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Cabinet Decision on Land for Nepal National Library

The years-long dream of owning NNL's own land in Jamal, the heart of Kathmandu Metropolitan City came true with the decision of the Council of Ministers dated 14 October 2018 (28 Ashwin 2075). The Council of Ministers approved the proposal of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) (As per the decision of Honorable Minister, Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokhrel dated 10 October 2018). To provide land for the Nepal National Library. Later, Government of Nepal took the decision of building Nepal National Library "reflecting arts and architecture" (Arts, culture and tradition) of Nepal with a unique style. Under the decision Land Revenue Office of Dillibazar, Kathmandu, Nepal provided land ownership certificate. The total area of the land is 4067.85 square meter.

Eleventh Library Day Celebrated



The eleventh library day was celebrated on 31 August 2018 (15 Bhadra 2075 BS) conducting various programs. To mark the historical day (Establishment of Nepal's first library from the government side 15 Bhadra 1869 BS by then His Majesty King Girbanyuddha Bir Bikram Shah), Library day is being celebrated throughout the country since 31 August 2008 AD (15 Bhadra 2065 BS).

The main objectives of the celebration are to promote reading habit, to foster interest in library use, to build knowledge based society, to develop the habit of using library in teaching-learning process, to raise the public awareness on need and importance of library, to encourage the establishment of public and community library in local level, to

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to promote reading habit, to foster interest in library use, to build knowledge based society, to develop the habit of using library in teaching-learning process, to raise the public awareness on need and importance of library, to encourage the establishment of public and community library in local level, to

help government formulate various rules and regulations for sustainable functioning of library and library service with international standard, to initiate constructing infrastructure for libraries damaged by earthquake and to promote role and importance of all kinds of libraries, academic institutions and stakeholders.

A ministerial level decision formed the main organizing committee with 35 members under the convenership of Khagaraj Baral, Secretary of Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) for the Library day celebration. Mr Surya Prasad Gautam, Joint Secretary of School Education Division of MoEST was the Vice-President and Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library Coordination and Documentation Section of MoEST was the Member Secretary. Representatives from various libraries and information centers, library associations, NGOs, INGOs were selected as the members. The committee was formed on 30 July, 2018. The meeting selected the slogan "Prosperous Library: Reformed Society" (समृद्ध पुस्तकालयः सुदृढ समाज) for the library day celebration.

Various sub-committees were formed to facilitate the main organizing committee.

Publicity Sub-Committee

The selected members were Mr Govinda Raj Dahal, Coordinator from Kathmandu Valley Public Library; Mr Ramesh Kumar Bhusal, Member from Library Development Forum; Mr Prabin Paudel, Member from Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP); President or representative selected by President from Education Journalists' Group, Member and President or representative selected by President from Education Journalists' Network, Member. The key responsibilities of the sub-committee were: to request all media associations to promote library use and reading habits through 11th library day; to coordinate with coordinators of all sub committees and publicize executed tasks from them; to request all media partners for publicity (TV, Radio, Newspapers); to keep records of all activities performed in various district regarding library day and submit for final report.

Library Day Management and Coordination Subcommittee

The selected members were Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library Coordination and Documentation Section, MoEST-Coordinator; Mr Bhola Nath Paudel, Financial Administration Section, MoEST- Member; Chief Librarian of Nepal National Library or representative -Member; Chief Librarian of Kaiser Library or representative-Member; Mr Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Member Secretary of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library-Member; President of Nepal National Library Association or representative-Member; Head of Central Department of Library and Information

Science or representative-Member; Chief Librarian of Tribhuvan University Central Library or representative-Member; President of Tribhuvan University Library Science Students' Alumni Association (TULSSAA) or representative-Member; Ms Narbada Pokhrel, General Secretary of Nepalese Association of School Librarians (NASL)-Member; President of Nepal Community Library Association or representative-Member; Room to Read, Country Director, Nepal or representative-Member; Read Nepal, Country Director or representative-Member; president of Library Science Students' Association or representative-Member; Library and Information Management Centre or representative-Member; The Asia Foundation, Country Director or representative-Member; President of Lions Manoram Foundation, 2005 Nepal or representative-Member; Resource Centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC), Country Director or representative-Member; Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya, President or representative-Member and ICIMOD or representative-Member. The key responsibilities of the sub-committee were: to decide on special guest and venue for main event; to welcome participants, manage the launch and beverages and to prepare banner for main event and to coordinate with other subcommittees.

Publication Subcommittee

The selected members were Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary, Library Coordination and Documentation Section-Coordinator; Mr Indra Prasad Adhikari, Chief Librarian, Tribhuvan University Central Library-Member; Dr Ashok Thapa, Associate Professor, Central Department of Nepali, Tribhuvan University-Member; Ms Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior Program Officer, RECPHEC-Member. The key responsibilities of the sub-committee were: to publish informative articles on rules, regulations and programs on library management and operations; to request articles from writers on library and information science, use of ICT in library, promotion of reading habits, enhancing professional skills of library professionals and publish it; to summarize national library day mentioning all activities initiated and executed by institutions and associations dedicated for library promotion in Nepal.

Social and Creative Activities Subcommittee

The selected members were Mr Prem Bahadur Bohara, Founder, Shiksha Nepal-Coordinator; Mr Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Head of Department, Central Department of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University-Member; representative from Nepal Library Association-Member; representative from Nepal National Library-Member; representative from NASL-Member; representative from Read Nepal-Member and representative from TULSSAA-Member. The key responsibilities of the sub-committee were: to create and request various social welfare institutions to perform various activities like blood donation program, cleanliness program, sapling plantation, health related activities, book donation program, etc.

Facilitation and Prize Distribution Subcommittee

The selected members were Mr Surya Prasad Gautam, Joint Secretary, School Educational Division, MoEST-

Coordinator; Ms. Indira Dali, Member of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library and President/Chief Librarian of Community Child Development Library-Member; Ms Janaki Karmacharya, Former Chief Librarian, Kaiser Library-Member; Mr Keshab Raj Lamsal, Vice President, Nepal Library Foundation-Member. The key responsibilities of the sub-committee were: to submit the name of person and institution contributing in the field of library and information science; to request all libraries to submit the name of best reader and select the best reader of the year from the nomination.

Educational Activities Subcommittee

The selected members were Ms Indira Dali, Member, Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library-Coordinator; representative from Kaiser Library-Member; representative from Room to Read-Member; representative from The Asia Foundation-Member; representative from NASL-Member; representative from TULSSAA-Member. The key responsibilities of the sub-committee were: to organize essay, poem and debate competition on the topic selected by subcommittee related to library and library day and select the winner.

National and International Relation and Coordination Subcommittee

The selected members were Mr Juju Bhai Dangol, Library Expert, Kathmandu Valley Public Library-Coordinator; Representative from Kaiser Library-Member; representative from Room to Read-Member; representative from The Asia Foundation-Member; representative from NASL-Member; representative from TULSSAA-Member. The key responsibilities of the subcommittee were: to coordinate with various media partners (FM Radio, Television, Print and Online Newspapers) and media personnel for publicity of national library day as well as to coordinate with various federal and local levels for organizing programs on importance and need of public and community libraries.

The subcommittees organized various educational and creative programs by requesting and mobilizing various institutions on different days which are organized datewise

23 August

Community Child Development Library in Sanchal, Sanepa organized dance competition under the instruction and evaluation of Japanese dance instructor Mr Kousuke Tanaka among the students up to grade 8 from different schools. 35 students (11 boys and 24 girls) students participated in the competition. The Participants were divided into two groups: junior (class KG to IV) and senior (class V to IX). The winner, the first runner up and the second runner up from junior group were Mr Amit Paswan from Phoenix School, Mr Devkrishna Yadav from Paradise School and Ms. Yunisha Ale Magar from Gyandeeep Secondary School respectively. Similarly, the winner, the first runner up and the second runner up from senior group were Mr Bipin Subedi from Tika Bidyashram Secondary School, Mr Suraj Jaiswal from Gyandeeep Secondary School and Ms. Sanjeevani Rayamajhi from Nightingale International Secondary School respectively.

Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP) celebrated Library day organizing a week-long program. On 23 August 2018 the

library conducted a program with an objective of highlighting the MPP's collection and its importance.

24 August

Community Child Development Library organized an interaction program on "Role of children literature and child library in developing reading habits" in Paradise School among 50 students from grade 4 to grade 7, 6/7 members of Committee of the Library, 6 school teachers and the principal of the school. Senior child litterateur Mr Vinaya Kasajoo who is also an advisor of the library spoke on the role and importance of children literature in simple and interesting way. Likewise, Ms Indira Dali, President of library spoke on the importance and role of child library exhibiting the various modern and interesting reading materials, educational materials and puzzle games. Later, the question and answer session was held. After the program the number of readers visiting the library increased up to 50 to 60 per day.

25 August

Community Child Development Library organized 3-days long "Story writing and teaching" program from 22 to 23 August. 10 students from five schools participated in the program. The advisor of the library and senior litterateur Mr Vinaya Kasajoo instructed the participants. On August 25 from those 10 trained participants the story writing competition was organized. The stories were evaluated by the jury of Ms Indira Dali, Mr Indra Prasad Adhikari and Mr Vinaya Kasajoo. The winner, the first runner up and the second runner up were Ms Kareena Jaiswal from Maryward School for the story titled "Importance of library", Mr Chandan Jaiswal from Gyandeep Secondary School for the story titled "The library day" and Ms Sanjeevani Rayamajhi from Nightingale Int'l Secondary School for the story titled "Three talking books" respectively.

26 August

Educational Activities Subcommittee organized book release program in TUCL. The book "त्रि. वि. केन्द्रीय पुस्तकालयको गौरवशाली कहानी र हाम्रो सेवा" written by Former Chief Librarian of TUCL Mr Narayan Prasad Mishra and Ms Shanti Mishra was released that day. Rector of Tribhuvan University, Prof. Dr Sudha Tripathi was Chief guest of the program. Coordinator of Educational Activities Subcommittee, Ms Indira Dali chaired the program. Prof. Dr Surendra KC was Special Guest. Similarly, Mr Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Mr Indra Prasad Adhikari, Dr Madhusudan Karki, Mr Krishnamani Bhandari, Mr Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Dr Tulasi Prasad Bhattarai and Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula were guests for the program. The program was conducted by Member Secretary of Main Organizing Committee, Dr Tulasi Prasad Bhattarai. Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula welcomed the guests. After the book release from the Chief guest, Dr. Karki and Mr Bhandari spoke on Ms Shanti Mishra and Mr Narayan Prasad Mishra. Prof. Dr KC reviewed the released book. While speaking, Prof. Dr Tripathi thanked organizing committee along with Ms Parbati Nepal for organizing the book release program of respected personalities.

28 August

Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya organized an informative library visit program for school students with a motive of making them aware on the difference between library and archive.

29 August

Kaiser Library organized a discussion program on 'Digitization in library materials: manuscripts and rare books' with the motive of discussing on lifelong preservation and digitization of rare and valuable materials as well as old manuscripts. Chief Librarian of Kaiser Library Mr Dashrath Mishra chaired the program. Mr Mishra, Mr Griha Man Singh from National Archives, Nepal and Dr. Ashok Thapa presented their papers: Digitization & preservation of palm leaf manuscripts by Dashrath Mishra; Care and maintenance of library materials by Griha Man Singh; Preserving rare books and materials: challenges by Dr Ashok Thapa.

The guests for the program were Mr Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief Librarian of Nepal National Library; Mr Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Member Secretary of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library; Mr Murari Binod Pokheral, Board Member of Kathmandu Valley Public Library; Ms Saroja Shrestha, President of LIMISEC; Ms Janaki Karmacharya, Former Chief Librarian of Kaiser Library; and Mr Suresh Kumar Yadab, Undersecretary of Library of Department of Forest Research and Survey. The program was conducted by Mr Sanjib Kumar Choudhary, Library Assistant in Kaiser Library.

On the same day, DIDIBAHINI, sister organization of RECPHEC, organized essay competition among students from grade 5 to 9 in Library and Information Centre situated in Lubhu, Lalitpur and Sanga, Bhaktapur on the topic 'Importance of community library in community development'.

30 August

The Asia Foundation and NASL jointly organized 3-days library management training as well as interaction program among principals from all secondary schools of Godawari Municipality in Bajrabarahi Higher Secondary School in Lalitpur.

Community Child Development Library on its own organized the prize distribution ceremony to motivate the participants from various competition inviting various dignitaries and parents the same day. The program was held before the main event of the national library day where the winners were distributed with certificates. Chief guest Mr Rajesh Maharjan Chairperson of ward no. 2 Sanepa distributed the packaged prize of children book, notebooks, pen, etc. For the winners of story writing competition additional cash prize was also



distributed. Mr Maharjan wished for the betterment of the library and expressed his commitment to help promote the library.

Nepal National Library organized sanitation and cleanliness program in library premises in active participation of all the employees of the library.

31 August (Closing ceremony)

Library Day Main Organizing Committee organized closing ceremony in Russian Centre of Science & Culture, Kamalpokhari. Mr Khagaraj Baral, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology was Chief guest of the program. The ceremony was inaugurated with lighting the ceremonial lamp by Mr Baral. Member Secretary of the Main Organizing Committee Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula welcomed all dignitaries and participants. On the occasion, Mr Tulasi Prasad Bhattarai, Chairperson, Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library ; Ms Indira Dali, Library Specialist and Chairman of Community Child Development Library; Mr Ganesh Shah, Ex-Minister, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology and Central Committee Member of Communist Party of Nepal and Ms Yulia Androsova, Director of Russian Centre of Science & Culture spoke during the ceremony. Social activist Mr Badri Nath Bhandari from Kailali who have been working as a social worker since long in Far-Western Region was awarded with the award of Library Reformer. Ratna Library which is situated in Mid Baneshwor, Kathmandu was awarded with best library of the year for its services in library literature as well as readers. Similarly, former administrator Mr Devendra Raj Kadel was awarded with the best reader of the year. On the same occasion the winners, the first runner up and the second runner up of essay competition, story writing competition and dance competition were honored with certificates.

11th Library Day Outside Kathmandu Valley

Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration requested all 7 provinces, 77 districts and 753 local levels as well as Centre for Education and Human Resources Development circulated notice to all Education Development Units and educational institutions for the nationwide celebration of the Library day. In accordance with the notice request Parbat, Syangja, Kanchanpur, Bajhang, Makwanpur, Sankhuwasabha, Parsa, Udayapur, Saptari, Rupandehi, Chitwan, Nuwakot, Nawalparasi, Kailali, Dang, Siraha, Baglung, Banke, Dhanusa, Kaski, Sunsari, Myagdi, Jhapa, Morang, Gorkha, Tanahun, Kavrepalanchowk, Gulmi, Rupandehi, Sindupalchowk organized various programs such as Book handover, interaction, donation of writing materials for orphans, essay writing competition, debate competition, quiz competition, cleanliness, stitching biodegradable leaf plates among homemakers, radio discussion, mobile library service, literacy program, book release, raising awareness through Deuda songs, honoring senior citizens, etc.

Nepal National Library in Chengdu Initiative of the Silk Road International Library Alliance

The team of Ms Cheng Zhong, Cultural Section from Embassy



of People's Republic of China in Nepal and Mr Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief Librarian of NNL discussed on 'Chengdu Initiative of the Silk Road International Library Alliance' on 18 May 2018.

Mr Mainali thanked the good initiation and conformed to be the partner for the mission from Nepal National Library. NNL welcomed and accepted the proposed "Silk Road International Library Alliance", an initiative based on equality and friendship with the spirit of peaceful partnership, openness and acceptance, mutual learning and development. He hoped for the success of alliance among the partner libraries along the "Silk Road", and move forward with the acquisition, protection, development and utilization of document resources and improve library services as a whole. He said the world has become a global village with the development in information and communication technology. For the promotion and development of the libraries we should unite, he added. Ms Cheng Zhong observed the Children Section of NNL. She expressed her pleasure at the opportunity to visit the library and hoped for further discussions to develop the future plan and roadmap.

The "Silk Road" is a win-win initiative of friendship and peace, leading to mutual development and prosperity through enhanced communication, understanding and trust among those involved. Over 2100 years ago, the "Silk Road" stretched across 10,000 miles covering European and Asian continents, becoming a historical symbol of the convergence of civilization, the establishment of trade links, and the fostering of mutual cultural development and strong bonds between countries enmeshed life along in this route. In the backdrop of globalization, the trend of mutual development in the library field is emerging. Today, representatives from a variety of countries and regions are gathering in Chengdu, an area that was part of the origins of the ancient "Silk Road" in the Southwest, to form the "Silk Road International Library Alliance".

Latter-day Saint Charities Visited NNL

NNL organized a brief program on 8 May 2018 with the guests from Latter-day Saint Charities (LDSC). The guests were Mr Tom Pocock, Ms Ellie Pocock, Ms Kenney Wilkinso and Mr Terry Wilkinson. The team of LDSC visited NNL as the follow-up visit after FamilySearch. LDSC is the humanitarian arm of the 'The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints'. LDSC assists local projects in a wide range of health related activities including wheel chair provision to disabled persons, helping



communities create sources of clean water by drilling wells and installing purification systems. LDSC has also been involved in post-disaster reconstruction efforts in South Asia, Chile and Haiti. The organization currently contributes to projects in 167 countries. Ms Anju Shakya, Library Officer of NNL presented the situation of NNL before and after earthquake of 2015. Mr Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief of NNL added the effort carried on with the struggle in getting land and rebuilding NNL. The program was conducted by Mr Basanta Raj Pantha, Library Officer of NNL.

South Korean Ambassador to Nepal Visited NNL



The ambassador of Republic of Korea, His Excellency Park Yong-Sik paid a cordial visit to NNL on 27 July 2018. During his visit a very brief sharing program was organized. Former Chief of Centre for Economic Development and Administration, Ms Indira Dali was Chair person for the program, His Excellency Park Yong-Sik was Chief guest and Mr Dashrath Mishra, Chief librarian of Kaiser Library, was special guest, Mr Prem Raj Adhikari, Library Officer of NNL demonstrated the situation of NNL and Mr Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief of NNL welcomed the guests and presented the status of NNL. Mr Mishra and Ms Dali shared their experiences in library professionalism and His Excellency Park Yong-Sik expressed his gratitude and spoke on the relations between Nepal and Republic of Korea. The libraries help in maintaining cordial relation between two countries, he added. The visit was especially for the establishment of Korean corner. The program was conducted by Mr Basanta Raj Pantha, Library Officer of NNL.

43rd Meeting of the Directors of ISSN National Centres

The 43rd meeting of Directors of ISSN National Centres was held from 18 to 21 September 2018 at Library of Congress in Washington DC, United States of America. Most of the Directors of ISSN National Centres attended the meeting. Mr Upendra Prasad Mainali participated as a Director of ISSN National Centre, Nepal. He raised the issues and problems regarding ISSN assignment in Nepal.



International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) Training and Information Session

ISSN Training and Information Session was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 23-24 August 2018. Colleagues from various ISSN National Centres Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam came together with the Director of ISSN International Centre to discuss the latest hot topics impacting the ISSN Network. Mrs. Gaelle Bequet, Director of ISSN International Centre focused on history of ISSN, activities at the ISSN International Centre and the ISSN Network, its existing strategies, key facts and figures of 2017, insights into the operations of the ISSN Network, revision of ISO Standard for ISSN (ISO 3297) and new registration authority agreement: impacts on ISSN National Centres; specific issues regarding the national implementation of ISO 3297 and the cooperation with publishers. Similarly, Clement Oury, Head of Data, Network and Standards, ISSN International Centre and representatives of the ISSN Network briefed about the ISSN Portal and its functionalities. Participants from ISSN National Centres presented their paper. Mr Basanta Raj Pantha from ISSN National Centre Nepal attained the session and presented the history of ISSN National Centre Nepal, its activities, assigned number of records and problems faced by the National Centre while assigning ISSN. The problems and solutions to overcome frequently occurring problems were discussed further.



Provincial Level Library Conference

Kiran Pustakalaya established on 5 November 1968 with the initiation from Mr Sashi Panthi, Former Chief of Resunga Multiple Campus, celebrated its 50th anniversary organizing provincial level library conference on 9 September 2018 in Tamghas, Gulmi. Many library professionals and dignitaries from province number 5 and Kathmandu attended the conference. Mr Kamal Raj Shrestha, Member of Parliament and Chief Guest for the program inaugurated the session lighting the ceremonial lamp. While addressing the session, he stressed on the importance of library assuring an initiation to allot the budget for libraries. It is high time to think and transform the traditional libraries, he added. Mr Khadga

Bahadur BC,



Member of Parliament; Mr Dinesh Panthi, Member of Parliament; Mr Tulasi Prasad Bhattarai, Chairperson of DKRML; Ms Indira Dali, Library Specialist; Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary, Library Coordination and Documentation Centre, MoEST; Mr Yadu Nath Bhattarai, Chief District Officer of Gulmi District; Mr Keshab Acharya, President of Nepal Community Library Association; Mr Sitaram Bhattarai; Mr Din Panthi, Litterateur; Mr Surya Bahadur Sen, Litterateur attended the program. Mr Krishna Prasad Bhandari was honored for his PhD in Dr. Basudev Tripathi. The book 'Dandawat Sewa' written by Mr Surya Bahadur Sen was released by Sashi Panthi. The conference was filled with various programs along with paper presentation by Mr Niraula, Mr Acharya and Mr Banmali Nirakar, such as poem recitation, Teej songs and dance performances.

Conference on 'Librarian in Digital Age: Digital Asset Management in Modern Library'



With the motive to develop IT friendly library and library professionals Kaiser Library made an effort organizing a one day conference with the theme 'Librarian in Digital Age: Digital Asset Management in Modern Library' on 12 July 2018. Mr Padamraj Joshi from Nepal Open University; Mr Yajya Raj Bhatta, Former President of TULSSAA; Mr Bimal Chandra Sharma, Photographer and library in-charge in Informal Sector Service Center (INSEC) presented their papers. Dr Ashok Thapa, Lecturer of Central Department of Nepali, Tribhuvan University; Mr Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Head of Department, Central Department of Library and Information Science were

the keynote speakers. Mr Dashrath Mishra, Chief Librarian of Kaiser Library stressed on the challenges libraries must face if unable to update itself with contemporary information and technology. He further stressed on the library's future plan in digitization of old and rare materials.

Dr Dilliraman Regmi National and International Peace Award

Dr. Dilliraman Regmi Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library Development Board honored Mr Hariram Joshi with 'Dr Dilliraman Regmi National Peace Award-2074' for his regular contribution on study and research in the field of history, culture and archaeology, and likewise UNESCO with 'Dr Dilliraman Regmi Intenational Peace Award-2074' for its contribution on peace, education, culture, science, mass media, social areas and archaeological heritage in Nepal and in the world organizing an award ceremony on 3 July 2018. Dr Tulasi Prasad Bhattarai, Chairperson of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library chaired the program. Similarly, Honorable Minister of MoEST, Mr Giriraj Mani Pokhrel and Secretary of MoEST, Mr Khagaraj Baral were the Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively. Honorable Minister Pokhrel while speaking on Dr Regmi admired the noble deeds of him and how he contributed on study and research along with cultivating reading habits establishing his own personal library. The award has motivated dignitaries and institutions/organizations dedicated to history, education, culture, archaeology, science and technology he added. On the same occasion, winners of essay competition entitled 'Dr Dilliraman Regmi on Peace, Non-violence and Human Values' were distributed cash prize.

Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL)

Trainings Conducted for Tribhuvan University Librarians



To help improve and update the expertise of the college librarians, TU Central Library organized short term trainings for librarians of constituent colleges under the umbrella of Tribhuvan University. The short term (8 days) training titled "E-library, E-resources and Information-Management Technology". The training was organized in two groups. Training for the first group was held from 7-14 May 2018 for the librarians of colleges within Kathmandu Valley. Similarly, the training for the second group of librarians from out of Kathmandu valley was held from 11-18 June 2018. On the final days of the training, T.U. Registrar Mr Dilli Ram Upreti distributed the certificates to the participants amidst a ceremony held at TU Central Library.

South Korean Ambassador Visits TUCL

The Ambassador of Republic of Korea His Excellency Park Yong-Sik paid a cordial visit to TUCL on 8 August 2018. During his visit to the Library, H.E. Park showed keen interest in the collections and services rendered by the library and asked questions regarding the library's areas for future development. The Chief Librarian Mr I.P. Adhikari briefed H.E. Park on various activities of the library.

Chief Librarian I.P. Adhikari Attended IDUAI Conference

On the invitation of UNESCO, the Chief Librarian Mr I.P. Adhikari attended an International conference from 28-29 September 2018 held in Sri Lanka. The conference was organized in commemoration of International Day for the Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) with the title "The Asian Digital Revolution: Transforming the Digital Divide into a Dividend through Universal Access." The program was inaugurated by Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka followed by a keynote speech. The conference was organized by UNESCO in partnership with the Ministry of Telecommunication and Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka. The two-day conference comprised mainly of Inaugural programme, Plenary sessions, Workshops and Colombo declaration followed by a grand party thrown by the Ministry of Telecommunication.

Nepalese Association of School Librarians (NASL) Training cum Workshop



The NASL conducted 3 days introductory training cum workshop from 12 to 14 August 2018 on School Library Management and Information Literacy Programme for students from primary to higher secondary level with the integration of Living Value Education Program. The program was held in Janakalyan Secondary School, Kathmandu. The workshop was formatted in various parts inauguration session, seminar session divided into two for headmasters and teacher-librarian, and closing session. Mr Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Head of Central Department of Library and Information Science and Chief Guest for the inauguration session inaugurated the session by lighting the ceremonial lamp. After the inauguration session the seminar for headmasters titled "The Role of Headmaster on School Library Development for Quality Education" was held. Then after, the program on 'Training cum Workshop for Teacher- Librarian' was conducted. Mr Indra Prasad Adhikari, Chief of Tribhuvan University Central Library and Chief Guest for the closing ceremony highlighted on work of NASL team

and importance of school library. Ms Bhima Adhikari from Koteswar Saraswati Secondary School and Mr Nabin Mainali from Basbari Secondary School expressed their experiences on behalf of participants. They said NASL has spread light on importance of library and has provided guidelines to search the needed information. Finally, books were distributed to 5 different government schools of Kathmandu: Janakalyan Secondary School, Mahankal Boudha; Navajagriti Secondary School, Ramhiti; Arunodaya Secondary school, Aarubari; Gram Shiksha Mandir Secondary School, Kapan and Basbari Secondary school, Maharajganj.

Resource Centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC)

Digital Library Enhancement Workshop

RECPHEC organized one day workshop on "National Workshop on Development of Information Centre and Digital Library to enhance Ayurveda and Traditional Health System (ATHS)" on 10 September 2018 at Kathmandu Meeting Point (SAP Falcha), Kathmandu considering the need of promoting digitization in preserving documentation of traditional medicinal practices. People participating in the workshop represented government, institutions, traditional health practitioners, librarians, media persons, IT consultants etc. The objectives of the workshop were to understand the situation of documentation on ATHS, to identify the areas of intervention in improving documentation system, to formulate of role of civil society and to understand the role of government on knowledge documentation, preservation and digitization process.



The papers were presented by Ms Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior Program Officer, RECPHEC titled "Information management and dissemination on Ayurveda and traditional system of medicine (TSM) - a case study of RECPHEC", Mr Madhu Bajra Bajracharya, Chairperson, Ayurveda Traditional Professional Association titled "Practice of documentation of traditional knowledge in Nepal", Dr Babu Raja Amatya, Under Secretary, Department of Ayurveda, Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) titled "Status of documentation of Ayurveda and traditional knowledge: challenges and opportunities", Mr Dibyendra Hyoju, Data Management Specialist, Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya titled "Best practices for implementing digital library", Mr Atul Mishra, Chief- Sub Editor, Kantipur Publications titled "Role of social media in documentation and dissemination on Ayurveda and traditional health care system", Mr Sushil Khanal, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology titled "Developing and implementation of national policy in digitization".

Exhibition

RECPHEC has been publishing different health education materials targeted for different people specially community/rural people to improve their health conditions. The Information and Documentation Unit (IDU) plays an active role to disseminate the publications in various ways. In this regard, RECPHEC took a part in book exhibition on 9 June 2018 organized by Nepal Community Library Association (NCLA)'s AGM program at Nepal Academy. About 300 people representing different public and community libraries of 24 districts observed the publication and the books and IEC materials as brochures, posters, newsletters, pamphlets etc. were freely distributed.

TULSSAA

Interaction and Wishing Program

TULSSAA organized interaction program on "Interrelation of media and library in the era of modern information technology" as well as Dashain and Tihar wishing program at TUCL, Kirtipur on 7 October 2018. President of TULSSAA, Mr Bijay Sharma chaired the program and the master of ceremony was secretary of TULSSAA, Ms Anita Bhattarai. Senior Journalist Mr Tejendra Kafle presented the paper on development of media and library's main function in dissemination of information. Mr Indra Prasad Adhikari, Chief of TUCL; Mr Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Head of Central Department of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University; Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library Coordination and Documentation Section, MoEST; Mr Sahishnu Poudyal, Lecturer of Central Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Tribhuvan University and Ms Indira Dali Member of DKRML expressed their views on media & library and wished for the forthcoming Dashain and Tihar festival.

Basic Library and Information Centre Management Training

TULSSAA in coordination with Arghakhanchi Technical Training Institute conducted level III basic library and information centre management training with the objective of producing semi-skilled human resources in library sector from 4 February to 4 May 2018. Three months training was conducted at Pathshala Education Foundation, Baneshwor, Kathmandu. The closing ceremony was held on 6 May 2018. Mr Indra Prasad Adhikari, Chief of TUCL stressed on the idea of implementing the acquired knowledge and skills in the area of use. During the same occasion, new master's students of Central Department of Library and Information Science were welcomed. The program was chaired by Mr Bijaya Sharma, President of TULSSAA.

NCLA Annual General Meeting

Nepal Community Library Association (NCLA) concluded its 3rd Annual General Meeting on 9 June 2018 at Nepal Academy, Kamaladi, Kathmandu where Mr Khaga Raj Baral, Secretary

of MoEST was the Chief Guest. Vice President of NCLA, Mr Rajendra Chaudhary welcomed the guests. Secretary General of NCLA, Mr Krishnahari Devkota presented annual report and Secretary of NCLA, Mr Jayasor Poudel, presented annual financial report. Similarly, Community Library Conference proceeding was released and the new executive committee was also elected unanimously on the same occasion. The committee also nominated three personalities as member: Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary, Library Coordination and Documentation Section, MoEST; Ms Indira Dali, Library Specialist; Mr Bholakumar Shrestha, Advisory Board Member of READ Nepal. Ms Gita Thapa, President of NLA expressed her views on annual general meeting and library and information field.

Nepal Library and Information Consortium (NeLIC) AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Nepal Library and Information Consortium unanimously elected Mr Indra Prasad Adhikari, the Chief of TUCL as the President of NeLIC on 17 May 2018. Similarly, Mr Jagdish Aryal, the librarian of Social Science Baha has been elected unanimously as the Secretary General of NeLIC. The NeLIC comprises of altogether 7 members. Mr Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of MoEST was designated as the Special Invitee of NeLIC AGM. The committee's term of tenure would be of three years. The names of the newly elected executive members committee are as follow:

1. Mr Indra Pd. Adhikari, Chief, TUCL - President
2. Mr Padma Pd. Karki, Librarian, Kathmandu University - Vice President
3. Mr Jagdish Aryal, Librarian, Social Science Baha - Member Secretary
4. Mr Prabin Paudel, IT Engineer, Madan Puraskar Library - Member
5. Mr Anil Jha, Librarian, ICIMOD - Member
6. Ms Anita Bhandari, Librarian, Ace Institute - Member
7. Ms Usha Aryal, Librarian, College of Applied Business - Member

NeLIC is a non-profit making non-governmental organization established for the purpose of electronic information sharing among the like-minded member institutions. At present there are 60+ members of NeLIC. NeLIC provides online databases viz. JSTOR and Project MUSE to its members on yearly subscription basis.

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