

## British Embassy Organizes Chevening Bicentenary Reception



HE Ambassador Mr. Richard Morris with some of the ABAN Executives and members led by its president Maheswor B. Shrestha



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



The British Ambassador to Nepal HE Mr. Richard Morris invited select ABANians to join him and Mr. Owen Jenkins Director for South Asia and Afghanistan at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on May 18 at the Chevening Bicentenary Reception to celebrate the 200 years of Britain and Nepal relationship. ABAN team included the 9th Executive Committee members led by president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, Past Presidents and other members including Mrs. Pratima Pandey, also president of Nepal Britain Society.

Addressing the gathering, HE Ambassador said that over the past 200 years Britain and Nepal have



developed People to people relations, political relationship, and one important part of that relationship is Educational links between our two countries. "In this bicentennial year, we are celebrating educational ties.

The British Council is working hard to strengthen that educational part". The Council is administering exams for tens of thousands of people going to study in the UK".

"It is good to have this event to celebrate the bicentennial year educational ties, particularly about celebrating the Chevening and its predecessors. It is about training the best people who come back and serve their country with the skill and knowledge gained in Britain. We are delighted to have a lot of our Chevening Alumni here this evening. Chevening educational scheme now operate in about 150 different counties and we are delighted to have it operate in Nepal as well.

Over the years we had been sending one or two people to Britain as Chevening scholar, but the number has increased in recent years. Last year, we send 18 Chevening scholars to UK and we are hoping there will be similar number this year too. Chevening ties strengthen our relationship. We are delighted to have you in contact with us. Come back to Nepal and bring the skill and things you have learnt in UK".

*Dr. Jovan Ilic Country Director of the British Council interacted with ABAN members*



*on the occasion. He said he is keen to support ABAN in its endeavors.*



"About the foundation for the future of our relationship, we have such a strong relationship, such a strong partnership over the past 200 years".

"I am pleased to have all of you here, you are the partners in the educational side. People who studied in Britain are part of the future of our relationship. So, I am delighted to celebrate Chevening in the 200 years of our relationship. Those who are the British alumni in the past are our partners for the future for the modern relationship of our two countries".

*HE Ambassador Mr. Richard Morris*

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## ABAN Executive Committee Meetings

The 6th and 7th Executive meetings of ABAN held on May 8th and 23rd discussed the following agenda items

**1. Renewals:** ABAN registration with CDO office is due for renewal for past 3 years since 2069/70 to 2071/72. It was decided to hire an expert for this job and bear cost involved on it.

**2. ABAN Magazine 2015:** Publication of ABAN Magazine 2015 has generated a total surplus of Rs.43,000 with advertising collection of Rs.183,000 (including Rs.10,000 received from Asia publication) over the cost of printing and collections of Rs.140,000/-.

**3. AGM:** In order to approve annual accounts of 2071/72, ABAN AGM will be held on June 25, 2016.

**4. ABAN Website:** With the help of Neelam Gorkhali of Danfe Technologies, ABAN website [www.aban.org.np](http://www.aban.org.np) has been updated, with latest information uploaded there.

**5. Accounts Handover:** Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi has taken over the accounts of FY 2072/73 from the previous team, who signed the list of documents handed over.

**6. Membership Directory 2016** is ready and printed copies will be available soon.

## 9<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS of ABAN 2015-2017



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PRESIDENT



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## 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)
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