

## Ninth Executive Committee of ABAN Takes Charge of the Association



### ABANians

*From left to right:  
Padma Vaidya,  
Mahendra Khanal,  
Uttam Prasad,  
Pant, Maheswor  
Bhakta Shrestha,  
Shankar Prasad  
Paudel and  
Madhav Bhatta on  
August 21, 2015*

### Ninth ABAN President Mr. Maheswor Shrestha takes over from IPP Shankar Pd. Paudel and Uttam Pant takes over from Mahendra Khanal as General Secretary

The second meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Members (ECM) of ABAN was held on August 21, 2015, chaired by its President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha. He took over the charge of ABAN leadership from Immediate Past President Mr. Shankar Prasad Paudel. General Secretary Mr. Mahendra Khanal handed over the minute book, other documents and saleable lapel pin and caps to the custody of General Secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant. IPP Mr. Shankar Prasad Paudel assured that the books of account, bank cheque

books etc. and the audit report now under preparation would be handed over shortly.

Mr. Uttam Pant informed about his recent meeting with the new Country Director designate of the British Council and British Ambassador to Nepal Mr. John Rankin in a function where he informed them about ABAN's new Executive team and the desire to schedule a formal meeting with them shortly.

The executive committee meeting decided to hold its monthly meetings normally on

the last Friday of each month and meeting agenda will be circulated in advance and sms reminder on the day of the meeting.

The Association will initiate regular talk programs, preferably at the British Council hall. Possible speakers were identified as Dr. Tsering on his support to Nepal Earthquake victims, Ms. Laxmi Rajak about her recent experiences of British Education, Mr. Harward Green, Chairman of Pahar Trust, visiting Nepal in November about his school building program in Nepal, and Dr. Swornim Wagley, honorable member of National Planning Commission on the prospects of Nepalese economy.

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their get together at Kathmandu scheduled on September 26.

Executive members and other ABANians have rescued and extended help to the victims of recent earthquake in Nepal. Such ongoing activities will be listed soon to help design new support programs for rehabilitation of the quake victims at different locations.

The meeting decided to coordinate with the British Embassy to celebrate the auspicious 200 years of Britain-Nepal relations with different activities including Art and Essay Competition at school/college levels about the longstanding bilateral relations, display of theme logo, and other such activities soon.

The meeting also decided to prepare a Strategic Plan for ABAN for 2015-2017 period as a guide for all Executives and other members.

The meeting also decided a Committee Plan with eight committees to achieve the main objectives of ABAN. The Committee Coordinators will select other members to work with in their respective committees. All the past presidents of ABAN will be involved in an Advisory Council meeting at least twice yearly to review strategies and to help promote the image of ABAN in the public. *(Committee Plan in page 3)*

## UK ambassador, DFID chief join 'I am in Nepal Now' campaign



British Ambassador to Nepal John Rankin and DFID Nepal head Gail Marzetti took part in a social media campaign that encourages tourists to visit Nepal post earthquake disaster. Rankin and Marzetti are holding a placard reading 'I AM IN Nepal NOW' at Dhampus, Annapurna region on August 15, 2015 in order to encourage people to visit as Nepal is safe to travel.

Ambassador Rankin said that some areas are still unsafe after the earthquake that hit the country on April 25, but most of the country is now open for people to visit. "It is

very important for the economic recovery of Nepal that tourism should revive. So, "do come to Nepal for two reasons—one is to have the holiday of a lifetime. And the second, is to support the Nepali recovery after the earthquake" he said.

The April 25 earthquake posed a major setback to the country's tourism as some tourist destinations suffered damages. The campaign had a positive impact as hundreds of tourists have shared the placards saying "I am in Nepal Now" and "I am going to Nepal".

## International School Awards 2015



The British Council Nepal awarded International Schools Award to twelve Nepalese schools at an event organized on August 13, 2015. This award is endorsed and supported by the Ministry of Education and this is the third year, Nepali Schools are being awarded through this award scheme.

22 schools from nine districts of Nepal had applied for the ISA award out of which Full Award is granted to 12 schools:

- 1 Sirjana Community Secondary School, Kaski
- 2 St. Capitanio School, Palpa
- 3 Adarsha English Boarding Secondary School, Parbat
- 4 Durga Lower Secondary School, Baglung

- 5 Achane Higher Secondary School, Dhading
- 6 Traibidya Shikchhya Sadan, Kathmandu
- 7 Sakalya School (Eurokids Chauni), Kathmandu
- 8 Reliance International Academy (RIA) Kathmandu
- 9 Babylon National School, Kathmandu
- 10 Karnali Education Foundation, Jhapa
- 11 Suryajyoti lower secondary English boarding School, Jhapa
- 12 Delhi Public School, Dhara

The schools receiving the full award will be provided with a trophy and certificates for the School, Principal and ISA coordinator.



### Readers, please Note

- **Please attend monthly ABAN Talk program at British Council**
- **You can invite potential members to share their educational and professional experiences with ABANians**
- **Enjoy fellowship and intellectual discourse.**

#### *ABAN President*

Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha

#### *Publication Coordinator*

Punya Prasad Paudel

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### ABAN Committee Plan for 2015-2017

<i>Name of the Committee</i>	<i>Main Functions</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>
1. Cultural & Social	Annual Picnic/events, Fellowship dinners, Cultural activities etc.	Ms. Padma Vaidya
2. Health & Medical	Health Camps, blood donations, service to senior citizens etc.	Dr. Uma Shrivantava (Mrs)
3. Educational	Talks, Seminar, Workshops, Interactions, Debate, Scholarship supports, schools	Mr. Narayan Prasad Sharma
4. Program	Proceedings of meetings, events, AGM, Legal, Archives, Website, Social media	Mr. Uttam Pant Mrs Preety Karki
5. Publications and Promotions	ABAN Directory, Annual Magazine, Newsletter, Press/Media Releases	Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel Mr. Mahendra Khanal
6. Membership Development	Increase members, Safeguard interest, Directory, Skill Roster, Why ABAN booklet	Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant
7. Networking	Exchange visits, Link British Institutions, British Council, Embassy, NB Society	Mr. Shankar Prasad Paudel
8. Fund Raising	Various activities to raise fund for ABAN	Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta
9. Advisory Council	Promote the Image of ABAN, Britain-Nepal 200 Years, Review strategies half yearly	Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha and all Past Presidents of ABAN