

ABAN Newsletter: Year 20, Volume ECM 9 –10, Issue No. 25, Month: April-May 2018

## Tenth Executive Committee Meeting Approves New Members



Tenth Executive Committee meeting of ABAN held on May 5, 2018 under the chairmanship of President Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha discussed the following agenda items:

- 1) 20<sup>th</sup> AGM and Magazine 2018,
- 2) Bank balance and fund transfer,
- 3) Renewal of ABAN Registrations.
- 4) Approval of New Members

The meeting resolved to express hearty condolence to Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi on the sad demise of his father Mr. Hari Krishna Dhoj Joshi on Baisakh 11, 2075 at the age of 96 years.

### 2.1 20th AGM and Magazine 2018

20th AGM of ABAN on February 4 was very successfully concluded within the approved budget of Rs.70,000/-. The accounts of ABAN Magazine 2018 was reported to have generated advertising income of Rs.118,750 plus Rs.40,000 receivable from two advertisers. The printing cost of the Magazine of Rs.157,061 was reimbursed by the British Council.



### 2.2 Bank Balance & Transfer

ABAN fund in bank accounts totaled Rs.1,462,290.11 (Rs.112,290.11 in saving and Rs.1,350,000 in fixed deposits). As Mega bank account bear no interest, an amount of Rs.45,000 will be transferred from Mega Bank to NB Bank account, which pays 6% interest per annum.

### 2.3 Renewal of ABAN Registrations

Lawyer Mr. Radha Krishna Bhandari, who had helped ABAN for renewal of its registration in the past has been requested to process renewal of registration again, and has been advanced Rs.5,000/- to pay for TDS and other expenses.

### 2.4 Approval of New Members:

Application of 3 new members proposed by Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan for Life Membership has been scrutinized and approved:

- 1) Mr. Naresh Man Shakya, M. Sc. Engineering Geology from the University of New Castle Upon Tyne in 1996-97,
- 2) Mr. Bijaya Jaishi, Post Doctorate in Bridge Engineering from Sheffield University in 2011, and
- 3) Mr. Riway Bhanju, M. Sc. In Smart System Integration from Herriot Watt University, Edinburg in 2017.



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.

## Tiger Lily

Tiger Lily petting farm & Hands-on museum



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### 2.5 Family Picnic in Sirutar 2018

Life Members, family and friends of ABAN joined the picnic on May 5, 2018 at Tiger Lily resort Sirutar, Bhaktapur. The picnickers enjoyed the clean green environment of Tiger Lily Petting Farm & Hands on Museum, jungle hike to Bindabashini and Shiva temples.

### 2.6 ABAN Advisory Council Meeting

It was proposed to hold an Advisory Council meeting of ABAN before July 2018 to review the situation of ABAN and chart out policy for its future development.

### **3. Adjournment**

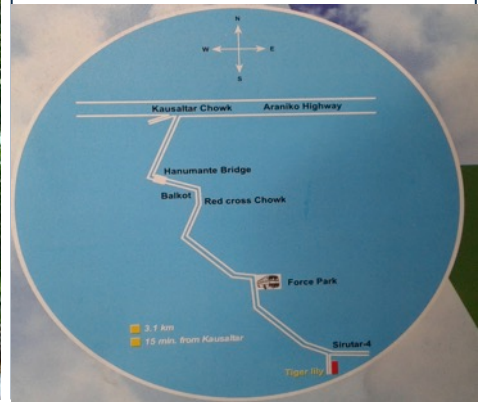
The president thanked all the members and invitees present in the meeting for their active participation and adjourned the meeting.

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ABAN Picnic at Tiger Lily and Visit to Bindabasini Temple, Biruwa



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ABAN Picnikers enjoying the temple visit by the jungle

Tiger Lily is a petting zoo for school age kids and family, designed to expose city kids the role of farming, seeds, country tools, machines and domestic animals including horse riding. Mr. Rajendra Uprety started the facility since January 2016, spread over 10 ropanis of land at an investment of Rs.10 million. Many school children frequent this facility as a learning center.



Uprety, a Biomedical Devise Inspector from Michigan. He returned to Nepal and set up Tiger Lily Petting farm in Sirutar, Bhaktapur. In the last 3 years, students and teachers from 500 plus schools have visited to see this simple but educative resort....I encourage all to visit this place with friends and family. A perfect example of what an NRN can do back in his/her country."

## Call for Application for ISA 2018-19



The British Council Nepal and the Government of Nepal, Department of Education announces submission of expression of interest from schools in Nepal to participate in the International Schools Award (ISA) for 2018-19. Schools from across Nepal meeting the eligibility criteria can download the application form and procedure from the **download section** to participate in the ISA.

### What is International School Award (ISA)?

ISA is a yearly award given to participating schools. Applications from interested schools are called in every year, August/September period and schools are selected on the basis of their application. The British Council offers the ISA as an accreditation framework for schools to record and evaluate their international work and embed it into the curriculum. ISA acts as a benchmark that ascertains schools as having an outstanding level of support for:

- Nurturing global citizenship in young people,
- Enriching teaching and learning

The ISA approach to school development is holistic and mirrors the curriculum based project work approach to encourage the teachers to use with their students. It is rigorous and evidence based process. It encourages the leaders to foster teambuilding, innovation, and project management. ISA gives context to practice new skills in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and pedagogy in a safe and structured manner. Participating in briefings and workshops, online community and the award ceremony brings together a large number of schools across the country fostering rich exchange of ideas and creating a vibrant community of education professionals.

### Evaluation process

Representatives from the British Council, Department of Education and Curriculum Development Centre evaluate the portfolio of evidence submitted by the participating schools and visit schools to see the authenticity of the work and learning outcomes in the children. With the evidences submitted and the school visits, the schools are granted the award.



## IELTS Stakeholder Celebration



Representatives from different educational consultancies after receiving award from British Council Nepal



British Council's Exam manager Jim O'Neill hands over Trusted IELTS Partner award to Prakash Pandey president of ECAN

IELTS Stakeholder Celebration Event was held on 22 March 2018. The event brought together a range of IELTS partners to celebrate their work together with British Council helping young Nepali students and professionals gain access to education and career development opportunities. New services for IELTS Teacher Training, UK cultural links and results distribution were presented to the audience. A member of Blind Rocks organisation spoke at the event to discuss how IELTS has become more accessible to visually-impaired and other candidates who need special arrangements.

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Jim O'Neill, Country Exams Manager, British Council Nepal and representatives from various educational consultancies attended the event. "Trusted IELTS Partner Award" was given to both ECAN President Mr. Prakash Pandey and IERIN President Kumar Karki. "Exclusive IELTS Partner Award" was given to Orbit Medical Entrance Managing Director, Sunil Regmi. RTC English was awarded for "Preparation Institute Partner for IELTS Registration" and DECC for "IELTS Venue Partner Award".

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### Ambassador Dr. Subedi Addresses Nepali Students in London



Nepal's ambassador to United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland HE Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi addressed young Nepali students visiting UK on a cultural exchange program in London recently. Dr. Subedi is 20th Nepali ambassador in UK since September 29, 2016 and is the Life Member of ABAN since October 27, 2017.

The diplomatic relations between Nepal and UK was started soon after the 1816 treaty of Sugauli. UK is one of the biggest bilateral development partner of Nepal. The relation has extended up to people to people level as Mount Sagarmatha, the world's highest peak in Nepal was first climbed by a British.

ABAN General Secretary Mr. Uttam Pant took a group of students from Galaxy, St. Xavier, LRI and other schools to UK to expose them with British educational, cultural and historic traditions as a good foundation for shaping their future.

### Obituary

**श्रद्धाञ्जलि**

स्व. हरिकृष्ण ध्वज जोशी

हुमना जयवहा लोकेश्वर कुमार श्रेष्ठ "ईश्वर"को सुपुत्र, प्रथम अद्वितीय सासुरीका जोशी श्रेष्ठ र सेटरी महान कोणार्पणका पूर्व अध्यक्ष एवं कार्य सभ्य स्वर्गीय हरिकृष्ण ध्वज जोशीका पुत्रविराजित पिता हरिकृष्ण ध्वज जोशीको दुःख विपन्नतामा यस संस्था परिवारलाई अर्जित एवं सन्तान तुल्याएको छ।

यहाँको अलमको गिर सानितीको कामना गर्दै सौकर्यसम्पन्न परिवारलाई यस दुःखद घटनामा परिचयका लागि श्रद्धाञ्जलि अर्पण गर्दछौं।

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH ALUMNI IN NEPAL

Members of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal express heartfelt condolence to Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi on the sad demise of his father Mr. Harikrishna Dhoj Joshi on April 24, 2018 at the age of 96 years.



### 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 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)
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10. Mr. Bijendra Bade Shrestha (ID 516)
11. Dr. Badri Prasad Bastakoti (ID 517)
12. Mr. Hari Ram Koirala (ID 447 Ordinary to Life)
13. Mr. Naresh Man Shakya (ID 518)
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### ABAN Calendar of Events during 2018

Month of 2018	Main Activities
January 07	7th Executive committee meeting of the 10th ECM.
January 30	8th Executive meeting discussed 20th AGM celebration 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.
February 20	23rd Issue of ABAN Newsletter February 2018 published
March 25	9th Executive meeting of 10th ECM held
March 28	24th Issue of ABAN Newsletter March 2018 launched
April/ May	10th Executive meeting held on May 5, 2018
May 05	ABAN Family Picnic at Tiger Lily Sirutar, Bhaktapur
May 12	25th Issue of ABAN Newsletter (April-May) launched
June	Talk Program Advisory Council Meeting of ABAN 26th Issue of ABAN Newsletter June 2018 launched

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