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Seventh Executive Committee
Quarterly News Bulletin**XIII AGM of ABAN and Election of 7th Executive Committee**

Thirteenth annual general meeting (AGM) of Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) was held on 20th December 2010 at Indreni complex, New Baneswor. The formal session was chaired by the President of the 6th Executive Committee Mr. Lal Krishna KC. A three member election committee was formed with Mr. Raghu Pant, as convener and Mr. Durga Osti and Mr. Indu Sharma Dhakal as members. This AGM unanimously formed the 7th Executive committee. The composition of 7th EC is as follows:

SN	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Uma Shrivastava	President
2	Ms. Madhuri Karki (Thapa)	Vice President
3	Mr. Prabhu Budhathoki	General Secretary
4	Mr. Binaya Hari Maskey	Treasurer
5	Mr. Upendra Bahadur Shrestha	Asst. Gen. Secretary
6	Mr. Nani Ram KC	Asst. Treasurer
7	Mr. Tulasi Pd. Uprety	Member
8	Ms. Padma vaidya	Member
9	Mr. Rupak Rajbhandari	Member
10	Mr. Braham Deo Ray	Member
11	Dr. Bodh Prasad Parajuli	Member
12	Mr. Puspa Kamal Subedi	Member
13	Mr. Devi Prasad Dahal	Member
14	Mr. Lal Krishna K. C.	Immediate Past President (Advisor)

On behalf of 7th EC, the incoming President Dr. Uma Shrivastava made few commitments, which are as follows:

1. Strengthen and reinstate relationship between ABAN and the British Embassy / British Council.
2. Launch ABAN website as soon as possible
3. Share and exchange ideas among ABAN members about providing leadership in respective field of the members.
4. Continuation of past ABAN activities



Hand Over/Take over Ceremony

A meeting of the ABAN was held to handover the responsibility from the 6th Executive Committee (EC) to the newly elected the 7th Executive Committee. Altogether 15 members from the new and old committees were present at the meeting. The meeting was held at Indreni complex on 14th January, 2011. Some of the important activities of the meeting are as follows:

- Mr. Raghu Panta, Chair, election committee handed over election certificates to newly elected EC members. Mr. Dipak Chalise, (outgoing General Secretary) and Hari Shankar Shrestha (outgoing Treasurer) briefed about the office management and financial matters. They handed over official documents to Mr. Prabhu Budhathoki , (General Secretary) and Mr. Binaya Hari Maskey, (Treasurer).
- Outgoing President Mr. Lal KC welcomed the newly elected EC members and shared his experiences. He also expressed his confidence that the new committee will take ABAN to new height. He emphasized that it would be better to develop future activities based on the five pillars framework adopted by the 6th EC. Furthermore, the new committee should make due efforts to establish a good rapport with the British Embassy to meet the aim and objectives of ABAN. There are many public figures who studied in the UK and their membership would be very helpful to strengthen ABAN. He pointed out that importance should be given to membership drive. Activities such as health camps, blood donation and orphanage support needs to be continued. He further stressed the members should be provided with opportunities to be involved in consultancy work to increase their interest in ABAN. He expressed his commitment to provide some consultancy works to ABAN members in the future.
- The incoming President Dr. Uma Shrivastava thanked for Mr. KC's advice and expressed her strong commitment to the progress of ABAN. She also shared her vision for the improvement of ABAN in the coming years.

- Mr. Raghu Panta, Past President of ABAN, emphasised use of the facilities of British Council for meetings and talk programmes.
- Mr. Prabhu Budhathoki, incoming General Secretary, expressed that future plan of actions should be developed by taking lessons from the successful activities of the past, considering the competences of ABAN members, and to capture emerging opportunities.

All members reiterated their commitment to the progress of ABAN and expressed their hope and confidence that ABAN could be developed as an important organization

Reinforcing the Relationship:

- **Meeting with Director of British Council**

The President and the Vice-president met the Director of British Council Dr. Robert Monroe. The president of ABAN briefly introduced ABAN and its past activities to the new Director of British Council. The aim of the meeting was to strengthen relationship between ABAN and the British Council. There were discussions on possible joint activities between ABAN and the British Council. The director mentioned that he was keen to maintain active relationship between the British Council and the Nepalese UK alumni. The director was also informed about the ABAN Day celebration on 4th February. He kindly proposed to have ABAN Day celebration at the Sterling Club of British Embassy with snacks and drinks.

- **Meeting with the Ambassador and Chief of DFID**

The President, Vice-president, Secretary and Immediate Past President of ABAN met His Excellency British Ambassador to Nepal, John Tucknott and Chief of DFID Sarah Sanyahumbi. The President briefly introduced ABAN and its past activities. The objective of the visit was to reinforce the relationship between ABAN and the British Embassy. During the meeting, the Ambassador was very enthusiastic about bilateral relationship in professional, cultural and educational fields. He also promised to be present in ABAN activities. In the meeting the chief of DFID also showed interest in professional activities of ABAN. Both the authorities were invited in the ABAN Day celebration.

The President of ABAN was invited in a talk programme on “UK education challenges and opportunities” held at the Everest Hotel (22nd January 2011). The president highlighted the importance of British education and its necessity. The president of ABAN was also invited as a guest on UK Education exhibition Nepal, which was held at the World Trade Centre on 12th February 2011. On the occasion she shared her experiences of UK education.

ABAN Day Celebration (4th February, 2011)

A grand event was organized at British Embassy to celebrate “ABAN Day “. More than 100 Abanions were present at the event. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest His Excellency, British Ambassador John Tucknott. Honourable Parliament Member Ms. Hisila Yami, Director of British Council Dr. Robert Monroe and Mr. Lal Krishna KC, Immediate Past President of



ABAN gave their well wishes and remarks. Mr. Prabhu Budhathoki, General Secretary of ABAN, highlighted the future strategy of ABAN. A certificate of appreciation was given to Mr. Lal Krishna KC



(Immediate Past President of ABAN), in recognition of his dynamic leadership and valuable contribution to the progress of ABAN. Likewise, certificate of appreciation were also given to Mr. Raghu Pant and Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha for their outstanding contribution to the progress and upliftment of ABAN. Similarly a certificate of appreciation was given to Chetanshil Samaj and Phulchowki English School for their support in running health camp. Dr. Uma Shrivastava, President of ABAN, closed programme by giving a short remark.

On that occasion His Excellency, British Ambassador officially launched the Website of ABAN. At the event New Badges (Lapel Pins), T-Shirts, Caps and Shawls with ABAN Logo were enthusiastically bought by ABAN Members. The event was followed by cocktail and snacks provided by the British Council.



New Life Members:

Congratulations and welcome to our new life members.

- i. Ms. Kalpalata Dahal (Dabadi)
- ii. Mr. Prakash Bahadur Shrestha
- iii. Mr. Gehendra Bahadur Gurung
- iv. Mr. Uttam Acharya
- v. Dr. Pukar Shrestha
- vi. Dr. Bhim Pd. Adhikari
- vii. Dr. Pana Thapa
- viii. Mr. Gauri Shanker Timala

Tentative Plan of Action (2011-12) of ABAN:

Seventh executive committee constituted seven different committees to carry out various activities as follows:

1. Health and social service

- Health camps
- Blood donation
- Support to orphans
- Student sponsorship

Lead responsibility: Dr. Uma Shrivastava with support of Madhuri Karki

2. Education, advocacy and publication

- Talk program
- Educational fair
- School visit for civic/motivation/environmental lectures
- ABAN annual report
- Publication of technical papers
- ABAN webpage
- ABAN brochure

Lead responsibility: Madhuri Karki with the support of Binaya Hari Maskey and Tulasi Uprety

3. Professional services/consultancies

- Economy and Enterprise
- Environment
- Infrastructure

Lead responsibility: Prabhu Budhathoki with the support of Lal KC and Tulasi Uprety

4. Environment

- Plantation
- Clean up campaign
- Art for nature
- Know your nature program

Lead responsibility: Prabhu Budhathoki with the support of Madhuri Karki

5. Networking and fundraising

- ABAN day celebration
- Membership drive
- Relationship building with partners
- Felicitations
- Fair, festival and social gatherings

Lead responsibility: Tulasi Uprety with the support of Dr. Uma Shrivastava, Madhuri Karki and Prabhu Budhathoki. The 7th Executive Committee humbly requests all the members of ABAN to join, one of the committees of their interest.

Talk Programme

In collaboration with Centre for Constitutional Dialogue (CCD), a talk program on “Crafting a New Nepal: Issues and Challenges” was held on 8th April, 2011. The guest speaker was Dr Ramesh Dhungel. His talk focused on historical analysis of Nepali Nationalism and its challenges in the present political context.

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