

WWF Nepal signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Engineering (IoE)



Figure 1: Dr Ghana Shyam Gurung, Country Representation of WWF Nepal shake hands with Prof Dr Shridhar Ram Joshi, Dean at the Institute of Engineering upon signing the MoU on May 4, 2023

WWF Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Engineering (IoE), Pulchowk on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

This MoU is developed to help IoE develop a curriculum on "Natural Resource Safeguards in Infrastructure", which will be embedded in the course of the bachelor's degree for IoE (TU).

Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung, Country Representative of WWF Nepal and Prof. Dr. Shashidhar Ram Joshi, Dean of IoE jointly signed the MoU and shared their commitment to promote natural resource safeguard through academia.

Prof Dr Joshi upon signing the MoU shared, "We are very excited about this MoU since this will work as a fuel for us to gear on embedding the course into our system. We are really looking forward to more such collaboration."

Dr Ghana Shyam Gurung also highlighted that is an important collaboration for WWF as WWF is looking out at all possibilities to ensure that all the development works in Nepal are environment friendly.

This MOU was drafted and developed by USAID-funded Asia's Linear Infrastructure safeGuarding Nature (ALIGN) Project, being implemented by WWF Nepal jointly with the Center for Large Landscape Conservation (CLLC). The ALIGN Project aims to conserve biodiversity and support livelihoods in response to Asia's rapid expansion of linear infrastructure, especially roads, railways, and powerlines.



Working in three countries in Asia, namely India, Mongolia, and Nepal, ALIGN Project in Nepal is working closely with several layers of the government, including the private sector as well as with academic institutions to ensure linear infrastructure development is wildlife-friendly and safeguards biodiversity.

This recently signed MoU is a testament to ALIGN project's one of objectives of capacity building and strengthening partnerships among stakeholders.