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Buddha Image at Puspa Kirti Vihar, Siddhartha Nagar

Fourth Meeting of University Council

The fourth annual meeting of Lumbini Buddhist University (LBU) Council is held on 7 August 2013 at the Prime Minister's office Singha Darbar. Rt. Hon'ble Khil Raj Regmi, Chairman, Council of Ministers and Chancellor, LBU, presided over the meeting.

In his welcome address Dr. Tri Ratna Manandhar, Vice Chancellor of LBU, mentioned in brief the university activities during the last twelve months. He mainly focused on the successful conduct of annual examination of the first year students, final preparations to start Master's class at Lumbini, continuation of Ph.D. Program, framing



Council Meeting

of curriculum for second year, and completion of academic building in Lumbini.

Dr. Pitamber Lal Yadav, Registrar of LBU, presented an estimated annual budget of about 130 million rupees, out of which about 100 million rupees will be spent on the construction of different buildings and their equipments and about 30 million for academic and administrative activities.

The Council unanimously endorsed the proposed annual budget empowering the university administration to make necessary adjustment in the budget on the basis of the grant received from University Grants Commission.

Dean Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajarcharya presented the annual academic progress report of the university. He specially mentioned the research methodology seminar for Ph.D. students, annual examination of first year students, academic activities of five affiliated campuses (Theravada Buddhist Academy, Bouddha Multiple Campus, Lumbini College of Buddhism and Himalayan Studies, Lotus Academic College, and Sugat Buddhist College), brief outline of second year curriculum, and final preparations to start Master's class at Lumbini.

The Council unanimously approved the proposal of the Registrar to appoint the internal auditor to audit the university account for the fiscal year 2069-70.

The Council members expressed their views and opinion, and gave suggestions to make the university more effective and academic. The speakers include Prof. Shiva Hari Marahatta (Vice Chancellor, Nepal Sanskrit University), Dr. Ramesh Dhungel (Campus Chief, Lumbini College of Buddhism), Prof. Gita Giri (Bhairahawa Campus), Mrs. Chandra Kala Ghimire (Department of Buddhist Studies, T.U), Acharya Karma Syambo (Vice Chairman, Lumbini Development Trust), Laxmi Dass Manandhar (Dharmodaya Sabha), Narayan Agrawal (Vipasyana Kendra, Lumbini), and Pasang Temba Lama (Buddha Dharma Samanwaya Samiti). They mainly focused



on the acquisition of land for student hostels and teachers quarter, expansion of academic activities, publication of University Journal, collaboration with Lumbini Development Trust, help to the affiliated campuses, degrees on traditional Buddhism, etc. The speakers also requested the Nepal government for adequate financial support to expand the academic activities of the University.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Madhav Paudel, Education Minister and Pro Chancellor, gave emphases on the importance of Lumbini as the birth place of Lord Buddha and asked the university teachers and students to contradict the unnecessary controversies brought on the birthplace of Buddha

and location of ancient Kapilavastu.

Addressing the meeting from the chair, Mr. Khil Raj Regmi, Chairman, Council of Ministers and Chancellor, mentioned the special nature of the university, and argued that it should be developed as an international centre for learning and research on Buddhism. He also assured that the government will give possible financial support to the university.

Members of Executive Council, Academic Council, Research Committee and Campus Chiefs of constituent and affiliated campuses attended the meeting as guests.

List of University Campuses

S.N.	Name	Type	Courses offered	Campus Chief
1	Central Campus, Lumbini	Constituent	Buddhist Studies	Indra Prasad Kafle
2	Bouddha Multiple Campus, Bouddha	Affiliated	Buddhism and Peace Studies	Mohan Khatiwada
3	Lotus Academic College, Lalitpur	"	Applied Buddhism	Surendra Man Bajracharya
4	Lumbini College of Buddhism, Chabahil	"	Buddhism and Himalayan Studies	Dr. Ramesh Dhungel
5	Sugat Buddhist College, Lalitpur	"	Buddhist Studies (Mahayana)	Dr. Sanu Bhai Dangol
6	Theravada Buddhist Academy, Min Bhawan	"	Theravada Buddhism	Ven. Gyanpurnik Mahasthvir

Student Statistics

Ph.D.

	2067 Srawan	2067 Magh	2068 Srawan	2069 Srawan	2070 Srawan	Total
Dean's Office, LBU	25	9	8	10	25	77

Master's

	1 st year	2 nd year	Total
Bouddha Multiple Campus	5	7	12
Lotus Academic College	15	27	42
Lumbini College of Buddhism and Himalayan Studies	12	17	29
Sugat Buddhist College	8	16	24
Theravada Buddhist Academy	22	49	71
Central Campus, Lumbini	32	X	32

Annual Examination 2070

Lumbini Buddhist University conducted its annual examination of the first year students of all the five affiliated campuses from 8 to 24 July 2013 at Theravada Buddhist Academy, Minbhavan. The University declared the result of the examination on 2 September 2013. The campus-wise result sheet is as follows:-

	Bouddha Multiple Campus	Lotus Academic College	Lumbini College of Buddhism and Himalayan Studies	Sugat Buddhist College	Theravada Buddhist Academy
Registered	7	27	17	16	49
Appeared	7	25	17	16	48
Absent /Partial Absent	X	6	3	1	5
Passed	7	20	14	10	39



Eighth University Day

LBU observed its eighth annual day by hosting a reception at Nepal Academy on 29 November 2012. Present on the occasion were - Dr. Keshav Man Shakya (Minister of Environment, Science and Technology), Sri Satya Mohan Joshi (Chancellor of Nepal Bhasa Academy), Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung (Chairman of University Grants Commission), and Ven. Gyanpunik, (Principal of Theravada Buddhist Academy) as special guests, and Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of academies and universities, former Vice Chancellors of Tribhuvan University and LBU, authorities of Dharmodaya Sabha, members of University Council and Academic Council, Principal and teachers of five affiliated campuses, member of National Planning Commission and others as guests.



LBU Authorities and Guests

In his welcome address, Registrar Dr. Pitamber Lal Yadav highlighted on the progress made by the University during the last twelve months with special reference to the introduction of Master's level courses at five affiliated campuses of Kathmandu and Lalitpur. He also mentioned that after the completion of academic and administrative blocks, the university administration will be shifted to Lumbini and Master's level courses will be conducted there.

Dr. Keshav Man Shakya said that the courses on Buddhist Studies should include components on Environment, Management and Economies to suit the need of time. Sri Satya Mohan Joshi argued that the Nepalese Buddhism has unique features and they should be given special priority in the curricula. Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung assured that the UGC will give all possible financial support to the university, provided that the LBU should utilize them in time and in a proper manner. Ven. Gyanpunik opined

that the Buddha always opposed communalism and his teachings are meant for all human beings and the entire world. Speaking from the chair, Vice Chancellor Prof. Tri. Ratna Manandhar argued the need of a course on Buddhist Studies at the plus two (intermediate) level so as to prepare good students at graduate and post graduate levels. He also announced to give financial support to five affiliated campuses to purchase reference books and journals for their libraries.

Dean Prof. Shanker Thapa worked as the master of ceremony. He spoke on the importance of Buddhist Sanskrit manuscripts and carya songs in the history of Buddhism in Nepal.

Meeting with Bournemouth University Team

The LBU authorities (Vice Chancellor, Registrar and Dean) met the visiting team of Bournemouth University, UK, at Sanepa office on 26 February 2013. The visiting team is led by Prof. Edwin R. Van Teijlingen, Head of the School of Health and Social Care, and had Richard Shipway, Associate Dean of International Engagement and Ana Adi, Head of International Development, The Media School in the team.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Manandhar made a brief presentation about LBU and its academic programs. Prof Edwin expressed his university's desire to develop academic relations with LBU. Other members of the visiting team, Shipway and Adi, also spoke on the possibility of collaboration between the two universities.



LBU with Bournemouth University Team

On 27 February, the visiting team of Bournemouth University has a formal meeting with Dean Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajracharya and Campus Chief Dr. Ramesh Dhungel at Radisson Hotel. The visiting team showed special interest on the



historical and archaeological study of Lumbini and its development as an international centre of tourism. The LBU representatives appreciated the idea and expressed their commitment to make a standard study of Lumbini in the historical and archaeological context.

Both the universities agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding to develop academic collaboration on different areas.

The meeting between the two universities has been facilitated by UK-Nepal Friendship Society

Inspection of Academic Building

Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman of University Grants Commission and Prof. Bhola Pokharel, Member -Secretary of UGC, inspected the newly constructed academic building of LBU on 2 October 2013. Dr. Pitamber Lal Yadav, Registrar of LBU, gave information about the academic building and other academic activities of LBU. The UGC authorities expressed satisfaction on the completion of the building having enough class rooms, library rooms, conference and seminar halls and other facilities necessary for an academic institution.



Academic Building, Lumbini

Interaction with intellectuals

Vice Chancellor, Registrar and Dean of LBU visited Lumbini in February 2013 for interaction with the intellectuals of that area to start Master's Degree on Buddhist Studies at Lumbini.

On 20 February, the LBU team has interaction with the intellectuals of Bhairahawa. The participants included teachers of Bhairahawa Campus, representatives of Industry and Commerce Associations, Lion's Club and other dignitaries of the area. The participants expressed their firm commitment to support the university on its



Interaction at Bhairahawa

academic activities in Lumbini, and argued that the university should shift its administrative office to Lumbini so as to facilitate the working in an effective way.



Interaction at Lumbini

On 21 February, the LBU team met the intellectuals of Lumbini at the university building, Parsa Chauraha, which included the Vice Chairman of Lumbini Development Trust, Christoph Cuppers, the chief of Lumbini International Research Institute, representatives from different monasteries of Lumbini and other dignitaries. The



Interaction at Butwal



participants assured to give every possible support to start Master's Level class in Lumbini.

On the same evening, the LBU team held a special meeting with the representatives of different professional organizations of Butawal. In the gathering of about 100 persons, the LBU authorities requested for help and support for the successful implementation of the academic programs of LBU. A strong commitment came from the participants to start academic courses in Lumbini and establish a Research Centre at Devadaha.

In arranging all these interactions Indra Prasad Kafle and Tilak Ram Acharya played leading role.

Appointment of Dean

As per the Lumbini University Act 2006, the Vice Chancellor has nominated Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajracharya as the Dean to be effective from 23 Magh 2069 (5 February 2013). A retired professor of History at the Tribhuvan University. Dr. Bajracharya is one of the founder members of the Department of Buddhist Studies at Tribhuvan University. He taught at the Central Department of Buddhist Studies since its inception until retirement. He also served as the Principal of Lotus Academic College (affiliated to LBU) and had organized international conferences and seminars on Buddhism.



Dr. Bajracharya is appointed Dean following the expiry of four-year term of Prof. Shanker Thapa as Dean. In the farewell ceremony organized in his honour, Prof. Thapa expressed his commitment to work for the development of the university in future.

Participation in 11th National Buddhist Conference, Rajbiraj

Vice Chancellor Dr. Tri Ratna Manandhar and Registrar Dr. Pitamber Lal Yadav represented LBU at the Eleventh National Buddhist Conference at Rajbiraj on 5-6 January 2013. Inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister Bijaya Kumar Gacchedar the conference held special sessions on different aspects of Buddhism in Nepal. In his address on the inaugural ceremony Dr. Manandhar said that Buddha had close relations with the Terai area and people, and it is the duty of Terai people to work for the

development of Buddhist ideals and principles.

Dr. Manandhar worked as a coordinator of a symposium on Buddhist population of Nepal, and Dr. Yadav actively participated in another symposium on Buddhist culture of the Terai.

Congratulations

The Government of Myanmar has awarded a special decoration of *Aggamahapandit* to Ven. Gyanpurnik, for his valuable contributions to the dissemination of Buddhist ideals and principles throughout the countries of South and South East Asia. Similarly, the Mahamakut University of Thailand has awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) on him. In addition, Ven. Gyanpurnik has been nominated to the executive council of the Association of Theravada Buddhist Universities (ATBU). Just to mention the relevance LBU has already received the membership of ATBU two years before.

A most respected Buddhist scholar of Nepal, Ven. Gyanpurnik is the Campus Chief of Theravada Buddhist Academy (affiliated to LBU), and a member of University Council (LBU).

LBU expresses congratulations to Ven. Gyanprunik for receiving prestigious international decorations.

Appointment of Campus Chief

As per Lumbini University Rule 2010, the Executive Council has appointed Mr. Indra Prasad Kafle as the Campus Chief of Central Campus, Lumbini (the only constituent campus of the University).



A Master's degree holder on Buddhist Studies from Tribhuvan University, Mr. Kafle is the Lecturer at LBU on contract basis. Similarly, Mr. Tilak Ram Acharya has been appointed as Assistant Campus Chief, on the recommendation of the campus chief. Mr. Acharya is teaching assistant (Assistant Lecturer) in the Central Campus, Lumbini.

Formation of Research Committee

A new Research Committee has been formed to the effective from 1 Srawan 2070 (16 July 2013), following the expiry of the three year term of the

existing research committee members. As per the Lumbini University Rule 2010, the Research Committee is headed by the Dean and has campus teachers and experts on Buddhist Studies as members to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Dean.

Dr. Suvarna Lal Bajracharya is appointed from among the campus teachers and Prof. Bina Poudel, Dr. Keshav Man Shakya and Mr. Phanindra Ratna Bajracharya have been appointed as experts on Buddhist Studies.

A Ph.D. in Economics, Dr. Suvarna Lal Bajracharya is teaching at the Theravada Buddhist Academy; Prof. Bina Poudel is the former head of the Central Department of Nepalese History, Culture and Archaeology, T.U; Dr. Keshav Man Shakya is a Buddhist scholar and former Vice Chairman of Lumbini Development Trust; and Mr. Phanindra Ratna Bajracharya is a well known Buddhist scholar having contributed a number of books on different aspects of Buddhism.

The Ph.D. program and other research activities of the university are conducted under the supervision of Research Committee.

Appointment in Executive Council

On the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor of LBU, Chancellor Khil Raj Regmi, Chairman of Council of Ministers, has nominated Dr. Ramesh Dhungel (Campus Chief of Lumbini College of Buddhism and Himalayan Studies) as a member of Executive Council, from among the campus chiefs, who is also a member of university council.

Mr. Gajendra Kumar Lama is another nominated member of the Executive Council.

First Ph.D. Holder of LBU

Mrs. Sharada Poudel has become the first Ph.D. holder of Lumbini Buddhist University. Registered in Srawan 2067 BS. (July 2010) as a Ph.D. student, she completed her doctoral dissertation in about three years. The title of her dissertation is "Kamalashila Krita Arya Bajrachedika Prajyaparamita". It is completed under the supervision of Prof. Shanker Thapa (former Dean of LBU) with Dr. Sanad Kumar Wosti (Associate Professor of Nepal Sanskrit University) as internal expert. The internal evaluation of this doctoral dissertation is made by Dr. Bijaya Bajracharya (University of Tibetan Studies at Saranath). At the final stage, the dissertation is



Viva Voce in progress

evaluated by two external examiners-Dr. Rajendra Ram, a retired professor of Patna University, and Dr. Ngawang Jorden, Director of International Buddhist Academy.

After getting positive reports from both the external examiners, a viva voce examination is conducted in the presence of external examiners and the research committee. Finally, on the recommendation of both the external examiners, the Research Committee decided to award the degree of Ph.D. to Sharada Poudel.



Sarada Poudel with Examiners

Congratulations to Sharada Poudel for being the first Ph. D. holder of LBU.

Two other Ph.D. candidates have submitted their doctoral dissertations, and they are in the process of evaluation.

Formation of Padpurti Samiti

As per the University Act and Rule, LBU has constituted "Padpurti Samiti", with Vice Chancellor as chairman, Registrar as member-secretary, and Dean as member. On the request of LBU, the Public Service Commission has nominated Mr. Rajendra Kumar Shah as its representative-member in the Samiti.

The Samiti is authorized to make necessary arrangements for the appointment and promotion of university teachers and staff, with the help of concerned experts.

Master's Classes Start in Lumbini

LBU has started the Master's Level Classes on Buddhist Studies at Central Campus (the only constituent campus of LBU) in Lumbini from September 2013. Altogether thirty-two students have taken admission for the same, and the classes started in the newly constructed academic building of the university.



Opening ceremony

A grand opening ceremony has been organized on 12 September with various dignitaries including the chief district officer (CDO) as guests. All the speakers congratulated LBU for starting M.A. class in Lumbini and expressed their commitment to make the program a success. The speakers include Dr. Gitu Giri and Mr. Narayan Agrawal, members of University Council, Dr. Christoph Cuppers, Chief of LIRI, Dr. Lam, abbot of Vietnamese Monastery in Lumbini, Pemba Sherpa, Manager of Lumbini Development Trust, Dr. Ghana Shyam Neupane, Chief of Bhairahawa Campus and others.

In his address, Mr. Bal Krishna Panthi, CDO of Rupandehi, assured to give every possible support for the proper implementation of academic programs on Buddhist Studies at the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

Speaking from the chair, Dr. Tri Ratna Manandhar, Vice Chancellor of LBU, expressed his gratitude to all those who directly or indirectly helped to start academic program in Lumbini. The ceremony started with the welcome speech by Dr. Pitamber Lal Yadav, Registrar of LBU.

After the opening ceremony, Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajracharya, Dean of LBU, gave the first lecture

to the students and acquainted them with the objectives and contents of the curriculum. As a token of love, the Vice Chancellor gave one gel pen to each student wishing their successful academic career.

Mr. Tilak Ram Acharya (Assistant Lecturer of LBU) acted as master of ceremony, and Mr. Indra Prasad Kafle (Campus Chief) gave an introduction of the central campus to the guests.

Central Campus, Lumbini

An Introduction

As the only constituent campus of LBU, Central Campus, Lumbini has been founded by the unanimous decision of the University Council in June 2010. For the first three years, the campus remained only as an administrative block. Situated at Parsa Chauraha, the campus had only one renovated small building. In 2012, the LBU started the construction of an academic building at the cost of about twenty-five million rupees, with the financial support of University Grants Commission. The building is almost complete and it has twenty-two rooms which include class rooms, administrative rooms, conference and seminar halls, library rooms, teachers' and students' rooms, and store rooms.

Recently, the LBU has started process for the construction of administrative building at the cost about 17.5 million rupees, which will be the central administrative office of LBU. The consultant engineers are preparing the design of the administrative building, and we expect to start the construction works by the beginning of next year (January 2014).

The Central Campus, at present, has a small staff of six persons, which comprise Campus Chief, Accountant, three Messengers and one Security Guard. Teachers have been appointed on part time basis, but very soon, LBU is going to appoint teachers on contract basis.

Interaction Program

With the start of academic programs in the Central Campus, Lumbini, the LBU felt it extremely necessary to construct two hostels (boys and girls) and one teacher's quarter for the convenience of students and teachers. The university tried its best to acquire a piece of land in Masina Village Development Committee, but the process is still inconclusive. To find the alternative means, the



LBU Vice Chancellor and Dean have interaction with different organizations of Lumbini and Bhairahawa on 28 October 2013.

In the morning, they met the LDT authorities (Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Member-Secretary and Manager) and talked on the possibility of getting a piece of land from LDT for the construction of hostels and teachers quarter, on possession (*bhogadhikar*) only.

In the afternoon, the LBU authorities have a meeting with Siddharthangar Chamber of Commerce and Industries at Bhairahawa. The authorities of the Chamber assured to get land for the university somewhere in Lumbini or Bhairahawa. A meeting has also been arranged with the campus chief and teachers of Bhairahawa Campus, in which the campus administration assured their full support to acquire land for hostels and teachers quarter.



Interaction with Chamber of Commerce, Siddhartha Nagar

Siddhartha Bauddha Samaj in the evening arranged a reception at Puspa Kirti Vihar in Bhairahawa in which the Vice Chancellor gave an introduction to the University, and the Dean gave detailed information about the academic programs of the University. The reception is followed by a lecture by Prof. Naresh Man Bajracharya, member of university council, focusing on the "art of dying" in Buddhist philosophy.

Donation for Scholarship

Ven. Metteyya Shakyaputta, the founder of Metteyya School Project and Peace Group Institute, Lumbini has donated Rs. 16000/- for scholarship to two M.A. students of Central Campus, Lumbini. The scholarship will be named after Sujata Guruma, and awarded to one Bhikkhuni student and one regular student to be decided by the Campus Chief. The donor has assured to give necessary amount

of money every year for scholarship to students of Central Campus, Lumbini.

Donation of Books

- Bhikkhu Bodhi of the Buddhist Association of the United States has donated a set of four volumes of Anguttara Nikaya, Smyutta Nikaya, Majjhima Nikaya, and Digha Nikaya (translated from Pali to English) along with a volume of Great Disciples of Buddha, to the library of Central Campus, Lumbini.
- Sansanara Group, Nepal have donated more than fifty books on different aspects of Buddhism to LBU. Most of these books have been written or translated by the Burmese writers.
- Anoja Guruma, a member of LBU Council, has donated eighteen books on Buddhist philosophy and literature to LBU.
- Mr. Ravi Kant Manandhar has donated a complete set of 140 hard bound volumes of Tripitaka. These volumes are in Pali language and in Devanagari script.
- Mr. Ratna Shrestha, a book seller of Thamel, has donated a few books on Buddhism and other religions to the Central Campus, Lumbini. Earlier Mr. Shrestha has already donated more than 200 books on Buddhism and other related areas such as philosophy, anthropology, etc.

Lumbini Buddhist University expresses deep gratitude to all the above mentioned persons or institutions for their valuable contributions to enrich the University Library.

List of Ph. D. Scholars and their Tentative Titles

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1. **Arjun Bahadur Bhandari**
Constructivism in Teacher Education: Bringing Buddhist Knowledge to teacher learning
2. **Arjun Kumar Thapa**
An application of Travel Cost Method and Contingency Valuation Method: A case study of Lumbini Garden
3. **Badri Prasad Pokharel**
Trauma, Peace Building and Post Conflict Narratives in Buddhist Perspectives
4. **Bal Krishna Chapagain**
Role of Communication and Language in Worldwide Expansion...



5. **Bijayakranti Shakya**
Thakali Society and Buddhist Culture: A Study
6. **Bishnu Bahadur K.C.**
Buddhist Curriculum in Nepal
7. **Daya Ram Shrestha**
Khadksheri Lokeswor of Bandepur Badegaon
8. **Fatik Bahadur Thapa**
Traditional Livelihood System of Indigenous People in Buddhist perspective
9. **Ganga Prasad Subedi**
Sociology of Tibetan Migrants
10. **Indra Kafle**
Pilgrimage Sites of Buddhism: A Study
11. **Jeevan Rana**
Socio-cultural Study of the Tharus of Western Nepal: the Buddhist Perspective
12. **Mausam Shakya**
Personnel Excellence through Mind Training...
13. **Mukti Nath Gaire**
Influence of Buddhism in T. S. Elliot's Poetry
14. **Netra Prasad Sharma**
Vipassanna Meditation for Individual and Social Peace
15. **Puspa Ratna Shakya**
Paintings in Newar Buddhist culture in Bhaktapur
16. **Rajेशha Rajbhandari**
Iconographic Study of Vajrayogini
17. **Rajendra Prasad Sharma**
Perception of Migrants and Non-Migrants in Urban Development: A case study of Buddhist Population of Kathmandu Valley
18. **Ram Prasad Ghimire**
Deficiency of Buddhist Psychology in....
19. **Ram Sharan Humagain**
Srimad Bhagwat Gita and Dhammapada: A Comparative ...
20. **Rudra Prasad Acharya**
Baraha and Chaupadi: A Comparative Study
21. **Sita Ram Koirala**
Factors Affecting Gumba' Teachers Job Satisfaction in Nepal
22. **Suman Kamal Tuladhar**
Mind Training and Humanistic Training
23. **Tanka Prashad Dhungana**
Identification of Lumbini and....
24. **Tilak Ram Acharya**
Analytical study of a welfare state from Buddhist Perspective
25. **Jagat Bahadur K.C.**
Buddhism and Food Culture in Nepal

Research Methodology Seminar 2070 Ashwin 6-16, 2070 (September 2013)

A ten-day research methodology seminar has been arranged for the research scholars registered in Srawan 2070 BS (2013 AD) for the Degree of Ph. D. In the first four days eight different experts presented papers on different aspects of research methodology especially related to Buddhist philosophy and culture. They are as follows:

- Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Manandhar**
Review of Literature
- Prof. Dr. Ghanashyam Bhattarai**
Research Design and Research Methods
- Prof. Dr. Shanker Thapa**
Writing Research Proposal
- Prof. Dr. Vijay K. Manandhar**
Format of Thesis Writing
- Prof. Dr. Nareshman Vajracharya**
Research in Buddhism
- Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajracharya**
Evidence in Research
- Dr. Ramesh Dhungel**
Socio-Anthropological Research in Buddhism
- Prof. Dr. Hridaya R. Bajracharya**
Buddhist Education and Research



Research Methodology Seminar in progress

After the completion of the general lectures, the research scholars revised their research proposals and submitted them to the Dean's Office. Simultaneously, the research scholars defended their respective proposals before a panel of experts which included:

- a. Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar
- b. Dr. Pitamber Lal Yadav
- c. Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajracharya



- d. Prof. Abhi Subedi
 e. Prof. Bajra Raj Shakya
 f. Prof. Ranjana Bajracharya
 g. Prof. Panna Kaji Amatya
 h. Prof. Bhim Subedi
 i. Prof. Hridaya Ratna Bajracharya
 j. Prof. Ravindra Khannal
 k. Dr. Ramesh Dhungel

- l. Dr. Kashi Nath Neupane
 m. Rev. Jyanpunik Mahasthavir
 n. Dr. Keshari Laxmi Manandhar

On the basis of the comments made by the experts, the research scholars will submit the revised final proposal, after which their registration as Ph. D candidates will be completed.

Lumbini Buddhist University Courses of Study

MASTER OF ARTS IN BUDDHIST STUDIES (MAHAYANA)

First Year

Paper	Paper Code	Subject	Full Marks
Paper I	MABS 501	History of Buddhism	100
Paper II A	MABS 502	Comparative Religion	50
Paper II B	MABS 503	Language- Pali or Sanskrit or Tibetan	50
Paper III	MABS 504	Buddhist Philosophy and Literature	100
Paper IVA	MABS 505	History of Buddhism of Nepal	50
Paper IVB	MABS 506	Buddhist Art	50
Paper V	MABS 507	Research Methodology	100

Second Year

Paper VI	MABS 601	Buddhism in East Asia	100
Paper VII	MABS 602	Sanskrit Buddhist Literature....	100
Paper VIII	MABS 603	Buddhist Ethics	100
Paper IX	MABS 604	Vajrayan; Origin and Development	100
Paper X	MABS 605	Thesis	100

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED BUDDHISM

First Year

Paper I A	MAAB 501	History of Buddhism	50
Paper I B	MAAB 502	History of Buddhism of Nepal	50
Paper II	MAAB 503	Buddhist Philosophy and Literature	100
Paper III	MAAB 504	Concept and Theories of Applied Buddhism	100
Paper IV A	MAAB 505	Buddhist Art	50
Paper IV B	MAAB 506	Buddhism and Society	50
Paper V	MAAB 507	Research Methodology	50

Second Year

Paper VI A	MAAP 601	Buddhist Economics	50
Paper VI B	MAAP 602	Buddhist Management	50
Paper VII A	MAAP 603	Buddhism and Human Rights	50
Paper VII B	MAAP 604	Buddhist Meditation	50
Paper VIII A	MAAP 605	Buddhist Approach to Environment	50
Paper VIII B	MAAP 606	Buddhist Approach to Health and Hygiene	50
Paper IX A	MAAP 607	Buddhist Ethics	50



Paper IX B	MAAP 608	Buddhism and Gender Issues	50
		or	
	MAAP 609	Buddhist Law....	50
	MAAP 610	Buddhism and Psychology	50
Paper X	MAAP 611	Thesis	100

MASTER OF ARTS IN THERAVADA BUDDHISM

First Year

Paper I	MATB 501	History of Buddhism	100
Paper II	MATB 502	Buddhist Philosophy	100
Paper III A	MATB 503	Buddhism of Nepal	50
Paper III B	MATB 504	Buddhism in South and South East Asia	50
Paper IV	MATB 505	Pali Language and Literature	100
Paper V	MATB 506	Research Methodology	100

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Paper VI	MATB 601	Pali Language and Literature II	100
Paper VII	MATB 602	Buddhist Ethics and Meditation	100
Paper VIII	MATB 603	Buddhist Art and Architecture	100
Paper IX A	MATB 604	Buddhism and Social Engagement	50
Paper IX B	MATB 605	Buddhism and Psychology	50
Paper X	MATB 606	Thesis	100

MASTER OF ARTS IN BUDDHISM AND HIMALAYAN STUDIES

First Year

Paper I	MBHS 501	History and Development of Buddhism in India and	100
Paper II	MBHS 502	Development and Practice of Buddhism in Tibet	100
Paper III	MBHS 503	Expansion of Tibetan Buddhism in the Himalayan Region	100
Paper IV	MBHS 504	Scripts and Languages - Tibetan, Pali and Sanskrit	100
Paper V	MBHS 505	Readings and seminar in discourse, Hermeneutics and Research Methodology	100

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Paper VI	MBHS 601	Buddhist Philosophy: Sanskrit and Tibetan Textual Readings	100
Paper VII	MBHS 602	Mahayana and Vajrayana : A Study of Tantric Buddhism of Nepal	100
		or	
	MBHS 603	Buddhist Communities of the Himalayas	100
Paper VIII	MBHS 604	Buddhist Heritage of Himalayas and the Nepal Mandala	100
Paper IX	MBHS 605	Buddhist Archaeological Study of the Nepal Tarai	100
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	MBHS 606	Kakyupa School of Himalayan Buddhism	100
Paper X	MBHS 607	Thesis	100

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Paper IIB	MBPS 503	International Humanitarian ...	50
Paper IIIA	MAPS 504	World Religions	50
Paper III B	MAPS 505	Understanding Conflict and Peace	50
Paper IV A	MAPS 506	Conflict Analysis and Resolution	50
Paper IVB	MAPS 507	Global Conflict and Globalization	50
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Paper VII B	MBPS 604	Regional Issues and Peace in South Asia	50
Paper VIII A	MBPS 605	State Building and Peace Building	50
Paper VIII B	MBPS 606	Social Violence and Social Development	50
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	MBPS 610	Humanistic Buddhism	50
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