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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly of RY 2019-2020</p> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b></p> <p>27 May - Classification Talk by Rtn. Lila B. Baniya with focus on Tourism Industry of Nepal</p> <p>3 June - No meeting (RI Convention)</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.1660**

**Date: 30 Baisakh 2076 / 13 May 2019**

1. As the President is on travel abroad, Vice President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa called the RCP Meeting No. 1660 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for World Peace and Happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the Vice President: Guest Speaker Prof. Hirendra Man Pradhan, Rotaract Club of Patan President Rtr. Peshal Bhattarai, International Services Director Rtr. Kritika Sharma and Rtr. Rujan Sakya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contribution:
  - Rtn. Bijaya and Gabriela Mallapaty – for 'Happy Wedding Anniversary' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Piyush B. Bajracharya – for son's happiness that dad's Rotarian friends from RC Yala held a Board Meeting at his restaurant.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for daughter Anusha's promotion to Section Chief of Branding and Marketing of Ncell (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the promotion of Rtn. Nirmal Pradhanang's daughter Anusha (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Matsyendra L. Kayastha – for today's talk programme (NRs. 300).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance in today's meeting.
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa – for today's talk programme.
  - Rtn. Lila B. Baniya – for 'Happy Landing' from Hawaii, USA and son's excellent result with all A's in the USA (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Kiran and Lalita Thapa – for today's talk programme and for obtaining the Schengen Visa (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha – for today's talk programme.
  - Rtn. Maheshwori Bisht Rawal – for son's graduation from Brown University and job of assistantship in the same university (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for having his teacher at Pulchowk Campus as today's guest speaker.
5. Rotary News/Information:
  - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha informed that he with Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha completed PEEF scholarship distribution (up to grade 10) including selection of new students of Grade 7 at the schools in Champi and Dukuchhap with support of 4HD vehicle from Rtn. Shiva P. Khemka.
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary informed about the quiz being organized this Thursday at Shree Balkumari SS, Sunakothe between two Interact Clubs of Shree Balkumari SS, Sunakothe and Pragati Sikshya Sadan, Kopundole. He encouraged all the Rotarians to join.
  - Rtn. Maheshwori Bisht Rawal briefed on her visits of WASH project in five schools together with Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal and Rtn. Madan R. Tamrakar. The five schools being (i) Balkumari at Sunakothe with new building after earthquake but with bad toilet facilities with RCP's support for the construction of eight toilets in progress; (ii) Path Pradarsak with good building but without water and bad toilet conditions; (iii) Kitini school with good management and drinking water at two locations for different classes; (iv) Phulchoki school with poor toilet facilities but all flags raised due to misinterpretation; and (v) Harisiddhi school with poor toilet

facilities. It was concluded that Committees like School Management Committee, Parent/Teacher Committee and Ward officials should work together for better management of schools.

6. Please see below for a summary of today's talk programme by guest speaker Prof. Hirendra M. Pradhan.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha – RC Corlu, Turkey; Chartered: 1986; & Members: 23. District: 2420, Clubs: 79, & Members 2154.
8. Before the closure of the meeting by the Vice President, the Secretary announced: total contribution of NRs. 7,500 (NRs. 2,700 for attendance and NRs. 4,800 for sunshine funds), attendance: 1 guest, 3 Rotaracts, 24 members and 6 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Lila B. Baniya**

- Q.** Number of days within which Board minutes should be provided to all members **A.** Within 60 days.
- Q.** Name of Regional Coordination Committee Chair of Region 3 of RID 3292 **A.** PDG Dilendra R. Shrestha
- Q.** Names of Golf Courses in Kathmandu **A.** Tribhuvan Army Course, Royal Nepal Golf Course and Gokarna Golf Course

### **Summary of talk programme by Prof. Hirendra Man Pradhan on the topic of 'Inspiration'**

Rtn. Chandralekha Kayastha introduced guest speaker Prof. Hirendra Man Pradhan. Prof. Pradhan is a Civil Engineer and Professor at the Institute of Engineering (IOE), Pulchowk. He is a former member of National Planning Commission, former Planning Chief of TU and former Campus Chief of Weston Region Campus Pokhara.

Currently, Prof. Pradhan is the Chairperson and Principal of Kathmandu Engineering College and also Chairperson of Society of Animal Welfare. He is also a founder of Kathmandu Engineer College. He obtained his BE in Civil from IIT Madras and Master from Oklahoma University, USA.

Prof. Pradhan started his talks from his experience at National Planning Commission dealing with rules and regulations, and political leaders and bureaucrats.

Prof. Pradhan has been involved in the Education Sector for the last 40 years. He is a pioneer in opening private Engineering College/Kathmandu Engineering College where he is the Chairperson and Principal now.

Prof. Pradhan highlighted the importance of 'Inspiration' that parents should give to sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters. Parents should inspire for doing the right things for getting things done. Prof. Pradhan also added the story of "Slow and steady wins the race of the Hare and Tortoise" that people normally know about. The story is incomplete as the real story has four races that would inspire to run together, support each other and reach the destination together to succeed as a team.

Prof. Pradhan also highlighted on the importance of Yoga and Meditation. Prof. Pradhan also talked about Animal welfare and protection of accidents on roads due to dogs etc.

Prof. Pradhan is President Elect of RC Mount Everest where he joined 6 years ago and he intends to do the Animal Welfare Project at the Rotary District level in a bigger scale.

Following interesting Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP, Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Prof. Hirendra Man Pradhan for his very inspiring talk to inspire everyone to do right things.

Vice President Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa concluded with presentation of 'Lalitdhara Souvenir' as a 'Token of Appreciation' to Prof. Pradhan.