

ABAN Newsletter: Year 20, Volume ECM 9 –10, Issue No. 29, Month: Oct.-Nov. 2018

ABAN Executive Committee Decides 21st AGM on February 2, 2019



Fourteenth Executive meeting was called to order by president Mr. Maheswor Shrestha on November 27, 2018 to discuss following agenda:

- Audit Report of FY 2074/75,
- 21st AGM and election of 11th ECM,
- Any Other Business:

2.1 Audit Report of FY 2074/75

Treasurer Mr. Hariom Dhoj Joshi assured to prepare Final accounts of ABAN for FY 2074-75 soon and get it signed by the auditors, as TDS of Rs.5,460/- for the year had already been deposited with tax office.

2.2 21st AGM and election of 11th ECM

The meeting decided to hold 21st AGM together with ABAN Day on Saturday February 02, 2019. Immediate past president Mr. Shanker Paudel will act as Election Officer for the election of 11th ECM team of ABAN for 2019-2021.

2.3 Service to Nishahaya Sewa Kendra

Samajik Sewa Diwas on September 22 was celebrated with service to Nishahaya Sewa Kendra at Tinkune, Baneshwor with support from Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust, as an annual event. Medicines and foodstuffs were provided to the Kendra. ECM member Mrs. Padma Vaidya coordinated the event in the presence of Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey and his team.

2.4 ABAN Membership Directory 2019

An updated Membership Directory 2019 will be published on February 2, 2018.

2.5 Office Space for ABAN

ECM Member Mr. Nava Raj Nakarmi proposed to offer office space for ABAN in his new house being built in his land at Satdobato, Lalitpur (kitta no.287 & 297). Legal advisor Radha Krishna Bhandari was requested to check legal procedure and prepare a MOU for the rightful use of the office space on offer. Similarly, on December 17, 2017, another Executive member Mrs. Kalpalata Dahal had also proposed to let ABAN use her 6 ana land near Kist hospital, Gwarko, Lalitpur on lease to build a house and generate income for 15-20 years. Legal advisor was requested to check legal procedure and prepare a memorandum of understanding for this proposal as well.

2.6 Advisory Council Meeting

ECM member Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel proposed to review ABAN's role as an Association. It was proposed to hold an Advisory Council meeting of ABAN sometime in December 2018 or January 2019 to review the situation of ABAN and chart out a Strategy document for its future development. All past presidents and the honorary members of ABAN will be invited in this strategy development meeting.



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.

Honoring ABAN Honorary Members



Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, Founder President of Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (1985) became the Life Member of ABAN on 23 October 2016 and became the first Honorary Member by virtue of contributing an endowment fund of Rs.5 lacs to ABAN. The income of the fund is being used to serve the senior citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali, Budhanilkantha, Kathmandu.



Dr. Mahodadi Pradhan Shrestha, became Honorary Member of ABAN by contributing a donation of Rs.5 lacs to ABAN fund on September 02, 2017.

Will to Contribute to ABAN



Two executive members of the 10th ECM of ABAN, namely Mrs. Kalpa Lata and Mr. Nav Raj have offered to let ABAN use their land and house for office and income generating purpose for the sustainable development of the Association. Article 3 of the Statute of the Association empowers ABAN to acquire fixed and current assets for use, sale or donation like an individual. Their commendable generosity is highly appreciated by all ABANians.

ABAN Executive member Mrs. Kalpalata Dahal proposed on December 17, 2017 to let ABAN use her 6 ana land near Kist hospital, Gwarko, Lalitpur to build a house and generate income for 15 -20 years on lease. Mrs. Dahal is currently working as Deputy Director in Nepal Administrative Staff College, Jawalakhel. Legal advisor Mr. Radha Krishna Bhandari is preparing a MOU for the rightful use of her land.

Another ECM Member Mr. Nava Raj Nakarmi has proposed to offer office space for ABAN in his new house being built in his land at Satdobato, Lalitpur (kitta no.287 & 297). Legal advisor will prepare a MOU for the rightful use of the office space on offer. Mr. Nav Raj Nakarmi worked in Nepal Telecom and had obtained Telex and Telecom training from South Devon Technical College, UK in 1981/82.

NOTICE

21st Annual General Meeting (AGM)

14th Executive Committee meeting held on November 27, 2018 has decided to hold **21st Annual General Meeting** together with **ABAN DAY** on **Saturday February 02, 2019**. Election for 11th ECM will also be done. All ABAN members are requested to attend the AGM.



English & Digital for Girls' Education Nepal



Empowering girls to change their world

English and Digital for Girls' Education (EDGE) aims to improve the life prospects of adolescent girls in socio-economically marginalized communities in Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

The programme is 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.

In 2015-16, British Council Nepal partnered with the US Embassy in Kathmandu and Equal Access Nepal to deliver a pilot project to adolescent girls from marginalised communities in after-school, non-formal, safe spaces in their communities. Participants developed English and digital skills using self-access learning resources installed on laptops/phalets. In addition, a series of flashcards and games developed grammar, functional language and vocabulary skills were provided to teach effectively.

Our vision is that adolescent girls from marginalised communities can make more informed and independent life choices, as is their right, in order to contribute fully to the family, the economy and society.

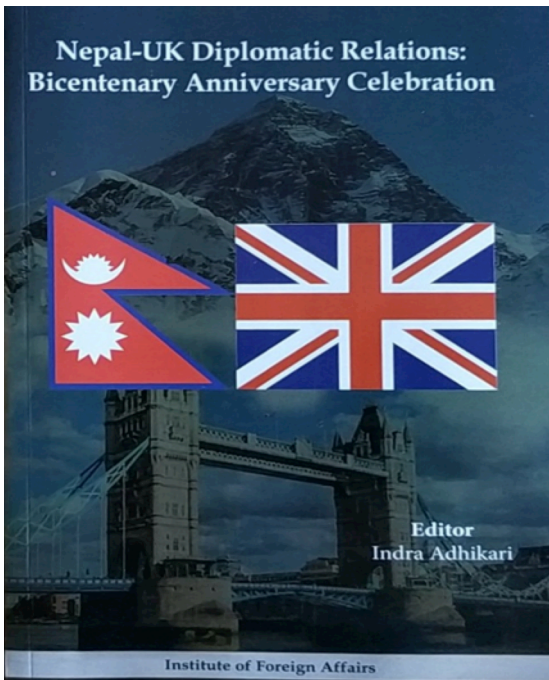
This year British Council Nepal and VSO Nepal have signed a 4 year contract to implement **English and Digital for Girls' Education (EDGE)** programme as part of VSO's wider **Sisters for Sisters' Education II** project, funded by DFID's Girls' Education Challenge Transition Window (GEC T). Through improved access to quality education, SfSE-II envisions that marginalised adolescent girls from rural Nepal will transition from basic to secondary education, and secondary to upper secondary. They will be equipped with skills that improve employability, enhance confidence and self-esteem to act as leaders, and enable them to influence and control their own sexual and reproductive health rights. 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.



Nepal - UK Diplomatic Relations

Institute Foreign Affairs (Nepal) has recently published a book entitled 'Nepal-UK Diplomatic Relations: Bicentenary Anniversary Celebration', edited by Dr Indra Adhikari. The book is available to purchase from Mandala Books, in Kathmandu (Price: NPRs 500).



CONTENTS

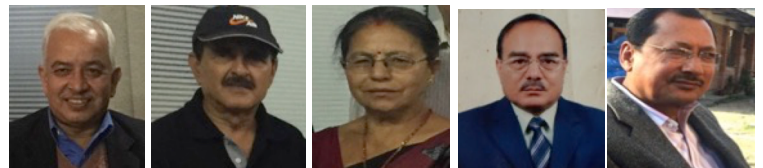
- I. Introduction
- II. Nepal-Britain Relations: A Record of 200 Years: *Tri Ratna Manandhar*
- III. 200 Years of UK-Nepal Relations: An Account of Enduring Partnership: - *Suresh Chandra Chalise*
- IV. Britain- Nepal Relations: Migration, Citizenship and New Actors - *Krishna P. Adhikari*
- V. Gurkha Connection in Nepal - Britain Relations: Special Relations with Hegemonic Practice - *Yuveraj Acharya*
- VI. Annexes:
 - A. Welcome Speech by *Prof. Dr. Panna Kaji Amatya, Executive Director of IFA*
 - A. Remarks by *Shanker Das Bairagi, Foreign Secretary,*
 - B. Special Remarks by *Ms. Katherine Smitton, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy*
 - C. Keynote Address by the Chief Guest, *Hon'ble Dr. Prakash Saran Mahat, Minister for Foreign Affairs*



10th Executive Committee Members 2017-2019



Maheswor B. Shrestha President, Tulasi Prasad Uprey Vice President, Uttam Prasad Pant General Secretary, Hariom D Joshi Treasurer, Shiba Devi Kafle Assistant Treasurer



Madhav Pd. Bhatta Member, Punya Prasad Paudel Member, Padma Vaidya Member, Dr. Prem Ratna Sthapit Member, Uttam Lai Pradhan Member



Bishma P. Upreti Member, Kalpalata Dahal Member, Navaraj Nakarmi Member, Shanler Prasad Paudel Immediate Past

Mr. Uttam Pant Honored

ABAN General Secretary Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant has been honored and awarded with a **Certificate of Appreciation by Yogmaya Smriti Samman Kosh** on November 2, 2018 in Baranagar. His research and education in this field over the past 3 decades have been very rewarding. He looks forward to continue contributing in this subject to the best of his abilities. He is grateful for recognizing his works in this area and is trying to publish a

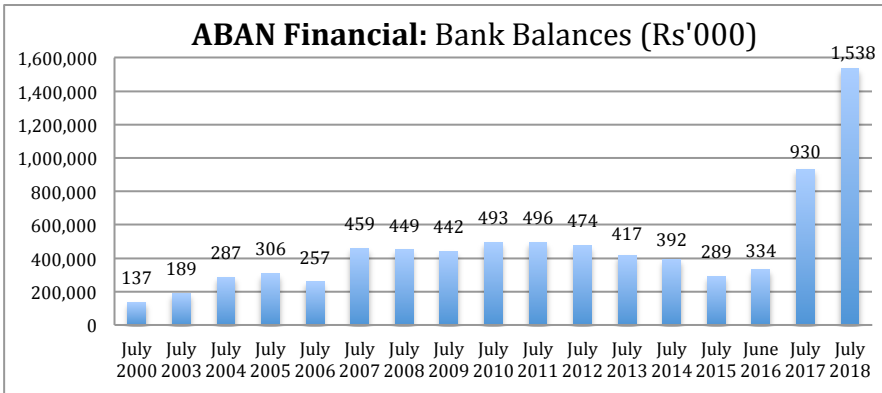


facebook.com/NepalTelecom.NT | twitter.com/ndcl_nt | instagram.com/nepaltelecomofficial

TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EXCITING OFFERS

***1415#**

For more information please visit: www.ntc.net.np



Source: Audit Reports, July 2018 is pre-audit

A Review of 9th & 10th Executive Committee of ABAN

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal, which began on 4th February 1998 (2054.10.22), has completed two decades of glorious existence and is now embarking upon a third decade of development with bright future prospects.

The ninth and tenth Executive team under the leadership of Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, as president for two terms, has achieved some remarkable milestones in the history of ABAN:

- Induction of 36 Life Members, including two Ordinary members converted to Life Members,
- Two Honorary members, namely Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey and Dr.

Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha, who contributed Rs.5 lacs each to ABAN,

- Publication of Annual Magazines and monthly Newsletters to highlight the relations between Nepal- Britain in its glorious two centuries, record activities of the British Embassy, the British Council and ABAN, and serve as the communication link between its +500 members (Ordinary and Life),
- Strengthened the Association financially with bank deposits of Rs. 1.538 million as of 16th July 2018.
- Service to senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram, Chapali and Nishahaye Sewa Sadan, Baneshwor on regular basis, regular talk shows etc. to further the stated objectives of ABAN.



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 10	Talk Program on Nepal-UK Relations/ 11th Executive meeting
June 18	26th Issue of ABAN Newsletter June 2018 launched
July 06	Poem Recital by ABAN Executives: Bhisma and Tulasi Upreti
August 01	12th Executive meeting / 27th Issue of ABAN Newsletter
September	13th Executive meeting/ 28th Issue of Newsletter Service to
September 22	Senior citizens of Nishahaye Sewa Sadan, Tinkune
November 27	14th Executive Committee meeting of 10th ECM
December	15th Executive Committee meeting of 10th ECM Advisory Council Meeting of ABAN



Life Members Joining ABAN from August 2015

1. Dr. Nastu Prasad Sharma (ID 491) on 22.9.2015
2. Miss Sanjivani Shrestha (ID 492) “
3. Mr.Punya Prasad Paudel (ID116 Ord. to Life)
4. Mr. Govinda Neupane (ID 493) on 17.12.2015
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) on 21.6.2016
10. Mr. Laba Prasad Tripathi (ID 498)
11. Mr. Subin Man Pradhan (ID 499) 23.10.2016
12. **Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey (ID 500) Honorary**
13. Mr. Prateek Man Singh (ID 501) 15.11.2016
14. Mr. Rabindra Mananda Bajracharya (ID 502) “
15. Mr. Ramesh Maskey (ID 503) 16.12.2016
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) 21.2.2017
20. Mr. Eureka Ranjit (ID 508) “
21. Mr. Saraju Baidya (ID 509) “
22. Mr. Prafulla Man S. Pradhan (ID 510) 2.9.2017
23. Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi (ID 511) “
24. **Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha (ID512) Hon**
25. Mr. Suman Kumar Wagle (ID 513) 27.10.2017
26. Mr. Ram Thapa (ID 514) “
27. Mrs. Reshma Rajthala (Associate ID 515) “
28. Mr. Bijendra Bade Shrestha (ID 516) 17.12.2017
29. Dr. Badri Prasad Bastakoti (ID 517) 25.3.2018
30. Mr. Hari Ram Koirala (ID 447 Ordinary to Life) “
31. Mr. Naresh Man Shakya (ID 518) on 10.6.2018
32. Mr. Bijaya Jaishi (ID 519) “
33. Mr. Riway Bhanju (ID 520) “
34. Mr. Narayan Raj Pandey (ID 521) “
35. Mr. Iswor Man Shrestha (ID 522) on 01.8.2018
36. Mr. Bijaya Lal Mallapaty (ID 523) on 11.9.2018

Membership Sub-Committee Chair:

Mr. Tulasi Prasad Upreti, Mobile: 9851035007

Email: tupreti@yahoo.com

General Secretary

Mr. Uttam Pant, ULCI Dillibazar

Cell: 9851020918 uttampant@hotmail.com

Published by:

ABAN President

Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha

mahesworbs@gmail.com

Cell: 9851094345

Publication Coordinator

Punya Prasad Paudel

punya.paudel@gmail.com