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11th ECM Prepares for 10th AGM and 4th ABAN DAY Celebration

11th ECM Finalize AGM & ABAN DAY Program

The 12th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on 28th January 2008 in Prudential Insurance Office Putalisadak, chaired by ABAN President Mr. Raghu Pant, and was attended by 8 of the 13 EC Members. The meeting concentrated on the preparation of the AGM cum ABAN Day celebration to take place on February 8, 2008. The meeting decided following programme for the celebration:

1. The General Secretary was assigned as the Coordinator of the programme and
2. Ms. Mandira Shahi as Master of Ceremony to conduct the programme.
3. Mr. Sukarna Lama would be requested to reconfirm the venue and the chief guest / guest of honour and to arrange the refreshments.
4. Mr. Upendra Bahadur Shrestha will prepare a banner for the programme.

President Mr. Raghu Pant will chair the function and extend concluding remarks with vote of thanks whereas Vice President Mr. Maheshwor Bhakta Shrestha will deliver welcome speech.

Chief Guest H.E. Dr. Andrew Hall, British Ambassador to Nepal, will formally open the AGM and ABAN DAY function by lighting an oil-fed lamp and will also addresses the meeting.

General Secretary and Treasurer will present their reports. Other details of the programme included:

1. Mr. Sadhu Ram Sapkota, Coordinator of Statute Amendment subcommittee will present a proposal for Statute Amendment. Floor will be open for comments, discussion and adoption.
2. Assistant General Secretary Mr. Swoyambhu Man Amatya will speak on the importance of ABAN Day.
3. British Council Country Manager Mr. John Fry, as a Guest of Honour will be requested to make a short speech on the relevance of ABAN Day.
4. Letter of Appreciation would be given to Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, Principal Universal Language Institute for hosting the 3rd ABAN Day in 2007, and Mr. Nil Kantha Uprety, Election Commissioner for conducting Election of the 5th ECM of ABAN last year.

13th EC Meeting, as a preparatory review meeting will be held on 5th February 2008 at 4.30 p.m. when the reporting of final preparations and speeches would be shared between Executive members.

General Secretary Calls for Participation

Dear Friends,

ABAN's 9th Annual General Meeting was held on 6 January 2007 when the 5th Executive Committee of the Association was elected. Now, we are preparing to have the 10th Annual General Meeting on 8th February 2008 together with ABAN Day celebration. Thus, we believe that it is going to be a great day for ABAN members.



ABAN is a multi-disciplinary forum. We are all engaged in our own profession round the year and find little time to communicate to each other. The AGM and ABAN Day certainly give us an opportunity of our reunion and refreshing our friendship and to vow our commitment for the common purpose. The executive committee expects to get proper feedback and suggestions from the general assembly as guidelines to move the Association ahead.

During the year, the ECM has been able to organize various Talk Programmes on the contemporary issues and extended services to the needy children and elderly people. In addition, monthly publication of the e-newsletter is a regular feature of the Association. Some more programmes are in the pipeline for the successful accomplishment of the term. It is our firm belief that our collective effort will lead us to attain the noble objectives of the Association. It is our Association so let's join hands to further accelerate its effectiveness.

On behalf of the executive committee, I invite and encourage all ABAN members to attend the AGM cum ABAN Day and make it a grand success.

Shanker Prasad Paudel, General Secretary of ABAN

Wishing You
A Very Happy New Year 2008



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Mrs. Padma Vaidya
Executive Member of ABAN



Call for Articles/ Write Ups

ABAN is publishing fourth issue of ABAN Magazine soon. All members are requested to contribute articles/ write ups and advertising support for the publication. It will feature articles on "Banking, Economy, Education, Forest Resources, Health, Insurance, Infrastructure, Management, Micro-credit Rural Development, Transport, Tourism, Women and Development etc."



Please submit your articles/ write ups to the Publication Committee Coordinator: Maheswor B. Shrestha, Advisor Raghu Pant, or to Members: Tulsu Upreti, Nandan Hari Sharma, Dwarika Shrestha and Dr. Swoyambhu Man Amatya as soon as possible.

British Council News on IELTS

Number of IELTS candidates hits all time high

Almost one million candidates sat an IELTS (the International English Language Testing System) exam last year(2007); a record for our jointly-managed scheme. Entries for the test, which we run in partnership with IDP: IELTS Australia and University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, have almost doubled in the last three years.

EXAMS FOR A CHANGING WORLD

938,000 candidates sat the exam in 2007, a figure encouraged by university entrance requirements, new immigration policies and professional recognition throughout the English-speaking world.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORK OVERSEAS

The IELTS test is a major element of English language work overseas. It is already recognized by educational institutions, employers, organizations and government agencies in over 68 countries. It is a partnership operation, it generates a considerable financial contribution to the organization, and it consolidates our relationship with high level stakeholders such as the British, Canadian and Australian Governments, as well as the Higher Education and professional association networks in several countries. IELTS is now recognized globally by 6,000 organizations, institutions and governments.

GAINING AN ADVANTAGE

Isobel Oliveira, IELTS Marketing Manager, explains this growth. 'IELTS is a high stakes test, and becoming increasingly more so. There are reasons attributable to its importance and popularity. One is the increase in global mobility for work and study and the need for a reliable English language test to satisfy immigration authorities and universities.'

ABAN Calendar of Events 2008

The fifth Executive body of ABAN has decided tentatively the following monthly activities, besides the regular publication of Newsletter and ECM meetings:

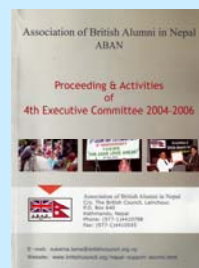
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| January 17 28 | Invitation Notice in Kantipur for AGM/ ABAN Day on February 8, 2008 Preparations for AGM / ABAN Day 2008 |
| February 8 24 | 10 th AGM and 3 rd ABAN Day Celebration at British Embassy hall , Lainchour, Kathmandu Talk program: Constituent Assembly Election in Nepal by Mr. Neel Kantha Upreti, Election Commissioner of Nepal |
| March 25 | Talk program: |
| April 13 23 | Annual Picnic to celebrate Nepali New Year Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Launching of 4 th Edition of ABAN Magazine |
| May | Publication of 3 rd Edition of Membership Directory |
| June | Talk program: |
| July | Talk program: |
| August | Talk program: |
| September | Talk program: |
| October | Talk program: Service to Old Age Home with Dassain gifts |
| November | Audit Report of Accounts for 2063/64 Renewal of ABAN registration in CDO office Talk: Program: |
| December | 11 th Annual General Meeting and Election for the Sixth Executive Committee |

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www.britishcouncil.org/nepal-support-alumni.html

www.britishcouncil.org/nepal-support-alumni-membership.html

Sale of ABAN Cap & Proceedings



Few remaining good quality Cap brought out by ABAN DAY Celebration Committee 2006) with ABAN Logo is on sale for Rs.200/-.

A book on the Proceedings and Activities of ABAN's 4th Executive Committee 2004-2006 is available on sale for Rs.100/- each.

Please contact the Editor for your copy of the Cap and the Proceedings book before the stock is finished.

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