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**Landslide Hazards in Orogenic Zones,
from the Himalaya to Island Arcs in Asia**

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We are extremely grateful to all the respondents to our announcement for sending registration forms and abstracts very promptly. We are encouraged to the highest degree by your enthusiastic response and wholehearted support. We have received around 80 abstracts from 16 countries.

INTRODUCTION

Every year landslides cause great losses of lives and property, and extensive degradation to the environment, especially in mountainous terrains. Landslides often induce damage to infrastructure such as roads, dams, hydropower, irrigation, bridges and so on. The numbers and frequency of occurrence of the natural calamities are particularly high in orogenic zones. The impacts of landslides are particularly pronounced in less developed countries located in such terrains, exacerbated by the meagre resources available to cope with the problems. Hence, there is a major role for earth scientists and engineers to play in the search for appropriate, sustainable solutions to these problems.

Mountainous countries share common problems but also have unique prospects of development through collective initiatives. Interaction and cooperation among scientists from these countries is needed not only to assist in solving problems that they have in common, but also to allow the advancement of science and technology for society as a whole. Thus, it is clearly necessary to investigate and conduct detailed research on these natural phenomena.

We invite earth scientists, civil and structural engineers, environmentalists, sociologists and other interested experts, and the public in general, to get together for raising public awareness and exchanging views, skills and research results.

OBJECTIVES

The major objectives of the symposium are:

1. to provide a forum for effective and fruitful interactions among the geoscientists of Nepal and other countries;
2. to help in the advancement of knowledge in the science and technology of landslides, and in particular to work towards the solving of problems faced by people in these environments;
3. to promote interaction among earth scientists and engineers working within Asia, and to assist in the development of networks to facilitate the exchange of knowledge among them; and
4. to discuss and review overall activities and achievements in the fields of landslides and related environmental hazard management.

THEMES

The following are the main themes for the symposium.

1. Landslide Hazard and Risk

- * Mechanisms and processes of landslides and debris flows
- * Earthquake induced landslides
- * Landslides triggered by intense precipitation
- * Landslide phenomenon in periglacial region
- * Landslide classification for hazard management in monsoon Asia
- * Site investigation and techniques
- * Prediction and assessment of landslides and debris flows

2. Landslide Management

- * Pre-disaster management and mitigation
- * Post-disaster management and mitigation

- * Software (Non-structural) approaches to landslide problems
- * Education for landslide awareness

3. Geo-environmental Aspect of Landslides

- * Soil erosion and the development of badlands
- * Urban geology and slope management
- * Slope stability and waste management
- * Environmental management strategies for sloped terrain
- * Landslides and mountain infrastructure

VENUE

The symposium venue has been fixed at international standard Radisson Hotel, located in Lazimpat, Kathmandu. This is in the heart of the city, adjacent to the Royal Palace, and minutes away from the major business houses, Embassies and Consulates. It is located about 9 km from the Tribhuvan International Airport.

REGISTRATION

All participants, including authors presenting their papers at the Symposium should complete and submit a registration form (with payment of registration fee). If the presenting author of a paper is not registered by 15th August, 2005, the paper will not be published in the proceedings and the presentation will not be included in the final program of the Symposium.

JLS members and participants living in Japan have to register with Dr. Osamu Nagai, Japan Landslide Society 5-30-7, Shinbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan 105-0004.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee for the participants including organizing committee members are as follows:

Countries	Until 30 th April 2005	Until 20 th September 2005	Symposium Desk
SAARC countries	US \$ 80	US \$ 90	US \$ 100
Indian nationals can pay in Indian Rupees. Please note: 1 US \$ \approx 70 NRs., 1 IC \approx 1.6 NRs.			
Other countries	US \$ 200	US \$ 225	US \$ 250
Registered students and accompanying members will receive 50% discount on the above fees. Students must submit documentary evidence of being enrolled in the year 2005.			

The registration fee includes the conference documents and proceedings, access to the opening programme, technical sessions, refreshments, working lunches, and symposium banquet.

FIELD EXCURSION

Earlier announced pre-symposium field excursions (three-day field excursion along Mugling-Narayanghat and Mugling-Pokhara roads and one-day excursion along Prithvi highway) have been cancelled. Instead of those excursions, a three-day pre-symposium field excursion is planned from 22nd to 24th September 2005 in and around Kathmandu valley, Kathmandu-Kakani section of Trishuli road and Dhulikhel-Bhakundebesi section of Sindhuli road which has recently been constructed by using various slope protection works. Kakani and Dhulikhel are among the popular tourist destinations in Nepal with a nice view of High Himalaya on a clear day. Discussion during the field excursions will focus on the relationship of the landslides to geology, geological structures and geomorphology. Pertinent case studies of slope stabilization works applied along those roads will also be examined. This excursion will provide an opportunity to observe panoramic views of the Himalayas, Kathmandu valley (consisting of late Quaternary lake deposits), Panchkhal valley

(an up-lifted low-relief terrain), Battar river terrace, and scenic hilly landscapes of the Midlands of Himalaya with terracing cultivation.

Fee: The fee will be US\$ 165 for the three-day pre-symposium excursion, which includes the field guide, maps, bus transport and lunch. The field excursion will be organized subject to adequate number of participants (minimum 15). The interested participants are requested to pay excursion fee(s) by 15th August 2005.

CULTURAL EXCURSION

A one-day cultural excursion will be conducted in the ancient cities of the Kathmandu Valley, which are endowed with a rich cultural heritage and beautiful natural surroundings. This will take place on 27th September 2005, and will be organized subject to the participation of minimum of 15 persons. The interested participants are requested to pay excursion fee(s) by 15th August 2005.

Fee: US \$ 50 (inclusive of literature/maps, bus transport, and lunch)

METHODS OF PAYMENT

No registration will be confirmed until payment is received.

JLS members and participants living in Japan have to remit the registration fees to the Saving Account No. 4 2 1 4 0 2 5 of Japan Landslide Society (Nihon Jisuberi Gakkai) at Tokyo-Mitsubishi Bank, Shinbashi branch Number of Account. The excursion fee(s) should be deposited in the name of Mr. Jun Umemura, Member of the Organizing Committee to the current account No. 01-0230553-051 of Standard Chartered Bank Nepal Limited, Kantipath, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Indians and Nepalese participants paying in Indian or Nepalese Rupees may pay the registration and excursion fees by bank draft drawn in the name of Nepal Landslide Society, to the Current Account No. 0 5 4 5 0 4 of Agricultural Development Bank, Chabahil Branch, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The other participants may pay the registration and excursion fees by bank draft drawn in the name of Mr. Jun Umemura, Member of the Organizing Committee to the current account No. 01-0230553-051 of Standard Chartered Bank Nepal Limited, Kantipath, Kathmandu, Nepal.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellations of registrations and excursions should be notified in writing. 65% of the registration fee will be refunded if a written request is made by 21st of September 2005. In case of cancellations of excursion, a 100% refund will be given, less US \$ 20 administrative charge. Refund will be made after the end of the Symposium.

FULL PAPERS

Contributors are requested to submit the manuscript of the full paper by 15th June 2005 by e-mail to nepalandslide@yahoo.com and geotech@civil.ce.nihon-u.ac.jp. Japanese delegates, and other contributors currently staying in Japan should to send a copy of their paper(s) also to miyagi@tscc.tohoku-gakuin.ac.jp. You may compress the file using the zip or winzip (.zip) format. Please include only ONE attachment per e-mail and do not send multiple copies of the same file.

Fully corrected papers should be sent by e-mail to Technical Committee by 15th August 2005. Contributors will be informed of acceptance of their submitted papers for publication in the Proceedings of the International Symposium on Landslide Hazards in Orogenic Zones, from the Himalaya to Island Arcs in Asia and for oral presentation by August 31, 2005.

PAPER PRESENTATION

English is the working language of the symposium.

Oral presentation. Time for oral presentation will be 15 minutes (12 minutes plus three for discussion). Projection equipment consists of one screen, one PC projector, one 35-mm slide projector or one overhead projector. Authors are strongly encouraged to prepare their own presentation on PowerPoint. Please provide presentation material beforehand in a 1.44 MB floppy or CD-ROM.

Poster presentation. A special slot has been scheduled with the express purpose of focusing attention on this important form of presentation. The display board comprises one panel (175 cm wide and 85 cm high). The author(s) must be present at the poster side during the poster session, and posters must be removed from display boards at the end of the day.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entry Procedures

All foreigners except the Indian Nationals must hold a passport and a valid visa. Visa can be obtained at the Nepalese Diplomatic Missions and Consuls abroad. However, a visa can also be obtained at the point of entry. Two passport-size photographs are also required for the visa. Citizens of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries and the People's Republic of China are entitled to a visa without fee.

Airport Tax

A departure tax of Rs. 791 per person for travel to SAARC (South Asian) countries and Rs. 1130 for departure to other international destinations is charged at the point of exit.

Airport Transportation

Participants who provide detailed information on their date of arrival, time and flight number will be met at the airport. In case you miss the pick-up, take a taxi to your reserved hotel. Taxis should be arranged through the official booth at the exit to the arrivals area. The charge to travel from the Airport to any hotel in Kathmandu city should be about US\$ 4 to \$7.

Accommodation

Every type of accommodation facilities is available in Kathmandu at reasonable prices, ranging from international standard 5 star hotels to budget hotels and lodges. An international standard five star **Radisson Hotel** is designated as the **Conference Hotel**, which has agreed to provide special rate for symposium participants, i.e. single room – US \$ 40, and double room – US \$ 45. The special rate includes breakfast and all other applicable taxes. We encourage the participants to book this hotel, either directly (sales@radkat.com.np) or through us. Rate of other hotels are listed below.

Hotel	Room	Boarding & Breakfast	Hotel	Room	Boarding & Breakfast
		Rate in US\$			Rate in US\$
Yak & Yeti	Single	40	Royal Singhi	Single	34
	Double	45		Double	40
Annapurna*	Single	40	Sherpa	Single	30
	Double	45		Double	35
Shangrila*	Single	50	Summit*	Single	30
	Double	60		Double	40
Malla	Single	45	Shanker*	Single	30
	Double	55		Double	35
Himalaya*	Single	35	Durbar	Single	20
	Double	45		Double	22
Everest	Single	40	Sunset View	Single	35
	Double	45		Double	45
Ambassador	Single	18	Mountain	Single	17
	Double	21		Double	22

* Government taxes exclusive

Medicines/vaccines

Health concerns are specific to individuals and it is difficult to generalise. You must take those vaccines (such as against typhoid, hepatitis A and B, etc.) that you think necessary or that are suggested by your doctor before leaving your country. If you are not sure and need further information on vaccines and medicines, you should ask an institute working on tropical diseases in your home country. Participants attending the pre-symposium excursion, which includes an overnight stay in southern plain areas of Nepal, must decide if they want to take medicine for malaria during the preceding weeks or the following weeks after the trip. Necessary medicine for malaria is recommended. Kathmandu is safe from malaria.

Insurance

The organizers of the International Symposium on “Landslide Hazards in Orogenic Zones from the Himalaya to Island Arcs in Asia” can not be held responsible for any personal injury, loss, damage, accident to private property or additional expenses incurred as a result of delays or changes in air, road or other services, weather, war or any other cause. Symposium participants are advised to take out their own insurance.

Climate

Weather in Nepal in late September is generally pleasant with mildly cold mornings and evenings. You are advised to bring light warm clothing for Kathmandu. Although the post-monsoon period of late September is normally rain-free, rainy weather cannot be ruled out.

Currency

Nepalese Rupee (NRs.) is the currency of Nepal. Bank notes come in NRs. 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100, 500, and 1000 denominations. Coins come NRs. 1, 2 and 5.

Electricity

220 Voltage/50 cycles

IMPORTANT DATES

15th March 2005 – Submission of abstract

15th June 2005 – Registration form and full paper submission

15th August 2005 – Final submission of full paper after correction

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Date	Programme
September 22 nd -24 th 2005	Three-day pre-symposium field excursion
September 25 th -26 th 2005	Symposium
September 27 th 2005	One-day cultural excursion

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