

Prof. Maharjan's Visit at FORWARD

Interaction Workshop on Information Technology

An interaction workshop was held at FORWARD on 17th September 2012 on the topic entitled "The Effectiveness of Information and Communication Technology for Reducing Poverty: Case Study of Nangi Village of Myagdi District, Nepal. This study was conducted by Mr. Makoto Suetake, a Master Degree student from Hiroshima University of Japan who is currently attached to FORWARD as intern. His presentation was focused mainly on how the mobile and phone facilities has helped the rural people in Nangi village for improving their livelihood particularly on agricultural practices for organic farming and local produce marketing, health treatment through distance mobile contact with doctors at Kathmandu, and the impact of communication to peoples' lives in village in general. As the study is linked to his course, discussions were held and suggestions made towards providing feedback to Mr. Suetake for his research. He also shared that this technology in Nangi was introduced by Mr. Mahabir Pun and it is really useful and interesting to help the people in rural village. Prof. K.L. Maharjan from Hiroshima University Japan, Prof. N Devkota from IAAS, Rampur, Mr. Y.B. Thapa, Chairperson of GATE Nepal Pvt. Ltd, Rishi Adhikari from Ecological Service Centre, Chitwan, Executive Director, Program Director and other staff members of FORWARD were present in the event.



Visit of Prof. K.L. Maharjan to FORWARD Nepal

A visit was made by Prof. K.L. Maharjan from University (HU) of Japan to FORWARD from 16th to 19th September 2012. His visit was mainly related to Mr. Makoto's research and coordination meeting with FORWARD as FORWARD is one of the partners of HU for project collaboration. Besides his participation in Makoto's presentation on 17th September, he visited the field activities of FORWARD mainly on commercial vegetable production and market networks in Makwanpur district, dairy farms and forage cultivation in Chitwan District, and a short visit was also made to Ostrich Farm in Rupandehi and Lord Buddha Birth place in Lumbini.