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ABAN Family Picnic at Dhulikhel Jungle Resort



Association of British Alumni in Nepal family joined an annual family picnic on May 11, 2019 at Dhulikhel Jungle Resort. Some 33 Life members and their family attended and enjoyed the picnic program.

After breakfast, the picnickers enjoyed a short jungle walk to the Bhagbati temple on top of the forested hill near the old Dhulikhel bazar, walk down to the huge Buddha stupa amid the jungle along the 1000 steps to the hill top and walk back to the Dhulikhel Jungle Resort, the site of the picnic.

Soon afterwards the snacks and drink were served and entertainment program



followed for about two hours on the windy hill. There was no dearth of singers, jokers and entertainers. Most noted singers were Maya Giri, Shobha Pant, Shiba Kafle, Upasana Pradhan, Nastu Sharma, Anup Acharya, Jadish Kumar Khoju and Tulasi Uprety etc. while IPP Maheswor moderated the entertainment program and cracked few American, Chinese, Indian jokes in between.



The British Ambassador to Nepal His Excellency Richard Morris hosted a special reception at the British Embassy, Lainchour to mark the 93rd birthday of Her Majesty the queen Elizabeth the Second on Wednesday May 08, 2019.

ABAN members wish Her Majesty a very Happy Birthday and long life.



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.

Call for Write ups for ABAN Magazine 2019



4th Executive Committee meeting of ABAN has decided on April 12 to publish **ABAN Magazine 2019** by September.

All ABAN Members are requested to please provide a short write up on the area of their expertise to highlight how British education and expertise has helped develop Nepal to ABAN Magazine sub-committee:

- Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha- Coordinator
- Mrs. Shiba Devi Kafle - Member
- Mr. Tulasi Prasad Uprety - Member
- Mr. Bhisma Upreti - Member
- Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan - Member
- Mr. Eureka Ranjit - Member

ABAN Picnics At A Glance



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ABAN Executive Bhisma Uprety's Book Released



Dr. Gita Tripathi, Roshia Serchann, Bhisma Uprety and Govinda Giri releasing the book on April 26, 2019 at the ULCI, Dillibazar amidst a social gathering

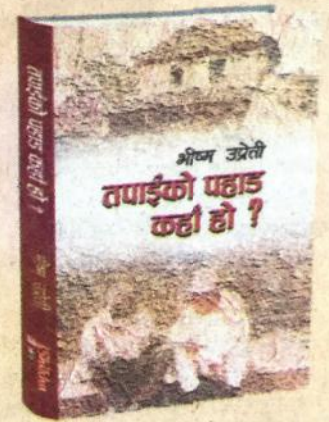
तपाईंको पहाड कहाँ हो ?

भीष्म उप्रेती बहुआयामिक व्यक्तित्व हुन्। उनका कविता, निबन्ध र नियन्त्राका डेढ दर्जन कृति प्रकाशित छन्। विदेशमा समेत चर्चित छन् उनी। उनका रचना अंग्रेजी, हिन्दी, तमिल, जापानी, कोरियाली, सर्बियाली, स्लोभेनियाली, सिंहली र संस्कृत भाषामा अनुवादित छन्। अनि केही पुस्तक जापानी, हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी र सर्बियाली भाषामा प्रकाशित छन्।

'द विड्स' नामक समकालीन कविताको अन्तराष्ट्रिय जर्नलका सम्पादक समेत रहेका उप्रेती अथक साहित्य साधक हुन्। भर्खर पाठक माफ्न उनले नयाँ निबन्ध संग्रह 'तपाईंको पहाड कहाँ हो?' ल्याएका छन्।

'तपाईंको पहाड कहाँ हो?' भनेर सोच्नेहरूलाई उनको जवाफ हुन्छ-'ताप्लेजुडको फूलबारी।' खासमा उनी शनिश्चरे, भाषामा जन्मे/ हुर्केका। त्यही उनको नाभी गाडिएको थियो। उनका हजुरबुबा शनिश्चरे सरेका थिए। यसरी उनको नयाँ कृतिका १७ वटा निबन्ध रसिला छन्। पुस्तकमा आत्मपरक र व्यक्तिपरक निबन्ध छन्। शिखा बुक्सले छापेको पुस्तक हालै काठमाडौंमा लोकार्पण गरियो। साहित्यकारहरू रोशन शेरचन, गोविन्द गिरी 'प्रेरणा', गीता त्रिपाठी र उप्रेती स्वयंले पुस्तक लोकार्पण गरे। पुस्तकका निबन्धले मन छोएको प्रतिक्रिया दिँदै निबन्धकार शेरचनले।

लोकार्पणमा अर्का वक्ता 'प्रेरणा'ले पुस्तकका व्यक्तिपरक निबन्ध धेरै मन परेको बताए भने त्रिपाठीले समकालीन निबन्धमा उप्रेतीका सृजना अब्बल भएको ठोक्नुवा गरिन्। 'उप्रेतीका निबन्ध कवितात्मक छन्, उनले भनिन्।



उप्रेती राम्रा कवि पनि हुन्। त्यसको प्रभाव निबन्धमा पर्नु स्वाभाविकै हो। विगतमा उनले कविताबाटै विभिन्न पुरस्कार पाए। विविसी युवा कविता प्रतियोगिता ०४९ तथा राष्ट्रिय कविता महोत्सव ०५० मा उनी पहिलो भए। त्यसबाहेक उनले उत्तम शान्ति पुरस्कार, युवा वर्ष मोती पुरस्कार, शंकर लामिछाने युवा निबन्ध पुरस्कार, कुमार सरस्वती उत्कृष्ट साहित्य सृजना पुरस्कार, ससिद्धि कलाश्री युवा पुरस्कार प्राप्त गरेका छन्। साथै भारत एशियाली साहित्य एकेडेमी नयाँ दिल्लीबाट क्रियटिभ अवार्ड-२०१४ पाएका छन्।

उनको सृजना यात्रा सुखद् भविष्यतिर डोरिएको छ। शुभकामना उप्रेतीलाई!



ABAN's Executive Decisions

Fifth Executive Committee meeting of the 11th ECM had on May 14, 2019 has made following decisions:

1. New Membership Approvals:

Life Membership applications of five new members have been approved:

- 1) Mr. Subash KC, M.Sc. in Organizational Psychology from Victoria University of Manchester in 1999,
- 2) Mr. Anup Acharya, MBA from Heriot Watt University 2014
- 3) Mr. Surendra Prasad Lohani, Tea Testing & Marketing from George White & Co, London,
- 4) Mr. Jagdish Kumar Khoju, M.Sc. in Project Management from Northumbria University, New Cashe Upon Tyne in 2007-2008, and
- 5) Ms. Indu Tuladhar, M.A. in International Conflict Analysis from the University of Kent at Canterbury in 2004.

Congratulations and welcome to ABAN Family.

2. Picnic 2019:

ABAN family picnic on May 11 was a memorable event of the year, celebrated with intimate fellowship, jungle walk, song, dance, jokes etc. at the Dhulikhel Jungle Resort. Vice President Mrs. Padma Vaidya and Executive Member Mr. Uttam Lal Pradhan had devoted their time to make it a successful grand event.

5. Upcoming Talk programs:

The executive committee meeting also decided about upcoming events and talk programs. Following potential speakers will be approached to present their experience and the use of their UK education for the development of Nepal:

- a) Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey, Royal Physician,
- b) Mr. Himalaya Shumshere JB Rana, the first Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank,
- c) Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha, Past Vice Chairman of National Planning Commission,
- d) Dr. Jiba Raj Pokhrel, Past Vice Chancellor of Nepal Academy of Science & Technology,
- e) Mr. Deepak KC, Project Director of Madhya pahadi Rajmarg (Midhill Highway)

Count Your Success of British Education

All ABAN Members and others who have studied in the UK are invited to write about their experience and details how they were able to contribute to the development of Nepal. Please forward your details to mahesworbs@gmail.com for publication.



Unveiling of 60 Years Timeline

On 3 May, the British Council unveiled timeline to mark 60 Years of British Council in Nepal. The unveiling was done in presence of His Excellency Richard Morris, British Ambassador to Nepal, government officials, delegates and stakeholders associated with the British Council.

As part of the year long campaign, British Council will be featuring numerous personalities who have worked with us in the past and helped us to grow. Read different stories from the past on our [facebook](#) and [twitter](#) page throughout this year. If you have a similar or extraordinary story connected with us, tell us your story with hashtags [#StoriesFromThePast](#) [#BritishCouncilNepal](#) [#60YearsInNepal](#) or write to us directly at general.enquiry@britishcouncil.org.np

Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards 2019



World Topper Ritik Yadav A level Result-2019

On 12 April, British Council with Cambridge Assessment International Education hosted an award ceremony to honor and celebrate the academic success of students from the A and AS level. We awarded 53 students from 14 different schools, including three world toppers for their exceptional performance in the June and November 2018 Cambridge exam series.

Nepal's Community School awarded ISA

May 12, 2019: Nepal's community school Vijaya Samudayik Siksha Sadan (VSSS) – a community co-operative school based in Gaidakot, Nawal parasi has been awarded International School Award (ISA). The students were translating theoretical knowledge and ideas learnt in classroom on producing mushroom. The school, one of the reputed schools of the area, has gained an opportunity to participate in the ongoing International School Award (ISA) – an initiative being executed by the British Council. ISA has provided an impetus to the students for carrying out research, observation and learning by doing, said school principal Ram Chandra Neupane "Students are happy to have opportunity to get connected in innovative learning activities"



ABAN Starts Registering Candidates for IELTS Exam

The Association of British Alumni in Nepal (ABAN) president Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant and the British Council Country Exam Manager Mr. Jim O'neill have signed a Framework Agreement on April 9, 2019 for the purchase of Professional Services to register candidate for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examinations.

The agreement entitles ABAN to provide IELTS candidates for any of the cities in Nepal where British Council conducts IELTS exams. The British Council agreed to pay Rs.1,250 commission per IELTS candidate and deposit the remaining IELTS fee into the British Council account. This agreement has began a new chapter in the Council-ABAN cooperation for mutual support now and in to the future.

Mr. Subin Bajracharya, Business Pursuit Manager of the British Council Nepal had earlier met ABAN officials represented by president Mr. Uttam Prasad Pant, immediate past president Mr. Maheswor Bhakta Shrestha, Vice President Mrs. Padma Vaidya and Assistant General Secretary Mr. Hemanta Raj Baral on April 8, 2019 to discuss ABAN proposal to discuss about registration services for IELTS students for the British Council.

In the first month since April 11, ABAN has registered 13 candidates for IELTS exam, thus marking a good beginning of cooperation with the British Council. The commission for the services rendered will be a regular source of income to support ABAN's social activities.

ABAN now plans to take up with the British Embassy for a similar registration services for PLAP exam for medical Doctors.

IELTS Application OPENING DOORS, CREATING OPPORTUNITY IN NEPAL



British Council offers IELTS test in seven locations across Nepal: Kathmandu, Pokhara, Butwal, Biratnagar, Chitwan, Nepaljung and Birtamod. Details of the exact location of the test venue as well as the timetable will be provided to you through SMS before your test date and also by Confirmation Letter on the test.

Why Join ABAN?

- Rare opportunity to network with fellow ABANians, who also studied in UK,
- Share the expertise and experience gained in UK for Nepal's development,
- Meet and greet British scholars and authorities for mutual enrichment,
- Be in touch with British events, activities and openings for shared happiness.
- Opportunities to serve others who need our help and guidance,
- Identify as a dignified British Scholar.

A Nepali having studied in the UK for 12 weeks or more is eligible for membership of ABAN by application with educational certificate and fee.

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 520) on May 14, 2019.
4. Mr. Anup Acharya (ID 520) on May 14, 2019
5. Mr. Surendra Prasad Lohani (ID 520) on
6. May 14, 2019
7. Mr. Jagdish Kumar Khoju (ID 520) on May 14
8. Mrs. Indu Tuladhar (ID 520) on May 14, 2019

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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 Gradualtion 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	Bhisma's Book Released
May 11	ABAN Family Picnic at Dhulikhel Jungle Resort
May 14	Fifth Executive Committee meeting

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