

Ethics in Surveying in Nepal

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SUMMARY

Morality on general public is declining gradually since the interaction with Indian business community in 1960s. Younger generation moved around the world, they have enhanced the honesty and morality of Nepalese people.

The surveyors are expected to have high moral values, fair and honest in decision making and sincere in their works. Surveyors of our generation carry out the work fairly to the expectation of public and took the side of weaker section of the society, so that the justice will prevail in the society. During the decision making, it is taught that it was not necessary to follow the order of senior and needed to appeal with reasons if it is contrary to the law.

Earlier (1940-50) Cadastral surveys were nullified and records were destroyed due to poor adjudications. The survey conducted during 1960-90 endorsed by public and government despite the lack of modern technology and training of staffs. The Land Survey (Measurement) Act 1962, enacted followed by Survey Bye-law and Manuals in 1970s which control the quality of works and developed public confidence.

The quality of earlier maps i.e. smaller scale of maps and old documents have limited the accuracy, which is difficult to convince the land owner during the dispute. The surveyors have difficulty to avoid discrimination and many cadastral surveyors are in litigation of corruption.

The employees are now using modern technologies and qualified persons to avoid inaccuracy, mistakes and win public confidence. The specifications and manuals of modern survey technologies are being

drafted.

It is necessary to teach ethics, introduce latest technologies and train personnel with them to survey and data acquisition of difficult terrain and climate. Only persons with high moral, education and aspiration will work effectively in Himalayan areas.

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