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**CONGRATULATIONS AND WARM WELCOME TO NEW REDP NPD DR. NARAYAN CHAULAGAIN**

## ALTERNATIVE ENERGY EXHIBITION

A three days long exhibition on Alternative Energy with the slogan "Renewal Energy for Energy Conservation" was held from 13 -15 February, 2009 at Bhrikutimandap Exhibition hall. The main objective of the exhibition was to create and promote awareness about the use of alternative energy in urban areas, too. The event was organized by Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology and AEPC in collaboration with ESAP, REDP, RESSP and REP. More than 50,000 visitors that include experts, professional and students have visited to the exhibition. A total of 82 stalls were displayed with posters, models and actual gadgets that include micro hydro power, solar home system, biodiesel, biobriquette, wind, ICS and biogas plant.

On the final day, a public hearing was conducted. A lively and frank interaction with questions and answers was held among the general public, professionals and the representatives of AEPC, programmes/ projects, NGO, institute and business sector.



## ONE MORE EXCITING NEWS FROM DAILEKH



Despite of the current electricity crisis in the capital and district headquarters with upto 14 hours of daily loadshedding, very remote VDCs namely Baluwatar, Bhawani, Rum, Meheltole and Rakamkarnali of Dailekh districts electricity through out the day. People of these five VDCs not connected by the national grid are electrifying their households with electricity generated from the micro hydro systems. The micro hydro schemes have been established by the communities with support of GoN, UNDP and the World Bank. Other support agencies include DDC, DEES, VDC and local support organization Everest Club.

The villagers are very happy to watch TV and video films from the assured electricity. Two cinema halls and one computer institute are operated at Naumule Bazar. School teachers and students are happy to be able to enhance their knowledge through the uses of internet and emails. Furthermore, people of Narayan Municipality who are compelled to live with wick lamps, candles and TUKIMARAS (While-LED lamps) envy the comfortable lives of people of these villages. Local people are proud to say that these micro hydro systems have been contributing to solve the energy crisis to some little extent through the illumination of households from the electricity generated from the water that is virtually wasted without any use. *(Source: Kantipur, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009)*

## TRAINING TO COMMUNITY MOBILIZER (CM)

Rural Energy Development Programme (REDP) organized a training to newly recruited Community Mobilizers (CMs) and Community Mobilization Coordinators (CMCs) from different programme districts. The main objective of the training is to impart knowledge and skills on various aspects of community mobilization and project implementation at local level. Held 15-20 February 2009 at Dhulikhel Training Center of Kavre district, the training was attended by 29 CMs that includes 23 male CMs and 6 female CMs. Participants were provided with the theoretical as well practical classes by experienced resource persons, most of them were REDP staffs. In addition, representatives from UNDP, namely ARR Dr. Lazima Onta-Bhatta M&E Analyst Mr. Dharma Swarnakar, and PO Mr. Deepak Shrestha made brief insight presentation on the "Gender and Social Inclusion – Sensitive Monitoring Information System (GSI-MIS)" that is being made mandatory to carry out by all UNDP funded programmes/ projects. In the final day, Mr. Nawaraj Dhakal, Training Officer, AEPC and Ms. Anupa Lamichanne, Programme Officer, UNDP also participated and made valuable observations, comments and suggestions. All the participants were found very active, attentive and participative. It can be safely predicted that the trained CMs and CMCs would perform their stated roles and responsibilities more efficiently and effectively in the coming days. *(Prepared by: MCO Ms. Aruna Pant and MISA Ms. Sunjita Pradhan)*