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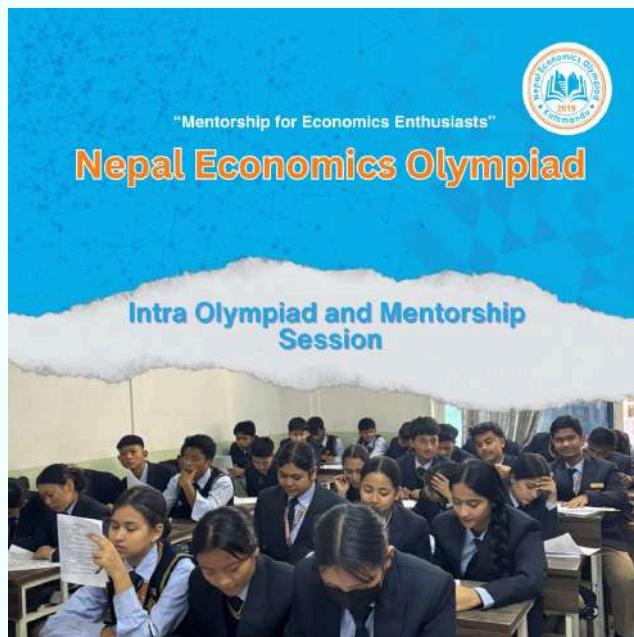
Introduction & Strategic Overview

Organized annually since 2020 by the Young Economists' Society Nepal, the Nepal Economics Olympiad (NEO) serves as the nation's premier platform for high school students excelling in economics, business, and finance. As the official national chapter of the International Economics Olympiad (IEO), NEO is dedicated to discovering, mentoring, and selecting Nepal's top five student delegates to compete on the global stage. The competition rigorously tests creative problem-solving and analytical acumen across three progressive tiers: the Regional Round, the Pre-National Mentorship and Evaluation Phase, and the National Round.

Grassroots Engagement: Intra-College Olympiads

Prior to the Regional Round, NEO collaborated with its sister initiative, Literacy of Finance for All (LOFA), to conduct targeted Intra-College Olympiads. Executed across 12 prominent institutions—including Trinity International SS & College, Divya Secondary School, Himalayan Whitehouse, Hetauda School of Management, and Birgunj Public College—this initiative utilized a specialized question set to identify top-tier talent early.

This district-wide, grassroots effort achieved a record-breaking participation of **5,000 students**. The top 5 to 6 performers from each participating institution earned direct representation for their schools, effectively creating a highly competitive pipeline where proven candidates advanced to the later stages of the Olympiad.

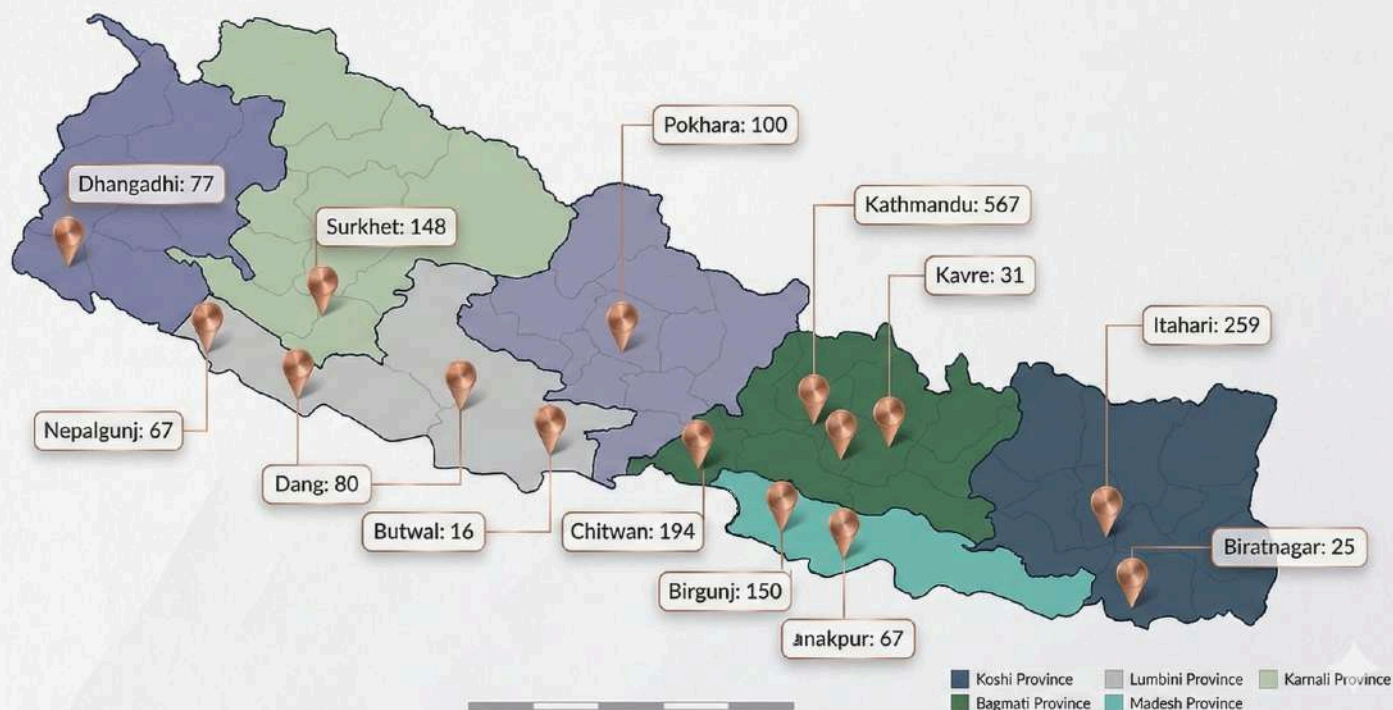


Regional Execution & Demographic Reach

The 7th NEO (2026) Regional Round was executed simultaneously on December 27, 2025, across 14 major cities spanning all seven provinces. Driven by extensive volunteer outreach, the Olympiad secured **2,135 total registrations** from **191 institutions**, with 1,041 students formally sitting for the examination.

The registration data reflects a diverse, nationwide engagement footprint:

NEPAL PROVINCIAL DATA OVERVIEW



Assessment Methodology & Performance Metrics

The regional assessment comprised 50 rigorous multiple-choice questions designed to evaluate advanced proficiencies in economics, business, finance, and applied mathematics.

- **Peak Performance:** The highest regional score achieved was 76/100 by a student from Budhanilkantha School, Kathmandu.
- **Advancement:** From the regional testing pool, 300 top-performing students representing 76 schools, joined by 10 elite qualifiers from the Intra-College Olympiads, advanced to the Pre-National Mentorship and Evaluation Phase.

Holistic Development & Mentorship Impact

Beyond competition, NEO serves as a transformative academic journey. The Pre-National Phase and intra-Olympiad workshops introduce students to advanced financial literacy, data analysis, and business case evaluations.

Participants gain access to career counseling and one-on-one mentorship with industry professionals and alumni. Initiatives like the **Financial Ambassador Program** further empower students to lead financial literacy advocacy within their communities. Historically, these networking and skill-building opportunities have directly contributed to participants securing admissions to prestigious universities and building successful global careers.

Path to the National Round

Following the rigorous evaluation of the 310 Pre-National candidates, the top 70 students were selected to advance to the National Round, joined by 2 exceptional candidates from the open track. The upcoming National Round will serve as a major convergence of elite talent, hosting a total of **150 participants**, which notably includes **50 international competitors**. This cross-border integration significantly elevates the platform's competitive standard and global prestige.

Phase I: The Regional Round

The Regional Round serves as the critical foundation of the 7th Nepal Economics Olympiad (2026), strategically designed to identify and cultivate exceptional student talent nationwide. To ensure comprehensive geographic inclusivity and widespread accessibility, this foundational phase was executed across all seven provinces of Nepal, encompassing 14 major urban centers: **Kathmandu, Pokhara, Itahari, Hetauda, Surkhet, Dhangadhi, Biratnagar, Janakpur, Birgunj, Butwal, Tulsipur, Kavre, Nepalgunj, and Chitwan.**



Assessment and Academic Rigor

The core of the Regional Round is a comprehensive written examination that evaluates students' command of fundamental concepts across economics, business, and finance. The assessment is deliberately structured to move beyond rote memorization, challenging candidates to apply theoretical frameworks and economic reasoning to solve complex, real-world problems.

Skill-Building and Interactive Workshops To maximize participant engagement and value, the academic assessment is paired with interactive workshops and training sessions. These modules are specifically tailored to foster essential professional competencies, including:

- Advanced analytical and critical thinking.
- Collaborative problem-solving and teamwork.
- An introduction to high-level economic concepts, giving students a preview of the demanding challenges they will face in the advanced stages of the Olympiad.

Official Examination Venues

A comprehensive directory detailing the specific host cities, their respective provinces, and the designated regional examination venues is provided below.

SN	City	Province	Venue
1.	Itahari	Koshi	Sushma Godawari College
2.	Janakpur	Madhesh	Janaki Secondary Boarding School
3.	Birgunj	Madhesh	Birgunj Public College
4.	Hetauda	Bagmati	Astronova Foundation
5.	Chitwan	Bagmati	Presidency College of Management Sciences
6.	Kathmandu	Bagmati	KCM
7.	Pokhara	Gandaki	Motherland Secondary School
8.	Dang	Lumbini	Shree Adarsh Namuna Higher Secondary School
9.	Butwal	Lumbini	Paramount Boarding Secondary School
10.	Surkhet	Karnali	Kopila Valley School
11.	Dhangadi	Sudurpashchim	Chaitanya Pathashala
12.	Biratnagar	Koshi	Orchid College
13.	Kavre	Bagmati	Sankalpa College
14.	Nepalgunj	Lumbini	Brightland College

Strategic Partnerships & Financial Literacy Initiatives

Post-examination, candidates across key regional hubs engaged in high-impact financial literacy and mentorship sessions. To elevate the global perspective of the Olympiad, we explicitly invited **Masters'**

Union from India to deliver specialized, cross-border financial education to candidates in Kathmandu and Pokhara.



This international collaboration was powerfully complemented by prominent national banking institutions and financial authorities. Key corporate partners anchored regional sessions, including Nabil Bank (Hetauda), NMB Bank (Dhangadhi), and Siddhartha Bank (Birgunj), alongside valuable support from Sanima Bank, Prabhu Bank, and Elite CA. Crucially, representatives from the central bank, **Nepal Rastra Bank**, imparted their macroeconomic expertise to students in Itahari, Biratnagar, Surkhet, and other emerging districts, providing young adults with invaluable insights into the national financial system and personal wealth management.

Key Outcomes of the Regional Round

The execution of the Regional Round across 14 major cities yielded several critical outcomes for the Olympiad's talent pipeline:

- **Elite Talent Identification:** Successfully evaluated and filtered the applicant pool to advance the highest-performing candidates to the Pre-National Phase.
- **Standard Setting:** Established a clear benchmark of academic rigor and logical capability for non-advancing students, setting expectations and motivating them for future iterations of NEO.
- **Skill Empowerment:** Facilitated localized financial literacy and capacity-building sessions in seven major hubs (Hetauda, Chitwan, Pokhara, Birgunj, Dhangadhi, Surkhet, and Kathmandu).

Phase II : Pre-National Advancement

The geographic distribution of the 310 candidates advancing to the Pre-National Round highlights a dynamic and nationwide talent pipeline. Kathmandu led the cohort with a commanding 215 delegates, followed by strong regional contingents from Itahari (24), Pokhara (17), Biratnagar (12), and Chitwan (10). Solid, competitive representation also emerged from Birgunj and Hetauda, which advanced 9 and 6 students, respectively. Furthermore, developing talent pools across the nation demonstrated significant potential, with Dang, Butwal, Dhangadhi, Kavre, and Nepalgunj each qualifying 3 candidates, while Janakpur and Surkhet each advanced 1 exceptional student to this elite mentorship phase.

Innovation in Talent Development: The Pre-National Phase

Introduced as a groundbreaking enhancement for the 7th NEO (2026), the Pre-National Mentorship and Evaluation Phase serves as an intensive, month-long bridge between the Regional and National competitions. Spearheaded by NEO Director Ankit S. Subedi and Senior Associate Program Coordinator Roshan Sedhai (NEO 2025 Gold Medalist), this phase was meticulously designed to fortify participants' conceptual and analytical acumen prior to the rigors of the National Round.

Evaluation Methodology & Weightage To ensure sustained excellence, the final selection of the 70 National Round delegates was determined through a holistic, composite evaluation model:

- **Regional Round Performance (60%):** Converted baseline academic scores from the initial written examinations.
- **Pre-National Mentorship Assessment (40%):** Evaluated continuous improvement, active engagement, and applied analytical skills throughout the month-long program. This dynamic assessment was subdivided into:
 - **Policy Case Analysis: 20%**
 - **Business Case Analysis: 10%**
 - **Economics Tests (I & II): 10% (5% each)**
 - **Professional Engagement:** Factored into the overall assessment to reward consistent attendance and active participation.

Expert-Led Mentorship & Capacity Building

Throughout the month-long Pre-National Phase, participants were immersed in a high-caliber curriculum designed to bridge the gap between regional knowledge and national-level expectations. This intensive program featured a series of masterclasses led by distinguished industry professionals and academic scholars:

- **Financial Mastery:** Mr. Suraj Banjade (Chartered Accountant and Faculty at Elite CA) and experts from Masters' Union delivered comprehensive frameworks for personal finance management and complex financial decision-making.
- **Global Academic Pathways:** Recognizing the importance of international mobility, Global Vision Consulting provided strategic guidance on securing global higher education opportunities and navigating competitive international scholarship applications.
- **Advanced Economic Theory:** The curriculum placed a strong emphasis on advanced concepts such as game theory. This module was co-facilitated by Ms. Astha Sapkota (NEO Alumna and scholar at Rice University) and Mr. Ankit S. Subedi (Director, NEO), ensuring participants developed a robust, academic understanding of advanced economic analysis.

The image is a screenshot of a Zoom meeting. The main content is a presentation slide titled "CREDIT CARDS" with the subtitle "The Convenience of Credit Cards". The slide text reads: "A credit card is a powerful financial tool that allows you to make purchases now and defer payment." It lists four bullet points: "Issued by Banks" (Plastic cards provided by financial institutions), "Credit Limit" (A maximum amount you can spend), "Monthly Billing" (Regular statements detailing your spending), and "Interest Charges" (Applied if balances are not paid in full by due date). The slide features the ECA and Elite CA logos at the bottom. In the top right corner of the slide, there is a small video inset of a man, identified as Suraj Banjade. Below the slide, the Zoom interface shows a grid of 132 participants, with several names visible like Anshu Datta, Jay - Global, Scott - Morgan B..., and Yashwanth Shar... The bottom of the screen shows the Zoom control bar with icons for Audio, Video, Chat, Participants, React, Share, AI Companion, Settings, and More.

Rigorous Analytical Modules: Policy & Business

To translate theoretical knowledge into practical expertise, the mentorship phase required students to navigate complex, real-world scenarios through two core analytical components:

- **Policy Case Analysis:** Following Economics Test I, which established a conceptual baseline, Ms. Nistha Shrestha (Director, NEO) instructed candidates on the methodological frameworks necessary for effective policy evaluation. Participants were tasked with conducting independent research to develop and submit comprehensive, data-backed policy recommendations.
- **Business Case Analysis (BCA):** Orchestrated by Mr. Roshan Sedhai and Mr. Manish Yadav (Program Coordinator NEO 2025 and ICAI Foundation Nepal Centre Topper), this module immersed students in corporate strategy. Candidates not only submitted written analyses but also defended their strategic recommendations through formal presentations to a panel of expert NEO mentors.

Final Evaluation & Strategic Outcomes

The Pre-National Phase concluded with Economics Test II, ensuring continuous assessment of the students' conceptual retention. The final selection of the 70 National Round delegates was meticulously calculated using the 60/40 composite evaluation model (integrating Regional and Pre-National scores).

The inaugural execution of this phase marks a major milestone in NEO's structural evolution, yielding the following strategic outcomes:

- **Unprecedented Scale & Equity:** Successfully delivered a month of intensive, equitable mentorship to 310 elite students from 76 institutions across Nepal, leveling the playing field for diverse educational backgrounds.
- **Comprehensive Skill Elevation:** Measurably enhanced participant proficiency in research, policy formulation, executive presentation, and strategic business evaluation.
- **Elite Network Access:** Provided next-generation leaders with direct exposure to Chartered Accountants, international scholars, and institutional leaders, broadening their professional and academic horizons.
- **Global Representation Pipeline:** Fortified a sustainable, world-class talent pipeline. The rigorous 60/40 filtering mechanism ensures only the most analytically capable students advance, directly strengthening Nepal's competitive standing for upcoming international stages, including the **International Economics Olympiad (China)**, the **Asia Economics Convention (Japan)**, and the **Singapore Meet**.

Phase III: The National Round & Global Convergence



The culmination of the 7th Nepal Economics Olympiad (2026) took place from February 18 to 20, 2026, hosted at the prestigious Kathmandu College of Management (KCM) in Gwarko, Lalitpur. Serving as a major convergence of top-tier academic talent, the National Round proudly hosted a total of **150 participants**, which notably included an elite cohort of **50 international competitors**, thereby elevating the competition's global footprint. The grand closing ceremony and award distribution were held on February 20 at the KCM college hall.

Distinguished Leadership & Guest Engagement

The event's prestige was further cemented by the presence of highly influential leaders across Nepal's financial, corporate, and public sectors. These distinguished guests provided invaluable industry insights and inspired the next generation of economic leaders:

- **Central Banking & Policy:** Dr. Gunakar Bhatta (Senior Economist) and Mr. Siddha Raj Bhatta (Deputy Director, Nepal Rastra Bank).
- **Banking, Finance & Insurance:** Mr. Bhuvan Dahal (Former CEO Sanima Bank, Chairperson of Financial Literacy Nepal); Mr. Manoj Gyawali (CEO, Nabil Bank); Ms. Beena Sharma (Head of Marketing & Sales, Agriculture Development Bank Ltd.); and Mr. Poshak Raj Paudel (CEO, Citizen Life Insurance).
- **Fintech, Corporate & Special Guests:** Mr. Neelesh Man Singh Pradhan (CEO, Nepal Clearing House Ltd.); CA Pravin Raj Kafle (Chairman, Elite CA); Mrs. Munni Rajbhandari (COO Nepal Clearing House Limited); Mr. Kiran Giri (Project Coordinator & Digital Expert, Fonepay); and Ms. Shrinkhala Khatiwada (Former Miss Nepal).

IEO-Aligned Competition Framework

Transitioning from the Regional Round's singular focus, the National Round adopted a comprehensive, multi-dimensional assessment model strictly aligned with the official framework of the International Economics Olympiad (IEO). The competition was divided into three core evaluation pillars—the Economics Examination, the Financial Literacy Test, and the Business Case Analysis—each deliberately designed to evaluate distinct abilities and ensure a thorough assessment of the participants' competencies.

1. The Economics Examination (60% Weightage) Conducted on the opening day (February 18), this rigorous individual assessment served as the primary evaluation metric, accounting for 60% of the final score. Participants were given 150 minutes to navigate a challenging format comprising 20 multiple-choice questions and 5 open-ended questions. This section required students to demonstrate advanced theoretical knowledge and applied logic.

- **Strategic Outcomes:** Fostered a deep research culture among participants, shifting the perception of economics from a purely knowledge-based subject to one demanding high-level logical analysis. It successfully established a benchmark for the rigorous academic standards expected at international economic competitions.



2. The Financial Literacy Test (20% Weightage) Also held on February 18, this 90-minute individual examination accounted for 20% of the final score. It utilized a high-stakes negative marking system—awarding 2 marks for correct answers while penalizing incorrect responses by 0.5 marks—to rigorously assess precision in personal and corporate finance principles.

- **Strategic Outcomes:** Challenged students to bridge the gap between academic theory and real-life application. By solving practical problems, participants developed critical decision-making skills in budgeting, investment, and risk management, fundamentally preparing them for future careers in global finance.



3. Business Case Analysis (20% Weightage) The BCA component, which comprised the final 20% of the scoring, evaluated collaborative strategy and executive communication. The top 70 domestic finalists were organized into 14 specialized teams of five. Throughout the second day (February 19), teams were granted 10 hours to analyze a complex business case and engineer comprehensive pitch decks backed by both quantitative financial data and qualitative strategic analysis. Presentations were delivered on the final day (February 20), featuring a strict 10-minute pitch followed by a demanding 10-minute jury Q&A.

- **Strategic Outcomes:** Driven by prior mock rounds and mentorship, this collaborative sprint cultivated critical analytical thinking and executive presentation skills. Participants gained hands-on experience utilizing real-world financial tools to synthesize data, assess corporate performance, and craft viable business strategies under strict time constraints.



Pre-National Phase: Capacity Building & Mentorship

Following the selection of the top 300 candidates, the Pre-National Round featured an intensive curriculum of expert-led masterclasses across microeconomics, macroeconomics, finance, and business strategy. This phase was specifically designed to elevate the candidates' foundational knowledge before narrowing the cohort down to the final 70 national delegates.

Financial Literacy & Wealth Management To bridge the gap between theoretical economics and practical wealth management, candidates received highly specialized training from leading financial educators. CA Suraj Banjade, founder of Elite CA Nepal, delivered a dynamic session contrasting traditional economic drivers—such as banking credit expansion and inflation—with emerging digital assets. He provided critical insights into the decentralized mechanics of blockchain and cryptocurrencies, emphasizing the need for regulatory caution. Complementing this, experts from Masters' Union delivered a comprehensive masterclass on personal financial discipline. This session equipped students with actionable frameworks for early-stage wealth building, focusing on the power of compounding interest, emergency fund allocation, and strategic portfolio diversification across mutual funds, government bonds, and fixed deposits.

Strategic Decision-Making: Game Theory

A cornerstone of the academic mentorship was an advanced session on Game Theory, co-facilitated by Ms. Astha Sapkota (NEO Alumna and Rice University full-ride scholar) and NEO Director Mr. Ankit S. Subedi. This module translated complex mathematical models into practical tools for understanding oligopolistic market dynamics and human behavior. Participants explored advanced strategic concepts, including the Prisoner's Dilemma, Nash Equilibrium, dominant strategies, and backward induction, empowering them to systematically predict and navigate competitive business and political negotiations.

Analytical Frameworks: Business & Policy Evaluation

To prepare students for the rigorous case competitions, the curriculum featured deep dives into both corporate and public sector analysis. Mr. Roshan Sedhai and Mr. Manish Yadav orchestrated a comprehensive Business Case Analysis (BCA) masterclass, training students to deploy strategic frameworks like SWOT, PESTLE, and Porter's Five Forces. The session heavily emphasized financial statement interpretation, slide architecture, and executive presentation delivery. Conversely, NEO Director Ms. Nistha Shrestha led a specialized module on Policy Case Analysis. This session shifted the focus from private profitability to societal welfare, training students in cost-benefit evaluations, stakeholder mapping, and evidence-based public policy formulation, while highlighting the complex trade-offs inherent in government decision-making.

Global Mobility & Academic Pathways Recognizing the global ambitions of the candidates, Global Vision Consulting led a strategic seminar on navigating international higher education. The session provided a comprehensive roadmap for securing merit-based scholarships at prestigious foreign universities. Candidates were briefed on crucial timeline management, standardized testing strategies (SAT, IELTS), and the art of crafting compelling, highly personalized statements of purpose to stand out in competitive global applicant pools.

National Round: Executive Leadership & Demographics

The final cohort of 70 National Round delegates represented a highly competitive demographic, comprising 53 male and 17 female candidates. Geographically, the cohort demonstrated both strong urban concentration and vital regional diversity, with 58 students emerging from institutions within the Kathmandu Valley and 12 exceptional delegates representing districts outside the valley. During the National Round, these finalists were granted exclusive access to a series of high-level guest lectures and panel discussions led by Nepal's foremost industry leaders.

The Future of Accounting & Economic Policy

CA Pravin Raj Kafle, Chairman of Elite CA, redefined the modern accounting profession for the delegates, illustrating its evolution from traditional bookkeeping into strategic, tech-driven financial advisory. He mapped out global mobility pathways through ICAN, ICAI, ACCA, and CPA certifications, emphasizing the increasing integration of artificial intelligence and cloud computing in corporate governance. Broadening the macroeconomic perspective, Mr. Siddha Raj Bhatta, Deputy Director at Nepal Rastra Bank, outlined the expansive career trajectories available to economics graduates. He highlighted the critical demand for specialized econometric and analytical skills across central banking, multilateral institutions (like the IMF and World Bank), and private sector think tanks, framing economics as a vital tool for driving national development and societal welfare.



Digital Ecosystems & Personal Financing

Addressing the rapid modernization of Nepal's financial infrastructure, Mr. Kiran Giri, Digital Expert at Fonepay, delivered a critical seminar on digital financial awareness. He navigated the complexities of mobile banking, digital wallets, and QR technologies, equipping students with advanced cybersecurity protocols to combat phishing, SIM swapping, and social engineering fraud. The executive seminars culminated with an enriching address by Mr. Bhuvan Dahal, Former CEO of Sanima Bank and Chairperson of Financial Literacy Nepal. Drawing from decades of executive banking experience, Mr. Dahal synthesized the core principles of personal financing. He reinforced the philosophy of "paying yourself first," the strategic leveraging of good versus bad debt, and the psychological discipline required to navigate market volatility, ultimately defining financial literacy as a fundamental pillar of lifelong independence.



Community Impact: The Financial Literacy Ambassador Program

To ensure a sustained, grassroots impact that extends far beyond the Olympiad itself, NEO has established the Financial Literacy Ambassador Program. This strategic initiative is designed to democratize financial education across all seven provinces of Nepal. By empowering our most capable participants to act as community educators, we aim to equip the broader student population with essential competencies in personal wealth management, financial discipline, and a robust understanding of macroeconomic mechanisms.

Expert Selection & Collaborative Training Pipeline

Under the expert guidance and recommendation of Mr. Ramesh Prasad Joshi, a certified Financial Literacy Trainer from the central bank (Nepal Rastra Bank), 16 exceptional candidates from 16 distinct institutions were officially appointed as Financial Literacy Ambassadors. To ensure the highest standard of education, these selected ambassadors will undergo an intensive, specialized training pipeline facilitated directly by NEO's corporate partner banks.

Execution and Nationwide Reach

Following their comprehensive training, these ambassadors will take full leadership of the initiative, independently organizing and executing formal financial literacy sessions within their respective schools, colleges, and regional communities. This peer-to-peer educational model not only solidifies the ambassadors' own leadership capabilities but also exponentially scales the reach of our partner banks' financial literacy objectives. The complete directory of the 16 appointed ambassadors and their designated institutional venues for these upcoming sessions is detailed below.

Venue Institution	Financial Ambassadors	City
Hetauda School of Management	Aaditya Yadav	Hetauda
Kopila Valley School	Aniket Sunar	Surkhet
Aroma College	Ankit Suyal	Chitwan
Gyanda Academy	Barsha Sah	Birganj
Nepal Police School	Bishal Kumar Singh	Kavre
Hamro Pahunch Secondary School	Mohammad Asif	Dang
New Horizon English Boarding Secondary School	Pawan Chaudhary	Butwal
VISHWA AADARSHA SECONDARY SCHOOL	Piyush Shah	Itahari
Motherland School	Reshika Malla	Pokhara
BAL KALYAN VIDHYA MANDIR MA. VI.	SAYANA BHATTARAI	Biratnagar
Axis Vidyashram	Subash Joshi	Dhanghadi
Brightland College	Sagar Shrestha	Nepalgunj
Trinity International SS & College	Kritagya Subedi	Kathmandu
Khowpa Secondary School	Sagar Chaulagain	Bhaktapur
GEMS School	Sarthak Gurung	Lalitpur
Uniglobe SS/ College	Ritika Khatiwada	Kathmandu

Unprecedented Scale & Brand Visibility

The 7th Nepal Economics Olympiad achieved a staggering nationwide footprint, executing a highly effective outreach campaign that engaged over 1,100 colleges and directly reached more than 200,000 students. Prior to the regional examinations, dedicated coordinators conducted strategic orientation sessions across 14 major cities, successfully articulating the Olympiad's value proposition to prospective candidates.

This expansive grassroots effort translated into **2,135 formal registrations** from 191 institutions. Furthermore, over 7,000 students received high-value financial literacy training through our banking partners at regional venues and Intra-College Olympiads. Crucially for our sponsors, this extensive physical and digital activation generated direct brand awareness for NEO's partners among an estimated audience of 300,000 individuals.

Media & Digital Amplification The program's prestige was amplified by extensive coverage across premier national media outlets, including feature publications in *Kantipur*, *The Kathmandu Post*, and various prominent online news portals. To maximize digital engagement, both the inaugural and closing ceremonies were live-streamed in their entirety on the official NEO Facebook page, leveraging a highly engaged digital community of over 8,500 followers to push our partners' visibility even further.

Strategic Outcomes of the 7th NEO (2026)

The execution of the 2026 Olympiad successfully bridged the gap between raw potential and global readiness, yielding the following high-impact outcomes:

- **Geographic Inclusivity & Scale:** Successfully mobilized 1,041 active test-takers across 14 examination centers spanning all seven provinces, ensuring equitable access for students from highly diverse geographical and educational backgrounds.
- **The Pre-National Innovation:** Successfully launched the inaugural, month-long Pre-National Mentorship Phase, providing 310 elite candidates with equitable, advanced training in policy analysis, financial literacy, and game theory, thereby establishing a sustainable, long-term talent development pipeline.
- **National Excellence:** Filtered the talent pool down to 70 top domestic delegates through a rigorous 60/40 composite evaluation. These finalists advanced to the National Round at the Kathmandu College of Management, joining a broader competitive cohort of 150 participants (including 50 international delegates) for an intense assessment of economic theory and business strategy.
- **Global Representation:** The rigorous filtering process identified the nation's absolute top performers. The top 10 finalists have been selected for an intensive closed-camp training program, while the elite top 5 delegates have earned the honor of representing Nepal at the **International Economics Olympiad (IEO) in China (July 12–20, 2026)**. Additional Nepali delegations are now primed to compete at the Asia Economics Convention in Japan, the IEO Singapore Meet, and the World Economics Cup.

A Catalyst for Change: Partner Acknowledgments

The resounding success of the 7th Nepal Economics Olympiad would not have been possible without the unwavering commitment of our corporate and institutional partners. We are profoundly grateful that these visionary organizations chose to invest their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts into shaping Nepal's next generation of policymakers, economists, and business leaders.

Title & Lead Sponsors We extend our deepest gratitude to our presenting sponsor, **Elite CA**, our powering partner, **Machhapuchhre Bank**, and our empowering partner, **Fonepay**. We also highly commend CA Pravin Raj Kafle (FCA) of Elite CA for delivering an invaluable session on the global scope of the accounting profession to our national finalists.

Financial Literacy Partners The nationwide financial literacy drive was made possible through the dedicated facilitation of our banking partners. We sincerely thank Nabil Bank (Hetauda), Masters' Union (Kathmandu & Pokhara), NMB Bank (Dhangadhi), and Siddhartha Bank (Birgunj). We also extend our profound appreciation to the representatives of the central bank, Nepal Rastra Bank, for their vital sessions across Itahari, Biratnagar, Surkhet, and beyond, alongside the invaluable contributions of Sanima Bank and Prabhu Bank.

Host & Alliance Partners Special recognition is due to the Kathmandu College of Management (KCM) for their generous hospitality, seamless logistical support, and provision of their premier venue for the National Round. Finally, we express our collective gratitude to our diverse alliance of supporters: Mahalaxmi Bikas Bank, Agriculture Development Bank, Sipradi Trading, Nepal Stock Exchange (NEPSE), Trinity International SS & College, Cosmic International Academy, Sudur Paschimanchal Academy, Global Vision Consulting, Connect IPS, Citizen Life Insurance, Asian Institute of Artificial Intelligence, Nepal India Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Travel Inquiry.

Conclusion

The 7th Nepal Economics Olympiad 2026 stands as a testament to the power of collaborative investment in youth education. By uniting rigorous academic evaluation with executive-level mentorship and nationwide financial literacy campaigns, NEO has successfully transformed theoretical knowledge into actionable, real-world leadership skills. We have not only identified the brilliant minds who will represent Nepal on the global stage but have also elevated the critical reasoning and financial discipline of thousands of students across all seven provinces.

We take immense pride in the platform we have built together. As we look to the horizon, we remain deeply committed to empowering the change-makers of tomorrow, and we eagerly look forward to strengthening and expanding these impactful partnerships in the years to come.



