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ABAN Serves Senior Citizens of Nishahaye Sewa Sadan

Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN), jointly with Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT), served 40 senior citizens of Nishahaye Sewa Sadan located at Santinagar, Newbaneshwor Kathmandu on August 26, 2017. ABAN has served this center for the fourth time, meeting their medicinal needs, food items required in the mess kitchen and dry food items for each of the senior citizens sheltered there.

Nishahaye Sewa Sadan is a old-age home (Bridhashram) for the old and abandoned senior citizens of Nepal, operational for the past 26 years since its establishment in 2048 BS (1991). Its founder chairperson Mrs. Sagun Shah founded the house with an objective to provide shelter for the poor and helpless senior citizens and children of the country, and to conserve and promote the native culture and religious practices. The center is presently managed by a 17-member management committee.



Mr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, founder of Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust, has donated Rs.20,000/- to provide the requested medicine and food items, to Mrs. Punam

Basnet of the Sewa Sadan in the presence of the members of the Trust and six executive members of ABAN, namely vice president Mr. Tulasi Prasad Upreti, Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta, Mrs. Padma Prasad Baidya, Mr. Punnya Prasad Baudel and Mr. Nava Raj Lakarmi led by ABAN resident Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha.



Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) is a not-for-profit social organization, registered with District Administration office on February 04, 1998 and is affiliated with the British Council. The Association is actively engaged 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.



donated to the senior citizens sheltered in Tapasthali Bridhashram at Chapali on March 2, 2017. This will be a regular annual activity of ABAN jointly with MSMT during the week of ABAN Day on February 4.

Mrs. Punam Basnet, who received the support materials to the Nishahaye Sewa Sadan, was very happy about the support program and expressed her gratitude to ABAN and MSMT and hoped for their continued support to the needy senior citizens sheltered there.

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200 years of Britain-Nepal Relations

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Service to Senior Citizens of Nisahaye Sewa Sadan . . .



List of medicine and food items supplied to the Sewa Sadan as per their request:

- 1 Syp Tricaine 10 pieces
- 2 Tab Pantop 40 mg 5 boxes
- 3 Cap Omeprazole 5 boxes
- 4 Tab Digene 10 pieces
- 5 Tab Flexon 10 pieces
- 6 Tab Sinex 10 pieces
- 7 Tab Codomol 10 pieces
- 8 DFO Gel 15 pieces
- 9 Tab Metronid DF 10 pieces



Other food items supplied as per their request were sugar 5 kg., dal/ lintel 14 kg, cooking oil 8 liters, tea 2 k for the mess store. Each of the senior citizens housed there were also provided with a packet of some dry foods like biscuits, bhuja, namkir etc, which they could preserve for some days and eat at their will.



Earlier, ABAN president Maheswor Shrestha received Dr. Pandey and briefed him about the Nisahaye Sewa Sadan and the support program. This is a small measure of how ABAN is adding value in their life.



interacting with His Excellency Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi, Nepali Ambassador to UK and other embassy officials, especially about the celebrations of 200 years of Nepal Britain relations.

On the occasion, ABAN general secretary Mr. Uttam Pant briefed HE Ambassador Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi about the Association of British Alumni in Nepal and convinced him to join the Association as its Life Member. ABAN is incredibly happy to have him in ABAN for inputs to help us grow in many dimensions.

His Excellency and the Deputy Chief of Mission met the Nepali students and teachers in the summer camp and Cultural exchange programme. The students were in two batches:

- a) 27 people in the first batch from 6th August to 20th August (23 students and three team leaders, and
- b) 8 people in the second batch from 27th August to 10th September 2017.

The three schools of Nepal who participated in this Cultural exchange programme are, namely Rajarshi Gurukul, Sanskriti International and Aksharaa International School.



The Cultural Exchange Programme at Cambridge Melchior College (CMC) offers students opportunity to spend 2 weeks participating in an integrated timetable of English language study, excursions to places of both cultural and historical significance and a variety of fun and engaging activities.



UK in Nepal Chevening Scholarship to Nepali Students

The British Embassy Nepal has announced 15 winners of 2017-18 Chevening Scholarships, UK Government's prestigious scholarships. These scholars will fly to UK in September 2017 to study for a Master's degree in various UK universities as listed below in alphabetical order:

1. Mr. Abyaya Neopane Msc in Economics at University of Warwick
2. Ms. Alina Saba MA in Politics, Governance & Public Policy at University of Sheffield
3. Mr. Amol Acharya MA in Governance & Development at University of Sussex
4. Mr. Basanta Sharma Msc in Air Transport Management at Cranfield University
5. Ms. Bidhya Sharma Msc in Wetland Science & Conservation at Bangor University
6. Mr. Dhruva Ghimire MA in International Relations at University of Reading
7. Ms. Jyotir Nisha Msc in Environment and Sustainable Development at University of Glasgow
8. Ms. Karuna Parajuli LLM in International Human Rights Law, University of Essex
9. Mr. Kiran Chapagain MA in International Relations at Lancaster University
10. Mr. Niroj Panta Msc in Risk, Disaster and Resilience at University College London
11. Mr. Nishchhal Kharal MA in Conflict, Governance & Development, University of York
12. Ms. Prakriti Gautam Msc in Development Management at LSE
13. Mr. Sagar Dhakal Msc in Water Science Management at University of Oxford
14. Ms. Sagun Gurung Msc in International Health Policy at LSE
15. Ms. Smita Magar Msc in Conflict Prevention & Peace Building at Durham University



British Ambassador to Nepal, HE Richard Morris, said: "The UK is home to many of the world's best universities. The Chevening Scholarship Scheme since 1983 enables you to develop academically, professionally and personally while studying in the UK. The Scholarships are awarded to exceptional individuals with leadership potential, who want to learn and return to Nepal to share their knowledge and experience".

Chevening is UK Government's fully funded global scholarships, mostly one year Master's degrees. Chevening Scholars from over 160 countries worldwide comprise 44,000 Alumni who comprise an influential and highly regarded global network. Over 1,500 scholarships were awarded in 2015-16.



Photo: Chevening winners from Nepal with British Ambassador to Nepal HE Mr Richard Morris, British Embassy Political Section Head Ms Catherine Pye and Chevening Alumni Association Nepal president Dr Badri Bastakoti.



ABAN Renews Relation with British Council



On August 11, 2017 ABAN president Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha and vice president Tulasi Prasad Uprety met with British Council country director Dr. Jovan Ilic and discussed latest developments in ABAN and possible ways to develop the cordial relation existing between ABAN and BC.

British Council country director Dr. Jovan Ilic replied on August 21 summing up the way forward to our relations: "It is our pleasure, as always, to work in partnership with ABAN, our history is very strong as we both know".

"We would be happy to feature ABAN Newsletters and the ABAN website link in the Council website, Suchita Shrestha, will advise of any publications or communications where you would like to use British Council material, so that she can share the most relevant and appropriate information and advise on any branding / promotions issues".

"Julen Pradhan will be your main contact and will try to accommodate your requests for room bookings for meetings and guest speech. We will continue to support the publication of the ABAN Membership Directory."

"With regard to developing the use of professional ABAN members, this would be most welcome....Most recently ABAN was one of a small number of key stakeholders who were invited to take part in the bicentenary celebrations of our two countries, similarly you have been invited to participate in the forthcoming 60 year anniversary of the British Council operations in Nepal. We are always open to suggestions as to how best to maintain this relationship and to develop it, such as ABAN facilitating a British Education Fair, so let's keep this dialogue open".



His Excellency Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi Joins ABAN

ABAN general secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant met the Nepali Ambassador to UK His Excellency Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi in the Nepali embassy in London on August 7, 2017 and convinced him to join ABAN as its Life Member. It is a happy news for all ABANians.

Dr. Subedi is an alumni of the University of Leeds, where he studied modern international studies to complete his M.A. degree in 1993-94. His area of specialization is Globalization. He has won several awards including Sajha prize, Rastriya Pratibha prize, Moti prize etc.

His Excellency Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi presented his letter of credence to Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II at the Buckingham Palace on 01 December 2016 as Ambassador of Nepal to the United Kingdom. Previously, he was joint-secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Life Members Joining ABAN from August 2015

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9	Advisory Council	Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha	All Past Presidents



ABAN Calendar of Events during 2017

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 23	2nd Executive Committee meeting
May 28	17th Issue of ABAN Newsletter published
July 14	3rd Executive Committee meeting
July 30	18th Issue of ABAN Newsletter published
August 11	Met with British Council Director Dr. Jovan Ilic
August 12	18th Issue of ABAN Newsletter published
August 26	Service to senior citizens of Nisahaye Sewa Sadan, Shantinagar
August 31	19th Issue of ABAN Newsletter published
September	Talk Program on "Constitutional and Political Dynamics of Nepal- A Way Forward by Dr. Surendra Bhandari