

**NAM-CIMET-NPL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON METROLOGY, QUALITY ASSURANCE AND GLOBAL TRADE, NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY, NEW DELHI (INDIA), JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 2, 2001**

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES : 4 (INCLUDING 2 MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE CENTRE)**

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SPONSORED BY THE CENTRE: 1**

The Governing Council of the NAM S&T Centre has identified Metrology as an area of priority. The Centre is cooperating with the Commonwealth-India Metrology Centre (CIMET) and the National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi, India in implementing activities in this area and a number of training programmes have already been organised for the member countries.

As part of the ongoing co-operation in Metrology between the Centre and the Commonwealth India Metrology Centre at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL), at New Delhi, India and In continuation of the training programme organized earlier in February 1999, reported at Item III.17 above, another NAM-CIMET-NPL Training Programme in Metrology Quality Assurance and Global Trade was organized at NPL during January 22 – February 2, 2001, which was attended by four developing countries including two of the members of the NAM S&T Centre, namely, Bangladesh (Ms. Surovi Islam of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) and Nepal (Dr. B.G. Amatya of the Department of Mint and Bureau of Standards), the other countries being Kyrgyzstan and Namibia. The Centre supported the travel and local hospitality for the participant from Nepal.

The subjects covered under the Training Programme included the national measurement system and its components: scientific, industrial and legal; ISO 17025 and other ISO standards; metrology and laboratory accreditation; proficiency testing and international comparisons, role of metrology in quality assurance, quality audit and review; regional metrology and customer protection, etc. Case studies on accredited test laboratories and steps to mutual recognition arrangement of an accreditation body were also presented. Visits were arranged to the calibrating and testing laboratories, industries and places of metrological interest.