

# 'Role of facilitator very important'

By A Staff Reporter

KATHMANDU, Nov. 6: A discussion programme was organised at Dhulikhel to discuss the need and importance of facilitation and facilitators network in Nepal. About 55 facilitators from various organizations participated in the programme.

Speaking at the programme Dr. Purna Kanta Adhikari highlighted the need of sharing, learning and developing personal and organizational capacity. He said that network could help building relationship between similar minded organizations and individuals.

Director of Volunteer Service Organisation (VSO) Nepal and a facilitator Tracey Martin shared her experience of working as a facilitator in various countries and said that it was the right time to expand facilitation works in various sectors such as conflict management for

community development.

Facilitator of Management Science for Health (MSH) USA, Hare Ram Bhattarai said that the role of facilitator was very important since the facilitator helps in empowering community. He also shared his experience of working as a facilitator in various countries.

Tatwa Prasad Timsina, facilitator of Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) Nepal and country representative of the International Association of Facilitators (IAF) shared about the role of IAF and its relevance to Nepalese context. He also highlighted the role of facilitators in the changing context of Nepal.

The meeting decided to establish 'Facilitators Association of Nepal' as a network of facilitators. The primary objective of forming such organisation in Nepal is to foster networking with maximum possible number of other

colleagues who are practicing facilitation in and out of Nepal.

This network is expected to be affiliated with IAF and enable the facilitators to be on top of effective facilitation methods and concurrent trends through regular communication with other regional and national networks of facilitators. This association is expected to be instrumental to safeguard facilitators' professional interest and promote, support and advance the art and practice of professional facilitation.

The group also selected a 17-member ad hoc committee coordinated by Hare Ram Bhattarai in which Tatwa P. Timsina is secretary general. The committee will prepare groundwork for launching the network effectively in Nepal. Until the network becomes fully operational, the secretariat of the network will be located in the office of ICA Nepal.