



Part of the CSAS-KAS Project on Nepal's National Interest's - Series II

Conference on

“Energy Security, Reviving the Economy and Nepal’s National Interests”

organized by the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) in cooperation with
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

Monday, April 26, 2010

Inaugural Session:

(The media will only be allowed to stay during the inaugural session)

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| 10:00 hrs. | Welcome Address by Nishchal N. Pandey, Director of CSAS |
| 10:10 hrs. | Inaugural address by Dr. Peter Hefele, Head of Division China, South East Asia, India, Team Asia, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Berlin/Germany |
| 10:25 hrs. | Address by Secretary, Ministry of Finance Mr. Krishna Hari Baskota |
| 10:35 hrs. | Keynote speech by the chief guest Hon'ble Minister for Energy and leader of Nepali Congress party Dr. Prakash Sharan Mahat |
| 10:50 hrs. | Vote of thanks by Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Head of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung to India and Regional cooperation SAARC |
| 10:50 hrs. | High Tea |



First Session

- 11:15 hrs. “Stability and Instability in Nepalese Economy: Challenges to Poverty Alleviation” by Madhaukar SJB Rana, Former Finance Minister
- 11:35 hrs. “Water Management and Hydro-resources” by Dipak Gyawali, Former Minister for Water Resources
- 11:55 hrs. Discussion
- 12:35 hrs. Response by Paper Presenters (5 minutes each)
- 12:45 hrs. **Lunch**

Second Session

- 13:45 hrs. “Indo-Nepal Trade and Nepal’s Competitive Advantage” by Prof. Nisha Taneja, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi.
- 14:05 hrs. “Energy Security and Mitigating Future Challenges” (paper presenter yet to be identified)
- 14:25 hrs. “Nepal’s Economy in SAFTA and Post WTO Era” (paper presenter yet to be identified)
- 14:45 hrs. Discussion
- 15:25 hrs. Response by Paper presenters (5 minutes each)

Concluding Session

- 15:40 hrs. Final Words by Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy
- 15:45 hrs. Final Words by Nishchal N. Pandey