

Renewal Energy Week begins from today

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In a bid to promote renewable energy technologies and fight the energy crisis being faced by the citizens, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) under the Ministry of Environment Science and Technology is celebrating 'Renewable Energy Week-2013' from 20th to 26th January with various activities.

The week is being celebrated with an objective of creating awareness about renewal energy among the general public as an effective alternative to address the present power crisis.

During the week long celebration, a special two-day expo will also take place at Bhrikutimandap

on 20th and 21st January.

The expo will showcase around 100 stalls relating to renewable energy technologies like hydropower, solar energy, bio gas, wind energy and renewable energy related projects of student, according to a press release issued by the AEPC.

Prime Minister Dr. Baburam Bhattarai is scheduled to inaugurate the programmes amidst a function on Sunday.

Developments partners, NGOs, banks, universities and companies working in the areas of renewable energy will display their products, projects and services at the expo.

At the expo, the visitors will get a chance to acquire information about government policies and

studies related to renewable energy and shop renewable energy products that private companies are selling, the statement stated.

As a part of renewable energy week celebration, the AEPC is also conducting Renewable Energy Walk on 25th January. The rally will be attended by high profile personalities, stakeholders and general public and will start at 8 am in the morning from Basantapur Durbar Square.

The people have been facing more than 14 hours a day which affected the normal life as well as industrial sector badly.

This event is also being conducted to make people aware that smaller renewable energy

option may be best suited in Nepal.

The AEPC strongly believes that the celebration of this event will see participation of people and groups from different level, will be able to bring more positive perception of these technologies as a viable energy source in Nepal, read the statement.

Till now, a total of 20 MW electricity produced in Nepal through Mini/Micro hydropower projects, around 275,000 biogas plants, around 300,000 solar home systems, 600,000 improved cooking stoves have been installed.

Around, 1,700,000 households are benefited through all of these clean energy technologies, the statement said.