

ABAN Celebrates Family Picnic on November 19, 2016



Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) is a not-for-profit social organization affiliated with the British Council, active 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 Proposes



- ❖ To promote British Education in Nepal,
- ❖ To facilitate British Education aspirants,
- ❖ To portray life and study in the UK by ABAN members,
- ❖ To create an avenue for cultural learning and exchange.

British Education Fair is conceptualized with a **holistic approach** to accommodate a bigger picture of education in the UK. The Fair will be open for three days.

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The members and family of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) have celebrated an annual picnic and get-together event on November 19, 2016 outside the premise of the holy site of Doleshwor Mahadev temple in Bhaktapur district, just 17 kms east of Maitighar crossing, accessible by metaled road. The serene environment of this clean green countryside surrounded by Dolashikhar mountains is charming enough for a holy retreat and family picnic refreshment.

A stone inscription established by king Bhupatindra Malla in 1572 AD testifies the existence of this holy Doleshwor shrine, which was declared, by Kedarpithadhiswor Sri Sri Sri 1008 Jagatguru Bhimashanker Linga Shivacharya on August 22, 2009, as the head of Kedarnath temple of Uttaranchal, India.

The great earthquake of 25 April 2015 had completely destroyed the original temple of Doleshwor Mahadev, and a new master plan of the temple complex is now under construction. *Continued in page 2*



Master Plan of Doleshwor temple reconstruction



ABAN worshippers at Doleshwor



After the tree plantation, the picnickers gathered for a tasty **Samebaji** with drinks bar followed by lively cultural activities.

Music teacher from Padma Kanya campus Ms. Sumitra Shrestha played *Madal* and *Tabala* to accompany the songs recited by Mrs. Siba Kafle, Maya Giri, Tulasi Uprety, Binaya Maskey and others, Bhajan by Padma Vaidya, jokes by Maheswor Shrestha, dances by Pramila and others.

The picnic ended after a sumptuous late lunch around 3 pm. Participants cried for more such gathering meant that they enjoyed this fun packed event and the drive back afforded great scenic vistas.

Some 30 ABAN members and their family gathered for the picnic including three past presidents, namely Mr. Dilli Raj Joshi, Mr. Rabi Jung Pandey and Mr. Shanker Prasad Paudel.

The picnic program, coordinated by ABAN Executive Committee member Mrs. Padma Vaidya, started with the darshan of Doleshwor Mahadev before breakfast at 10:30 AM. All those present introduced themselves with their educational affiliation in U.K., and gathered for a group photograph.

The picnic also included tree plantation program in the holy vicinity of the temple, facilitated by the main priest of the temple. ABAN president Maheswor and other members planted medicinal and holy plants like *Cinnamomum tamala* (tejpat), *Asparagus racemosus* (kurilo), *Sapindus mukorossi* (rittha) and *Eleocarpus genitrus* (rudraksh) in the religious jungle area (*dharmik ban chhetra*). Regular watering and proper care of the saplings will be done by the Doleshwor Mahadev management committee.



British Council partners with US Education Fair

The British Council participated in US Community College Education Fair 2016 in Nepal, which was organized through November 17 - 21. During the fair, British Council Nepal provided IELTS promotion materials through its designated booth to the attendees of the fair. British Council also provided orientations on IELTS mock test and Learning Centre and took IELTS registration too.

South Asia Regional Conference in Kathmandu

British Council organized a global educational dialogue with focus on Delivering Quality Assurance in Schools: South Asia Regional Conference on Kathmandu, during 17-18 November. Representatives from Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, Bangladesh and other speakers from Taiwan, UK were seen during this policy dialogue. Ministry of Education, Government of Nepal and its line agencies also participated in this event.

Obituary

ABAN Life Member Mr. Shiva Bahadur



Pradhananga (ID no.30), Chairman of Nepal Society of Earthquake Technology, has recently passed away. ABAN Executive

Committee meeting observed silence to pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul and expressed heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family. Mr. Pradhananga was honored by Nepal Electricity Authority with Lifetime Achievement Award.



UK Education: Choosing a University

The UK has a reputation worldwide for providing high quality and well-respected higher education. When you are choosing a course, make sure it is with a reputable university or college that has met strict standards set by the UK government and education sector.

There are 160 universities and colleges in the UK that are permitted to award a wide variety of degrees to suit most educational aspirations.

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The exhibition will not only focus on the academic education but also learning and knowledge sharing aspects in the areas of Living in the UK and Cultural relationships. With this notion, the exhibition will be divided into different segments to offer the invitees a broader understanding of British Education.

SEGMENT I: EXHIBITION

Exhibition of the UK universities and colleges where their representatives will give **first hand information** about the academic opportunities, admission guidance, course selection, scholarships and more. The exhibition will be a true educational platform creating diverse avenues and catering to the needs and quests of the aspiring students. Likewise, the event will offer complete, unbiased and productive information on **higher education and academic career options in the U K.**

SEGMENT II: PRESENTATION & SEMINAR

Presentation / Seminar on **overall education system**, general admission procedures, visa guidance, scholarship search etc.

Opening Ceremony Inauguration by the Chief Guest. Exhibition inspection by the guests

Visit by prominent guests and government officials

Commemoration of 200 years of Nepal-Britain Relationship

Stage program Celebration

SEGMENT III: STAGE PROGRAM

Stage Program on **culture, Virtual Tour** about living in the UK, **Interaction** with alumni, video presentation of students living and studying in the UK, **Career guidance** and post study career experiences by ABAN members.

FAIR DECORATIVE ACTIVITIES

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ABAN DAY and AGM on February 04, 2017

The 12th Executive Committee meeting of ABAN held on November 15, 2016 has proposed to organize ABAN DAY 2017 and its 19th Annual General Meeting on Saturday 4th February 2017. The AGM will review and approve annual accounts and Auditor's Report as required by the District Administrative Office for renewal of ABAN's registration.

As required by article 21 of ABAN Statute to set up a 3 member Election Committee three months before the AGM to elect the 10th Executive Committee for 2017-19, the Executive Committee has named Immediate Past President Mr. Shankar Prasad Paudel

as Coordinator of Election Committee with past president Mr. Rabi Jung Pandey and lawyer Mr. Radha Krishna Bhandari as members.

The ECM meeting also approved the Life Membership application of Mr. Prateek Man Singh and Mr. Rabindra Manand Bajracharya as Members of ABAN with ID no. 501 and 502 respectively. Prateek has done M.Sc. in Sustainable Mountain Development from University of Highlands and Islands in 2012 and Rabindra has done MBA degree from Strathclyde Graduate Business School in 1986.

ABAN has proposed the British Council to jointly organize a British Education Fair in 2017 in order to promote British education in Nepal and also as a fund raising event for ABAN. The proposal is under consideration of the British Council.

The ECM meeting has also decided to redesign ABAN website in a dynamic format for easy updating.



ABAN Calendar of Events 2015-2016

| Month of 2015-16 | Main Activities |
|-------------------|--|
| 2015 April 11 | Election of 9 th Executive Committee at the British Council |
| 2015 April 13 | 1 st Executive Committee Meeting. ABAN Newsletter 01 issued |
| 2015 August 21 | 2 nd ECM, Takeover and Formation of Sub-committees Publication of ABAN Newsletter No. 02 issue |
| 2015 August 29 | Talk Program on Human Trafficking by Dr. Ruchira Gupta |
| 2015 September | Publication of ABAN Newsletter No. 03 issue |
| September 11 | Meeting with the British Council Director Dr. Jovan Ilic |
| September 22 | 3 rd ECM meeting. Presented Audit Reports for 2069-70 and 2070-71 |
| September 24 | Talk Program by Dr. Tsering on Support to Earthquake victims |
| 2015 October | Publication of ABAN Newsletter No. 04 issue |
| 2015 Nov./Dec. | Publication of ABAN Newsletter No. 05 issue |
| December 17 | 4 th Executive Committee Meet at Dillibazar |
| December 26 | Visited Old Age Home and supported with food and medicines |
| 2016 January 17 | Talk Program on Happy Living by Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety |
| January/ February | Publication of ABAN Newsletter No. 06 issue |
| 2016 March/April | Publication of Newsletter no.7 & Release of Membership Directory |
| 2016 April 01 | 5 th Executive Committee meeting. Handover of Bank accounts |
| 2016 May 08 | 6 th Executive Committee Meeting Publication of ABAN Newsletter no.8 |
| 2016 May 23 | 7 th Executive Committee meeting |
| 2016 June 21 | 8 th Executive Committee meeting. |
| 2016 June 25 | 18 th Annual General Meeting of ABAN. Release ABAN |
| 2016 June 25 | Membership Directory 2016. |
| 2016 July | ABAN Newsletter no. 9 |
| 2016 August 28 | 9 th Executive Committee meeting. ABAN Newsletter no 10th |
| 2016 Sept. 11 | Tax clearance of past 3 years till 2071/72 |
| 2016 Sept. 29 | 10 th Executive Committee meeting |
| 2016 October | Release of 11 th ABAN Newsletter for Sept.-October 2016 |
| 2016 October 21 | 11 th Executive Committee meeting. Audit Report of 2072/73 |
| 2016 October 23 | Talk program by Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey on British Education |
| 2016 Nov. 1 | ABAN Newsletter no 12 |
| 2016 Nov.15 | 12 th Executive Meeting. Meeting in BC on Edu. Fair proposal |
| 2016 Nov. 19 | ABAN Family Picnic at Doleswor area Bhaktapur |
| 2016 Dec.01 | ABAN Newsletter no 13 |
| 2016 Dec. | 13 th Executive Meeting |
| 2016 Dec. 11 | Talk program by Dr. Prem Singh Basnyat |



New Life Members Joining ABAN from August 2015

1. Dr. Nastu Prasad Sharma (ID 491)
2. Miss Sanjivani Shrestha (ID 492)
3. Mr. Punya Prasad Paudel (ID116 Ord. to Life)
4. Mr. Govinda Neupane (ID 493)
5. Mr. Janak Sharma Paudel (ID 494)
6. Mr. Shakti Kumar Golyan (ID 495)
7. Dr. Dhruva P. Acharya (ID143 Ord. to Life)
8. Mr. Ushik Shrestha (ID 496)
9. Miss. Pratigya Thapa (ID 497)
10. Mr. Laba Prasad Tripathi (ID 498)
11. Mr. Subin Man Pradhan (ID 499)
12. Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey (ID 500)
13. Mr. Prateek Man Singh (ID 501)
14. Mr. Rabindra Mananda Bajracharya (ID 502)

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