

Poem Recital at ABAN by its Executive Members



Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) organized a solo poetry recitation program by its executive member Mr. Bhisma Uprety on 6th July 2018 at ULCI hall, Dillibazar. It was organized as part of ABAN's regular talk series.

Mr. Bhisma Uprety, ABAN Executive and Life member, a reputed litterateur in Nepal, recited some 20 of his poems in Nepali and English languages. Bhisma has published 20 plus books on poetry, travelogue etc. He has received many awards and is member of many national and international literary organizations.

The audiences were almost in meditative silence savoring his lucid poems one after another. He mesmerized the audience with poems covering every things around i.e. air, water, sea, mountain, river and human feelings like love, questions, various emotions etc. But the words were like powerful devices that can strike your mind. 25 plus poetry lovers attended the program. Among some of the noted litterateurs, Dr. Sanjeev Uprety was also present.

The program was chaired by ABAN acting President Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety in the absence of president Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha who was in Canada visit. Tulasi inaugurated the program by reciting his own poem in English titled "Cloud over the sky".

ABAN General Secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant took the charge of management including mastering the ceremony.

Commonality

Poet Bhisma Upreti



A caravan of mules
just went past this way
stirring dust as lovely as longings
and now,
a band of weary porters
is scaling the trail in the same way!

Both have pain
piled on their shoulders;
both have had no time for a bath;
both are hungry and tired too.
Cold has been tickling both;
no dream decorates their eyes.
A foul odour fills the nostrils of both.

What a commonality!
The two share the same exhaustion.

Perhaps, you have been to the
Himalayas too.
Have you ever noticed any difference
between the mules, and the porters?

Translated from Nepali by Mahesh Paudyal



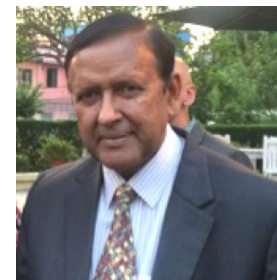
Association of British
Alumni in Nepal (ABAN)
is a not-for- profit social

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.

CONGRATULATION

ABAN VP Tulasi Prasad Uprety as Chairman of Vibor Capital



Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety, Vice President of the
Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN)
has been elected as Chairman of Vibor Capital
Ltd; representing new investors, together with
Lumbini Bikash Bank, the previous owner.

Mr. Uprety is serving as Vice President of
ABAN since 2013. He has done M. Sc. in
Human Resource Development from the
University of Manchester, UK. He was retired
from Nepal Rastra Bank as Executive Director.

In recent years he was serving as Freelance
Consultant and Director in Center for Micro
Finance. He specializes in socio-economic
development, human resource development,
micro-finance and banking.





Clouds over the sky

Tulasi Uprety - June 23



Almost five decades
 I always saw clouds over the sky
 I wanted to go out
 I wanted to go to field
 I wanted to go to swim in the river
 I wanted to go to listen the bird's chirping
 in the nearby forest
 I wanted to go to reap the crops,
 But find always;
 The clouds over the sky.
 Hampering my way out.

This time I found less clouds
 With some bright rays of hope
 That some thing good might happen;
 Something that may cheer you up,
 Hope is the way to life,
 Some time we also hope for
 the good cloud that may bring rain
 for the crops;
 But we do not know, do not see, what is the
 weather coming up but
 Can hope
 Can prey
 Can wish

But also shall be vigilant
 What might be cropping up
 Because
 We can not just let it go;
 Its our society, our country
 Unwanted clouds are not welcome now
 Necessary clouds
 Are welcome now
 So its not over
 It needs still to be aware,
 Because;
 No need to mention that;
 We all love our culture
 We all love our society
 And we all love our country
 from our deep inside - from our deep inside.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MSMT award to Bir Doctors

Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT) has awarded gold medal and Letters of Appreciation to the best performing Dr. Ajit Kumar Khanal and ECG Technician Mr. Kalyan Bikram Karmacharya of Bir hospital on the occasion of its 129th anniversary celebration through the hands of Deputy Prime Minister and minister of Health, Population and Environment Mr. Upendra Yadav on July 29, 2018. The Trust has been offering gold medal, appreciation letter and "Samjhana Sewa Award" to the best performing doctor and nurse or technician of the hospital since 1992.



Founder president of the Trust Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey also handed over Rs.50,000/- to the hospital Director Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Basnet in the presence of the dy. Prime minister for chemo therapy medicine for 6 month. The amount is from "Piyus-Narendra Cancer Treatment Endowment Fund" established by the Trust in 2017. Dr.Pandey said the amount will be increased to Rs.150,000/- from next year.

President Returns

ABAN President Maheswor and spouse Pramila have returned from a 6 weeks tour of USA and Canada. They toured to Toronto Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and on to Vancouver via Calgary with a week in the Canadian Rockies.



The couple then flew to Boston for a presentation in Brookline Rotary, and shared the "Glories of being a Nepali" with children and parents of Nepali Paththala in Virginia. They ended up doing North Carolina hike of the Grand Father mountain and Profile trail with some Floridian friends.



Concluding the trip, a 14 hour long non-stop flight brought them from Washington DC to New Delhi. The trip was most thrilling, exhilarating and a lifetime experience of the most scenic drive along the Canadian Rockies in a motor home (RV) for a week! Over all, the trip involved 42 hours of flying and 4,800 kilometers of driving.

NOTICE

For AGM and Advisory Council meetings
 10th Executive Committee's meeting on 01 August 2018 has decided to hold **21st Annual General Meeting** on October 06, 2018 with election for 11th ECM. Advisory Council meeting of Past Presidents and Honorary members is proposed on **August 25, 2018**

Hiranya Kumari's Book Released



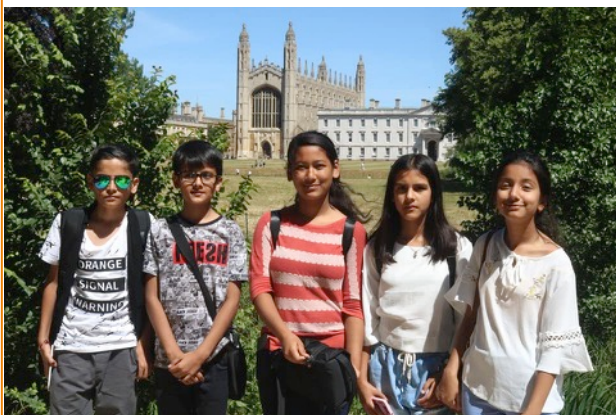
Chancellor of Nepal Academy launched the latest collection of stories "Agnidaha" written by award winning writer Hiranya Kumari Pathak, mother of ABAN past president Namrata Sharma. Hiranya Kumari was the first woman manager of a commercial bank in Nepal. Congratulation to Hiranya Kumari.



SUMMER 2018
SCHOOL
Summer Camp in UK

ULCI: Universal Language & Computer Institute organized English Summer Camp for school level students from Nepal for 10 days during June 03-13, 2018 with the following objectives:

- Opportunities to culturally immerse with students from different countries,
- Visit to Cambridge University, Piccadilly Square, St. Paul's Cathedral; Tower Bridge; Houses of Parliament,
- Opportunities for students to find self-worth and enjoy their academic experience through a wide range of enrichment activities,
- Big Ben & Westminster Abbey, London Eye and visit the London Aquarium,
- Thematic Learning: Monday - Friday mornings- 2 hours of directed study and 1 hour of project work,
- Learning themes include learning about Education, Theater, Music, Art and, British History and Culture,
- To improve students' skills in English including reading, writing, speaking and listening,
- Guided excursions around Cambridge city during the afternoons of Monday – Friday (1PM- 6PM) and full day at the weekends in London.



Sixteen students from KMC School and Aksharaa School took part in the summer camp to London. They experienced foreign culture, had inter-exchange with students from other countries, including the visit to Newton's house, who had discovered the theory of gravity, gave them a feel of being a global citizen.



19 Nepalese schools awarded with International School Award

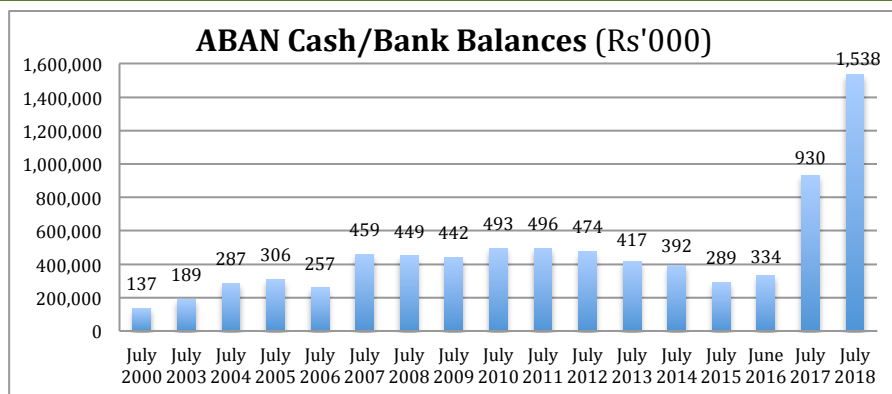
British Council Nepal awarded International Schools Award to 19 schools in Nepal and reaccredited four schools at their award ceremony held on 25 June, 2018. This award is endorsed by the Department of Education and this is the 6th year that Nepali Schools are being awarded through this programme. The awards were handed over by the chief guest Ms. Alison McEwen, Charge d'Affaires, British Embassy.

The schools receiving the full award were provided with a trophy and a certificate and will be allowed to use the coveted International School Award kite mark along with their school logo on all the official stationery and promotional materials for a period of three years.

Forty-two schools from fourteen districts of Nepal had submitted their dossiers out of more than 77 schools initially working on International School Award.

On the occasion **Ms. Rhona Brown, Head of Programmes, British Council Nepal** said "British Council's aim is to change lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust and the International School Award represents this aim very clearly. It is a pleasure to celebrate the great achievement of the schools being awarded ISA this year. Their hard work and achievement demonstrates that they have recognised the importance of embedding international learning into their schools, giving pupils and teachers a new perspective on the world, and ultimately helping develop the skills to work in a global economy. It is recognition of the commitment of the teachers to promote learning, creativity and collaboration in their schools. We are delighted that the new National Curriculum Framework also recognises the value of international learning and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with leaders, teachers and pupils to support quality education in Nepal".

*The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organization for cultural relations and educational opportunities.
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Source: Audit Reports, July 2018 is pre-audit

ABAN Financial for FY 2017-18 as of July 17, 2018 has been quite satisfactory, with highest annual surplus, highest fund in fixed deposit to generate interest income and bank balances, as detailed below:

1. Total Receipts	Rs.977,376.70
Total Expenses	Rs.368,304.70
Annual surplus	Rs.609,304.70
2. Bank Balances:	Rs.187,994.11
Mega Bank	Rs. 22,232.21
NB Bank	Rs.119,652.97
Central Finance	Rs. 46,108.93
3. Total Fixed Deposits	Rs. 1,350,000
Mega Bank	Rs. 850,000
Central Finance	Rs. 500,000

Total bank balance as on July 17, 2018 has exceeded Rs.15.37 lakhs (current, saving and fixed deposits).

Annual receipt represents income from:

- Magazine 2018 publication Rs.331,062

- Membership fees Rs.22,600
- Bank Interest income Rs.116,715
- Miscellaneous sources Rs. 7,000

Similarly, annual expenses includes:

- Mag./Newsletter publication Rs.209,724
- Service to Senior citizens Rs.27,210
- Website & ID cards Rs.8,965.25
- AGM Expenses Rs.66,784.75
- Registration Renewal Rs. 32,070
- Tax on interest income Rs. 17,808.13
- Tax Deducted at source Rs. 5,459.87
- Bank charges Rs.50

Similarly, membership growth has also been remarkable (+15 in 2017/18 and +21 in 2016-17) relative to the situation of the recent past years.

President of ABAN thanks all Executives and members of ABAN, for their unconditional support and efforts to turn



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)
5. Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi (ID 511)
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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)
13. Mr. Naresh Man Shakya (ID 518)
14. Mr. Bijaya Jaishi (ID 519)
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ABAN Calendar of Events during 2018

Month of 2018	Main Activities
January 07 January 30	7th Executive committee meeting of the 10th ECM. 8th Executive meeting discussed 20th AGM celebration 22nd issue of ABAN Newsletter issued
February 03 February 04 February 20	Support the Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali 20th AGM of ABAN at the British Council hall, Lazimpat. 23rd Issue of ABAN Newsletter February 2018 published
March 25 March 28	9th Executive meeting of 10th ECM held 24th Issue of ABAN Newsletter March 2018 launched
April/ May May 05 May 12	10th Executive meeting held on May 5, 2018 ABAN Family Picnic at Tiger Lily Sirutar, Bhaktapur 25th Issue of ABAN Newsletter (April-May) launched
June 10 June 18	Talk Program on Nepal-UK Relations/ 11th Executive meeting 26th Issue of ABAN Newsletter June 2018 launched
July 06	Poem Recital by ABAN Executives: Bhisma and Tulasi Uprety
August 01 August 24 August	12th Executive meeting / 27th Issue of ABAN Newsletter Advisory Council Meeting of ABAN 13th Executive meeting/ 28th Issue of Newsletter
September	Service to Senior citizens of Nishahaye Sewa Sadan, Tinkune