

ABAN Executive Committee Decides Program for 2017-2018



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Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) is a not-for-profit social organization, registered with District Administration office and affiliated with the British Council. The Association is 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 cultural and educational exchange between Nepal and Britain.

Second meeting of the 10th Executive Committee of ABAN held on May 23, 2017 reviewed the progress so far and decided to undertake following activities in 2017/18:

Progress:

ABAN website: www.aban.org.np has been redesigned in dynamic format and will be updated regularly to disseminate information about ABAN.

19 Life members have been added in the past 2 years, including the first Honorary member (Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey). 10th ECM will attract 30 new life members and try to attract Honorary members who contribute rupees one lac to ABAN. A booklet about **"Why Join ABAN"** will be prepared for prospective new members along with other publications.

Financial health of ABAN is gradually improving, with a bank balance of Rs. 951,134.71 as at May 21, 2017 (fixed deposit of Rs.750,000 and current account balance of Rs. 201,134.71 in NB Bank and Mega Bank.

Talk program Dr. Surendra Bhandari on "Constitutional and Political Dynamics of Nepal- A Way Forward by isscheduled on June 3 or 4 at the British Council.

Activity Plan:

To achieve its objectives, ABAN has formed different subcommittees, as detailed below. They plan to achieve following activities during 2017/18:

- Tree plantation in July/August
- Exchange of Dassain/ Tihar greetings with dinner and cultural program in September/ October,
- School level art competition in World Children's Day in November,
- Service to senior citizens on bi-annual basis, as was done at Tapasthali Bridhashram on March 2, 2017. Fund for similar service in Oct./ November will be explored with donor agencies,
- Annual family picnic/ overnight outing at Balthali.
- Health camp to serve the under-privileged people of our society on annual basis,

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Education subcommittee will try to establish cultural and educational exchange between Nepal and Britain. Meanwhile, it will also explore school support programs.

Social media like via Whatsap, Viber, YouTube etc. will be mobilized for greater networking of members through group mail.

A meeting with the British Ambassador and Country Director of the British Council will be scheduled soon to explore areas of working together in areas like education exhibitions, interaction with visiting British scholars etc.

ABAN Newsletters will be published monthly and the website will be updated regularly.

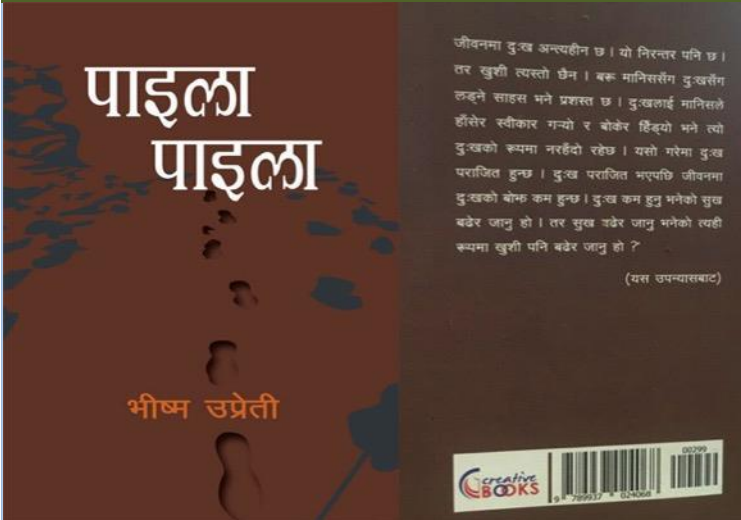
ABAN books of accounts have been audited until July 2016 and the annual and audit reports have been adopted by the annual general meeting held on February 4, 2017.

ABAN Sub-Committees 2017-2019

| Sl | Sub-Committee | Coordinator | Member(s) |
|----|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | Cultural & Social | Mrs. Padma Vaidya | Dr. Prem Ratna Sthapit Ms. Shiba Kafle, Ms. Kalpalata Dahal |
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| 8 | Networking | Mr. Shankar Pd. Paudel | Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan |
| 9 | Advisory Council | Mr. Maheswor Shrestha | All Past Presidents |

Matchhendra Nath festival in Jawalakhel on May 23, 2017





ABANian Bhisma Upreti Publishes A Novel



ABAN Executive member and Poet Bhisma Upreti’s first novel “Paila Paila” has just been published by Creative Books. Upreti shares in his novel what he saw and experienced the different human apathy, social, economic and psychological aspects during his stay in Nepalgunj. He has tried to accommodate in this novel the stories of the ordinary to the extraordinary people presented in a new style and in a readable manner.

The writings of poet Bhisma have been published in English, Japanese, Korean, Hindi, Serbian, Slovenian, Tamil, Sanskrit and other languages. He has been decorated with various awards and prizes like first prize in national poetry mahotsav 2050, Uttan Shanti prize, Yuba Barsha Moti prize, Shanker Lamichhane Youth Essay prize and creative award 2014 by India Asian Literary Academy. Mr. Upreti has already published 17 books on poetry, essay and travelogue.



ABAN Magazine 2017

Chief Guest of ABAN’s 19th AGM Dr. Jiba Raj Upreti and others released ABAN Magazine 2017 on February 4, 2017. After release Dr. Upreti appraised that the Magazine is an excellent publication from “Cover to Content”.

Congratulation Dr. Rabin Paudel



Dr. Rabin Paudel, son of ABAN Immediate Past President Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel and wife Paudel, has been awarded Ph. D. degree by the University of Colorado Boulder, USA. Shanker and his wife attended the graduation ceremony of their son Rabin in May 2017.

We congratulate Dr. Rabin Paudel and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

Congratulation Siddhartha



Congratulation to Mr. Siddhartha Pant, son of ABAN General Secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad and wife Mrs. Shubha Pant on his graduation from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA. He obtained Bachelor’s degree in Math and Finance. Mr. Uttam Prasad and wife Mrs. Shubha Pant attended Siddhartha’s graduation in May 2017.

We congratulate Mr. Siddhartha Pant and wish him greater success in his future endeavors.



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Women's Arts Entrepreneurship in the Terai Region of Nepal



The British Council commissioned a research to identify barriers and opportunities for arts, crafts and culture to drive women's social and economic wellbeing, and to explore the role of the arts in Nepali social cohesion more generally, based on a growing awareness of the role of arts and culture in women's livelihoods. This exploratory research is intended to inform emerging debates on entrepreneurship in Nepal, with particular reference to the gender, culture and caste dimensions of these discussions.

In recognition of the disparity of opportunity between the people of the Hill and Terai regions, the researchers purposefully designed a program of study to capture data from entrepreneurs and stakeholders in the Terai, as well as those active in Kathmandu. The researchers aim to highlight current gaps in academic, industry and third sector understanding of entrepreneurship in the Nepali context, and suggest further avenues of research required to address these gaps. This study was commissioned and funded by the British Council Nepal.



Nepal On Top

Top of the World award for securing the highest marks in Cambridge International AS Level Language and Literature in English was bagged by a Nepali student among the 41 Nepali students who received Cambridge Excellence Award on April 7 at Kathmandu.

Education Secretary Santa Bahadur Shrestha, Regional Director South Asia of Cambridge International Education Ruchira Ghosh and Country Examinations Manager of British Council Jim O'Neill distributed the awards to the students.

Fortyone students from various A Level schools across the country were awarded by Cambridge International Examinations in recognition of their exceptional performance in Cambridge A Level exams held in June and November 2016.

Twenty two students received "Top in Country" awards. Students from Rato Bangala School bagged the most number of awards with 13, followed by Chelsea International College (8) and St. Xaviers College (7).

6th European Film Festival 2017



At QFX, Kumari Hall-1 during 19 to 23 May, 2017

The Head of the delegation of the European Union to Nepal organized the film festival "European Adventures" in association with the British Council and the Embassy of Switzerland. The festival included 16 films from 13 European countries including Austria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Luxembourg, Latvia, France, Finland, Germany, Slovenia, Spain, UK etc. that have been screened for 4 days to the public.

There were five films about the exploration of children, three documentaries, three adult films about relationships. "It was a mixture of things, but there are some very good films".

ABAN president was invited to the inaugural reception of the film festival on 19th May with the screening of a German movie.

Final Accounts of ABAN Magazine 2017



The ABAN Magazine 2017 was published and released on 19th AGM of ABAN held on 4th February 2017 to commemorate the 200 years of Nepal-Britain diplomatic relations.

The Magazine has covered many important aspects of Nepal-Britain relations including “200 Years of UK-Nepal Relations” by Dr. Suresh C. Chalise, Education and Work experience in UK of Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, some facts about Nepal-Britain Relations, Nepal-Britain Relationship: A Way Forward for Sustainable Tourism Development, Summer Schooling in UK, Reminiscences of University Days in Edinburgh etc. The publication was highly appreciated by ABANian Dr. Jiba Raj Pokhrel, Vice Chancellor of NARC.

The design and printing costs of ABAN Magazine 2017 of Rs.144,640/- was sponsored by the British Council. So, the advertising collection of Rs. 205,500/- including due of Rs.40,000/- (less Rs,8,000 spent for collector),

was income for ABAN. This is the highest collection of advertising revenue so far:

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10th Executive Committee Members

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New Life Members Joining ABAN from August 2015

1. Dr. Nastu Prasad Sharma (ID 491)
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ABAN Calendar of Events 2017-2019

| Month of 2017 | Main Activities |
|---------------|---|
| January 27 | 15th ECM meeting of 9th ECM. 14th issue of ABAN Newsletter |
| February 04 | 19th AGM and ABAN Day held at the British Council |
| February 21 | 1st ECM meeting of the 10th ECM and |
| February | 15th issue of ABAN Newsletter published |
| March 02 | Service to senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali |
| March 30 | 16th Issue of ABAN Newsletter published |
| May | 2nd Executive Committee meeting Talk Program on |

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