

ABAN Newsletter: Year 20, Volume ECM 9 –10, Issue No. 28, Month: August/Sept. 2018

## Service to Senior Citizens of Nisahaye Sewa Sadan



Association of British Alumni in Nepal - ABAN has served the senior citizens of Nisahaye Sewa Sadan (Center of Services to Helpless) located in Shantinagar, Naya Baneshwor, Kathmandu on September 22, 2018 with the financial support of Rs.30,000/- from the Mrigendra Sanjghana Medical Trust.

Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, founder and Mr. Bhim Bahadur Adhikari, president of MSMT together with Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, president and other executive members of ABAN jointly handed over the requested medicine and food stuffs to Ms. Ratneswori Pradhan, Secretary of the Center to serve the 37 senior citizens housed there, including 32 mothers and 5 fathers aged between 65 to 88 years old.

ABAN has been supporting the senior citizens of the Center for many years regularly, and with the involvement of MSMT for the past two years, the support program have become an annual event in September.



- Conduct income generating projects to utilize the skill, knowledge and capability of the elderly people who are living in the Center.



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.

## ABAN Asst. Treasurer Shiba Appointed Director in Mega Bank



Assistant Treasurer of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal Mrs. **Shiba Devi Kafle** has been appointed an Independent Director in the Board of Mega Bank Nepal Ltd by the decision of its 129th Board of Director's meeting held on August 26, 2018.



Earlier, Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle was in the Board of RMD Micro Credit Ltd; and has also served as Chief Executive of Rastriya Banijya Bank under assignment from Nepal Rastra Bank, where she worked for many years. She had completed M. Phil. in Monetary Economics from the University of Glasgow, U.K. in 1995. Shiba is actively involved in the 9th and 10th Executive Committee of ABAN since 2015.

We, ABANians wish her every success in her new assignment in the most competitive financial sector in Nepal. Presently she is in Australia.





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ABAN and MSMT have signed a MOU on 30 January 2017 to work together in the service of the senior citizens twice a year, once in February before the ABAN Day to help Tapasthali Bridhashran in Chapali to help an endowment fund of Rs.500,000/- provided by MSMT to ABAN and kept in the fixed deposit for interest income to fund the service project regularly.

Another annual event is to serve the senior citizens of Nisahaye Sewa Sadan, Naya Baneshwor, usually in September just before dassain festival. The requested medicine, food items etc. are purchased by Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust and handed over jointly with ABAN Executives to the senior citizens of the Center. Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey of MSMT was present on the occasion.

**NOTICE**

**ABAN 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

13th Executive Committee meeting held on September 11, 2018 has decided to hold 21st Annual General Meeting as soon as Audit report for FY 2074-75 is ready. Election for 11th ECM will also be done. All ABAN members are kindly requested to attend the AGM.

**Dr. Mrigendra honored with Lifetime Achievement Award**



Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey is honored with "Lifetime Achievement Award" by Swasthya Khabaar Patrika in Bharatpur, Chitwan on 23rd Sep, 2018. The award was delivered by former Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal at a function titled 8th Health Award for the Outstanding Contributions and selfless services to the community by Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey of Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT) for about four decades now.

Commentator congratulated him as "an inspiration for the entire generation".

Dr. Mrigendra is the first Honorary Member of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) since 23 October 2016. He is Nepal's first MRCP physician from Edinburgh, UK in 1959. Under him MSMT is supporting ABAN to serve senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali and Nisahaye Sewa Sadan, Baneshwor annually.

**Congratulation Dr. Rabin**



Dr. Rabin Paudel, second son of Mr. Shankar Prasad Paudel, Immediate Past President of ABAN has been honored with Nepal Vidya Bhushan First Class by the Rt. Honorable President of Nepal for his Ph.D. degree in Physics from the University of Colorado Boulders, USA.

**Hearty Congratulations!!!**

(Rt. Honourable President of Nepal **Bidhya Devi Bhandari** conferring Nepal Vidhya Bhushan (First Class) to Rabin Paudel, PhD)

We take this opportunity to congratulate our beloved son **Rabin Paudel** for being conferred with **Nepal Vidhya Bhushan (First Class)** from Rt. Honourable President of Nepal upon completion of PhD in Physics from the University of Colorado Boulder USA. While rejoicing this occasion, we would also like to express our gratitude to our relatives, friends and Rabin's teachers for their good wishes, greetings and contribution.

Shanker Paudel  
Anita Paudel

**SOS Awards ABAN IPP Shanker Prasad Paudel**

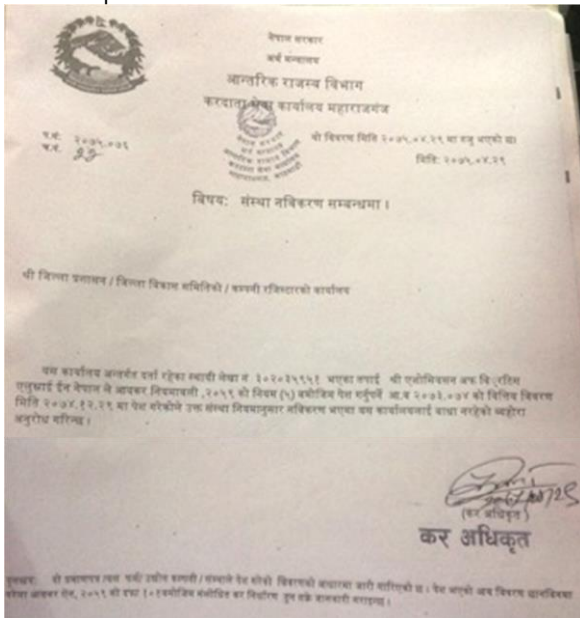


ABAN Immediate Past President Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel has been honored by SOS Children's Village Nepal for completing 30 years of continuous service as principle of Hermann Miner School, Sanothimi. The honor was bestowed in the presence of Mr. Helmut Kurtin, immediate past president of SOS International.



### ABAN Tax Clearance for FY 2073-74

Internal Revenue Department has recently issued a Tax Clearance certificate to ABAN upon successful completion of Audit report of FY 2073/74.



### ULCI Inaugurates Career Paths Examination Center in Nepal

ABAN General Secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant's Universal Language & Computer Institute, Dillibazar inaugurated Career Paths Examination Center in Nepal on 24 September 2018 in collaboration with the University of



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### English and IT for Adolescents

**English and IT for Adolescents** (EITA) project launched in 2012 has now further developed into English and Digital for Girls' Education (EDGE), which aims to improve the life prospects of adolescent girls in socio-economically marginalised communities in Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

The programme focused on enhancing participants' English proficiency, digital skills and awareness of social issues. As a result, they were able to make more informed and independent life choices, as is their right, in order to contribute more fully to the family, the economy and society.



This year British Council Nepal and VSO Nepal have signed a 4 year contract to implement British Council's **English and Digital for Girls' Education (EDGE)** programme as part of VSO's wider **Sisters for Sisters' Education II** project.

Sisters for Sisters' Education II (SfSE-II) project is funded by DFID's Girls' Education Challenge Transition Window (GEC T) and builds on the achievements of phase I (2013 – 2017).

The project will work in 48 schools across four districts targeting 17220 adolescent girls. Two local NGOs are also in the SfSE-II consortium: Global Action Nepal and Aasaman Nepal will be supporting implementation across the 4 districts. EDGE in SfSE-II contributes to intermediate outcome 2- Increased self-esteem and empowerment of girls. The project will use the regional EDGE club model and resources with some local adaptations to enhance participants' English proficiency, digital skills and social / life skills.

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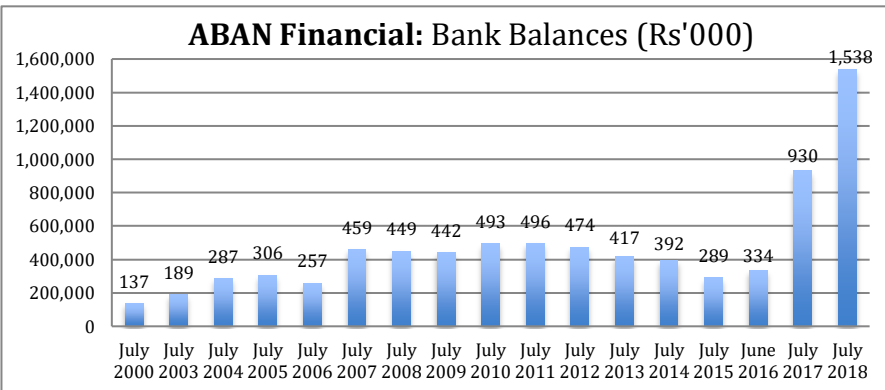


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### ABAN Executive Committee Meeting Decides

The 13th Executive meeting of the 10th ECM was held on September 11, 2018 at ULCI, Dillibazar, Kathmandu. ABAN president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha presided the meeting, which discussed the following agenda items:

1. Tax clearance of 2073/74 and Auditing of 2074/75,
2. 21st AGM and election of 11th ECM,
3. Service to Nishahaya Sewa Kendra,
4. ABAN Membership Directory.

1. Tax clearance certificate of fiscal year 2073-74 has been obtained from Internal Revenue Department on 2075.4.32 with the help of lawyer Radha Krishna Bhandari to deposit TDS and get tax clearance certificate. Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi reported progress in auditing of FY 2074-75. Since both the Treasurer and

Assistant Treasurer were away from Nepal for most part of the fiscal year, General Secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant was assigned to take help of an expert to clear the accounts for audit purpose.

2. The date for 21st AGM and election would be announced as soon as audit report for FY 2074/75 is ready.

3. Service to Nishahaya Sewa Kendra at Tinkune, Baneshwor was proposed on September 22 to celebrate Samajik Sewa Diwas that day. Social and Cultural subcommittee Coordinator Mrs. Padma Vaidya will coordinate with the Kendra.

4. Application of Mr. Bijaya Lal Mallapaty for Life Membership was approved. ABAN Membership Directory 2019 will be published for updating and to include new members since 2016. The Directory will be ready by ABAN Day on February 4, 2019.



### 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)
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)
13. Mr. Naresh Man Shakya (ID 518)
14. Mr. Bijaya Jaishi (ID 519)
15. Mr. Riway Bhanju (ID 520)
16. Mr. Narayan Raj Pandey (ID 521)
17. Mr. Iswor Man Shrestha (ID 522)
18. Mr. Bijaya Lal Mallapaty (ID 523)

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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	12th Executive meeting / 27th Issue of ABAN Newsletter Advisory Council Meeting of ABAN
September September 22	13th Executive meeting/ 28th Issue of Newsletter Service to Senior citizens of Nishahaya Sewa Sadan, Tinkune