

The Project for Capacity Building for Countermeasures against Disaster and Landslide on Major Highways in Nepal

2nd Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting and 1st Technical Seminar

The Project for Capacity Building for Countermeasures against Disaster and Landslide on Major Highways (CAD&LMH) is a Technical Cooperation Project of 36 months duration aimed for the capacity building of the Department of Roads, Government of Nepal for better preparedness against geohazards in strategic road network. The 2nd Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting of “The Project for Capacity Building for Countermeasures against Disaster and Landslide on Major Highways (CAD&LMH)” was held on September 3, 2025, at the Main Hall of the Department of Roads (DOR), Babarmahal, Kathmandu.

Attendees included representatives from JCC member organizations, such as Department of Roads, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (MOPIT), the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), the Department of Water Resources and Irrigation (DWRI), the Institute of Engineering (IOE), the Roads Board Nepal (RBN), and JICA Nepal Office.

During the meeting, the progress of activities and the achievement of project outputs till date were presented, and it was confirmed that the project is proceeding smoothly and on schedule.



Figure: Joint Coordinating Committee members for 2nd JCC meeting

The 1st Technical Seminar on Roadside Slope Disaster Prevention was organized by Development Cooperation Implementation Division, Department of Roads and JICA CAD&LMH Expert Team held on September 4, 2025, at Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur and was attended by more than 80 experts and stakeholders. The seminar aimed to exchange knowledge, strengthen technical capacity, and promote effective countermeasures against disasters and landslides on Nepal’s highways.

Keynote presentations were delivered by Prof. Netra Prakash Bhandary (Ehime University, Japan) and Prof. Ryosuke Uzuoka (Kyoto University, Japan) with further insights from representatives of Nepal Geotechnical Society, Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms Nepal and JICA Expert Team.

Active Q&A and networking sessions made the event a highly productive step towards safer, more resilient road infrastructure. JICA Expert Team believes that the project concept of “Better Prepared, Less Worried” (तयारी भए, भय गए) has reached the hearts of all participants.



Figure: Participants of 1st Technical Seminar, Organizing Team (Department of Roads, DCID and JICA Expert Team)

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Figure: Photos of 1st Technical Seminar organized by Department of Roads, Development Cooperation Implementation Division and JICA CAD&LMH Expert Team on September 4, 2025