

ABAN Celebrates ABAN DAY & 19th Annual General Meeting



The nineteenth annual general meeting of ABAN was held on ABAN Day of February 04, 2017 at the British Council, Lazimpat amidst an august gathering of more than 65 ABANians and guests. Chief guest Dr. Jiba Raj Pokhrel, VC NAST inaugurated the AGM by lighting panas. Special Guests Prof. Dr. Damodar Prasad Pokhrel, President of Association of Nepalese Alumni from Australia (ANAA), Dr. Ram Chandra Bhusal, President of JICA Alumni Association of Nepal (JAAN) and Mr. Bhim Bahadur Adhikari, President of Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust also felicitated ABAN on this occasion. Vice President of ABAN Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety welcomed the guests and members and Past President Mr. Dilli Raj Joshi gave ABAN DAY speech on the historical development from its inception in 1997.

ABAN President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha addressed the gathering, thanked his executive team and coordinators of different subcommittees for their support and cooperation that helped ABAN to achieve some success in four key areas:

- 1) **Membership** is gradually increasing from 246 in 2001 to 302 by March 2005, 378 by June 2010, to 394 by March 2015 and 403 by January 2017. From August 2015, 15 new life members have joined ABAN and two Ordinary members have been converted to Life member. Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey of Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust has conferred Honorary membership of ABAN for his donation of Rs.500,000/- for an endowment fund plus Rs.30,000/- to service the senior citizens regularly.



Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) is a not-for-profit social organization affiliated with the British Council, active for the welfare of the Nepalese, who studied in UK and pursue an interest in the socio-economic development of Nepal.

ABAN also works for cultural and educational exchange between Nepal and Britain.

ABAN MAGAZINE 2017



Chief guest of the 19th AGM of ABAN Dr. Jiba Raj Pokhrel released the ABAN Magazine 2017 on the occasion and said both the cover and content of the Magazine are attractive and meaningful to reflect the 200 years of Nepal- Britain relations. The contents detailed the historical events and milestones of the relations, listed all the different associations and agencies working to strengthen the relation in UK and in Nepal, besides other interesting experience sharing of the British education.

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2) Activities carried out during 2015-2016:

- a) Service to 42 senior citizens of Nishahaya Sewa Kendra, Baneshwor,
- b) Talk programs on 5 occasions,
- c) ABAN Membership Directory 2016,
- d) ABAN Newsletter 14 issues since 2015
- e) ABAN Family picnic at Doleshwor,
- f) ABAN Magazine 2017 released,
- g) ABAN website updated,
- h) A new 15 minutes TV program on ABAN activities broadcast on NTV Plus and also featured on YouTube.

3) Financial Situation showed highest cash balance of Rs.496,380 in July 2011. Since then, the balance had been depleted to Rs. 289,607 by July 2015. The trend is now reversed with a net addition of Rs.540,157 and raised the bank balance to Rs. 829,264 by 3 Feb. 2017. ABAN financial situation will further improve to exceed Rs.1 million after collection of advertising revenue of ABAN Magazine within few months.

4) Participation in various programs of British Council, British Embassy and other like-minded organizations including EDGE event of the Council on April 15, 2016, Chevening Bicentenary reception on May 18 and the 90th Birthday celebration of Her Majesty the queen Elizabeth II on June 15, 2016.

President Maheswor thanked members of the 9th Executive Committee for their active support to turn around the situation of ABAN. He lauded the active support of General Secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi, Asst. Treasurer Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle, Executive Member Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel and other members of 9th ECM including IPP Mr. Shankar Prasad Paudel.

Chief Guest Dr. Jiba Raj Pokhrel released ABAN Magazine 2017, and handed over Token of Appreciations to VP Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety, Executive member Mrs. Padma Vaidya and first Honorary Member to Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey.

He expressed his nostalgic feeling of being pleasantly associated with the University of York for his Ph.D. study during 1992-95. He remembered Britain Nepal relations from the visit of Father Grover in 1643 when he met ruling king Pratap Malla, whom he amazed by gifting a binocular. He said the 1923 Treaty of Friendship with the British helped Nepal to be free from Chinese suppression. Nepalese prime minister Junga Bahadur's visit to UK in 1850 imported many western architectures in Nepal including the dome shaped Kalamochan temple built in 1876. Nepal has helped Britain in the two world wars, and Falkland and Afghanistan wars. He also indicated several areas where Nepal can learn from Britain including their expert handling of Thames river pollution, disaster management after the 1666 fire of UK and the corruption minimization.

ABAN Past President Mr. Rabi Jung Pandey extended Vote of Thanks to the chief guest, guests of Honor and chairman of MSMT Mr. Bhim Bahadur Adhikari on the occasion.

President Maheswor adjourned the inaugural session of the AGM after thanking the chief guest for his inspiring speech, heartfelt thanks to British Ambassador to Nepal HE Mr. Richard Morris and British Council Country Director Dr. Jovan Ilic for their positive support. He thanked Life member Mr. Upendra Bahadur Shrestha, British Council officials Mr. Sumit Amatya, Ms. Suchita Shrestha, Ms. Dibya and Ms. Asha Manandhar; British Embassy officials Mr. Dinesh Wagle and Mr. Kapindra Neupane for their special help and all the Past Presidents and members of ABAN present in the AGM.

ABAN Signs MOU With MSMT

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT) on 30th January 2017, where MSMT agreed to donate Rs.500,000/- to ABAN as endowment fund so as to generate regular annual interest income thereby supporting the social, medical or educational welfare programs being led by ABAN.

Likewise ABAN, in consideration, agreed to undertake and support Senior Citizen Home in Kathmandu (SCH) on an annual basis through the interest arises from the donation. MSMT shall hold the supreme position so as to ensure better protection and preservation of the project. MSMT shall receive regular update and feedback in relation to the activities related to SCH carried out by ABAN.

ABAN is free to raise funds through their own initiatives so as to support and run their projects. However, ABAN shall be obliged to share the details, personal information along with periodic update of every senior citizens residing at SCH. ABAN shall acknowledge the contribution provided by MSMT in its Annual General Meetings.

ABAN president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha and Vice President Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety were authorized to sign the MOU by the 15th executive committee meeting of the 9th ECM held on January 27, 2017. Details of MOU in next page.



Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered on November 14, 2016 between Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust, which is registered at District Administration Office Kathmandu (hereinafter referred to as "MSMT") duly represented by its Founder Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey.

AND

Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN), a non-profit social organization affiliated with the British Council duly registered under the appropriate laws of Nepal having registered address at Lazimpat, Kathmandu (hereinafter referred to as "ABAN") represented by its president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha.

BOTH

MSMT and ABAN collectively called as "Parties".

WHEREAS MSMT agreed to donate NPR 500,000/- (in words Five Hundred thousand Nepalese Rupees) as endowment fund so as to generate regular annual interest income to support social, medical or educational welfare programs being led by ABAN. The interest amount will be used in concurrence with MSMT. MSMT also agreed to donate Rs.30,000/- to initiate the service project in early 2017.

LIKEWISE ABAN in consideration agreed to undertake welfare/support project for a chosen (in consultation with MSMT) Senior Citizen Home in Nepal (SCH) on regular annual basis through the interest income arising from the endowment fund mentioned above by MSMT. Every year the SCH will be selected based on a pre-developed criteria agreed upon by ABAN and MSMT. Activities will be undertaken jointly by ABAN and MSMT.

NOW THIS MOU WITNESS AS UNDER:

A) On the Part of MSMT:

- MSMT agreed to donate NPR. 500,000/- (In words Five Hundred thousand Nepalese Rupees) as endowment fund to ABAN. Provided however that, ABAN shall use the mentioned donation to generate the interest so as to meet the annual support of the selected SCH lead by ABAN. MSMT will further donate Rs.30,000/- to start undertaking similar service project in February 2017 at a date as convenient to ABAN and MSMT.

B) On the part of ABAN:

- ABAN being obliged to MSMT shall be bound to utilize the mentioned donation in the preferred project of SCH from the interest income of the endowment fund as provided by MSMT.



- ABAN shall be free to raise funds through their own initiatives so as to support and run their projects. MSMT shall have the option to raise its donation to provide further more service projects as may be mutually agreed.
- ABAN shall be obliged to report to MSMT annually the details of the delivery of services provided to SCH or such other project as agreed from MSMT fund.
- ABAN and MSMT jointly involve in the delivery of services provided to the SCH each year.
- ABAN shall acknowledge the contribution provided by MSMT in regular basis, in its Annual General Meeting and honor MSMT in appropriate manner.

E) Settlement of Disputes:

Any dispute if so arises as a result of non-fulfillment on the part of either of the Parties than primarily such shall be settled through amicable way and in a good faith.

Both Parties, after carefully reading the terms and conditions detailed above and having agreed to abide by the same have, with their free consent, fixed their seal and signature on this agreement through their authorized representative as mentioned above on the day and date written first hereinabove affixing the signature of witnesses as below.

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Witness:

Signature: *Bhim Bahadur Adhikari*
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Signature: *Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety*
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Vice President, ABAN
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Date: 30 January 2017

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WOW Kathmandu on February 18

WOW (Women of the World) Kathmandu is being held on February 18, 2017 at National Administrative Staff College in Jawalakhel, Lalitpur (11 am – 8 pm). Women of the World is a global movement of festivals that celebrates women and girls and takes a frank look at the obstacles they face. WOW was founded at the Southbank Center, London and is being organized in Kathmandu for the first time jointly with British Council and local partners from Nepal. Speakers from across South Asia will take part and highlights of this one day festival include panel discussions, bites, speed mentoring, workshops and performances. The entry to the festival is free for everyone.

Gender equality is the right of every girl and woman to make her own decision, to fulfill her potential in whatever way she sees fit and not to subscribe to any idea that might limit that potential.

WOW was launched in 2011 to tell woman's stories of all kind from the traumatic to triumphant as a powerful tool for a change. "WOW festival is about celebrating all girls and women have done in history and in our current society and challenging the obstacles that prevent them from realizing their full potential into the future" says founder Jude Kelly Director of Southbank Center, London, one of the largest cultural organizations of the world.

After the success of WOW Karachi in May 2016, the British Council in partnership with Southbank Center is bringing WOW to Kathmandu for the first time in February 18. Kathmandu is full of women and men who are passionate to make positive change. Kelly knows the key to change is education. "Not just women's education but men's education, and there are extraordinary and brilliant women in South Asia who have been leading this process of change and have given the western world approaches and ideas that have changed the landscape here too".

ABAN 19th AGM Elects 10th Executive Committee



In the business session of the AGM, General Secretary Mr. Uttam P. Pant presented Annual Report of ABAN for 2016/17.

Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Shiba Devi Kaphle presented financial statements and Auditor's Report of FY 2072/73. The AGM approved the audit report of 2072/73 and reappointed M/s. H.R. Bhatta & Associates to audit accounts of FY 2073/74 as well at Rs.10,000/- including VAT.

Election committee chair Immediate Past President Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel and member Past President Mr. Rabi Jung Pandey and Mr. Radha Krishna Bhandari appraised the admirable activities of the ninth executive committee and with the consensus of the audience, he announced continuation of the ninth executive team for a second term of two years 2017-2019 with some new names in the vacant positions. The AGM also authorized the 10th ECM to fill up any vacancies when needed.



The nineteenth annual general meeting of the Association of British Alumni of Nepal approved with applause the following names in the tenth Executive Committee:

1. President: Mr. Maheswor B. Shrestha
2. General Secretary: Mr. Uttam Pant
3. Treasurer: Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi
4. Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. Shiba Devi Kaphle
5. Member: Mr. Tulasi Prasad Upreti
6. Member: Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta
7. Member: Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel
8. Member: Mrs. Padma Vaidya
9. Member: Dr. Prerm Ratna Sthapit
10. Member: Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan
11. Member: Mr. Bhisma Upreti
12. Member: Mr. Nava Raj Nakarmi
13. Member: Mrs. Kalpa Lata Dahal
14. IPP: Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel.



All the ABAN members present in the AGM congratulated the newly formed tenth executive committee of ABAN and wished them success in taking ABAN to a greater height of performance, consolidation and effectiveness to achieve its objectives.



New Life Members Joining ABAN from August 2015

1. Dr. Nastu Prasad Sharma (ID 491)
2. Miss Sanjivani Shrestha (ID 492)
3. Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel (ID 116 Ord. to Life)
4. Mr. Govinda Neupane (ID 493)
5. Mr. Janak Sharma Paudel (ID 494)
6. Mr. Shakti Kumar Golyan (ID 495)
7. Dr. Dhruva Pd. Acharya (ID 143 Ord. to Life)
8. Mr. Ushik Shrestha (ID 496)
9. Miss. Pratigya Thapa (ID 497)
10. Mr. Laba Prasad Tripathi (ID 498)
11. Mr. Subin Man Pradhan (ID 499)
12. Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey (ID 500)
13. Mr. Prateek Man Singh (ID 501)
14. Mr. Rabindra Mananda Bajracharya (ID 502)
15. Mr. Ramesh Maskey (ID 503)
16. Mr. Tirtha Bahadur Joshi (ID 504)
17. Mr. Moti Prasad Thapa (ID 505)
18. Dr. Prem Singh Basnyat (ID 506)
19. Mrs. Rama Dahal (ID 507)
20. Mr. Eureka Ranjit (ID 508)
21. Mr. Saraju Baidya (ID 509)

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ABAN Calendar of Events 2017-2019

Month of 2017-19	Main Activities
January 27	15th ECM meeting 14th issue of ABAN Newsletter
February 04	19th AGM and ABAN Day held 1st ECM meeting of the 10th ECM and 15th issue of ABAN Newsletter published
March	2nd Executive Committee meeting Talk program Service to Senior Citizen Home with MSMT

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