

Working for Capacity building among DoR and DoLI officials, SOTEN in collaboration had organized one-week extensive Road Safety Training Program for Highway Engineers on "Safer Roads for Saving Lives."



Organizing National & International Seminar/Conference

With a vision to work on professional capacity enhancement and leadership, SOTEN is taking initiatives for organizing national and international symposiums and conferences on the relevant global as well as national issues.

SOTEN, jointly with MoPIT and EASTS organized an international Symposium on "Transport and Economic Development: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities in Development Country" on 18 September 2014.



SOTEN supported Universal Engineering & Science College on organizing "International Conference on Contemporary Issues on Climate Change" on April 8, 2022. Similarly, National Seminar on "Integrated Transport Infrastructure Development: Issues and Way Forward" was organized on 4 December 2021 in collaboration with different national stakeholder.

As per vision to promote Nepalese in research on an international platform, SOTEN jointly with MoPIT organized International Conference on "Integrated Transport for Sustainable Mobility" on 3-4 February 2023; with 28 national and international papers on six technical sessions.



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A Professional Society For Knowledge Generation, Sharing and Dissemination in Transportation Field



INTRODUCTION

Society of Transport Engineers Nepal (SOTEN) is a professional organization, established in 2009 A.D. by a team of enthusiastic engineers working in the transport sector in Nepal. Its membership includes transport engineers working in government agencies, private institutions, businesses, and academic institutions. The Society is dedicated to professional development by generating and disseminating knowledge and sharing professional experiences in the transportation sector. There are more than 248 members affiliated to the society till January 2023 and is gaining recognition among the professional.

VISION

To be Nepal's most representative professional institution committed to promoting the use of global best practices for the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of transport infrastructures and services.

OBJECTIVES

- To create a national platform for knowledge generation, dissemination, and experience sharing in the transport sector through training, conferences, workshops, seminars, and publications.
- To collaborate with Government, Non-Government, Academic, and Private sector Institutions on the various issues in the transport sector.
- To establish linkages with national and international professional societies, including research institutes for mutual benefits.
- To assist in the preparation/upgrading of the technical guidelines standard normative documents based on emerging technologies and global best practices.
- To promote research and development in the transport sector through collaboration with the universities.
- To create a platform for better collaboration between stakeholders working in the transport sector.
- To raise public awareness for the integration of transportation modes and the sustainability of transportation system.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Collaboration with Government Counter part

SOTEN as the leading professional organization in the Transport Sector in Nepal is dedicated to support the related Government agencies in the preparation and/or review of national policies, regulations, plans, and strategies for the wider national interests on the development and operation of the sustainable transport

system. SOTEN had a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Roads (DoR) and Department of Railway (DoRW) for collaborative works in road and railway sectors. SOTEN has been supporting in capacity building of among various aspects of transportation and recently concluded supporting DoR on revision of Nepal Road Standards 2070.



Collaborations with Professional Organizations

As a professional entity, SOTEN envisages to play a leading role in contributing to the nation's development issues in the broader aspect from policy formulation to implementation. and had established linkages for mutual benefits with domestic and international Professional Organizations.

SOTEN is a member of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS). We have an MoU with Korean Society of Transportation (KST) for collaboration in knowledge/experience sharing, facilitating government/academia/ industry on professional issues, capacity development, & research. KST is willing to support Nepalese engineers to pursue masters and Ph.D. Degrees at Kongju National University, Korea National University of Transportation, and other universities in Korea. SOTEN is also extending relationship with Korea Transport Institute (KOTI). Representative from the society had attended various international forum organized by EASTS and KST.

SOTEN had been collaborating with various organizations such as: Nepal Engineers' Association (NEA), Nepal Geological Society (NGS), Society of Consulting Architectural & Engineers Firms (SCAEF) Nepal, Safe & Sustainable Travel Nepal (SSTN), American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng), National Alliance of Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility, NASA Foundation, and other Engineers' Societies for enhancing the engineering profession and contribution to the entire society.

Promoting Research

SOTEN is esteemed to collaborate with academic institutions in the field of research and development for aligning the initiatives to the industry and professional field. SOTEN initiated provision of Research Grant in 2022 to facilitate quality research among graduate-level university students and two such research has already been concluded. Similarly, SOTEN and KST jointly initiate KST-SOTEN Research Grant to promote research on critical issues on transport sector in Nepal and supported five such research till date.



Capacity Enhancement Programs

SOTEN, with the objective of knowledge generation, dissemination and experience sharing is organizing talk series at regular intervals. SOTEN has organized Transport Dialogue Series (Webinar) during the Covid-19 period with each episode focusing on different transport mode and corresponding issues. SOTEN joined hand with ASNEng for "Webinar on Transportation System in Nepal: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities". In collaboration with SSTN, SOTEN has organized Training on Sustainable Mobility, Online Talk Series on various relevant topic, and capacity development program on road safety.

SOTEN organized International Webinar on "Airport Issues of Nepal & Korea" on 20 December 2022 in collaboration with Korean Transport Institute and Hansae University, Korea.