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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> Saturday, 20 March: Joint Meeting with Rotaract Club of Patan at St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel 9:30 -11 a.m.</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b> <b>25 March (Monday) - No meeting because of the above.</b> 1 April - Business Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Nil</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No.1652**

**Date: 4 Chaitra 2075 / 18 March 2019**

1. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty called the Meeting No. 1652 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness recalling today as 'World Recycle Day'.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Mr. Kiran Joshi, Ms. Sita Gurung Piya, spouse Ms. Mithila Rajbhandary, Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai and International Services Director Rtr. Kritika Sharma.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
  - Rtn. Lalita Thapa – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for today's good gathering (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for 'Happy Landing' from Calcutta attending 'Grant Management and Stewardship Training Seminar', and for having Mr. Kiran Joshi as today's guest speaker (NRs. 700).
  - Guest Speaker Mr. Kiran Joshi – for today's programme in the RCP (NRs. 2,000).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for having Mr. Kiran Joshi as today's guest speaker.
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for the above and good attendance today.
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for having today's guest speaker and guest Ms. Sita Gurung Piya.
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for participating in today's meeting.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty – for the final closure report of GG Project of Chepel approved by the RI.
  - Ms. Sita Gurung Piya – for joining today's RCP meeting (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for 'Happy Holi'.
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - (i) Rotaract President Peshal Bhattarai briefed on very successful completion of the annual 'Blood Donation' programme on 16 March 2019 with very good participation from the RCP and IW Club. A total of 53 pints of blood were donated.
  - (ii) Reminder – Because of the joint meeting with the Rotaract Club of Patan on Saturday, 23 March 2019, there will be **no regular weekly meeting on Monday, 25 March 2019.**
  - (iii) Two sanitation conferences (WASH GG project) were held last week. One at Adarsha Kanya Niketan HSS in Mangal Bazar on 12 March 2019 participated by Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha representing the RCP, and the other at Shree Saraswoti HSS, Lele on 13 March 2019.
  - (iv) Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty informed on the RI's approval of the final closure report of GG 1637020 Project on Micro-Hydro for community development of Chepel submitted by the RCP.
  - (v) RYLA has been postponed to 10-15 April 2019 being held at the Police Academy, Sanga. Rtn Siba B. Rajbhandary informed that a minimum of two participants are being sponsored by the RCP – one sponsored from club funds and the second sponsored by himself.

- (vi) Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka informed of wide viewing of the video spot on Chepel project with 75,000 read and 15,000 views in the RCP's Facebook page.
- (vii) During the RI convention in Hamburg, there will be a breakout session on WASH Projects wherein Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty has been invited as a resource person.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – RC Vetlanda, Sweden; Chartered: 1956; & Members: 72. District: 2380, Clubs: 48, & Members 2475.
7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 8,200 (NRs. 2,500 for attendance and NRs. 5,700 for sunshine funds), attendance: 2 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 1 spouse, 23 members and 6 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan**

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| Q. Second line in 'Four Way Test' of Rotary     | A. Is it fair to all concerned? |
| Q. Home Club of DG Elect Rtn. Kiran L. Shrestha | A. RC Pokhara                   |
| Q. Total area of Nepal                          | A. 147,181 square kilometres    |

### **Talk Programme by Mr. Kiran Joshi (NRN, USA) on 'Making Nepal a film destination'**

Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary introduced guest speaker Mr. Kiran Bhakta Joshi, NRN, USA. He had gone to study in the USA at the age of 19 and, following his studies in computer animation, worked with Walt Disney on over a hundred animation projects/films. In his 20 years of work in the USA, he worked in more than 100 animation films and was lauded for his work by several prestigious newspapers. His work was also nominated for an Academy Award. After a successful career in the USA, he decided to return to Nepal and started a company 'Incessant Rain Animation Studios' in 2008 with some 20 people that has expanded into a most exemplary animation company with 140 people by now.

Mr. Joshi started his talk by explaining his motivation to give back to his country by opening the first animation studio. Using his expertise and experience of two decades of work in the USA making such renowned animation films like 'Beauty and the Beast', 'The Lion King', 'Aladdin', he is currently working on the theme 'Make Nepal your next film destination' with the forthcoming Investment Summit Nepal planned for 29-30 March 2019. He is also working with the World Bank on a project to save the culture and art of Nepal.

Mr. Joshi showed two very impressive video spots. One video spot highlighted the wealth in art and culture in Nepal, capturing which would not only create employment, but also preserve the richness of Nepali art, culture and disappearing talent. Nepal is known for its mountains, but the potential of its enormous art and culture has yet to be tapped. Summarizing the importance of location, sound, storey, art and talent, Nepal could excite investors in a comprehensive manner to make films in and about Nepal. His company has already produced hundreds of animation movies/TV series in the last 11 years. One was on what would happen if a mega earthquake happened in Nepal that also simulated how 'Dharahara' would fall, and unfortunately just after a few months of its release, the April 2015 earthquake happened.

The second video was a teaser about his planned animation film on 'Yeti'. This is part of his efforts to take the rich folk stories of Nepal to the World. He cited the example of 'Jungle Book', a story from India that became a famous animation. He finds Nepal rich in tales such as the mythological 'Yeti'. The entire world sees the abominable snowman as folklore that has little or no story to it, but we come from the country where legends of the Yeti are retold over the years. In this animation film, he explained that from the strand of hairs on Yeti's back to the flakes of snow, and from bright blue sky to the flailing garments, everything will be worked upon by Nepali artists. The film even created a language of its own of the 'Yeti' with an interesting positive story surrounding the life of the mythical 'Yeti'. He hopes that 'Yeti' will make this small nation of animation felt across the globe, and it will be the first animated film from Nepal.

Mr. Joshi concluded by emphasizing his efforts to look for local stories with continuous learning to excite people to come to Nepal to make it a destination for films.

Following a Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Lochan Gyawali thanked Mr. Kiran Joshi for a very interesting presentation and for coming back to Nepal with his commitment to give back. President Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty concluded the session with the presentation of a 'token of appreciation' to Mr. Shrestha.