
Renowned personalities of the national and international higher education institutions, government officials, diplomats, representatives of development agencies, along with MICD students and faculty members, assembled to officially celebrate the Inauguration Ceremony of the Second Edition of the Master in International Cooperation and Development (MICD), for the Academic Year 2014-15, on 25 January 2014.

"As a graduate of MICD, we would like to see every one of you a very successful manager and important player in the field of development cooperation", said Prof. Dinesh R. Bhuju, MICD Academic Coordinator, greeting the distinguished guests and addressing the students.

"I congratulate Mid-western University of Nepal, the International School of Advanced Studies and Pavia University in Italy for initiating such highly relevant professional Program in Nepal", stressed out Dr. Kayo Devi Yami, Hon’ble Chair of Nepal’s Public Service Commission, in her remarks to the attendees. “We have hopes that you will be able to disseminate the acquired knowledge and tools of development interventions in our country wherever you work”.

The initiator of development study program at the University of Pavia, Professor Gianni Vaggi, former Vice Rector of the University of Pavia and Director of the Cooperation and Development Network (CDN) of Pavia, referred to Mid-western University as a “catalytic partnership” for promoting Excellency in education, knowledge creation, exchange of good practices and enhancement of the faculty and students’ mobility. “The establishment of MICD Master’s Program in Nepal has enriched the CDN Network with new vital lymph”.

Appreciations to MICD Program were also expressed in the remarks from Mr Yubraj Bhusal, Member Secretary of the National Planning Commission, and Mr Mahashram Sharma, Joint-Secretary and Spokesperson of the Ministry of Education, who blessed the First and Second Editions of MICD students and encouraged them to excel in their field by carrying out meaningful development interventions.
"We're proud of the Italian partnership with Mid-western University of Nepal, a newly established university to serve the people of Mid-Western Region and the entire country", highlighted Mr Ravi Bhakta Shrestha, Honorary Consul General of Italy to Nepal.

Attendees also listened to the experience of two students of the First Edition of MICD Program, Ms Upasna Acharya and Mr Chittaranjian Pandey, who stressed out about the great learning that they experienced during the first year of program.

The Inauguration Ceremony ended with the remarks from Professor Padam Lal Devkota, Vice-Chancellor of Mid-western University, and Mr Uddhav Raj Poudyal, MICD Director, who proposed the vote of thanks to the honorable guests and attendees for taking part to the ceremony. Approaching to the end, they expressed their satisfaction towards the MICD program, recognizing the collective efforts involved in making of MICD a successfully story.

Launched in January 2013, MICD is a two-year multi-disciplinary program jointly offered by Mid-western University of Nepal and the International School of Advanced Studies, under technical and academic cooperation of the University of Pavia, Italy. MICD is a constituent member of the Cooperation and Development Network (CDN) of Pavia, in Italy, which comprehend similar masters offered by partners institution in Italy, Colombia, Palestinian Territories, Kenya and Nepal. The Network promotes Excellency in education and mobility of faculty members and students among the partners institutions. The University of Pavia has signed a MoU scheme with Mid-western University in 2012 to promote academic cooperation between the two institutions.

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