

ABAN Newsletter: Year 20, Volume ECM 9 –10, Issue No. 22, Month: January 2018

## HE Richard Morris Meets Students Leaving on Winter Camp to UK



The British Ambassador to Nepal His Excellency Mr. Richard C. Morris has met with the ABAN executives, represented by vice-president Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety and general secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, and also interacted with the 52 young students from six schools of Kathmandu on January 8, 2018 at the ambassador's residence at Lazimpat.

The students and team leaders were travelling to the UK on January 16 to attend a two weeks long cultural exchange program designed to help promote British Education and increase the cultural horizons of the participating children.

The group meeting the ambassador included 62 people including 52 students, 4 team leaders, 3 ULCI staff, 2 ABAN members and 1 photographer. The six participating students are from six schools of Kathmandu, namely Galaxy Public, Bouddha Meridian, Learning Realm, International, Campaign, Brihaspati Vidya Sadan and St. Xavier's school.

Sl	Participating Schools of Nepal		Team Leader
1	Galaxy Public	15	01
2	Bouddha Meridian	09	01
3	Learning Realm International	12	01
4	Campion	05	01
5	Brihaspati Vidya Sadan	02	
6	St. Xavier's	09	
	<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>52</b>	

The first 15 students are destined to Oxford House College, and the remained students to Cambridge Melchoir college.

The British Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Richard C. Morris was glad to welcome the young students affectionately and praised the natural and cultural beauties of Nepal to be shared with the British counterparts. Britain has its own cultural and educational specialties, which the Nepalese students are studying to enhance their knowledge and experience.



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.

He advised the visiting students about the two century old diplomatic and cultural relationship between Britain and Nepal and the relation is being strengthened by each activity of cooperation and cultural and other exchanges between the two countries. He encouraged the young participants to be inquisitive and learn more about Britain during their trip so that we can benefit from the good things of each other.

ABAN vice president Mr. Tulasi Prasad Upreti also addressed the students to motivate them as Nepal's cultural ambassadors visiting UK to share and impress the unique natural, cultural and ethnic diversity of Nepal so that more British would be interested to visit Nepal as tourist, which at present is in a declining state. We can serve the country by creating a positive impression about our country abroad.

**Please Log on to:**

[www.aban.org.np](http://www.aban.org.np)

ABAN website is now featured in [www.britishcouncil.org.np](http://www.britishcouncil.org.np)



**ABAN President Attends 19th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Nepalese Alumni from Australia (ANAA)**



ABAN president Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha was invited in the inaugural session of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Nepalese Alumni from Australia (ANAA) on 23rd December 2017 at Babarmahal, Kathmandu as a special guest from the like-minded Associations. He congratulated ANAA for its various activities and wished for a successful conclusion of the AGM. He thanked ANAA for inviting ABAN as its special guest.

ANAA Chairperson Dr. Damodar Prasad Pokhrel welcomed HE Mr. Peter Budd, Australian Ambassador to Nepal as chief guest, Dr. Ram Hari Aryal, founding member and past president of ANAA, representatives of the like-minded institutions and members of ANAA attending the Annual General Meeting.

Certificates were distributed to ANAA members. Honorary Certificate & Token of Love to HE Peter Budd, who congratulated ANAA for launching membership drive and Database management through a new website to connect the alumni members and wished ANAA all success in its endeavor to serve its members while also undertaking other social and community services in remote villages.

Dr. Pokhrel highlighted the activities of ANAA including health camp in Gahubari, Udayapur district, clean up day campaign and regional alumni workshop. He welcomed new members in the Association and thanked HE Peter Budd, the Australian Ambassador for extending support in the activities of the Association, including the development of Database management.



.....continued from page 1

ABAN general secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant comforted the students by saying that he would be accompanying the group all along their trip to UK and help them get the most out of this important opportunity to experience and learn more about British culture and way of life.

Mr. Pant advised the students to learn more by asking about any new thing that they like to know more about, because the journey offers a rare opportunity to learn more about British history, culture and way of life. One can learn a lot from such educational / cultural exchange visits to Britain, which is a world center for learning, with some of the best educational institutions in the world like Oxford University, Cambridge etc.

**British Aid in Nepal's Telecom Sector**

- 1913 First telephone in Nepal
- 1914 First Open-wire telephone: Kathmandu, Birgunj, Raxaul
- 1935 Automatic Telephone Exchange at Tripureshwor (building, equipment and trainings) through Crown Agent
- 1981/82 British Grant Aid for:
  - 1) Satellite Communication, Earth Station at Balambu (B type earth station by Marconi company)
  - 2) International Trunk Telephone Line via London, Hong Kong and Tokyo
  - 3) Tele-printer Exchange, SPC Telex Exchange (Plessey Controls Ltd) first 250 lines, additional 128 lines
  - 4) 1982 Nov. 07, Voice communication between the then prince Gynendra and prince Charles
  - 5) All infrastructure, civil works accordingly in British standard
  - 6) All equipment were air lifted from UK to Nepal by Hercules airplane
  - 7) Training for 15 staffs in UK

Source: Nepal Telecom, yearly Souvenirs- 2070, 2072 and 2073



This issue of ABAN Newsletter is sponsored by: **Nepal Telecom**







## Embassy Celebrates Christmas Carol Service



*British Ambassador HE Richard Morris addresses the invited gathering to celebrate the Christmas Carol service at the embassy gardens on December 14, 2017.*

## Congratulations Mr. Janak Sharma Poudyal Life Member of ABAN

For being nominated as Chief Executive Officer of  
**Global IME Bank Limited (GIBL)**  
Since November 2017.



Mr. Janak Sharma Poudyal is an enthusiastic banking professional, capable of enhancing internal operations and businesses utilising a combination of strong selling and marketing skills translating customer needs in to business solutions under pressurized, target driven, national/ international and multi-cultural environment. He has gained extensive experience of leadership in setting up new banks namely, NIC Bank, Laxmi Bank, several successful mergers/acquisitions of BFIs while enhancing Brand Value of the institutions he worked in, including as chairman of Global IME Capital Ltd. during May 2015 to April 2017.

Mr. Poudyal did his MBA (Finance) from Charles Stuart University at London School of Commerce, London in 2004 and Postgraduate Diploma in Management & E-Commerce from London School of Commerce, London in 2003, after completing Bachelors degree in Business Studies from Tribhuvan University,



**ABAN website**  
[www.aban.org.np](http://www.aban.org.np)

**now featured in:**  
[www.britishcouncil.org.np](http://www.britishcouncil.org.np)



## Languages in Education Symposium

British Council Nepal is hosting its first Languages in Education Symposium on 23 January 2018. The event aims to bring together policy makers, planners, administrators, teachers, students, NGO and private sector and development partners to share different perspectives on the role of languages in the education system of Nepal. The symposium is aiming to present evidences from recent projects related to languages in education, facilitate informed discussions on the role of languages of education in the new federal structure and provide opportunities for networking, information sharing and constructive dialogue. If you are interested to participate please contact us.

## Connecting Classrooms

A joint initiative between the British Council and the Department for International Development (DFID), Connecting Classrooms is designed to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and values to live and work in a globalised economy, and make a positive contribution locally and globally. The programme, running from 2015-2018, will build the capacity of 45,000 teachers and 12,000 school leaders worldwide to support them to integrate a range of core skills into the curriculum, with a focus on:

- **Digital literacy, Critical thinking and problem solving**
- **Creativity and imagination, Student leadership.**
- **Collaboration and communication, Citizenship**

More than five million pupils worldwide will benefit from a global education program connecting UK classrooms to over 30 countries around the world. Connecting Classrooms aims to improve teaching in both the UK and other countries in the key areas:

**Professional development** for teachers and school leaders in over 30 countries including the UK

**Sustainable partnership** between schools in the UK and over 30 countries in Middle East, Sub Saharan Africa, South & East Asia.

**Professional dialogue** for policy makers that will support national and regional level debate, reflection and action;

**Awards** to schools, which are successful in equipping young people with the knowledge and skills to live and work in a globalized economy.

The first phase of Connecting Classrooms ran from June 2012 to June 2015, focused on building global awareness and cross-cultural learning amongst young people and enabled over 18,000 teachers around the world to benefit from professional development training, with over 70% of schools reporting improvements to global citizenship teaching practice as a result.

## ABAN Executive Meetings: Dec.17, 2017 & Jan. 7, 2018



Sixth Executive meeting of the 10th ECM of ABAN was held at ULCI Dillibazar on December 17, 2017 to discuss arrangements for 20th AGM planned on February 04, 2018, and to brief the outcome of the meeting with HE Mr. Richard Morris, the British Ambassador on Dec. 13, 2017 by ABAN team led by its president Maheswor B Shrestha. His Excellency has assured full support in the activities of ABAN.

The 7th Executive meeting held on January 7, 2018 at the president's residence at jawalakhel discussed about the services to senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali on February 3, 2018 and the details of the 20th AGM. The meeting approval a budget of Rs.35,000 for the service to senior citizens and Rs.70,000 for the 20th AGM.

The meeting also approved Audit report for FY 2072/73 BS and annual activity report for presentation in the Annual General Meeting of February 4, 2018.

Application for Life Membership of Mr, Bijendra Bade Shrestha, introduced by Mr. Uttam Lall Pradhan was also approved.

The meeting expressed gratitude for the British Council Nepal for significantly contributing in the activities of ABAN by sponsoring the publication of Membership Directory and ABAN Magazines, and by offering the use of Council halls for its activities like Talk program, Annual General meetings etc. This gesture of and cooperation has really help ABAN to grow further afield.



### 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)
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**
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)
22. Mr. Prafulla Man Singh Pradhan (ID 510)
23. Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi (ID 511)
24. **Dr. Mahodadi Pradhan Shrestha (ID512) Hon**
25. Mr. Suman Kumar Wagle (ID 513)
26. Mr. Ram Thapa (ID 514)
27. Mrs. Reshma Rajthala (Associate ID 515)
28. Mr. Bijendra Bade Shrestha (ID 516)

For further details, please contact:  
**Membership Sub-Committee Chair:**  
 Mr. Tulasi Prasad Upreti, Mobile: 9851035007  
 Email: [t\\_uprety@yahoo.com](mailto:t_uprety@yahoo.com)

**General Secretary**  
 Mr. Uttam Pant, ULCI Dillibazar  
 Cell: 9851020918 [uttampant@hotmail.com](mailto:uttampant@hotmail.com)  
**Treasurer:**  
 Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi, Cell 9851088446, Cell 9841214021 Email: [hariomdjoshi@gmail.com](mailto:hariomdjoshi@gmail.com)  
**Assistant Treasurer:**  
 Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle, Cell 9841295472  
 Email: [shibakafle@hotmail.com](mailto:shibakafle@hotmail.com)



### ABAN Calendar of Events during 2018

Month of 2018	Main Activities
January 07	7th ECM meeting of 10th ECM. 21st issue of ABAN Newsletter issued
February 03 February 04	Support the Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali 20th AGM of ABAN at the British Council hall, Lazimpat.

Published by:

#### ABAN President

Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha  
[mahesworbs@gmail.com](mailto:mahesworbs@gmail.com)  
 Cell: 9851094345

#### Publication Coordinator

Punya Prasad Paudel  
[punya.paudel@gmail.com](mailto:punya.paudel@gmail.com)  
 Cell: 9841797451