

22nd Annual General Meeting of ABAN Concludes



Twenty second Annual General Meeting of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal has been successfully concluded on October 15, 2019 at the Universal Language and Computer Language Institute, Dillibazar, Kathmandu. A public notice about the AGM was published three weeks in advance in Aarthik daily paper.

The meeting was presided over by ABAN president Mr. Uttam Pant, where Vice president Mrs. Padma Vaidya welcomed the past president Mr. Dilli Raj Joshi, immediate past president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, executive members, life members of ABAN and guests invited on the occasion. Chief guest IPP Maheswor inaugurated the event by lighting oil lamp on panas.

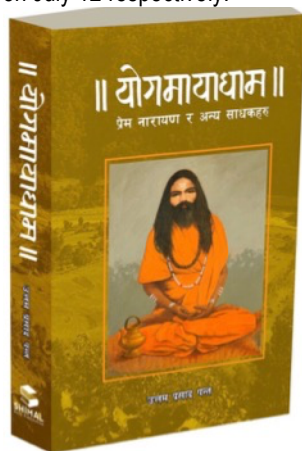
On behalf of General Secretary Mrs. Shiba Kafle, who is presently in Australia, president Mr. Uttam Pant presented annual activity report of the past 8 months since February 2, 2019 and reported six executive commitments and other activities:

- Service to senior citizens at Tapasthali
- Meeting with British Country Country Director Dr. Jovan Ilic on March 8,
- Talk programmes by Mr. Purushottan Shumshere on Nepal- Britain relations, by Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel and by Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha,
- Visit to CVM Kindergarten Preschool,
- Signing of MOU for IELTS registration.

54 candidates have been registered for IELTS during the first 6 months period.

- Family picnic at Dhulikhel Jungle resort, and
- Meeting with ECAN, IERIN and NECA for working together to promote British education in Nepal.

During this period ABAN Membership Directory 2019 and 6 issues of ABAN Newsletters were published. Meanwhile two ABAN members, namely Mr. Bishma Upreti and Mr. Uttam Pant have released their new book: Tapaiko Pahad Kaha Ho on April 26 and Yogamayadham on July 12 respectively.



In his address, IPP Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha reviewed the recent times in ABAN and expressed satisfaction on the steady growth of membership and financial



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. The Association is actively engaged 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.



Immediate Past President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha handed over a cheque of rupees one lac to treasurer Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta as donation of ABAN's endowment fund

Strengthening with nearly Rs.1.5 million in the bank account. In this respect special thanks are due to ADBAN's first two honorary members Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey and Dr. Mahodadi Pradhan Shrestha for contributing rupees five lacs each in the ABAN's endowment fund.

WELCOME

Dr. Jovan Ilic Joins ABAN
as one of newest Life Members



MSMT Donates

Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (MSMT) has donated Rs.108,000/- to Banshidhar Krishna Mandir, Chandol Kathmandu on September 9, 2019 for maintenance and renovation of the temple there.

The founder of MSMT Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey is the first Honorary Member of ABAN since 2017 and has donated for annual service to senior citizens of Tapasthali Bridhashram in Chapali Kathmandu in February.

Congratulations

ABAN Executive member Mr. Bhisma Upreti was honored with a prestigious “SAARC Literature Award 2019” at New Delhi, India recently given away by the Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature.



ABANian Prof. Dr. Hemang Dixit Felicitated



Heartfelt Congratulations to Prof. Dr. Hemang Dixit for being honored with **Life Time Achievement Award** during the 9th Health Award by Swastha Khabar Patrika. Honorable Minister Giriraj Mani Pokhrel handed over the award to Prof. Dr. Hemang Dixit recently.



President of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant and Immediate Past President Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha met with Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director of the British Council Nepal on September 26, 2019 and briefed him about the progress and various programs of ABAN.

1. As per an understanding with the British Council to capture the outstanding contributions of some noted British Alumni in Nepal, ABAN has initiated profiling significant contributions made by noted British Alumni, namely Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel, senior Ophthalmologist on his “Struggle for Eye Care in Nepal”, past Vice Chairman of National Planning Commission Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha on Migration & Development, Historial Mr. Purushottan Shumshere JBR on the Relationship between Nepal and the British Empire and Past President Mr. Raghu Pant. Dr. Ilic appreciated the initiative and asked for a proposal for any support from the British Council in this regard.
2. As per a Framework Agreement signed on April 09, 2019, ABAN has registered 54 candidates for IELTS exam with the British Council so far. IELTS Registration is thus an up and running program of cooperation between ABAN and the British Council.
3. ABAN proposed to organize Education Fair to promote British Education. Due to change in UK visa regulations, this is now a possibility. The British Council will explore to work with ABAN in this regard.
4. ABAN requested whether any fee waiver was possible to send some of its members to Going Global and other exchange program in UK. The British Council will check and revert.
5. The British Council agreed to provide Rs.80,000/- towards the costs of ABAN Magazine 2019 which will carry British Council advertisement in the back cover. Dr. Jovan Ilic will share a narrative on 60 Years of BC in Nepal. The British Council will also explore the possible inclusion of articles by UK Universities and education institutes for the Magazine.

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

UK ANNOUNCES 2-YEAR POST-STUDY WORK VISA



In a major boost for International students, the UK Government has on September 26 announced a new two-year post-study work visa, expanding opportunities for talented international students to build successful careers in the UK.

The new 'Graduate' route will be open to all international students – including those from Nepal – who have valid UK immigration status as a student and have successfully completed a course of study in any subject at undergraduate level or above at an approved UK Higher Education Provider. The visa will allow eligible students to work, or look for work, in any career or position of their choice, for two years after completing their studies. It demonstrates UK's global outlook to attract the best and brightest.

Maddalaine Ansell, Director Education, British Council said: *"The British Council strongly welcomes the announcement of a new immigration route that will give international students more time to find skilled work after they graduate. We have long recognised the enormous economic and socio-cultural benefits that international students bring to the UK. This new immigration route will also support the UK's ambitions to increase the number of international students studying in the UK each year to 600,000 by 2030. They return home with positive attitudes towards the UK and are more likely to visit us, trade with us and, if they end up in positions of power, support us in the international arena."*

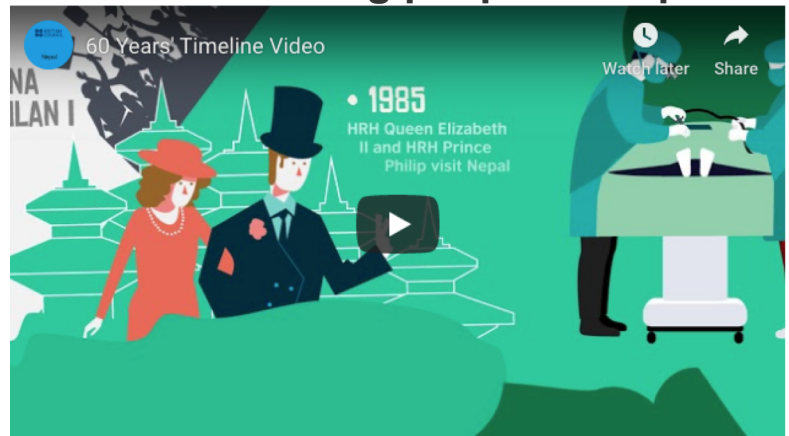
This announcement follows the creation of a new fast-track visa route for scientists and the removal of the limit on PHD students moving into the skilled work visa route, which collectively aim to cement the UK as a science superpower and a world-leader in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) sector.

Notes: Often referred to as a 'Post-Study Work visa' in Nepal, the new Graduate route will launch for the 2020/21 intake of students to university. After the two years, they will be able to switch onto the skilled work visa if they find a job which meets the skill requirement of the route. The visa will offer opportunities to work or look for work after graduating.

For more information, contact Nicola.norton@britishcouncil.org

BRITISH COUNCIL | 60 YEARS IN NEPAL

60 years of creating opportunities and connecting people in Nepal



Since 1959 in Nepal, the British Council is celebrating 60 years of creating opportunities and connecting people in Nepal. The tremendous contribution of the British Council's efforts in Nepal is presented in the 60years Timeline video.

Dr. Jovan Ilic Joins ABAN



Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director of the British Council Nepal since August 2015, has joined the Association of British Alumni in Nepal and the Association has conferred its Life Membership to Dr. Ilic by the Executive Committee meeting of February 09, 2019.

The Membership Certificate of ABAN is presented to Dr. Jovan Ilic by ABAN President Mr. Uttam Pant on September 26.

Dr. Jovan Ilic studied in Lancaster University during 1992 to 1998 and earned Ph.D. degree on Environmental Philosophy.

ABAN has enjoyed great deal of cooperation and support from Dr. Jovan Ilic.

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IPP Maheswor Shrestha thanked British Ambassador to Nepal HE Mr. Richard Morris for his instant support and to Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director of the British Council Nepal for his continuous support to ABAN. With the new energetic team of ABAN Executive members led by dynamic president Mr. Uttam Pant, he said the future of ABAN is in safe hands.



Treasurer Mr. Madhav Prasad Bhatta presented the financial and audit reports of ABAN prepared by independent Charter Accountant M/s A.R. Joshi & Co for fiscal year 2018/19 and the 22nd AGM passed the reports and authorized to publish it for the information of its members. The main highlight of ABAN accounts are:

- Annual income Rs.183,977
- Annual expenses Rs.275,215
- Surplus/ (Deficit) (Rs.91,238)

Cash and bank balance Rs.1488,278

President Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant on his presidential remarks highlighted that:

- ABAN would like to play an important role in promoting British education in

Nepal in the light of recent reintroduction of 2 years post study work permit for international students,

- Organize British Education Fair in Nepal in association with the British Council and British University/colleges,
- Organize FAM trip for ABAN members to visit UK college and universities,
- Establish British Education Information Center with seminar venue to promote higher education in Great Britain,
- Document British educational experiences of ABAN members and their contribution in Nepal,
- ABAN Magazine 2019 will focus on different aspects of British Education.



ABAN 11th Executive Members

- President:** Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant
Vice President: Mrs. Padma Vaidya
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Member: Mr. Eureka Ranjit
Member: Mr. Ishwar Man Shrestha
Member: Mr. Prem Raj Khanal
Member: Mr. Bishma Upreti
IP President: Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha

New Life Members

Joining from February 2019

1. Mr. Dinesh Pradhan (ID 528) on Feb.9, 2019
2. Dr. Jovan Ilic (ID 529) on February 9, 2019.
3. Mr. Subas KC (ID 530) on May 14, 2019.
4. Mr. Anup Acharya (ID 531) on May 14, 2019
5. Mr. Surendra Prasad Lohani (ID 532) “
6. Mr. Jagdish Kumar Khoju (ID 533) on May 14
7. Mrs. Indu Tuladhar (ID 534 on May 14, 2019
8. Mr. Kumar Prasad Khanal (ID535) 28 Jul
9. Mrs. Romi Manandhar (ID536) 28 July 2019
10. Mr. Sindhu Lal Shrestha (ID537) 23 Aug.2019

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ABAN Activity Report 2019 - 2020

Month of 2019	Main Activities
February 02	Election of 11th Executive Committee in the 21st Annual General Meeting
February 09	Service to Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali, kathmandu
February 09	First Executive Committee meeting of the 11th ECM at Park Village, Budhanilkantha
February 26	Second Executive Committee meeting of the 11th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
February 27	ABAN Newsletter February 2019 no.01/11 published
March 06	Mr. Purushottam Shumsher Talk on Nepal & Britain Relation during Rana Rule
March 08	Meeting with Dr. Jovan Ilic, Country Director of British Council Nepal
March 15	Third Executive Committee meeting of the 11th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
March 29	ABAN Newsletter March 2019 no.02/11 published Talk Program on by Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel
April 07	Visit to CVM Kindergarten Pre-School Gradualtion at Gathaghar, Bhaktapur
April 08	ABAN – British Council meeting about IELTS Registration
April 10	Fourth Executive Committee meeting of the 11th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
April	ABAN Authorized for IELTS Exam Registration
April 26	Bhishma Upteri's Book Released
May 11	ABAN Family Picnic at Dhulikhel Jungle Resort
May 14	Fifth Executive Committee meeting
June	Executive Committee meeting
July 12	Release of a book: Yogamayadham by Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, President ABAN
August 04	Meeting with ECAN, IERIN and NECA
August 09	Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha talks on Reversing Migration for Nepal's Development
August 23	Sixth Executive Committee meeting
October 15	22nd Annual General Meeting at ULCI, Dillibazar, Kathmandu

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