

ABAN Executives Meet to Decide on Topical Issues



ABAN Executives (from left): Padma Vaidya, Bishma Upreti, Maheswor Shrestha, Tulasi Upreti, Hariom Dhoj Joshi, Nava Raj Nakarmi and Kalpalata Dahal. Uttam Panta and Prem Ratna Sthapit left earlier.

Ninth meeting of the 10th Executive Committee of ABAN met on March 25, 2018 and discussed following agenda items:

- Review of 20th AGM proceedings,
- Briefing on Magazine 2018 account,
- Service to Senior Citizen accounts,
- Renewal of ABAN Registrations, and
- Any Other Business

The meeting resolved to wish speedy recovery of IPP Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel and executive member Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta, who have just undergone medical surgery and are taking rest.

20th AGM Proceedings:

President thanked the executive members, past presidents, other members and guests who attended the 20th Annual General Meeting of ABAN on February 4, which was also graced by the gracious presence of British Ambassador HE Mr. Richard C. Morris, British Council Country Director Dr. Jovan Ilic and Dr. Badri Prasad Bastakoti, president of Chevening Alumni Association of Nepal as special guest.

The event was televised for 14 minutes in the evening of 5th February at TV Today channel and the program can be seen on YouTube link <https://youtu.be/YoAN7yK1Qg>

The executive meeting approved the expenses of the AGM of Rs.69,288/- within the approved budget of Rs.70,000, expenses incurred on the services to the senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali on 3rd February, printing of 5 issues of ABAN Newsletters by Mass Printing Press and annual renewal fees of ABAN website through Danfe Technologies.

ABAN Magazine Account:

Publication of ABAN Magazine 2018, released at the 20th AGM is sponsored by the British Council by covering the printing cost, and the seven advertisements in the Magazine has generated Rs.125,000 plus a collection due of Rs.40,000 from two other advertisers. Net surplus for ABAN, after the collection of dues and expenses will be Rs.156,750 from the Magazine publication account.

The efforts for publication and the collection of advertisements for the magazine of Mr. Tulasi Upreti, Mr. Bishma Upreti, Mr. Punya Paudel, Mr. Shanker Paudel, Mr. Madhav Bhatta, Mr. Nav Raj Nakarmi and Mr. Maheswor Shrestha were appreciated.



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.

Service to Senior Citizens

ABAN served the senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram in Chapali on February 3 with the supply of submersible water pump, cloths, food items and fruits as demanded, with the interest income of an endowment fund provided by Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust in fixed deposit. Total cost of the supplies of Rs.21,210/- was approved by the meeting.

Renewal of ABAN Registrations

The services of lawyer Mr. Radha Krishna Bhandari to deposit TDS on expenses as per audit report and renewal of ABAN registration had been approved.

Other Issues:

The meeting approved new Life membership of:
1) Dr. Badri Prasad Bastakoti, MA and Ph.D. from UEA, University of Reading during 1998 to 2006 (ID no. 517), and
2) Mr. Hari Ram Koirala, ID no. 447 from Ordinary to Life Member.

It was informed that ABAN fixed deposit in Mega Bank and Central Finance has totaled Rs.1.35 million at 7%, 11% and 11.5% interest maturing on 2018.9.11 and on 2019.11.7.

Coordinator of Social and Cultural sub-committee Mrs. Padma Vaidya proposed annual family picnic on Saturday May 5 at Budhanilkantha area.

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MSMT Honors, Awards & Scholarship Program Concludes



Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT), a funding partner of ABAN for serving the senior citizens home, celebrated its 43rd anniversary on March 3, by honoring eminent personality and giving away prizes and scholarships. The Trust honored Dr. Kedar Bhakta Mathema with a cash prize of Rs.100,000/- and Certificate of Honor recognizing his significant contribution in the field of education in Nepal.

The Trust also honored Mrs. Anuska Rajopadhaya and Mr. Krishna Prasad Pudasaini for their 4 decades of service. The Trust donated Rs.50,000/- for cameo therapy treatment of cancer patients in Bir Hospital. Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Basnet, Director of Bir Hospital lauded the help and encouragement of MSMT by offering recognition and honor to the best performing hospital staffs.

Scholarships were given away to the students of Gujeswori Maishikshya Thapathali and of Sundarijal area 6. Annual fund for operating health services in Dakshinkali Chhaimale was also given away to Mr. Damodar Sharma Acharya.



Annual scholarships to the students of Jumla schools were handed over to Mr. Ramanand Acharya, chairman of the board of Jumla health services.

The Trust provided assistance to various institutions including Nepal Diabetic Society, Village Service Fund for supporting the blind nutrition, Senior citizen Satsang and primary health care center, Tudaldevi.

Distinguished guest Honorable Mr. Rameshwar Fuyal, member of State Assembly, Mr. Santosh Chalise, Mayor of Gokarneshwor Municipality, Prof. Dr. Rishiram Pokhrel from Sundarijal Health Service felicitated the Trust for its appreciable social services.

Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Mrigendra



Nepal Medical Association has presented a **Lifetime Achievement Award** to Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey on the auspicious occasion of Nepalese Doctor's Day on March 3 in recognition of his distinguished contribution in the health services, health research and social services in Nepal.

Please collect your copy of ABAN Magazine 2018



ABAN Magazine 2018 was released by the British Ambassador HE Mr. Richard Morris and British Council Country Director Dr. Jovan Ilic on February 4, 2018 on the auspicious occasion of 20th anniversary and Annual General Meeting of ABAN. Its printing is sponsored by the British Council Nepal.

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British Ambassador HE Mr. Richard Morris Address ABAN's AGM



"I am pleased to be today's chief guest for the 20th annual general meeting of ABAN"

"Like Nepal, the UK is famous for many things. You will have your own ideas of what we are famous for. Nepali people suggest a range of reasons for why the UK is famous for them. Some people think U K of eventual center, our economy, some people think of our built heritage and our castles and cathedrals and perhaps even Stonehenge. For some people it is our parliamentary system perhaps, strongly influenced by the Magna Carter of 1215 documenting which king George signed to say that every body, including him, is subject to the Rule of Law, the document that has an impact around the world, even in the foundation stone, the law students will know the UN declaration of human rights. Our legal system is famous too".

"For many younger Nepali its EPS: English Premier League is famous for. I see lot of trucks decorated with Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Chelsea batches. May be that or may be the English language, the language of Shakespeare, although many young people understand the language of Harry Porter".

"Another thing that UK is famous for is our education system Many people say the British influenced education made the difference, not just for the schooling, but what they have achieved in their lives. This might be because they went to the British school, because they had British teacher, they took British exams or because they studied in the UK.

"Traditionally they valued education, people use it to make the world a better place. Our exam system is famous for impartiality and challenge. Our system encourages people to think independently, to challenge and to understand other people's perspectives".

"Our universities are regularly cited as amongst the best in the world, more world leaders, 58 in the last count, have studied in the UK, more than any other country.



and the ABAN exists to help maintain those ties.

It is great to know that so many Nepali have studied in UK and want to maintain their connection into the future. And I am delighted to hear a long list of people who are joining ABAN".

"It is great to find ABAN in its 20th year with such strength. I thank you all for having ties with UK and all of those who served now to keep ABAN in good health. I really wanted to be here to congratulate and I wish ABAN every success into the future. Thank you very much, I am honored to be here".



British Council Country Director Dr. Jovan Ilic Addresses ABAN's 20th Anniversary

"It is a pleasure to be amongst you to celebrate 20th year of ABAN. I see the event brings many young people and young faces together, and of course, many many senior respected professionals gathered here today to celebrate ABAN Day and the AGM. They are quite senior and respected individuals in the society for the successful jobs they have done. It has been a journey of 20 years and I want to wish next 20 years".

"I am inspired, gentlemen, very inspired and I would like all of you to come next year to British Council Annual Report, our financial report, so you can support me with the round of applause.

Listening to every body here I would like to stay in Nepal for the next 20-25 years. I have been in Nepal for the last 8 years, which has been an absolute privilege and pleasure and I will be here for another year and half, just shy of 10 years.

"I look forward to the 21st AGM also next year again in the British Council facility".

Earlier he introduced himself as having done Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Lancaster, UK.

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ABANians on the Lead: Namrata and Bishma

Panel Discussion on Country Report

Past president of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) Mrs. Namrata Sharma was invited by the World Bank to participate in a panel discussion on Systematic Country Diagnostic Report on Nepal on March 13, 2018.

She put her experience and thoughts firmly on the issues of women in Nepal.

Namrata Sharma is the chairperson of Center for Investigative Journalism in Nepal.



Why Join ABAN ?

1. Rare opportunity to **network** with fellow ABANians, who also studied in UK,
2. Share the expertise and experience gained in UK for Nepal's development,
3. Meet and greet British scholars and authorities for mutual enrichment,
4. Be in touch with British events, activities and openings for shared happiness.
5. Identify as a proud British Scholar.

Life Members Joining ABAN from July 2017

1. Mrs. Rama Dahal (ID 507)
2. Mr. Eureka Ranjit (ID 508)
3. Mr. Saraju Baidya (ID 509)
4. Mr. Prafulla Man Singh Pradhan (ID 510)
5. Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi (ID 511)
6. **Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha (ID512) Hon**
7. Mr. Suman Kumar Wagle (ID 513)
8. Mr. Ram Thapa (ID 514)
9. Mrs. Reshma Rajthala (Associate ID 515)
10. Mr. Bijendra Bade Shrestha (ID 516)
11. Dr. Badri Prasad Bastakoti (ID 517)
12. Mr. Hari Ram Koirala (ID 447 Ordinary to Life)

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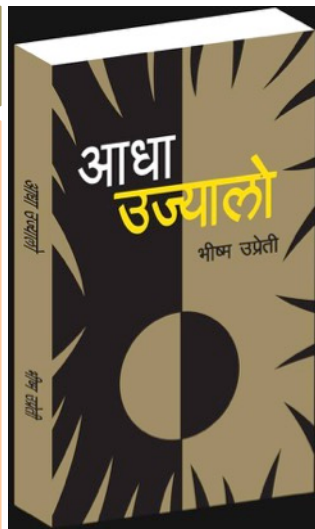
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Poet Bishma Upreti's "Aadha Ujyalo" Released



Poet Mr. Bishma Prasad Upreti's latest publication, "Aadha Ujyalo", a collection of poetry, has been released recently for the public.

Mr. Upreti is Executive Director in Nepal Rastra Bank and Executive member in the Association of British Alumni in Nepal.
Congratulations



Thank you ABAN Past President Ms. Namrata Sharma and present Executive member Mr. Bishma Prasad Upreti for giving us reasons to be proud of you two.



ABAN Calendar of Events during 2018

Month of 2018	Main Activities
January 07	7th Executive meeting of the 10th ECM.
January 30	8th Executive meeting of 10th ECM held 22nd issue of ABAN Newsletter issued
February 03	Support the Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali
February 04	20th AGM of ABAN at the British Council hall, Lazimpat. 23rd Issue of ABAN Newsletter February 2018 published
March 25	9th Executive meeting of 10th ECM held 24th Issue of ABAN Newsletter March 2018 launched
April	ABAN Talk Program on 10th Executive meeting of 10th ECM held 25th Issue of ABAN Newsletter launched

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