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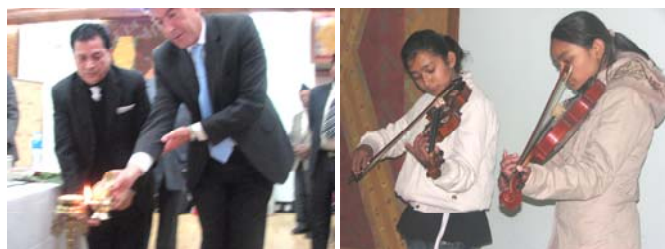
ABAN Newsletter

February 2008

Tenth AGM and Fourth ABAN DAY Celebrated

The Association of British Alumni celebrated the 10th Annual General Meeting and 4th ABAN DAY on February 8, 2008 at the British Embassy Hall, Lainchaur, Kathmandu. The function was a grand show, attended by HE British Ambassador as the Chief Guest and Mr. John Fry, Country Manager of British Council as the Guest of Honor.

Coordinator of the program General Secretary Mr. Shanker Paudel and MC Ms. Mandira Shahi expertly conducted the program. Flour banquets were presented to the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor by the ABAN President Mr. Raghu Pant. The students of SOS Hermann Gminer School, Sano Thimi conducted the welcome song and *Mangal Dhoon* (auspicious tunes) when the Chief Guest inaugurated the function by lighting an oil-fed lamp in a traditional Nepalese style.



Vice President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha formally welcomed the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, ABAN Members and other invitees in the program. He reported the growth of ABAN membership by 10 more persons in 2007 to a total of 332 members by September 2007 and urged all members to take initiative to invite and induct new members. As Coordinator of Publication committee he also informed regular publication and electronic mailing of ABAN Newsletter and the preparation for the 4th Edition of ABAN Magazine and 3rd revised edition of ABAN Membership Directory this year.

General Secretary Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel presented his Annual Report of ABAN activities that included 13 Executive Committee Meetings, 3rd ABAN Day celebration on 10 February 2007, three talk programs by Education Sub-committee on Interim Constitution of Nepal, Promoting Organic Agriculture for Food Security in Nepal and Stabilization of Krishna Bhir Landslide. Social and Cultural sub-committee organized a Family Dinner with Cultural activities in Bhaktapur and service to other citizens of Nishahaya Sewa Sadan, Shantinagar. Other

activities included Statute Amendment, participation in 5 day long seminar on Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and British Film Festival. Treasurer Dr. Prem Ratna Sthapit presented Financial/ Audit Report of the Association for the fiscal year 2006/07, showing a balance of receipt and expenditure.

In the absence of Coordinator Mr. Mr. Sadhu Ram Sapkota, member of Statute Amendment Committee Mr. Upendra Bahadur Shrestha presented a proposal to amend the Statute of ABAN and after deliberations, the assembly adopted the proposed amendments in the constitution. Assistant General Secretary Dr. Swoyambhu Man Amatya, who is also Secretary, National Planning Commission of the Government of Nepal and Guest speaker Mrs. Tapashi Bhattachan, Life Member of ABAN spoke on the relevance of ABAN DAY celebration.

On the occasion, Letters of Appreciation were given away by Chief Guest HE British Ambassador Dr. Andrew Hall to Life members Mr. Nil Kantha Upreti, and Mr. Uttam Pant for their valuable contributions to the cause of ABAN.



Chief Guest HE Ambassador Dr. Andrew Hall congratulated ABAN members on the annual celebration and clarified the State Building Strategy of UK at the center of political, security and development approaches. He stated the state building after a conflict generally has three pillars: viz. political settlement, core state function and meeting the expectations of the people. UK's cooperation with Nepal in political settlement included confidence building measures, support for election that moves the peace process forward, stimulate inclusion and federalism and discussion on security sector reform. Help to strengthen core state function included improving public security and justice. In meeting the expectations of the people, UK supports policy to raise growth and spread the benefit to those traditionally excluded. Large group of people (women, dalits, janjatis and Madhesis) have been disadvantaged. He said, UK is focusing on a peace dividend through increased economic growth – more and better jobs, improved infrastructure etc., His Excellency said.

This issue of ABAN Newsletter
is sponsored by:



Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha
Vice President of ABAN



Call for Articles/ Write Ups

ABAN is publishing fourth issue of ABAN Magazine soon. All members are requested to contribute articles/ write ups and advertising support for the publication. It will feature articles on "Banking, Economy, Education, Forest Resources, Health, Insurance, Infrastructure, Management, Micro-credit Rural Development, Transport, Tourism, Women and Development etc."



Please submit your articles/ write ups to the Publication Committee Coordinator: Maheswor B. Shrestha, Advisor Raghu Pant, or to Members: Tulsu Upreti, Nandan Hari Sharma, Dwarika Shrestha and Dr. Swoyambhu Man Amatya as soon as possible.

ABAN President Mr. Raghu Pant, in his concluding remarks, thanked the Chief guest, the guest of honor, speakers and the members of ABAN for their gracious presence and active participation for the cause of ABAN. He requested all members to contribute articles and sponsor advertisement in the 4th issue of ABAN Magazine, which is being published soon. He also congratulated Mr. Nil Kantha Upreti and Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant for their outstanding contributions.

Main Highlights of the First Amendments 2064 of the Statute of ABAN

- Section 14: (addition) Decision by the majority of the Executive committee members present in the meeting will be the decision of the Executive Committee,
- Section 15: General Secretary will execute the decisions of the Executive Committee.
Treasurer will have the audit of accounts done in time and get approval of the Executive Committee,
- Section 16: Fund of the Association will be deposited in the accounts opened in any financial institution (development bank, finance company, commercial bank) within the Kathmandu valley,
- Section 17: Income in the Fund of the Association will be spent on: administrative functions, task execution, activities of the Association, house rent, material purchase or rent and other works for the development of the Association,
- Section 18: If the amendment in the Statute is necessary Executive Committee will present in the Annual General Meeting of the Association,
- Section 21: Election: A three member committee including one Coordinator will be formed from the life members of the Association,
- Section 22: Office bearers in the Executive Committee will not be elected for more than two terms. All past presidents of the Association will be the members of the Advisory Council of the Association.

ABAN Calendar of Events 2008

The fifth Executive body of ABAN has decided tentatively the following monthly activities, besides the regular publication of Newsletter and ECM meetings:

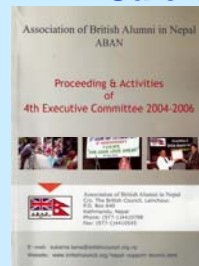
January 17 28	Invitation Notice in Kantipur for AGM/ ABAN Day on February 8, 2008 Preparations for AGM / ABAN Day 2008
February 8 24	10 th AGM and 3 rd ABAN Day Celebration at British Embassy hall , Lainchour, Kathmandu Talk program: Constituent Assembly Election in Nepal by Mr. Neel Kantha Upreti, Election Commissioner of Nepal
March 25	Talk program: Forestry in Nepal by Dr. Swoyambhu Man Amatya
April 13 23	Annual Picnic to celebrate Nepali New Year Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Launching of 4th Edition of ABAN Magazine
May	Publication of 3 rd Edition of Membership Directory
June	Talk program:
July	Talk program:
August	Talk program:
September	Talk program:
October	Talk program: Service to Old Age Home with Dassain gifts
November	Audit Report of Accounts for 2063/64 Renewal of ABAN registration in CDO office Talk: Program:
December	11 th Annual General Meeting and Election for the Sixth Executive Committee

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