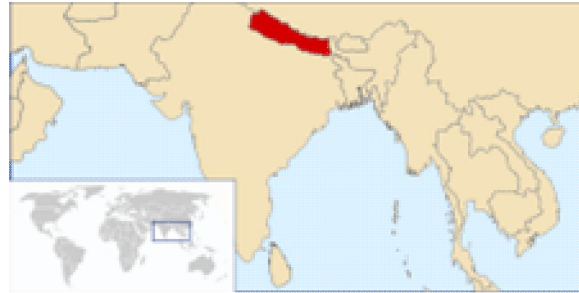


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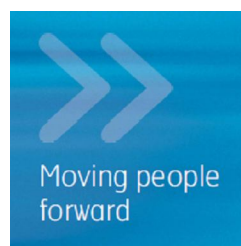
### Project Management Update from Nepal

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#### Coaching for Development

**- An innovative approach to transferring PM knowledge for development**



An initiative note highlighting is the '**Coaching for Development**' which is a not-for-profit project, created in 2009 by an international team of young people within the [International Project Management Association](#) (IPMA), the oldest international association of project management (PM) professionals, with 50 national member associations from Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

**Its mission** is to empower society within the developing countries with modern cross-cultural knowledge in the field of project management, by means of developing competencies and creating networking opportunities.

**Its vision** is a world where projects in developing countries have unlimited opportunities for growth, success and co-creation of value for their societies

It plans to fulfill its goals though sharing information, training project team members on site and expanding networks of practitioners. This platform benefits the participants as well as project managers willing to volunteer.

This new initiative of [IPMA Young Crew](http://www.ipma.ch/crew/Pages/default.aspx) (<http://www.ipma.ch/crew/Pages/default.aspx>) sets the stage for project managers from around the world to join, contribute and learn. We take the advantage of synergy with its focus on people and the understanding of the holistic picture of Project Management, as shown in its body of knowledge, the [ICB v3](http://www.ipma.ch/publication/Pages/ICB-IPMACompetenceBaseline.aspx). (<http://www.ipma.ch/publication/Pages/ICB-IPMACompetenceBaseline.aspx>) It is currently led by a group of volunteers under the age of 35, although the qualification of coaches is expected to exceed this frame, allowing any project manager in the world to participate.

The first event will take place in September – October of 2010 in Kathmandu, Nepal. Project managers from all over will meet here to coach a group of PM enthusiasts from several projects, to share experiences and information and extend networking of all participants.

To learn more and to be involved, please visit the site:

<http://coaching4development.wordpress.com/>

### **Nepal's participation in the 17th Global Symposium in New Delhi, December 2009**

A group of 6 Bachelor in Development Finance students (Anish Baidhya, Nirmal Karki, Piyush Sharma, Binay Bom, Sunil Dev Giri, Ashish Adhikari) from National College affiliate to Kathmandu University; Santosh Gadtaula, Office Associate and General Secretary, Mr. Suraj Dahal of Project Management Association of Nepal (PMAN) attended the 17th Global Symposium on "Managing Projects, Programs & Portfolios" organized by Project Management Associates, IPMA Member Association of India, from December 14 - 16, 2009 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, in New Delhi.

It was an event studied with noted world-class speakers like David Pells (fourth from the left on this picture), Editor of the PM Forum on 'Fifth Generation of Project and Program Management' and Wayne Abba, President of Abba Consulting on 'Earned Value Management - the ultimate answer in asserting time and cost overruns'. Prominent national leaders, senior-most executives from state agencies and companies from a wide range of sectors presented papers. More than 400 delegates attended the 3-day symposium.



The Nepal delegation with David Pells, the editor for PMForum

Adesh Jain, the Honorary President of PMA India and Vice Chairman of the Council of Delegates of IPMA highlighted the growing demand for certified PM professionals throughout the world. Ruchira Jain, Director of Centre for Excellence in Project Management shed light on the process and the need to have participation of deserving projects to apply for the National Project Excellence Awards. The 'Success Stories' on the second day was very well appreciated by the participants.

One of the tangible benefits of attending this symposium for the students was, of course, the exposure of an international professional event on project management. It was an excellent occasion to learn from qualified and competent senior executives on how they are managing projects, programs and portfolios in a wide range of industries and contexts. Another for the young Project Management Association of Nepal was to provide an opportunity for the student members to network and meet in person the leaders of PM profession that would otherwise not be possible in their country.

A milestone achievement for the association was to reach an agreement with PMA India to have a center in Kathmandu for their IPMA Level D Certification Exam scheduled for February 14, 2010. This has a benefit for prospective examinees as they do not have to travel to one of the 8 centers in India. PMAN is currently working towards promoting the certification and signing-up of candidates. PMAN's membership for IPMA was approved in September 2009 and is yet to develop its own national certification system.

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