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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.



The Association of British Alumni in Nepal organized an interactive panel program discussion on September 22 on the Opportunities for Nepalese Nurses to work in the UK at Universal Language & Computer Institute, Kathmandu. Her Excellency Nicolas Pollitt, British Ambassador to Nepal and Dr. Thaneshwor Bhusal, Under Secretary, Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security were the panelists on the discussion session moderated by ABAN Past President Mrs. Namrata Sharma.

On August 22, The governments of United Kingdom and Nepal had signed a bilateral agreement on health partnership, opening the door for Nepali nurses to work in the UK.

Under the arrangement, Nepali citizens aged between 20 and 45 years are eligible to apply for the high paying nursing job under the National Health Services in the UK for a term of five years. Nepali citizens will receive the same rights, privileges, protection and dignity as health professionals from the UK, as per the agreement.

The goal of this discussion session is to address key questions about the agreement that interested candidates would have regarding eligibility, application requirements, facilities and other terms of employment under the UK National Health Service.

Her Excellency Nicolas Pollitt addressed the discussion session and also responded as panelist to questions raised from the floor to clarify about the terms of the agreement and the policy of the British government in dealing with the employment of the Nepalese nurses working in the UK.







This discussion event was later broadcast through NTV Samridhhi program and is placed in YouTube: <https://youtu.be/ime8tbd6Ryc> for nurses around the country to have access and benefit from the information shared in the discussion session.

During the discussion, the panelists clarified that :

1. Interested candidate can apply online and try to meet the stringent criteria about qualification, experience, English language proficiency etc.
2. There will be an Orientation program to facilitate the candidate understand all the terms and conditions of employment in the UK. This is a zero cost process because this is a government to government arrangement with cost in Nepal or in the UK,
3. The selected candidate will have to undergo a certain test before joining the job in the UK. They are eligible to take along their spouse as per the family rules of the British government, although the government of Nepal deals only with the candidate.
4. After 5 years they can return to Nepal or opt to settle as per rule.

Past President Mr. Uttam Pant thanked the distinguished panelists and the moderator for their valuable contributions in the panel discussion, and said UK and Nepal have gone a long way in terms of diplomatic ties and relationships. UK is indeed the first country to have Nepal's diplomatic relation. Over the years, many Nepalese have gone to UK for higher education and training, and returned to make valuable contributions to the Nepalese society. ABAN is positive about this agreement to recruit Nepali Nurses for health sector in UK. ABAN will document and create information booklet to highlight the journeys of Nepali people who went to the UK for higher education and training.

Immediate Past President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha had welcomed the participants and highlighted the program details. He said ABAN is an Association of British Alumni gathered together for the past two decades to discuss, finds ways and contribute their knowledge and skill gained in the UK for the overall development of Nepal. The Association is a great resource for talents in some 60 different areas of expertise that the Alumni members have gained in the UK. We in ABAN are particularly happy about the growing bilateral ties between Nepal and the UK to strengthen the long-standing relations of over 200 years so happily existing between our countries.



## A Prayer Session to Mark the Funeral of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II



On September 19 His Majesty's Ambassador to Nepal HE Nicolas Pollitt addressed a gathering in White Monastery, Boudha and initiated lighting the butter lamp in commemoration of State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The monks, other invited guests and representatives also lit butter lamps for Her Majesty.



The monks of the monastery began prayers for about 20 minutes, followed by one minute of silence and reflection on the solemnity of the day.

Queen Elizabeth II is very much remembered for her love to Nepal with her royal visits in 1961 and after 25 years in 1986.

An Anglican funeral service was performed in the Westminster Abbey in London that day in the presence of leaders of all faiths from around the world. The ceremony closed with the national anthem: "God Save the King", symbolizing the transition from one reign to another and a Scottish piper played the lament "Sleep, dearie, sleep".





We are deeply saddened about the passing of our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen. We extend our heartfelt condolences to His Majesty The King and all of the Royal Family at this time of grief.



After Shakshyam: Quality Education, Quality School project was implemented three years back in Kawasoti Municipality some of the significant impacts we have seen are: 98 per cent of students have passed in English, Govt. School enrolment increased by 4500 students, 5000 students have benefitted from the programme and teachers feel confident using innovative ways of teaching.

Dan Bahadur Mahato, English Teacher from Kawasoti Municipality shares the changes he can bring in his teaching styles due to the training he has attended.

### MoU on Girls Empowerment Project



An MoU was signed with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO Nepal) to jointly design, develop and deliver Girls Empowerment and Mainstreaming Sustainability (GEMS) Project. The project aims to enhance the enabling policy environment for a gender-responsive and inclusive education system, improve the self-efficacy and life skills of marginalized adolescent girls and enhance agency, networks, and collaboration for enabling girls to claim their rights.

VSO Nepal and British Council have completed English and Digital for Girls Education, a four-year project in the past. EDGE project has also been shortlisted for 'The 21st Century Learning Award' Bett Asia Awards.

### Nepal National Education Conference



The Conference was led by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and supported by the School Sector Development Plan – Technical Assistance Programme, a project funded by the European Union and Asian Development Bank and implemented by the British Council.

The conference brought together several key members of the government, teachers and educators specialised in language training to discuss the future and delivery of quality education in Nepal. The event consisted of multiple presentations on mechanisms to support teachers and the roles of leadership, governance, and equity in education.

## ABAN Executive Committee Meets

18<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee met on September 29 and decided following agenda items:

1. Annual General Meeting and Election of the 13<sup>th</sup> ECM will be held on Saturday January 7, 2023 (Poush 23, 2079). Notice to Life Members for new leadership will be given to search for interested and deserving person.
2. ABAN Day and Silver Jubilee will be celebrated on February 4, 2023,
3. A Fixed deposit account will be open in Shree Investment & Finance Ltd; for better interest income,
4. A new Life Membership application of Mr. Ghanashyam Khadka, who got Masters of Law degree from the University of Leeds in 2017 was approved.



### 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 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 Meet. 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 Annual IELTS Partner Recognition 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
September 19	Monastery program
September 22	Discussion Program on Nepalese Nurses to work in the UK
Sept. 29	18 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting



### 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) March 26, 2022
11. Mr. Kul Chandra Dahal (ID 550) 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.
17. Mr. Ghanashyam Khadka (ID 556) Sep.29

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