

ABAN TALK: Migration and Development



Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) is a not-for-profit social organization, registered with District Administration office on February 04, 1998 and is affiliated with the British Council. The Association is actively engaged 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.

As the role of international migration in economic growth has been well recognized, we have to explore the possibility of reversing the flow of international migration from north to south: or from developed to developing countries.

Reversing the flow of international migration from north to south will increase total net world opportunities through synergistic effects, help close the gap between rich and poor countries through sharing the world prosperity and increase the world harmony through the integration of diverse population.

Unlike the main stream scholarly work in the field, the presentation viewed the international migration from the perspective of possibilities to implement reverse migration policy as development strategy in the least developed countries. Reversing migration is currently taking place in the world in a slower pace without conscious efforts as it has not been recognized so far as a possible growth strategy. If implemented effectively, this strategy may bring a significant change in the level of world economic growth and prosperity. However, the implementation of the policy is a difficult task and needs a concerted effort from various agencies such as governments, international agencies and central banks.

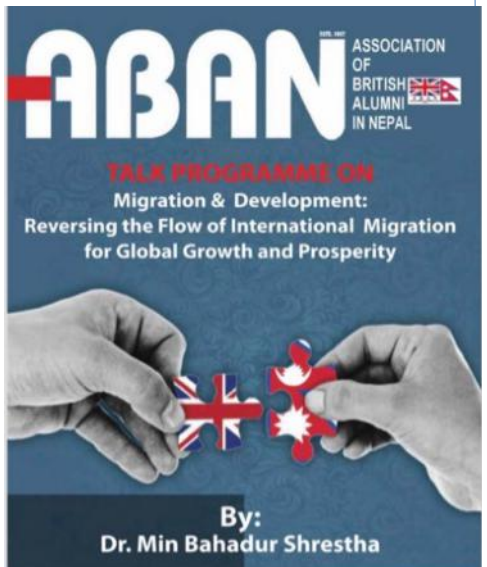
Reversing migration is different than the traditional migration in the sense that the

labor moves from south to north, while in the reverse migration, migrants take along with them their physical wealth and technology.

When reverse migration takes place, the financial and human capital will accelerate the innovation and will also help reduce current widening gap between rich and poor countries. Moreover, reverse migration can play a key role in speeding up the world integration since world harmony can be better achieved and maintained through the complete integration of world population of diverse backgrounds.

Reverse migration would be possible only if there are sufficient factors that maximize the personal utility or sense of happiness of the migrant. In this regard, various elements of attraction attached to such migration, the changing interpretation of wealth and happiness and changing world systems and life styles combined with effective implementation of appropriate reverse migration promoting measures by the destination country can make the policy possible and beneficial. Since the implementation of reverse migration policy is a difficult task, it needs a concerted effort from various agencies such as governments, international agencies and others. International agencies can play a crucial role in implementing the reverse migration policy as a growth strategy in poor countries.

Government of many poor countries may be unwilling to implement this policy due to vested interest of people in power and resistance to change although it may bring huge benefits to their people and the country as a whole.



ABAN Life Member Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha did his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Hult International Business School (Huron campus) London, UK in 1994 before obtaining his Ph. D. in Economics from the University of Wollongong, Australia. He also holds MPA and MA degrees from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. Dr. Shrestha is a prominent economist, who served as Vice Chairman of National Planning Commission and head of research in Nepal Rastra Bank (central bank of Nepal).

An ABANian Heads Sunrise Bank



Sunrise Bank chairman Mr. Moti Lal Dugad welcomed Mr. Janak Sharma Paudel as Chief Executive Officer of the bank on July 25, 2019. The bank's Board of Directors meeting on July 12 had named Mr. Sharma as its CEO.

On joining the Sunrise Bank as ECO, Mr. Janak Sharma Paudel had declared to adopt latest technology services and invest in most productive sectors.

CEO Mr. Paudel had started his banking career with Nabil Bank for 11 years 32 years ago, then moved to NIC Asia Bank for 5 years and Laxmi Bank for 2 years. He also worked in Barclay's Bank London for 4.5 years while he completed his MBA study in London School of Commerce during 2003-04.

Mr. Janak Sharma Paudel joined the Association of British Alumni in Nepal as Life Member on December 17, 2015.

ABAN Magazine 2019



ABAN Executive Committee has decided to publish **ABAN Magazine 2019**. ABAN Members are requested to please provide a short write up on the area of their expertise to highlight how British education and expertise has helped them develop Nepal.

Direct your write up and advertising support to ABAN Magazine sub-committee:

- Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha- Coordinator
- Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle - Member
- Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety - Member
- Mr. Bhisma Upreti - Member
- Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan - Member
- Mr. Eureka Ranjit - Member Secretary

Interaction with Educational Consultancy Associations of Nepal



President of BAN Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant welcomed invited guests from various associations of educational consultancies in Nepal including ECAN, IERIN, FECON, NECA, NADGR, NECA etc. in an interaction program on August 3 to discuss on the areas of cooperation between the educational consultancies in Nepal and ABAN for the promotion of British Education and its impact in Nepal.



Mr. Uttam Pant briefed the objective of the gathering is also to strengthen the educational, cultural and other relations between ABAN and these Associations. Mr. Bishnu Hari Pandey, president of ECAN talked about public complaint on the large outflow of resources on foreign education, Mr. Kumar Karki, president of IERIN and Mr. Santosh Pyakurel of NECA expressed their willingness to cooperate with ABAN, which can help them in selecting the British Universities and Institutions for the desired subjects of their student clients.

Count on Your Successes of British Education



ABAN Members and others who have studied in the UK are invited to write about their experience and details on how they were able to contribute to the development of Nepal. For publication, please forward your details to mahesworbs@gmail.com

UK in Nepal



July 30, HMA Morris co-launched Hamro Samman Innovation Challenge for @DFIDNepal: 'Human trafficking is cruel & abusive. Tackling it requires inventive partnerships from across society.'

August 23, 2019

Shree Krishna Janmashtami Celebration



Honorary Member of ABAN Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, who is also founder of Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT) celebrated Shree Krishna Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Shree Krishna on August 23 at Sundarjial Aadhyatmik Sadhana Kendra run by MSMT for the past 3 decades. MSMT is providing a fund to ABAN for conducting an annual service to the senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali, in February as part of the ABAN Day celebration.



60 YEARS IN NEPAL



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD 2019-22



International School Award to 41 schools in Nepal



The British Council Nepal awarded International School Award to 41 schools in Nepal and reaccredited three schools at their award ceremony held on 20th August 2019. This award is endorsed by the Center for Education and Human Resource Development (CEHRD) and this is the 7th year that Nepali Schools are being awarded through this programme.

The awards were handed over by the Chief Guest, Mr. Khagaraj Baral, Honourable Secretary, Ministry of Education Science and Technology and Guest of Honour Richard Morris, HMG British Ambassador to Nepal, British Embassy, Kathmandu.

Out of 64 schools from all over Nepal initially working on International School Award, 56 schools submitted their dossiers last year. The award-winning schools will be allowed to use the coveted International School Award kite mark along with their school logo on all the official stationery and promotional materials for a period of three years. British Council Nepal is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year in Nepal and 20th year of successful ISA.

Along with the award ceremony, The British Council also hosted a policy dialogue on "Embedding global learning and International dimension into the curriculum". The main objective of the event was to provide a platform for stakeholders from the Ministry of Education and its line agencies, UK and schools from Nepal along with international speakers, practitioners and University experts to discuss

- where they are with preparing their students for a place in the global economy and
- how they might embed international dimension into their school's ethos and curriculum and
- explore current best practices from Nepal and globally.



Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director, British Council Nepal on the occasion said, "British Council Nepal is celebrating 60 years in Nepal this year. This year is also the 20th anniversary of International School Award under Connecting Classroom delivered in partnership with DFID globally, and the 7th year in Nepal. The International School Award framework encourages schools to make the most of their international partnerships to fulfil multiple educational objectives such as language learning, developing international values and raising skills and standards and supporting the key Sustainable Development Goals across the curriculum and ethos of school environment. ISA over the years have reached 500 schools from 31 districts, 129000 students, 3000 teachers and 400 school leaders.



Progress on IELTS Exam Registration by ABAN

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal registers candidate for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examinations since April 11, 2019. So far, ABAN has registered 43 candidates for IELTS exam since April 11, thus marking a good beginning of cooperation with the British Council. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is one of the most popular English language proficiency tests developed by Cambridge Assessment English, a branch of the University of Cambridge, UK. It evaluates all four English language skills – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

ABAN in Pokhara

ABAN Executive Committee meeting held on August 23, 2019 has decided to serve Apangata Maitri Samaj in Pokhara together with a talk program by ABAN Life Member Dr. Badri Raj Pandey on September 21, 2019. The meeting also approved the Life Membership application of Mr. Sindhu Lal Shrestha of Pokhara, who is interested and has agreed to promote ABAN membership in Pokhara.



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New Life Members Joining from February 2019

1. Mr. Dinesh Pradhan (ID 528) on Feb.9, 2019
2. Dr. Jovan Ilic (ID 529) on February 9, 2019.
3. Mr. Subas KC (ID 530) on May 14, 2019.
4. Mr. Anup Acharya (ID 531) on May 14, 2019
5. Mr. Surendra Prasad Lohani (ID 532) "
6. Mr. Jagdish Kumar Khoju (ID 533) on May 14
7. Mrs. Indu Tuladhar (ID 534) on May 14, 2019
8. Mr. Kumar Prasad Khanal (ID535) 28 Jul
9. Mrs. Romi Manandhar (ID536) 28 July 2019
10. Mr. Sindhu Lal Shrestha (ID537) 23 Aug.2019

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ABAN Activity Report 2019 - 2020

Month of 2019	Main Activities
February 02	Election of 11 th Executive Committee in the 21 st Annual General Meeting
February 09	Service to Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali, kathmandu
February 09	First Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at Park Village, Budhanilkantha
February 26	Second Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
February 27	ABAN Newsletter February 2019 no.01/11 published
March 06	Mr. Purushottam Shumsher Talk on Nepal & Britain Relation during Rana Rule
March 08	Meeting with Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director of British Council Nepal
March 15	Third Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
March 29	ABAN Newsletter March 2019 no.02/11 published Talk Program on by Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel
April 07	Visit to CVM Kindergarten Pre-School Gradualtion at Gathagar, Bhaktapur
April 08	ABAN – British Council meeting about IELTS Registration
April 10	Fourth Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
April	ABAN Authorized for IELTS Exam Registration
April 26	Bhisma Upteri's Book Released
May 11	ABAN Family Picnic at Dhulikhel Jungle Resort
May 14	Fifth Executive Committee meeting
June	Executive Committee meeting
July 12	Release of a book: Yogamayadham by Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, President ABAN
August 04	Meeting with ECAN, IERIN and NECA
August 09	Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha talks on Reversing Migration for Nepal's Development
August 23	Sixth Executive Committee meeting
Sept. 21	Service to Apangata Maitri Samaj, Pokhara Talk Program by Dr. Badri Raj Pandey on his Experience of British Education

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