

E-Seminar Title: First NSC E-Seminar No 1, 2007: The State's Role in Private Sector Development in New Nepal

Subject: Opening of the First NSC E-seminar No 1, 2007 (15-28 February, 2007)

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the First NSC/LDN E-Seminar event collaboratively organized by the Nepal Study Center (NSC) of the University of New Mexico and its affiliate, Liberal Democracy Nepal (LDN).

The NSC/LDN seminar team welcomes you and thanks you for your presence in the e-seminar "The State's Role in Private Sector Development (PSD) in New Nepal" which will run from 15th - 28th February 2007. A proceeding of the e-seminar will be published in the Liberal Democracy Nepal Bulletin journal (LDNB).

The e-seminar will start with the "Opening Statement" prepared by Ms. Mallika Shakya (Economist, London School of Economics, World Bank) and Dr. Vijaya R. Sharma (University of Colorado, Boulder), moderators of the e-conference.

Also available at:

http://nepalstudycenter.unm.edu/SeminarsWorkshopsConferences/e-Seminars/e-SeminarN012007/e-SeminarNo12007_PaperAccess.html

are other details such as, guidelines to contributors, time frame, list of the participants, designated discussants' comments, panelists' information, and methods of publicly viewing and downloading the seminar materials. Moderators will also outline a few housekeeping details including the e-seminar protocol to make it a productive experience.

The NSC conducts research, undertakes collaborative projects to promote research and education, and runs annual policy research conference, among other things. The aim is to help understand the underlying issues in development, democracy, conflict, and the environment as they relate to the Himalayan region, Nepal, and the countries in South Asia. Development is broadly defined to include health, education, environment, natural resource management, governance, equity, information technology, poverty, socio-economic strife, and micro and macro economic activities.

To that end, it has developed this e-conference portal to conduct seminars on the internet within a structured environment. The idea is to bring scholars and interested participants from all over the world to a common platform for an informed deliberation. This is our first e-seminar, and the NSC hopes to continue this academic tradition in the future on a regular basis.

Thank you for joining the e-seminar and please share with us your valuable opinion that will advance the debate for the benefit of this global village and the country of our focus. Please encourage your colleagues to read these deliberations on the website and also

urge them to post questions to the moderators. The above website link has all the necessary information and links.

NSC would like to thank Ms. Mallika Shakya, Dr. Vijaya Sharma, Dr. Mukti Upadhyay, Mr. Bishal KC, and many other LDN friends and the LDN Council Members for their collective help in putting this together. NSC is especially thankful to those participating from Nepal.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the First NSC/LDN E-seminar team and the friends of NSC and the LDN Council Members

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