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**ABAN ECM Awards
Honorary Membership to
Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha**

Fifth meeting of 10th Executive Committee of ABAN held on October 27, 2017 has decided to award **Honorary Membership** to Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha of Baneshwor, Kathmandu. She has made a cash contribution of Rs.500,000/- (five lacs) to support the activities of ABAN. Dr. Mahodadhi has become the second Honorary Member of ABAN this year after Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey (ID 500).

Dr. Mahodadhi's application for Life Membership of ABAN was also approved, with ID number 512, as she had completed her Diploma in Obstetrics from the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, London in 1970-72. Subsequently, she was also elected a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons in Gynecology on July 10, 1985.

ABAN Statute 2064, article 1 section 7 (1) provides for honorary membership of ABAN by Executive Committee decision to any person contributing Rupees one lac in cash or equivalent financial assistance.



The first Honorary Membership of ABAN was conferred on Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, founder of Mrigendra

Samjhana Medical Trust on January 27, 2017 for providing an endowment fund of Rs.500,000/- plus Rs.30,000 for the service of senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashrar in Chapali, Kathmandu on March 2, 2017.

Executive member Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan has introduced Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha and Mr. Suman Kumar Wagle to the Life membership of ABAN.



**Knowing More About
Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha**

Date of Birth: 13 January 1940

Education: MBBS, Trivendrum Medical College, Kerala University in 1964,
Diploma in Obstetrics (D.Obs. RCOG,
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist in 1970,
MRCOG (Preparation), Royal College of London 1970-72

Title: Fellow Institution of International Surgeons, Washington, DC since 1985,
Medical practice/ private since 1996 to date in Kathmandu in Everest Hospital, Baneshwor, Kathmandu.

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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.

Fifth Executive Meeting Decides

The fifth Executive Committee Meeting of ABAN held on October 27, 2017 in the presence of 11 out of 14 members has made following decisions:

1. Approval of new life & Honorary members:

Life membership application of the following candidates was approved for membership:

- Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha, D. Obst. from Royal College of Obst. & Gyn. in 1970 (ID 512),
- Mr. Suman Kumar Wagle, M.Sc from University of London, 1989-90 (ID 513),
- Mr. Ram Thapa, MBA from Brain Wells University in 2011 (ID no.514),

Associate Life Member:

- Mrs. Reshma Rajthala, MBA in 2011, Int'l Director in Oasis Abroad Study Service and Consultancy P. Ltd; promoting British education (ID 515).

Honorary Membership of ABAN:

In lieu of a lump sum contribution of rupees five lacs deposited in ABAN bank account on 25 October 2017 to support the activities of ABAN, Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha has been conferred the status of **Honorary Member** of ABAN with immediate effect. The fund will be deposited in Fixed Deposit (FD) to earn annual interest income, which will be used to support ABAN activities as approved by ABAN Executive committee. A separate MOU will be signed with Dr. Mahodadhi for the proper use of her fund in ABAN activities.

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ABAN president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha and vice-president Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety have participated the ceremony as guest of ULCI.

ABANian in Leadership Role

Mrs. Mandira Shahi, Life member of ABAN (ID 234) has been appointed by the Dean of Tribhuvan University, Institute of Medicine as Executive Director of National Educational Institute of Medical Sciences, Maharajgunj under the TU with effect from September 18, 2017. She was working as Acting Executive Director since December 5, 2016. Mrs. Mandira was executive member of ABAN during 2004 to 2008.



Prof. Mandira Shahi is a Health Professions Educationist and Distance Learning Expert. She has done M. Phil in Education from the Global University Nagaland, India through distance learning, and is a Ph.D. scholar of Shinghanian University on the topic Distance Education in Nepal: Its Applications.

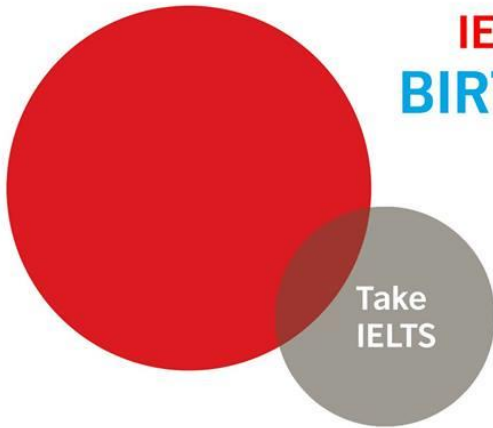
We in ABAN wish Prof. Mandira Shahi a great success in her leadership role to achieve greater height in the medical science education in Nepal under the Tribhuvan University.

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2 AGM and ABAN Day on Feb. 4, 2018:

ABAN will celebrate 20th AGM and ABAN Day on February 4, 2018.

- a) It was decided to publish **ABAN Magazine 2018** to commemorate the special occasion.
- b) **Health camp:** A health camp will be organized on Saturday February 3, 2018 at Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali in coordination with Mrigendra Samjghana Medical Trust, Ex. Army doctors and the local health post and authorities.
3. *Any Other Business:*
 - a) **Talk Program:** VP Tulasi Uprety will invite ABAN Life Member Dr. Prabhu Budhathoki, member of National Planning Commission for a talk program at ULCI, Dillibazar at the earliest convenient date,
 - b) **MSMT Cooperation:** Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey has conveyed their decision to support ABAN activity of serving the senior citizens with the supply of food and medicines, besides the annual service from an endowment fund provided to ABAN.
 - c) Meeting with British Ambassador: A courtesy call meeting will be requested with the British Ambassador to update ABAN activities and to review areas of cooperation.
 - d) Executive Member Mrs. Kalpalata Dahal, recently promoted to Dy. Director of Studies in Nepal Administrative Staff College, wished to support ABAN financially by offering the use of her six anna land in Imadol, near Kist Hospital. A MOU detailing the terms of use, investment and benefit sharing modality will be worked out soon.



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**HAPPY
WORLD
TEACHERS'
DAY**

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Celebrating World Teacher's Day

World Teachers' Day is a UNESCO initiative celebrated in more than 200 countries worldwide, which aims to highlight the contribution teachers make to society. This year's slogan is 'Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers'.

In honour of teachers around the world and in celebration of World Teachers' Day, Teaching English and English Agenda hosted two special webinars exploring the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the language classroom, with tips and advice from experienced practitioner

British Council hosted a panel discussion, followed by a webinar looking at some tangible and practical ideas from one of our most recent publication '*Integrating global issues in the creative English language classroom*'. The resource book has proved to be very popular, and has already been downloaded four thousand times by teachers and teacher educators around the world.

World Teachers' Day debate: *Integrating global issues in the creative English language classroom*

Panellists: Chrysa Papalazarou, Linda Ruas, Malu Sciamarelli and Adrian Tennant.

A lively panel discussion provided thought-provoking answers to some of these questions:

- Are the Sustainable Development Goals appropriate subjects for adults and young learners?
- Some teachers feel that their role is to teach language and not introduce global issues such as the SDGs into their lessons? Is that a valid point of view?
- What advice would you give to teachers about respecting their students' views on the SDGs even if these differ hugely from their own beliefs and values?
- Are there any circumstances in which you might advise teachers not to focus on the topic of the SDGs?

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ABAN – MSMT Partnership to Serve Senior Citizens

On a September 16 proposal of ABAN to further expand the mutual cooperation



“In this contest, we would like to inform you that MSMT is willing to collaborate with ABAN to the services of the

between the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) and Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT) to offer services to the senior citizens, school support with scholarship program and support to Rotary Heart Hospital in Patan, MSMT has responded positively on October 22, 2017.

senior citizens by providing additional medicine or food item if ABAN decides to undertake such services to senior citizens more than one time per year” the message reads.

The message confirms that MSMT executive committee has principally agreed to further expand the services to senior citizens in collaboration with ABAN. But the committee meeting decided to keep the extra fund needed for this purpose in its own account separately and the interest earned from this fund will be used for such services with ABAN.

As per an MOU signed on January 30, 2017, MSMT has provided an endowment fund of Rs.500,000 for regular services to senior citizens and Rs.30,000 separately to service the senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali on March 2, 2017 MSMT also provided food and medicine to Nisahaye Sewa Sadan on August 26 2017 in a joint program with ABAN.

ABAN Sub-Committees for 2017-2019			
Sl	Sub-Committee	Coordinator	Member(s)
1	Cultural and Social	Mrs. Padma Vaidya	Dr. Prem Ratna Sthapit Ms. Shiba Kafle/ Ms. Kalpalata Dahal
2	Health and Medical	Dr. Nastu Sharma	Mr. Upendra Bahadur Shrestha
3	Educational	Mrs. Kalpalata Dahal	Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha
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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



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 08	4th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) held.
October 27	5th ECM held and 20th issue of ABAN Newsletter published.
November 12	Talk Prog. “Development priorities of Nepal in the changing context”-
4:30 at ULCI	by Dr. Prabhu Budhathoki, Member National Planning Commission



Life Members Joining ABAN from August

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)
7. Dr. Dhruva Pd. Acharya (ID143 Ord. to Life)
8. Mr. Ushik Shrestha (ID 496)
9. Miss. Pratigya Thapa (ID 497)
10. Mr. Laba Prasad Tripathi (ID 498)
11. Mr. Subin Man Pradhan (ID 499)
12. **Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey (ID 500)Honorary**
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15. Mr. Ramesh Maskey (ID 503)
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21. Mr. Saraju Baidya (ID 509)
22. Mr. Prafulla Man Singh Pradhan (ID 510)
23. Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi (ID 511)
24. **Dr. Mahodadi Pradhan Shrestha (ID512)**
25. Mr. Suman Kumar Wagle (ID 513)
26. Mr. Ram Thapa (ID 514)
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