

Welcome HM Ambassador Nicola Kathryn Pollitt to Nepal



The new British Ambassador to Nepal H.E. Ms. Nicola Kathryn Pollitt submitted her credential to President Bidya Devi Bhandari on December 5, 2019. She is the first lady ambassador of the UK to Nepal since the two countries established diplomatic relations 200 years ago.

"I am extremely happy to have the opportunity to submit my credential to President Bidya Devi Bhandari. I feel proud to be the first lady ambassador of UK to Nepal in our 200 year-old relations," she tweeted in Nepali after submitting her credentials. Ambassador Pollitt speaks Nepali too. She has succeeded Mr. Richard Morris, who left Nepal in November 2019 after completing his 4 year's term in office.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office had announced Ms. Pollitt as new UK envoy to Nepal in May-end.

She was serving as an Additional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Directorate at the

Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London since 2017. She joined the British foreign service in 2003 and served at the FCO in various capacities including as Somalia Conference Coordinator (2016-17), Assistant Private Secretary to the Prime Minister (2014-16) and Deputy Head of Crisis Management Department (2013-2014).

HE Ms. Pollitt has also served as Senior Policy Advisor for Afghanistan, Pakistan and India for Cabinet Office (2011-13) and Head of Political Team in Kabul (2010-11).

The Kathmandu assignment is her first ambassadorial stint. It will be her second stay in Asia after Kabul. We in ABAN wish her all success in her tenure as HM Ambassador in Nepal.



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.

Invitation

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN)
cordially invites you to the
TALK PROGRAMME
ON
MY JOURNEY FROM ENGLAND TO NEPAL

By:
Mr Lee Edward John Doman-Hayes

*Awaiting your presence eagerly at the Programme!
See you there!*

Date: Friday 31st January, 2020
Time: 3:30PM (Sharp)
Venue: Universal Language and Computer Institute
Dillibazar Height Marg, Kathmandu, NEPAL
Tel: 01-4428486

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As part of one of the regular activities, ABAN is organizing a talk program by a British citizen Mr. Lee Edward John Doman -Hayes on "My Journey from England to Nepal" on January 31, 2020.

Mr. Lee came to Nepal the first time with his wife who works in the British School in Lalitpur. He is an ardent lover of music and is very much impressed by Nepal's Spirituality. "As Nepal develops it should not loose its spiritual character, which many western countries would like to treasure" he said. He found Nepal's music scene so very amazing.

With some Nepali musicians, he has formed a group called "**Nepa-Lee**" and has also sung a Nepali song:

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ABAN ECM Decides on ABAN Magazine 2019-2020



The 10th issue of the ABAN Magazine for 2019-2020 is being prepared for release on the 23rd ABAN Day scheduled on February 4, 2020.

Besides the regular features like Foreword and Messages from the British Ambassador, British Council Director and ABAN leaders, the Magazine also carries important and most relevant write ups by eminent writers and researchers on:

- 60 Years of British Council in Nepal
- Applying for Student Visa in the UK
- Nepal- Britain Relations: Myth and Prospective with Reference of Gurkha Connections
- Reversing the Flow of International Migration
- Three Pillars of Economy, Market and CII
- Melamchi Water: Revolutionary Achievements in Water Treatment in Nepal
- Smart City Concept
- Mid-Hill Highway of Nepal
- Jung Bahadur's Journey to England
- Noor Jahan
- Cooking Cost Comparison using LPG & Electricity

Line up of ABAN Presidents and Past Presidents



Dr. Narayan B Thapa
1997 - 2000



Dilli Raj Joshi
2000 - 2002



Namrata Sharma
2002 - 2004



Rabi Jung Pandey
2004 - 2006



Raghu Pant
2006 - 2008



Lal Krishna KC
2008 - 2010



Dr. Uma Shrivanthava
2010 - 2012



Shanker Prasad Paudel
2013 - 2015



Maheswor B Shrestha
2015 - 2019



Uttam Prasad Pant
2019 - 2021

It is heartening to remember that the success of the Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) is the result of the past ten presidents and executive members that served for a term of two years each, except Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, who served double terms from 2015-2019.

The current state of ABAN and its development so far are the result of the concerted efforts made by all these leaders. The current 11th Executive Team is headed by Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant.



Uttam Prasad Pant
President



Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha
Immediate Past President



Padma Vaidya
Vice President



Shiba Devi Kafle
General Secretary



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Treasurer



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Asst. General Secretary



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Member



Iswar Man Shrestha
Member



Prem Raj Khanal
Member



Bhisma Prasad Upreti
Member

CTEVT-British Council Grant Agreement



The British Council, through the EU funded Dakchyata: TVET Practical Partnership project has concluded a grant agreement to implement the Strengthening Employer Engagement in CTEVT Schools (SEECs) project. The project aims to strengthen the implementation of school level employer engagement policies, processes and practices in Nepal's TVET sector. The agreement focuses on developing sustainable approaches to increasing the quality and relevance of training delivery and responsiveness to labour market needs

WOW Madesh Festival

The third edition of Women of the World (WOW) Festival ended on a high note addressing gender equality and women empowerment. The two-day festival gathered people from across Nepal to hear the stories of people from all walks of life and learn from each other. Different panel discussions on gender diversity and social acceptance, gender sensitive policies and girls' empowerment were conducted to understand the changing gender narratives.



BRITISH COUNCIL 60 YEARS IN NEPAL



Introducing Core Skills and Competencies

The British Council Nepal developed five classroom videos that show teachers incorporating core skills in their daily teaching. The videos are shot in real time and is the actual footage of the lessons taught. The lessons were planned by the teachers themselves and selected to be filmed from over 50 applications. Watch the videos of teachers - Lokendra Subedi and Ashok Kumar Rai incorporating core skills while conducting lessons in their classroom. The video also comes with a booklet that has lesson plans and trainers' review of the lessons along with the teachers' own reflections.

International Partnership



As part of Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning program co-funded by DFID -UK Department for International Development, Mr. Sagar Kumar Khadka, a teacher from Ideal English, Nepal visited St. Joseph's High School in the UK in October. The visit focused on sharing best practices in teaching and learning. Both schools will now work on a project theme related to Sustainable Development Goals.



Progress on IELTS Exam Registration by ABAN

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal has started registering candidate for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination since April 11, 2019 after an agreement with the British Council. Initially, the Nepalese students did not know that they could register for IELTS through ABAN, but now the information is gradually spreading and we expect the number of candidate registering for IELTS through ABAN will grow in future.

So far in past 10 months, ABAN has registered 88 candidates for IELTS exam since April 11, thus marking a good beginning of cooperation with the British Council. ABAN is very grateful to the British Council for the cooperation.

IELTS Registration by ABAN

Month	No. of Candidates
April 2019	10
May 2019	7
June 2019	9
July 2019	8
August 2019	9
September 2019	15
October 2019	7
November-Dec. 019	12
January 2020	11
Total	88

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is one of the most popular English language proficiency tests developed by Cambridge Assessment English, a branch of the University of Cambridge, UK. It evaluates all four English language skills – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.



ABAN Activity Report 2019 - 2020

Month of 2019	Main Activities
February 02	Election of 11 th Executive Committee in the 21 st Annual General Meeting
February 09	Service to Senior Citizens of Tapasthali Briddhashram, Chapali, Kathmandu
February 09	First Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at Park Village, Budhanilkantha
February 26	Second Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th 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 11 th 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 Graduation at Gathaghar, Bhaktapur
April 08	ABAN – British Council meeting about IELTS Registration
April 10	Fourth Executive Committee meeting of the 11 th ECM at ULCI Dillibazar
April	ABAN Authorized for IELTS Exam Registration
April 26	Bhishma Upreti'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	22 nd Annual General Meeting at ULCI, Dillibazar, Kathmandu
November 19	ECM & Preparatory meeting for ABAN Magazine 2019-20 and ABAN Diary 2020
December 20	Preparatory Meeting for ABAN Day Feb. 04, 2020
January 31	Talk Program by Mr. Lee Edward John Doman- Hayes: "My Journey from England to Nepal"
February 4	ABAN Day Celebration



ABAN 11th Executive Members

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Member: Mr. Eureka Ranjit
Member: Mr. Ishwar Man Shrestha
Member: Mr. Prem Raj Khanal
Member: Mr. Bhishma 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, 2019
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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