

23rd ABAN DAY Celebrated



The Association of British Alumni in Nepal has celebrated 23rd ABAN DAY on February 4, 2021, the Day when the Association was registered with the District Office in 1998.

First Honorary Member of ABAN Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, presently in Singapore serves as Chief Guest of the event, attended by some 36 members from Nepal and abroad, while 10 members regretted to have missed this online zoom event for their own reasons.

Many like-minded organizations, namely ANNA, JAAN, IEREN, NRNA, NELTRA extended their felicitation with congratulatory messages for the successful activities of ABAN and wished for further growth and development of the Association in the coming days.

ABAN President Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant called the ceremony to order and Vice President ABAN Ms. Padma Vaidya formally welcomed the chief guest Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, other guests, Honorary Members, Life Members, media persons and other participants of the event.

“Due to Covid 19 pandemic, we are all not able to celebrate this special annual event in person but I am very thankful and grateful to you all for giving your valuable time to attend this virtual gathering to make this 23rd Aban Day celebration on the 4th of February, 2021 a grand success” VP Padma said.



Ms. Sushila Amatya, professor of Padma Kanya Campus presented a soothing Sitar recital to enliven the ABAN Day celebration.

On the occasion ABAN President Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant released the newly published 12th Executive Committee Member's Profile and ABAN Newsletter no.1/12 January 2021. Printed copies are available in ABAN office.

Immediate Past President and Honorary Member of ABAN Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha made the ABAN Day Address, and narrated how this Association was conceived by its founders in 1997, and registered on February 4, 1998 by an interim Executive Committee headed by late Dr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa. The objectives of the Association were spelled out and resources mobilized to achieve those lofty objectives.

So far ten presidents in 11 Executive Committees have served the Association and the 12th ECM has just started its 2 years term.

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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



On behalf of the ABAN executive board, Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, President of ABAN thanked all for being here to celebrate the 23rd ABAN Day.

“We have been used to celebrating ABAN day in person every year. However, due to the challenges presented by the pandemic this year, we took a responsible decision to stick to a virtual event. We appreciate your support and cooperation in celebrating the event virtually with us this year” he said. ABAN is established with the mission of

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developing a community of Nepali people who had the opportunity to receive British higher education qualifications and used their experiences and learnings from the UK to make valuable contributions to the Nepalese society. ABAN family is proudly represented by several esteemed individuals of various sectors in Nepal, all driven by the aspiration to contribute to the Nepalese society in their areas of expertise”.



“Over the past two decades, ABAN has grown in many ways in terms of our member base, engagement and activities. Each executive board has played a vital role in providing continuity to existing efforts, while introducing new visions and ideas to grow the organizations. ABAN has also been very generously supported by its members in financial, intellectual and social ways. ABAN is also very grateful to the continuous support and assistance from the British Council and the British Embassy. We sincerely thank Her Excellency Nicola Politt, the Honorable British Ambassador and Ms. Shahida MacDougall for their presence today and for believing in our missions and values”.

“On this special day, we would like to remember the contributions of late Dr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa, who played a significant role in establishing ABAN and serving as the first president. The ABAN family lost a very important member this year and continues to remember him fondly for his engagements and contributions”.

“We would also like to take a moment to remember His Excellency Mr. Richard Morris, who sadly passed away in 2020. Ambassador Morris made many noteworthy contributions in enhancing UK – Nepal relationships and was a great ally to ABAN’s missions and values. His loss this year came as a big shock to the entire global community”.

“In the days to come, we will continue to strive to deliver on the goals and plans set in the ABAN General Meeting. We look forward to a successful year ahead”.



Dr. Mrigerndra Raj Pandey
As Chief Guest of the 23rd ABAN DAY Celebration



“Greetings and thanks to all participants on this occasion of the 23rd ABAN Day today. British alumni are in the highest position in the government. We must be mindful of how we are using the skill and knowledge of British education in Nepal. In my own case, I studied in UK for 4 years and was the first Nepali to gain MRCP and FRCP from UK. Although I studied as a British Council scholar, I was motivated by the Nepalese people to work for them and repay my due. So I came back home, had the opportunity to work in the remotest area like Jumla and later established Mrigerndra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT) by donating my own property and to offer free health services to the needy people of Nepal.

For the last 3 years, the Trust is working with ABAN to serve the senior citizens of Tapasthali Bhriddhashram in Budhanilkantha and Nishahaya Sewa Kendra in Baneswor to meet some of their pressing needs. It has been a wonderful experience. So, I wish for the greater success of ABAN”.

Felicitations Messages from Like-minded Associations

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal received felicitations messages from the following seven like-minded associations on the occasion of 23rd ABAN DAY on February 4, 2021:

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Dr. Badri K.C. Vice President NRNA,
- Mr. Suman Krishna Shrestha, Pearson Test of English (PTE Nepal),
- Mr. Ram Hari Aryal, President of Association of Nepalese Alumni from Australia,
- Mr. Manoj Parajuli, President IERIN,
- Dr. Ram Chandra Bhusal, President JICA Alumni Association of Nepal



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Institutional Support

ABAN Welcomes British Ambassador **Her Excellency Nicola Kathryn Pollit** and New British Council Country Director **Ms. Shahida MacDougall**

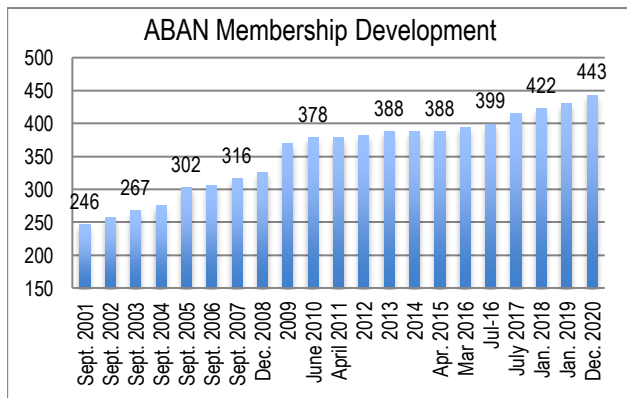


ABAN is grateful for your strong support and love to help ABAN grow further.

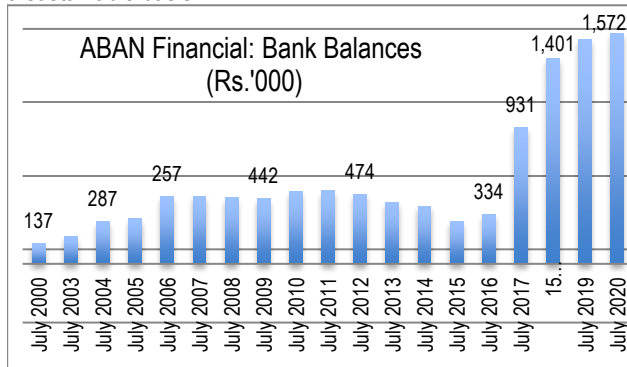
Leading ABAN professionals are interviewed with video coverage for digital archive. It glorifies the works done by British Alumni to develop Nepal.

IPP Maheswor welcomed British Ambassador HE Nicola Kathryn Pollit and British Council Country Director Ms. Shahida MacDougall and thanked them for the institutional support to ABAN.

Talking about the **Stages of ABAN's Growth** IPP Maheswor indicated the membership base and financial resources to undertake the various activities on a sustainable basis. ABAN now has 443 Members (including 366 Life and 3 Honorary Members):



ABAN has also garnered a fixed deposit of Rs.15 lacs in the bank for interest income for use in social, cultural and other activities on a sustainable basis.

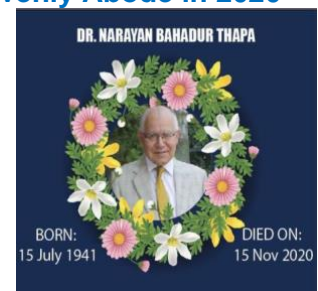


More resources are needed to undertake more activities.

Service to Tapasthali Bridhashram and Nishahaye Sewa Sadan



Tribute to Former British Ambassador to Nepal Late Mr. Richard C. Morris and Founder President of ABAN Dr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa Who left us for their Heavenly Abode in 2020



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

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ABAN's Success Factors:

Dynamic Leadership with supportive proactive team.

12th Executive Committee Members: Young and energetic members: 4 ladies and 3 professors.

The president Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant is very enthusiastic, with fresh ideas, dynamic and result oriented.

Institutional & Personal Support
Innovative Ideas
To harness New Avenues



Mr. Hari Thapa presented a video clips on the felicitation messages of the representatives of the like-minded people and the activities of ABAN so far, especially the talk programmes and the video profile of prominent some ABANians, namely Charter President Dr. Narayan Bahadur Thapa, Past President Mr. Raghu Pant and Life Member Dr. Badri Raj Pandey.

ABAN President Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant was extremely happy for the successful conclusion of the 23^{es} ABAN Day celebration.

General Secretary Ms. Shiba Devi Kafle presented vote of thanks to all those present in the program, especially the chief guest Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey from Singapore, Ms. Sushila Amatya, Honorary members, Past Presidents Mr. Dilli Raj Joshi, Ms. Namrata Sharma, Mr. Lal Krishna KC, Life members and other guests.



Special thanks was presented to the sponsor of the event Mega Bank Nepal Limited.



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 .

Person 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 too late to be part of this growing organization.

New Life Members

Joining ABAN from Dec. 2020

1. Mr. Bhubanesh Kumar Pradhan (ID 538) on 27 Dec. 2020
2. Ms. Roma Balami (ID 539) on 27 Dec. 2020
3. Mr. Ram Hari Adhikari (ID540) on 27 Dec. 2020
4. Ms. Sunita Basnet (ID 541) on Jan 24, 2021
5. Dr. Sudha Shrestha (ID 86) 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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