

Gender equality policy in education stressed

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KATHMANDU, June 12: A seminar on Gender Equality in Education in Asia and Pacific Region began here Wednesday under the aegis of the UN Girl Education Efforts (UNGEE).

Senior technical representatives of 13 countries and representatives of the International Consultative Committees of UNGEE have been participating in the seminar.

DFID Chief Tony Burden said the girls should be encouraged by their community themselves.

Education Ministry Secretary Balananda Paudel said

policy should be formulated with gender and quality education in mind.

UNICEF Deputy Director Ms Francell Turner said the deteriorating economic situation and discrimination are the reasons for women in Nepal falling behind.

Ms Regmi Chaudhary of Biratnagar Children's Club and Ms Penina Lama of UNGEE also expressed their views.

In Madhyapur Thimi, a network of gender focal points for gender mainstreaming has been formed in Bhaktapur to take initiatives for women development, increase women's participation,

advocate women's issues and provide counseling to women.

A gathering of representative of district-based government and non-government offices formed the network.

Assistant officer at district agriculture development office Leela Ghale has been elected coordinator of the nine-member committee of the network.

Manik Babu Gwanga has been elected general secretary and Indira Uprety, Sajani Shrestha, Ganga Prajapati, Mukunda Prasad Ranjit, Sarita Kunwar, Sanu Shrestha and Bijayishri Karmacharya are the members.