

Ninth Executive Committee Meeting Approves Dr. Mrigendra as 500th Member



ABAN Executive Meeting in Session



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 the cultural and educational exchange between Nepal and Britain.

The ninth meeting of the 9th Executive Committee of ABAN held on September 29, 2016 at ULCI, Dillibazar discussed the following agenda items for decisions:

Renewal of ABAN Registration

It was informed that ABAN tax clearance has been completed for three years till FY 2071/72 and has also been registered with KMC Ward no. 15 office at Lainchour, which has recommended for renewal of ABAN registration. District Development Committee Kathmandu office required audit report of FY 2072/73 as well to recommend for renewal of registration with CDO office.

Talk Program

A talk program is proposed on October 23, when speaker Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, the newest Life Member joining ABAN, will share his experience of British education. Interested other Life members and past presidents of ABAN are requested to make presentations on topics relevant to their profession and UK- Nepal relations.

Fund Raising Activity

The Committee decided to publish **ABAN Magazine 2016** (Issue no.8) as a commemorative issue for celebrating Britain-Nepal 200 years and also as a fund raising tool of the Association through the collection of advertisements. A five member Magazine publication subcommittee was formed with Mr. Punya Paudyal as Coordinator.

Each member of ABAN will strive to collect advertisements, as a source of revenue, and quality articles relating to British- Nepal Relations, socio-economic and educational aspects of Nepal within December and edit/print during January for distribution on the proposed ABAN Day celebration on February 5, 2017. Support of British Embassy and British Council will also be sought in this venture.

The sub-committee met on October 3 and discussed the principles and modalities of collecting relevant articles and supportive advertisements for the ABAN Magazine.

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Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey Joins ABAN as Life Member



Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, who is the first MRCP physician of Nepal, joined the Association of British Alumni in Nepal as Life Member on September 29, 2016 and has become the

newest and 500th member. He completed his DTM&H (England) in 1957, MRCP (Edinburgh) in 1959, FRCP in 1969 and FFPHM (UK) by Distinction in 1992.

Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey is Regional Advisor of Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in Nepal and a recipient of **CVO** (Commander of Victorian Order) honor from **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth** the second. In Nepal, the government has honored him with highest awards like Om Ram Patta, Trisakti Patta Class I, Gorkha Dakchhin Bahu Class I.

After the highly acclaimed British degrees in medicine and work experience of about 2 years in British hospitals, Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey served in Bir Hospital to revolutionize modern medical practices in the country including the establishment of ICU and CCU in Bir Hospital as early as in 1974. One of his cherished memories is the beginning of Post graduate medical education program in Nepal with the help of consultant from the Royal College of Physicians, UK.

Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey has served as Royal Physician for a long period of time and has helped establish a strong medical links with British hospitals and other institutions.





BRITAIN NEPAL 200

200 Years of Nepal- Britain Diplomatic Relations: 1816-2016



Celebrating



June 11, 2016 is the Official 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II, Commander-in-Chief of British Armed Forces.



Having joined the British Army in 1945, HRH Princess Elizabeth was trained as driver and a mechanic, and is now the only surviving head of state to have served in the world war II.



British Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Richard Morris and Mrs. Alison J. Morris celebrated the 90th Birthday of HM the Queen Elizabeth II on June 15, 2016 amidst a gala event attended by the high-ranking government officials, Chief Justice Hon'ble Mrs. Sushila Karki as the chief guest, diplomats and luminaries of Nepalese society including ABAN President and the General Secretary.

Bicentennial Stories

Personal stories celebrating 200 years of Britain-Nepal Relations

Col JP Cross was born in Britain in 1925. He joined the British Army in 1943 and first came to Nepal in 1947. He served in various locations, and eventually retired after 39 years. He spent the final years of his military service in Pokhara, Nepal and decided to stay. He became a Nepali citizen in 2015.



"It has been 71 years since I first joined hands with Nepalis. I am now 93 years old. There is not much time left for me now. I have become used to living in Nepal and with Nepalis, I feel carefree here. I like it here. This is what the God seems to have scribed for me".

"I was very proud when I got the Nepali citizenship. It is not something that you get easily. I am delighted, proud and happy to be a Nepali. I don't love this place anymore than before. It is my place now. I am honored guest. Likewise, my relations with Britain and the British is just the same. Being from two cultures means two clocks on the wall. The clock on the top shows Nepal time and the bottom clock which was given to me in the First Gurkha Rifle in March 2015 in the 200th anniversary, shows UK time".

Col Cross is a prolific writer. He is currently working on his 20th book. "I have had 19 books on grammar, autobiography, jungle warfare, novels, and a quick take and now I am trying to write 20th book."

Cross lives with his surrogate son and his family in Pokhara. He walks for four hours in the morning. He talks to dozens of people on the way. "Part of the family"

Bicentennial Stories



British Astronaut Tim Peake speaks to Nepali students from Brihaspati Vidyasadan School live from the international space station.

Q1: What's the most beautiful view from space?

Tim Peake's Answer: "Well, by far the most beautiful view from space that I have seen yet, has been Aurora Borealis those beautiful green lights at the north and south of our planet. Wonderful to see".



Bicentenary of Anglo-Nepal War and Treaty of Peace

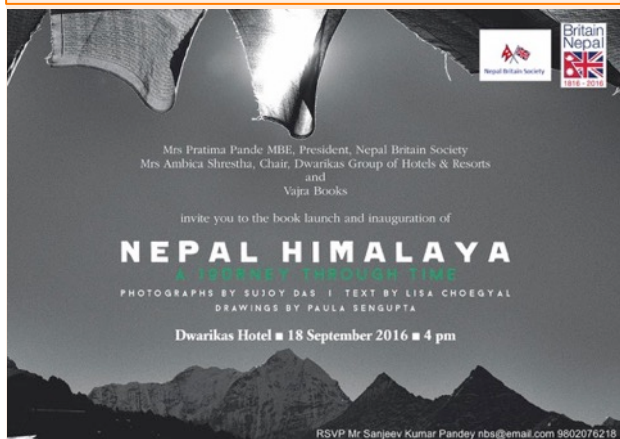
A British Chevening scholar and a Nepal Army Officer, Dr. Prem Singh Basnyat, who did PhD in Military History in UK, presented an analytical review of the Bicentenary of Anglo-Nepal War that concluded in Treaty of Sugauli on 2 Dec. 1815 and ratified on 4 March 1816. Dr. Basnyat



addressed a gathering of eminent personalities including professors, historians, past ambassadors and patron of Nepal Britain Society on June 8, 2016.

BRITAIN NEPAL 200

200 Years of Nepal- Britain Diplomatic Relations: 1816 - 2016 AD



Nepal Britain Society arranged a launch of Britain Nepal Bicentenary Book **Nepal Himalaya : A Journey Through Time** by Sujoy Das and Lisa

Choegyal with an introduction by Reinhold Messner on 18 September 2016 at Dwarikas Hotel in Kathmandu, the venue so graciously sponsored by its owner Mrs. Ambika Shrestha.

Mrs. Pratima Pandey MBE President of the Nepal Britain Society welcomed the guests attending the event and spoke about the 200 year relationship and bicentenary activities, while Mrs. Lisa Choegyal addressed the guests about the book and how it came about, and a wonderful presentation of historic photographs, people and mountain images of Nepal by Sujoy Das.

The publisher Mr. Bidur Dangol of Vajra Books said a few words, and Dr. Paula Sengupta who contributed the unique line drawings was also present on the occasion.



Sharing Best Practices For Girl's Education



On 16 September the British Council organized a sharing event on 'best mentoring practices on girl education. It is widely accepted that improving access to quality education of

girls' brings about positive socio-economic outcomes. One of the ways for promoting quality girls' education in Nepal is through mentoring.

The objective of the event was to share best mentoring practices on girls' education and share with the ministry of education a the best practices. The event was participated by 50 participants from government, NGOs, INGOs, civil society organizations and beneficiaries.

International Schools Award 2016



British Council Nepal awarded International Schools Award to eleven Nepalese schools and reaccruited two schools at an event on 15 September 2016. This award is endorsed and supported by the

Ministry of Education and this is the fourth year, Nepali Schools are being awarded through this award scheme.

The award was handed over by special guests Ms Katherine Smitton, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy in Kathmandu and Mr Narahari Aryal, Deputy Director, Depart of Education, Government of Nepal. Both the special guests congratulated the winners and shared the importance of being global citizens in today's time.

Twenty five schools from eight districts of Nepal had submitted their dossier out of 100 schools initially working on International School Award. Full Award is granted to 11 Schools out of these 25 dossier submissions. Two schools have been reaccruited for ISA awards this year.

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Any Other Business

a) Query about progress of 9th ECM in the first year so far was replied with a net growth of 9 new members after 2 years of stagnation and financial turn around with positive increase in bank balance by Rs.50,585 in July 2016 after 4 years of continuous decline.

b) The Committee meeting also approved:

i) Life membership application of Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, introduced by Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, and

ii) Payment of Rs.15,000/- to Star Media for producing a 20 minutes TV program on ABAN activities and for broadcasting it on NTV Plus and TV Today.

Auditors M/s. H.R. Bhatta & Associate's Report for FY 2072/73 was approved. It will be submitted to the Tax office and office of District Development Committee for renewal of ABAN registration with the CDO office.

The president thanked all those present in the ex-com for their active participation.



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 (ID116 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 P. Acharya (ID143 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)

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ABAN Accounts 2015/2016

Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi and statutory auditors M/s. H.R. Bhatta & Associates have prepared annual accounts and Auditor's Report for the fiscal year 2072/73 (2015/16).

The financial accounts of the year reveal that the Association had the income from Membership fee and other sources of Rs.225,531 and expenses of Rs.183,364 with a net surplus of Rs.42,167/-. Total reserve and surplus until 30 Ashad 2073 was Rs.313,143/-

The bank balance as on 30 Ashad 2073 was Rs.334,627.63 with Rs.33,961.28 as payables.

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