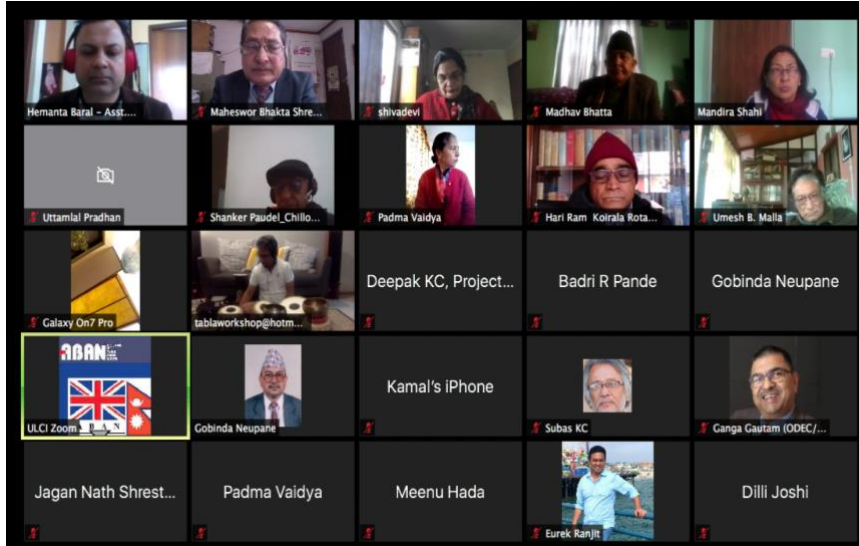


23rd Annual General Meeting of ABAN



The Association of British Alumni in Nepal convened on the virtual platform its 23rd Annual General Meeting on Saturday January 02, 2021, with Immediate Past President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha as the Chief Guest.

ABAN President Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant called the AGM to order and welcomed all participants and guests. Vice President Ms. Padma Vaidya delivered the welcome address and summarized the objectives of the Association.

The event was enlivened with a musical *Tabala* recital by Mr. Bheeraj Shrestha from Brisbane, Australia. The meeting observed 30 seconds of silent invocation in remembering the great contributions of Charter president Dr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa and the outgoing British Ambassador Mr. Richard C. Morris who left us to their heavenly abode in 2020.



General Secretary of ABAN Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle presented the annual report of the Association. She summarized the activities of ABAN during 2019-20:

- 12 Executive committee meetings held during November 2019 to December 2020,

- Publication of ABAN Magazine no. 10 for 2019-2020,
- Publication of ABAN Diary 2020,
- Publication of ABAN Newsletters no. 7, 8 and 9, and ABAN Leaflet,
- ABAN Day Celebration on 4 February 2020 at Shangrila hotel with British Ambassador Ms. Nicola Kathryn Pollit as the chief guest,
- Condolence meeting on November 21 on the sad demise of the charter president Dr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa,
- Two Talk programmes: My Journey from England to Nepal by Lee Edward John Doman-Hayes on 31st January and *पूर्वीय दर्शनको पुनर व्याख्या-२०१६* (Reinterpretation of Eastern Philosophy-2019) via zoom on 26th December.
- Yoga Meditation class on May 28,
- The annual visit to Tapasthali Briddhashram (Old Age Home) on 29th December to offer material help in collaboration with Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust.
- Updated ABAN website: www.aban.org.np
- IELTS Exam registration, 88 so far,
- 12 new Life members recruited during 2019-20.

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The Association of 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. It promoted the interest of the British alumni in Nepal and supports them to contribute to national development. ABAN also works for cultural and educational exchange between Nepal and Britain.

Presidential Address



Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, President of ABAN said "our activities in 2020 have been affected by Covid19. As we have begun to adapt to the new normal, we are looking forward to making 2021 a

more eventful year by giving continuity to our initiatives".

"We are committed to keep the ABAN community engaged. The next event: **ABAN Day** celebration is scheduled for February 4, 2021. I would request all the ABANians to join and share your experiences to strengthen this Association".

ABAN can also continue to play an important role in promoting British education in Nepal. We are already registering IELTS candidates for the test. This has made some contribution in raising funds for ABAN. We are pursuing discussion with other British education and international examination service providers to explore the possibility of ABAN's involvement. Doctors from Nepal need to travel abroad to appear for the PLAB examination, which ABAN could administer in Nepal to facilitate the doctors and generate a recurring revenue for ABAN.

ABAN is an organization of many notable professional people who have excelled in their profession. Many of us have our own success stories and have made meaningful contributions towards the betterment of our society and the nation. ABAN will continue to recognize the contributions of its members by featuring them in our publications" *President: Uttam Prasad Pant.*

23rd AGM Elects 12th Executive Committee

on January 02, 2021 online zoom meeting



IPP Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha as Election Coordinator

Election Committee: (as per Article 21 of ABAN Statute 2064 BS)

- IPP Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha Coordinator
- Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety Member
- Lawyer Mr. Radha Krishna Bhandary Member

21 Days Election Notice:

Published on 2077 Marga 24 (December 09, 2020 by email, Group mail and on Viber group. Reminder e-mails on December 21, 23 2020 and January 1, 2021. Nominations invited till Dec. 30 for the Election.

Nominations: Till December 30, 2020: four members filed their nominations.

Due to COVID-19 affecting physical activities for 9 months (March- December) it was unanimously decided to let the 11th ECM team continue for a second term of 2 years 2021-23 with changes of 4 new members:

12th Executive Committee Members Elected by 23rd Annual General Meeting

- President Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, MD. ULCI
- Vice President Mrs. Padma Vaidya
- General Secretary Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle
- Treasurer Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta
- Asst. General Secretary Mr. Hemanta Raj Baral
- Asst. Treasurer Mr. Nava Raj Nakarmi
- Member Mrs. Mandira Shahi
- Member Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan
- Member Mr. Deepak KC
- Member Mrs. Kamal Nayan Pradhan
- Member Mr. Gobinda Neupane
- Member Prof. Jagan Nath Shrestha
- Member Prof. Subas K. C.
- Immdt. Past President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha

Advisors to ECM:

(As decided by Executive Meeting of December 27, 2020 and as endorsed by the 23rd AGM)

- 1. Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel Past President
- 2. Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey Honorary Member
- 3. Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha Honorary Member

IPP Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Executive members on its 1st Executive Committee meeting on January 08, 2021.

ABAN Committee Plan for 2021-2023

SI	Objectives of ABAN	Main functions	Committee
1	Strengthen Professional Educational, Cultural and Collegial (PECC) relations between the ABAN members and the British Professionals in Nepal and the UK.	Annual picnic, fellowship dinners, cultural activities, professional interactions, and sharing fora, etc.	Member Relations <i>Coordinator: Padma Vaidya</i>
2	Mobilize the ABAN members and their resources for serving the community members in need for supports	Health camps, blood donations, services to senior citizen, destitute women and children, scholarships, books donations, supports in emergency or disaster situations, etc.	Community Services <i>Uttam Lal Pradhan and Mandira Shahi</i>
3	Promote the knowledge of British education as well as the image of ABAN among the key stakeholders and the public at large on their contributions to Nepal's development.	Thematic talk programs, seminars, workshops, interactions, debate, institutions visit programs, and alumni stories focused on the British education systems and ABAN's purposes and programs	Promotion <i>Shiba Devi Kafle and Nava Raj Nakarmi</i>
4	Frame and review policies, strategies, and programs of ABAN and coordinate between and among the various committees for program development, implementation, and evaluation.	Policies and strategies guidelines, compilation, and approval, programs guidelines and finalizations, implementation guidelines and monitoring, annual review of committees; progress and achievements,	Policy, Program and Coordination <i>Uttam P. Pant Kamal Nayan Pradhan</i>
5	Design, prepare, edit, print, and disseminate various publications to keep the ABAN members informed and to promote institutional image.	ABAN membership directory, magazine, newsletter, institutional profile/leaflet, program brochures, press/media releases	Publications <i>Maheswor B. Shrestha & Prof Subas KC</i>
6	Promote professional interest of its members and coordinate with concerned agencies of the government for due recognition of their academic qualifications and trainings in UK, create platforms for the use of their competencies & experience acquired in the UK, and increase membership base .	Members expansion drive, skills roster, advocacy programs and campaigns, representations to the government and other bodies members-led talk programs and interaction platforms, member-to-member (M2M) programs	Membership Development <i>Deepak K.C. and Gobinda Neupane</i>
7	Develop relations with the British institutions relevant to the nature and purpose of ABAN for utilizing such networking to strengthen its institutional capacity.	Exchange visits, links with British Institutions, British Council, Embassy, and NB Society, joint or collaborative programs, information and publications sharing, expertise sharing	Institutional Networking <i>Shanker Paudel Jagan Naty Shrestha</i>
8	Raise funds for financing operational activities and ensuring sustainability and growth of ABAN and its programs.	Develop plan/ programs for fund generation, its allocation and utilization. Coordinate internal committees and external agencies for resources	Resource Mobilization <i>Madhav Bhatta</i>
9	Provide academic/ admin. supports for educational and professional development for Nepali students on behalf of British educational and professional institutions, and deliver such programs in Nepal in collaboration with or affiliation to them.	Admission administration, examination administration, registration, and training of UK based educational and professional programs, Professional Certificate and Diploma programs, training programs	Education Development <i>Uttam P. Pant and Prof. Subas K. C.</i>

ABAN Celebrated 23rs AGM

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Treasurer Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta presented the Auditor' M/s A. R. Joshi & Co's Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020:
 The total income during the year was Rs.452,972 (Membership fee Rs.4,000, Bank Interest Rs.151,872, Donation Rs.217,100, Magazine net income Rs.45,000 and miscellaneous Rs.35,000).against an administrative expenses of Rs.423,167.

The year thus showed a net surplus of Rs.29,805.

Bank balance as on July 2020 was Rs1,573,061 including fixed deposits of Rs.970,000/- .

The Treasurer Mr. Bhatta also proposed the continuation of the auditors M/s A. R. Joshi & Co to continue for fiscal year 2020-21 as well.

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of ABAN approved the annual auditor's report for 2019-20 and the appointment of M/s A. R. Joshi & Co as auditor for fiscal year 2020-21 as well by applause.

Chief Guest IPP Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha thanked the participants of the Annual General Meeting for their continued support and highlighted the phases of development of ABAN through the third to the eleventh Executive Committees.

Each Executive Committees in the past have contributed their might to uplift the state of ABAN. However, the past five years have been more significant in strengthening both the membership and financial bases to sustain the Association in future.:

ABAN's Phases of Development			
Executive Committee	Total Members	Change	Bank balance
ECM 3	267	+21	
ECM 4	303	+36	
ECM 5	317	+14	Rs.4.48 lacs
ECM 6	378	+61	Rs.4.93 lacs
ECM 7	381	+3	Rs.4.96 lacs
ECM 8	388	+7	Rs.2.89 lacs
ECM 9 & 10	430	+42	Rs.15.3 lacs
ECM 11	443	+13	Rs.15.72 lacs

The 11th ECM has published ABAN Magazine 2019-20 as part of its regular publications featuring articles and stories to strengthen Nepal- Britain relations, and the benefits Nepal has gained from the British Education. The publication also generated a surplus of Rs.45,000/- in ABAN fund.

"This Association is Ours, so let us contribute to further strengthen it for further growth and development. In this context, we must express special thanks to the first Two Honorary Members, namely Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey and Dr. Mahodadhi Pradhan Shrestha for their significant contribution to carry out more service activities of the Association" he said.

Another feature of the Annual General Meeting was the election of members and office bearers of 12th Executive Committee of ABAN. Only four life members applied for working in the 12th ECM and the meeting decided to extend the term of the existing Office bearers and members for a second term during 2021-2023. Congratulations to the new Team.



ABAN Welcomes
Ms. Shahida MacDougall
 Country Director, British Council Nepal



Tribute to Former British Ambassador
Late Mr. Richard C. Morris



ABAN Family is deeply grieved and saddened by the tragic loss of Mr. Richard C. Morris, British Ambassador to Nepal during 2015-2019. While in Nepal, he was so considerate and helpful to the cause of ABAN.

Richard Morris was last seen running in Alton in the county on 6 May when he disappeared. On 31 August, Hampshire Constabulary has formally identified a **body found in Alice Holt Forest** as of Mr. Morris. He left behind wife and their 3 children.

He is described as "a loving and loyal husband, father, son and brother". He had worked for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) "with professionalism and integrity for nearly 30 years".

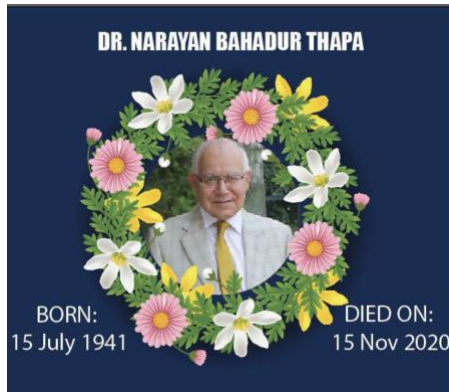
"His empathy and kindness to those around him earned him respect wherever he went, evidenced by the messages of love, friendship and support we have received from all over the world," they said.

We pray for the eternal peace of his soul.

Count on Your Successes of British Education
 ABAN Members and others who have studied in the UK are invited to write about their experience and details on how they were able to contribute to the development of Nepal. For publication, please forward your details to mahesworbs@gmail.com

Tribute to Charter President of ABAN Late Dr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa

In 1997 Dr. Narayan the help of the establish an professionals who UK. He felt that needed a forum to expertise and give Thus, the Alumni in Nepal was the founder Narayan Bahadur 1941, in Muga in He became the first



Bahadur Thapa with British Council to association of Nepali had studied in the these professionals share ideas and back to the country. Association of British founded with him as President Dr. Thapa was born in Dhankuta District. doctor in the

illustrious Mugali clan to fulfil his father's wishes. After his schooling in Benares, he won a scholarship to study medicine at Trivandrum University in Kerala, India. He returned to Kathmandu in 1964, full of aspirations. An adventurous young man, he volunteered to go to the remote village Olangchung Gola in Taplejung, becoming the first doctor to set foot there.

In 1971 he moved with his family to the UK where he worked and trained in surgery for the next ten years. He returned to Nepal as a pediatric surgeon and established the pediatric surgery department at Kanti Children's Hospital. He was the Director of the Hospital for four years. He improved the hygiene standards at the hospital, by persuading the UK government to send out British anesthetists and, through personal efforts, securing a big loan for the hospital from the Japanese government. At the hospital he came across children

with horrific burns, which inspired him to spearhead the Integrated Injury Prevention Program nationwide, funded by the World Health Organization. He started the Nepal Burn Society. After retirement from government service, he started his own private hospital, **Ishan Children's and Women's hospital**, the first of its kind in Nepal a premier hospital specializing in the treatment of children, and obstetrics and gynecology. Working with Cleft Lip and Palate program under ADRA Nepal and in collaboration with Japanese, Australian, and American surgeons, he operated 1,600 cases of cleft lip and palate on a voluntary basis.

In later life he rediscovered his interest in photography and spent hours in his garden photographing flowers and the scenery. He found beauty in even mundane things around him and brought them to life. His lifetime of hard work had an adverse effect on his health as he suffered from heart and back issues— but he still had many ideas and many dreams. He succumbed to COVID-19 on 15th November 2020. He touched many lives both in Nepal and around the world and will be remembered for his hard work, dedication, and compassion.



WHY Join ABAN?

- Rare opportunity to **network** with fellow ABANians, who also studied in the UK,
- Share the expertise gained in the UK for Nepal's development and gain mutual benefits,
- Meet and greet British scholars and authorities for mutual enrichment, and building trust,
- Be in touch with British events, activities and openings for shared happiness.
- Opportunities to serve others who need our help, guidance and network links, and
- Identify as a dignified British Scholar.
- More people have more reasons to join and be a part of ABAN .

Persons having studied in the UK for 12 weeks or more is eligible for membership of ABAN by application with educational certificate, ID photo and fee. It is never late to be part of a growing organization.

New Life Members Joining ABAN from August 2020

1. Mr. Rabindra Nath Shrestha (ID537) 23 Aug '20
2. Mr. Bhubanesh Kumar Pradhan (ID 538) on 27 Dec. 2020
3. Ms. Roma Balami (ID 539) on 27 Dec. 2020
4. Mr. Ram Hari Adhikari (ID540) on 27 Dec. 2020
5. Ms. Sunita Basnet (ID 541) on Jan 24, 2021
6. Dr. Sudha Shrestha (ID 68) on Jan.24, 2021

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ABAN Activity Report 2021

Month of 2021	Main Activities
January 02	23 rd Annual General Meeting and Election of 12 th Executive Committee
January 08	1 st Introductory Executive Committee Meeting
January 16	2 nd Executive Committee Meeting for Sub Committee formation
January 24	3 rd Executive Committee Meeting for ADAN Day Preparation
February 04	ABAN Day Celebration
February 17	Online meeting with the British Council Country Director Ms. Shahida MacDougall
March	Health Camp at Sankhu and Executive Committee meeting Talk program on LPG versus Induction Cooking in Nepal: Dr. Jagan Nath Shrestha, Executive Member of ABAN
April 2020	Talk program Executive Committee meeting

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