided in the second circular, and it will be 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.

Climate

Climate in Kathmandu in the end of November is pleasant but slightly cold. Mornings and evenings are often minimum 5 degrees and maximum 25 degrees, but the daytime is pleasantly warm. It is advised that the participants bring warm clothes.

Passport and Visa Requirement

All the foreign participants are advised to contact the Nepalese Embassy or Consulate in their respective countries to get visa for entering into Nepal. They must have valid passport and visa to enter into Nepal. Visa can also be obtained in the Tribhuvan International Airport (Kathmandu) on arrival. For those of you planning to acquire a visa upon arrival at the airport, please bring with you two passport-sized photographs and US\$30 cash for the visa fee. Gratis Visa is available for SAARC nationals visiting Nepal since 2014. We request you to claim Gratis Visa if it is applicable to you. To apply for a Nepal visa, you need to submit an online application through the portal of the [Department of Nepal Immigration](#). Detail about Nepal Visa is available in conference web site (<https://arc15.nseg.org.np/>) also.

Currency

US Dollar, Euro, Canadian Dollar, British Pound, Australian Dollar, Japanese Yen, Indian Rupee and Chinese Yuan can be exchanged in the banks, Star Hotels, and authorized Money Changer. As of October 30, 2024, US\$ 1 is equivalent to NRs 135.00 and, it may be subject to change.

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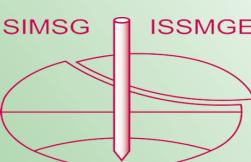


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The Nepal Society of Engineering Geology, established in 2018, is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to advancing Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Engineering in Nepal and internationally. As the Nepal National Group of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG), it enhances IAEG membership to advance engineering geological sciences. NSEG promotes high standards through research, investigations, and knowledge exchange with experts worldwide. The society unites professionals from disciplines like Engineering Geology, Geomorphology, Civil Engineering, and Disaster Risk Management, bridging gaps among geologists, engineers, and social scientists to address geotechnical challenges and support sustainable development in Nepal. It organizes national and international symposiums, workshops, and training programs to foster expertise and encourage young professionals to adopt global standards.





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