

### Third Executive Meeting of 10th ECM in July 2017



ABAN Executive members (L to R): Bhisma Upreti, Punya Prasad Paudel, Padma Vaidya, Madhav Bhatta, Nava Raj Nakarmi, Maheswor B. Shrestha, Tulasi Upreti and Uttam P. Pant. Dr. Prem Ratna Sthapit left the meeting early.



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.

Third Executive Committee meeting of ABAN held on July 14, 2017 has reported:

#### a) Renewal of ABAN Registration:

Renewal of ABAN registration as an NGO has remained due for 5 years since July 2012 (Ashad 2069). The renewal involved submission of auditor's reports and AGM minutes for the past 5 years, and payment of hefty penalty/fines besides annual fees. One legal expert was hired on May 8, 2016 to take up the registration renewal process. After his strenuous efforts, ABAN registration has been renewed and updated on July 14, 2017 with the tax office, District Coordination Committee and District Administrative offices, Kathmandu.

#### b) Service to Senior Citizens:

After the successful servicing of senior citizens in Tapasthali Bridayashram, Chapali on March 02, 2017, Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey of MSMT, has sanctioned another fund of Rs.15,000/- to launch yet another support program shortly. The meeting thanked Dr. Pandey for his generosity for social service through ABAN, and formed a 3 member group, namely Vice President Mr. Tulasi Upreti, members Mrs. Padma Vaidya and Mr. Punya P. Paudel to prepare a suitable senior citizens support program.

#### c) Video of Talk Program

Executive member Mr. Nav Raj Nakarmi reported that he has prepared a video of ABAN talk program by Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey on October 21, 2016 on his experience of British education, and of

the 19th AGM and ABAN Day held on February 4, 2017. Mr. Nakarmi will prepare 15 minutes episodes of the Talk program and AGM for uploading in [www.aban.org.np](http://www.aban.org.np)

**d) Financial situation** of ABAN is reported to be gradually improving, with a bank balance of Rs.930,673.60 as on July 15, 2017 (fixed deposit of Rs.750,000 and current account balance of Rs.180,673.60 in NB Bank and Mega Bank). This is a significant improvement from a bank balance of Rs.340,192 on July 15, 2016.

#### Programs for the year

**a) Group Mail:** General Secretary Mr. Uttam P. Pant will prepare group mail of ECM members on Viber, Whatsapp and Gmail for fast communication. Similar group mail of ABAN Life Members will also be prepared for better communication among members.

#### b) Talk Program

Talk program will be scheduled on monthly basis, starting from July. Potential speakers identified were:

- Mr. Nara Bahadur Thapa of Nepal Rastra Bank on Nepalese Economy,
- Dr. Surendra Bhandary on Constitutional Issues of Nepal
- Miss Sabina Upreti of SSDRC on the awareness of Autism

Talk program of Dr. Surendra Bhandari on "Constitutional and Political Dynamics of Nepal- A Way Forward will be scheduled soon at the British Council hall. Alternative venue will be at

ULCI hall at Dilligazar on Fridays or Saturdays around 4 pm.

c) Meeting with British Ambassador and BC Country Director will be requested to introduce 10th Executives of ABAN in a cultural dinner program at Bhojan Griha, Dillibazar. An invitation will be issued to find their convenient date.

d) **ABAN Day Celebration:** Dr. Prem Ratna Sthapit's proposal to celebrate ABAN Day in a grand manner also as a fund raising event was endorsed by the meeting. Dr. Sthapit will plan this event on Sunday 4th February, 2018 and coordinate required preparations of the event.

#### e) ABAN Profile, Leaflet and Member ID

It was proposed to publish a colorful introductory booklet on ABAN and a separate leaflet on **Why Join ABAN** in order to attract potential new members to join ABAN. Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel will initiate the booklet, Mr. Tulasi Upreti will initiate the leaflet and Membership ID for Life Members will be prepared by Mr. Maheswor Shrestha.



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### Congratulation to Shiwani

(Daughter of ABAN Executive Member Mrs. Kalpalata Dahal)  
On her wedding with Mr. Ramesh Nepal on June 30, 2017  
**ABAN wishes the couple a very happy conjugal life.**



*Kalpalata Dahal/ Dawadi Ramesh Nepal and Shiwani Dawadi*

### ABAN President Maheswor Returns from USA

Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, President of ABAN (2015-2019), along with wife Pramila, have returned home after a 4 week- long visit to USA during June 7 to July 8, 2017. Mr. Shrestha was attending the 108th Annual Convention of Rotary International in Atlanta, Georgia during June 10-14, 2017. He is serving Rotary as its Public Image Committee Chair in Rotary International District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan during 2015-2018.

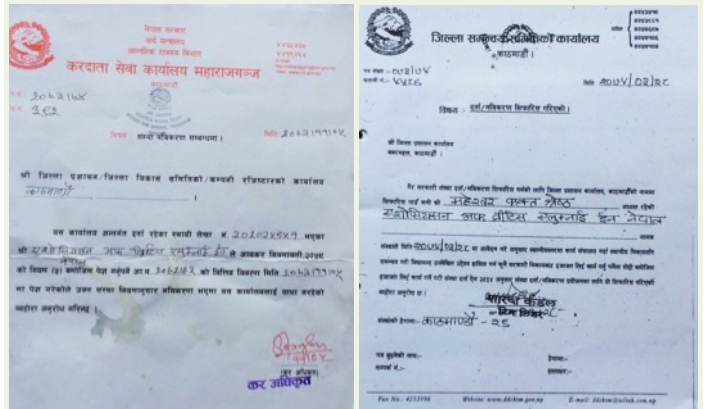
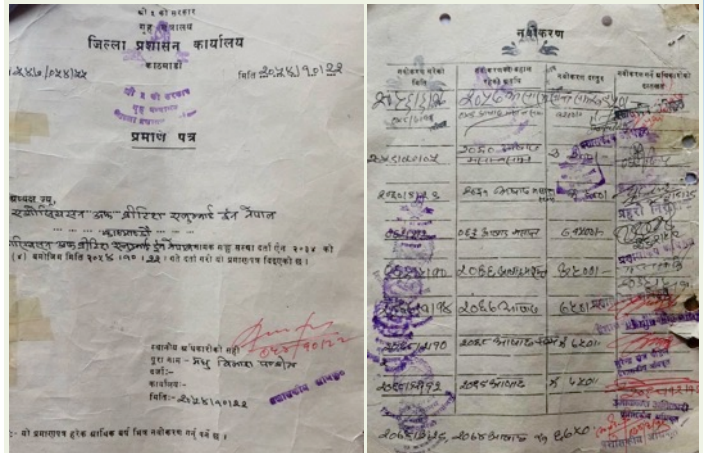
He made post-convention visits to Florida, Washington DC, Virginia, San Francisco, Las Vegas and Grand Canyon before taking Air India's Inaugural non-stop flight from Washington Dulles airport to Delhi India on July 7, 2017. Here are some snap shots of the visit.



Rotary conference in Atlanta, Brahma ji temple in Las Vegas, Southernmost point of USA in Key West, Air India mascot: starting nonstop flight from Washington to Delhi from July 7

### Renewal of ABAN Registration

As on July 14, 2017 (Ashad 30, 2074) the registration documents of ABAN have been renewed in the office of District Administration, Kathmandu upon the recommendation of Taxpayer's Service Office and District Coordination Committee, Kathmandu.



Association of British Alumni in Nepal was registered on February 04, 1998 (2054 Magh 22) as an Non- Government Organization under the Sang/Sansthan Registration Act 2034.

The recent renewal of the registration has been a historic event as the renewal was pending for the past 5 years, and it involved submission of the auditor's reports for each year, annual AGM reports, annual progress reports and payment of annual renewal fees, hefty penalty for non renewal within 3 months of fiscal closing and tax deposit for the expenses incurred during the past 5 years. This registration renewal is mandatory to revive the legal status of the Association and task was completed with the help of a legal expert, who followed up the matter with respective four government offices for the past one year.

The registration will be renewed annually after the audit report is prepared and is approved by the annual general meeting of the Association. Next AGM is scheduled for February 4, 2018, which will approve the auditor's report of fiscal year 2016/17 and the renewal process will be taken up.

## Achievements and dissemination of ERSVP



British Council Nepal organized achievements and dissemination programme of Ensuring Rights through Skills and Voice project (ERSVP) on July 7 in Kathmandu. The project was funded by European Union and jointly implemented by British Council and two NGOs namely Association of Dalit Women Advancement of Nepal (ADWAN) and Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization (NNDSWO). The event highlighted the achievements of the project to fight discrimination of the Dalit population in Siraha and Gorkha districts of Nepal and to promote their access to economic, social and political rights.

Project Director of ERSVP and Head of Programmes at British Council Nepal, Rhona Brown welcomed the guests and shed light on the objectives of the project. She highlighted that the project was executed to provide the skills based training and to identify their needs to bring out realistic positive outcomes from the project.

Project Manager Badri Prasad Tiwari shared a detailed presentation highlighting all the achievements of the project and the lessons learned. Initial target of the project was to make a positive difference in the livelihood of 60 percent Dalit women in the target area and the project succeeded in meeting 62.32 percent.

The highlight of the event was the presence of two project beneficiaries – Gita Pariyar and Binda Bika. Both of them shared how ERSVP's training changed their lifestyle, empowered them and now they are leading examples in their respective communities. They shared how they feel economically empowered, respected in the family and community and are proudly exercising their fundamental rights of voicing against any social ills based on caste, ethnicity or gender.

Acting country director of British Council Nepal, Jim O'Neill thanked all the partners and each individual involved in the project for the successful implementation.



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## IELTS Payment at Nabil Bank



All IELTS candidates in Nepal will now be able to pay their registration fees at any branch of Nabil Bank around our test locations (Butwal, Chitwan, Pokhara, Nepalgunj and Biratnagar) from June 15 and in Kathmandu from June 18. Nabil Bank and the British Council signed an MOU on this occasion.

ABAN congratulates the two contracting parties for a Successful and mutually beneficial cooperation.

**In picture:** Country Director of British Council Nepal Dr. Jovan Ilic and CEO of Nabil Bank Sashin Joshi signed an MoU to facilitate the payment procedures for students taking IELTS with British Council.

## Service to Senior Citizens

Service to the senior citizens has become a regular activity of the Association, after the cooperation with an NGO Mrigendra Sanjhana Medical Trust on February 2017 to fund such activities annually.

The Trust has provided an endowment fund of Rs.500,000/- plus Rs.30,000/- to serve the 42 senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali Kathmandu on March 2, 2017.



The Trust has again approved a fund of Rs.15,000/- to initiate similar service to senior citizens of Nissahaya Sewa Sadan, Tinkune, Baneshwor. For this purpose, the Cultural and Social sub-committee of the Association has prepared a proposal to serve the 40 senior citizens who have requested for food-stuff and medicines in their in-house medical clinic.

*Dr. Mirigendra Raj Pandey, first Honorary Member of ABAN, has been honored on the 95th birthday memorial of Karma Yogi Badri Bikram Thapa on July 26 at Nepal Academy*



## 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 (ID116 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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10. Mr. Laba Prasad Tripathi (ID 498)
11. Mr. Subin Man Pradhan (ID 499)
12. Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey (ID 500)
13. Mr. Prateek Man Singh (ID 501)
14. Mr. Rabindra Mananda Bajracharya (ID 502)
15. Mr. Ramesh Maskey (ID 503)
16. Mr. Tirtha Bahadur Joshi (ID 504)
17. Mr. Moti Prasad Thapa (ID 505)
18. Dr. Prem Singh Basnyat (ID 506)
19. Mrs. Rama Dahal (ID 507)
20. Mr. Eurek Ranjit (ID 508)
21. Mr. Saraju Baidya (ID 509)
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2	Health and Medical	Dr. Nastu Sharma	Mr. Upendra Bd. Shrestha
3	Educational	Mrs. Kalpalata Dahal	Mr. Maheswor Bkt Shrestha
4	Programme of Events	Mr. Uttam Pd Pant	Mr. Nava Raj Nakarmi
5	Publications	Mr. Punya Pd Paudel	Mr. Bhisma Prasad Upreti
6	Membership Development	Mr. Tulasi Prasad Upreti	Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan
7	Fund Raising	Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi	Mrs Shiba Devi Kafle Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta
8	Networking	Mr. Shankar Pd. Paudel	Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan
9	Advisory Council	Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha	All Past Presidents



## 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
April- May	2nd Executive Committee meeting
Jun- July July 30	3rd Executive Committee meeting Talk Program on "Constitutional and Political Dynamics of Nepal- A Way Forward by Dr. Surendra Bhandari 17th Issue of ABAN Newsletter published
August 2017	Invite HE British Ambassador and British Council Director to ABAN

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