

stars Nepal alumni study tour 2020
Envisioning Nepal 2030: Challenges and Choices
1-4 March 2020
Kathmandu, Radisson Hotel



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Objectives

- Gain a better understanding of the **business, politics** and **society** of Nepal.
- Get **first-hand insights** from **interactive discussions with senior government and c-level business leaders** from Nepal and foreign companies.
- Study the **business and investment opportunities** in Nepal.

Hotel

- Radisson Hotel Kathmandu

Programme

Sat, 29 February 2020

- Individual arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to the hotel (organised by hotel)

Sun, 1 March 2020

- Breakfast
- **8:30 Welcome Address**
 - Toni **SCHOENENBERGER**, Executive Chairman of [stars](#), Switzerland
 - **Kapil DEV REGMI**, President of the stars Nepal alumni chapter; Executive Chairman, Kanjirowa National Secondary School, Kathmandu
- **9:00 Nepal's Perspective in the Asian Century: Domestic and Foreign Policy**
 - Speaker/Expert 1: **Current Finance Minister** or **Current Foreign Minister** or Dr. **Bhesh BAHADUR Thapa**, Former Foreign Minister of Nepal or Mr. **Bharat POUDEL**, Spokesman, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Speaker/Expert 2: **Senior Representative** of [South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation](#)
 - Speaker/Expert 3: Mr. **Sarbendra KHANAL**, IGP, Nepal Police on Security in Nepal in the context of South Asia
- **Panel Discussion** moderated by Mr. **Bishnu SAPKOTA**, Political Analyst
Vote of Thanks: Mr. **Ramesh SILWAL**, President, Higher Institutions and Secondary Schools' Association of Nepal (HISSAN)
- **12:00-13:30 Lunch** hosted by HISSAN
- **13:30 City Tour** of Kathmandu Durbar Square and visit of Civil Society partnered sites
- **18:00 Nepal's Front Row Seat to Great Power Competition in Asia** with Foreign Diplomats or Representatives of Multilateral Financial Institutions or Development Agencies (tbd)
 - Impression: **Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
 - Impressions: Mr. **Narayan Kaji SHRESTHA** and Dr. **Narayan KHADKA**; Former Foreign Ministers
 - Vote of Thanks: **CEO, Nepal Tourism Board**
- **20:00 Dinner** hosted by Nepal Tourism Board

Mon, 2 March 2020

- Breakfast
- **8:30 Doing business in Nepal – Risks and Opportunities**
 - Speaker/Expert 1: **Finance Minister** (in case of unavailability during inaugural programme)
 - Speaker/Expert 2: Mr. **Hari Bhakta SHARMA**, Immediate Past President of Confederation of Nepali Industries on 'Business Opportunities in Nepal'
 - Speaker/Expert 3: Mr. **Shikshit BHATTA**, Young Entrepreneur of Nepal on 'Eco System of Investment in Nepal'
 - Speaker/Expert 4: Mr. **Suraj VAIDYA**, Coordinator, Visit Nepal 2020; Doing Business in Nepal – Risks and Opportunities
 - Speaker/Expert 5: **CEO, Unilever**: Experience sharing from the perspective of Multinational company
- **Panel Discussion** moderated by Mr. **Himal SHARAMA**, Economist and Journalist
Votes of Thanks: **Director, Kathmandu Model College (KMC)**
- **12:00-13:30 Lunch** hosted by KMC

- Visit of **Company: Leapfrog (IT Company)**
- **Round table discussion** with (start-up) companies, moderated by stars alumna, Ms. **Karvika THAPA**, Chief Executive Officer, Kimbu Tech
- **18:30 Visit of Kanjirowa National Secondary School and Inauguration of stars Nepal alumni chapter**
 - **Kapil DEV REGMI**, President of the stars Nepal alumni chapter; Executive Chairman, Kanjirowa National Secondary School, Kathmandu
- followed by **Dinner**, hosted by Kanjirowa National Secondary School at the School premises

Tue, 3 March 2020

- Breakfast
- Visit of **Company: Pashmina factory, Lainchour**
- Visit of **Company: Handicraft factory, Kathmandu**
- **13:00-14:00 Lunch**
- **14:00 Cultural site visits** in Bhaktapur
- **18:30 Dinner** with cultural shows by Nepal alumni chapter at Bhojan Ghriha

Wed, 4 March 2020

- 6:30-7:30 Yoga and Meditation by Mr. **Phul Pd. SUBEDI**
- Breakfast
- **8:30 Envisioning Nepal 2030: Challenges and Choices**
 - Speaker/Expert 1: **Top Representative of National Planning Commission**
 - Speaker/Expert 2: Dr. **Swarnim WAGLE**, Former Vice President of Planning Commissions of Nepal
 - Speaker/Expert 3: Dr. **Maha Prasad ADHIKARI**, CEO, Investment Board of Nepal on 'Nepal: Challenges and Choices' in Investment Opportunities
 - Speaker/Expert 4: Ms. **Bhawani RANA**, President, Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce & Industries, on 'Experience of Foreign Investment in Nepal'
 - Speaker/Expert 4: **CEO, Nepal Tourism Board**, on 'Prospectus and Challenges of Tourism Industry in Nepal for Foreign Investment'
- **Panel Discussion** moderated by Ms. **Rasmi MAINALI**
- **13:00-14:00 Farewell Lunch** and official end of the stars Nepal alumni study tour 2020, hosted by Nepal Tourism Board (tbc)

OPTIONS

- Individual Sight-seeing in Kathmandu

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