

ABAN Newsletter: Year 23, Volume ECM 12, Issue No. 11, September 2022

## The Queen is Dead, Long Live the King



"Your Excellency,

On behalf of the ABAN family, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to the British people for the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As the longest reigning monarch in British history, she led an incredible life of service, dedication and dignity towards the British people and the world. She will always be fondly remembered for her innumerable contributions to society around the world. May the departed soul rest in peace, and the British people have the strength to deal with this significant loss."

ABAN President Mr. Uttam Pant wrote to the British Ambassador to Nepal, and also lead a team of ABAN Executives to the Embassy on September 13 to sign the condolence book on the sad demise of the Queen Elizabeth II.



### Queen Elizabeth – The Memory Remains

Queen Elizabeth II, the longest serving monarch of the United Kingdom has died at the age of 96 years (1926 April 21 to 2022 September 8). One of the legendary personality of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Her late Majesty was famous for her graceful demeanor.

A sweet smile on her face was like an eternal sunshine in the gloomy weather of Britain. Elegance of her attire was the envy of all fashionists. Great Britain had lost its greatness after Second World War, having lost the jewel in its crown-colonial India.

Britain suffered from decades of difficulties - urban decay, rebellious coal miners, threat of communists, Islamic terrorism, and that infamous Irish Republican Army (IRA) bombing, which almost killed her.

She survived the bomb, she survived the Cord War. She survived the parasite paparazzi who hunted her family's privacy. She survived rising Republican sentiment among communist sympathizers. She survived the unreasonable uproar against her after the tragic death of her estranges daughter-in-law Dianna on August 31, 1997. She survived the corona pandemic.

Queen Elizabeth II was a great survivor. Throughout all the turbulent days, she always maintained an elusive sense of calm. Her gentle voice was calm, clear and confident. Unlike the former royalties of Nepal, notorious for ego and arrogance, Queen Elizabeth was an ocean of humility. The Nepali people have nostalgic memory of Her Majesty. She showed so much courtesy to king Mahendra when he arrived in London.

During the 70 years as the monarch of the UK, Queen Elizabeth visited Nepal twice. She had visited Nepal in 1961 at the invitation of king Mahendra, and in 1986 during the reign



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. 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.

## "God Save the King" King Charles III of England



Prince Charles has stepped in as the new King Charles III of England. He has tirelessly worked for the promotion of art and architecture inside and outside the UK. He has written a very interesting book entitled "A Vision of Britain".

The enormous experience the new king has gathered looking at the performance of the departed Queen. People will be looking forward to the days of Charles III with keen interest.

Charles I had a troubled time as he dissolved the parliament on a number of occasions. He was unfortunately beheaded in the year 1648. Charles II was reinstated as the King in the year 1660, following a dismal performance of the Republicans led by Oliver and later his son Richard Cromwell.

The new King will take the coronation oath in front of the watching world. During this elaborate ceremony he will receive the orb and scepter as symbols of his new role and the Archbishop of Canterbury will place the solid gold crown on his head.

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of King Birendra. Always a humble and an honest Queen, she was never tempted to misuse her power even though she ruled the country for the longest period.

History will remember Queen Elizabeth as a fortress of humility and honesty. Never corrupted by power and money, never showing anger and frustration, never being swept away by cheap media publicity- she was a perfect symbol of British Christian Morality. No wonder the monarch is as strong as ever in the United Kingdom. Great Britain has lost a real jewel in the crown. (Ujwol Shrestha, THT Sept. 12).

Queen Elizabeth the Second maintained her composure and continued to shower dignity as well as decency in public life.

Nepal has some of the fondest memories of Queen Elizabeth from her visits in 1961 and in 1986. Nepal has been grieved by her demise, not only because of the enormous love she had for the people of Nepal but also because of Britain being the first country that Nepal shared a diplomatic relation in 1816 when Nepal had to sign the Sugauli Treaty.



British Prime Minister Liz Truss has rightly said that the modern Britain has been built on the foundation rock of the Queen and that she is the spirit of modern Britain.

The queen’s death at Balmoral Castle, announced by Buckingham Palace at 6:30 p.m., elevated her eldest son and heir, Charles, to the throne. He is Britain’s first king since 1952, taking the name King Charles III.



**Nepal**

**Grant Opportunities for Women Reporters on Climate Change**



**Introduction**

Are you an emerging women journalist who loves to tell stories? Are you passionate about climate change and how it impacts women and gender minorities? If yes, this opportunity might be for you.

**What’s it about?**

We are offering women reporters/videographers in Nepal the chance to take part in a specialized five-week virtual media workshop with an opportunity to publish their work. Experts will facilitate the sessions in journalism with national and international experts in scientific research and climate change as guest facilitators. During the workshop, participants will be mentored to develop their own stories about climate and gender, focusing on their local community and areas. They will also have the opportunity to engage with climate change experts and scientists.

As part of the workshop, the participants will be expected to write a proposal for a non-fiction story reported through any medium, with a budget proposal. The participants will then receive a grant to support the development and publication of their stories.

The participants will have the opportunity to get one-to-one mentoring from the well-experienced facilitators supported by grant awards.

Women Reporters on Climate Change is a replication of last year’s successful component of the Road to COP project funded by UK Aid. It brought many women journalists from all over Nepal and gave them the platform to curate and tell their stories. It is a result of the [British Council research](#) and the Nepal research looking at two decades of climate change reporting in Nepal which shows discrepancies in how gender intersections are covered and reflects the need to promote the role of women in global climate action. Please see the frequently asked questions (FAQ) document in the download section (in Nepali and English).



## IndraJatra: Kumari Festival of Kathmandu



The week long Indra Jatra festival has started in Kathmandu with the drawing of the chariots of Kumari, Shree Ganesh and Bhairav along the streets for the public to worship and witness the grand festival from September 9.

The festive celebration maintains the centuries old tradition of raising a sacred pole to worship god Indra and the Bhairavs in the old palace square of Hanuman Dhoka.



### ABAN Activity Report 2021-2022

Month of 2021	Activity Details
January 02	23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting and Election of 12 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee
January 08	1 <sup>st</sup> Introductory Executive Committee Meeting
January 16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting for Sub Committee formation
January 24	3 <sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting for ABAN Day Preparation
February 04	ABAN Day Celebration
February 13	4 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting to prepare for meeting with British Council
February 17	Online meeting with the British Council Country Director Ms. Shahida
March 05	5 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of ABAN
March 17	6 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of ABAN
March 25	7 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of ABAN
March 27	Family Picnic at Shivapuri National Park (Postponed due to Covid-19)
April 02	Talk program on Science & Technology by Prof. Dr. Jiba Raj Pokhrel
April 17	8 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting. Condolence message to British Embassy
May 17	9 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting
June 16	10 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting
June 20	Talk program on Enhancing Emotional Health And Spiritual Wellbeing
June 22 – 28	7 Days Yoga & Wellness Program by Er. Karuna Amatya of Jeevan Vigyan
June 26	Talk program by Dr. Dipak Malla on Diabetics
July 06	Health Camp & Yoga Review on YouTube
August 14	Medical support to Children Care Club, Budhanilkantha, Kathmandu
October 08	12 <sup>th</sup> ECM Meet: Exchange of Dassian Greetings
Nov. 08	13 <sup>th</sup> ECM: Preparatory for BC Meet
Nov. 11	Meeting with British Council Country Director
December 22	14 <sup>th</sup> ECM AGM preparations
January 09	15 <sup>th</sup> ECM for AGM preparations
Feb. 27, 2022	16 <sup>th</sup> ECM for AGM preparations
March 26	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Family Picnic
April 15	Guest Dr. Mahesh Pant talk on Learning to Live Sustainably
May 22	UK Education fair postponed to October 2022
June 08	The British Council <b>Annual IELTS Partner Recognition</b> Event
July 18	17 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting
August 22	Talk program by Dr. Jagan Nath Shrestha on Alternative Energy
Septemb. 13	Visit to British Embassy to convey the Condolence message



### WHO Can Join ABAN?

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

### New Life Members

#### Joining ABAN from January 2021

1. Ms. Sunita Basnet (ID 541) on Jan 24, 2021
2. Dr. Sudha Shrestha (ID 86) on Jan.24, 2021
3. Mr. Satyendra Khadgi (ID 542) on Feb. 2021
4. Mr. Lusan Nakarmi (ID 543) on March 5, 2021
5. Dr. Ramesh Khadka (ID 544) on March 7, 2022
6. Mr. Dasarath Moktan (ID 545) on March 26, 2022
7. Mr. Purushottam P. Khatiwada (ID 546)
8. Mr. Prem Sambyu (ID 547) on March 26, 2022
9. Mr. Purna Bahadur Chemjong (ID 548)
10. Mr. Prem Raj Neupane (ID 549)
11. Mr. Kul Chandra Dahal (ID550) March 26, 2022
12. Dr. Sita Ram Basnet (ID 551) on March 26, 2022
13. Mr. Prem Kumar Ale (ID 552) on March 26, 2022
14. Mr. Ashok Shahi (ID 553 ) on March 26, 2022
15. Mr. Babu Ram Gurung (ID 554) March 26, 2022
16. Mr. Navin Hada (ID 555) on March 26, 2022.

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