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ABSTRACT

This study entitled "Use of ICT in Mathematics Classroom: Opportunities and Challenges" is a survey research. The main aim of this study was to investigate the perception of the mathematics teacher and their competencies towards the use of ICT in mathematics class to find out the opportunities and challenges' to practice ICT at secondary level mathematics teacher and students. The study was survey and descriptive research design, in fact mixed (quantitative and qualitative) method was adopted in this research. The researcher used combined Questionnaire form for teachers and questionnaires' for students were used as research tools. The Questionnaire administered among 28 teachers and 32 students from different sampled school of Dhanusha districts. The Chi-square test was used to investigate the perception, competencies and the judgment of mathematics teachers and students towards the use of ICT in Mathematics classes. The information from the interview and observation guideline of sample students and teachers obtained in qualitative form and data given from students and teachers Interview analyzed by cross match method.

The researcher found from this study that there were not a full proof plan to install ICT Tools into the school, no teacher training to operate special type of program into the school and especially in mathematics class. It was also found that there was a lack of relevant modern educational technology tool available in the school, although many of the respondent reply that they are interested in new technology that help him also to update their skill and knowledge and they use mostly smart phone to communicate online on the internet among their colleges.

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List of Abbreviations/Acronyms

DVD Digital Versatile Disc

BECTA British Educational Communications and Technology Agency

ICT Information and Communication Technology

MoE Ministry of Education

WWW World Wide Web