Dr. Kamal Lamichhane is In-residence Fellow at BBI

Dr. Kamal Lamichhane of the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST) at University of Tokyo, Japan, is an in-residence Fellow at the Burton Blatt Institute (BBI) from February 24th to March 12th, 2010. A BBI Fellow is a prestigious short-term appointment to recognize emerging leaders in the disability field.

Dr. Lamichhane earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Graduate School of Engineering at the University of Tokyo. He is the first person from Nepal who is blind to earn a PhD, studying disability and employment in Nepal. Lamichhane earned his Masters in Special Education at the University of Tsukuba in Japan and his Bachelor in Education (B.Ed.) from Tribhuwan University, Mahendra Ratna Campus, in Nepal. He is a native of Chitwan, Nepal, some 170 km from Katmandu. He is a familiar voice on a radio station in Katmandu and has taken tea with the first elected president of his country, Ram Baran Yadav. In 2009, Lamichhane was one of 40 researchers who participated in the Todai Forum at the University of Tokyo on “Disability and Economy: Creating a Society for All.”

At BBI Dr. Lamichhane will collaborate with Dr. Blanck, other BBI Fellows, and BBI Post-Doctoral Researchers to continue his research and share comparative perspectives on disability policy and experiences in Nepal, Japan, and the United States. “We are delighted to host Dr. Lamichhane and hope this appointment will lead to further collaboration here in the U.S. and in Nepal,” said Blanck.

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