

## Issue No. 1379

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<p><b>Today's Programme:</b> Regular Weekly Meeting</p> <p><b>Forthcoming Programme:</b> 26 October – No meeting: Vijaya Dashami Holiday 2 November – Business Meeting</p>	<p><b>Congratulatory Events</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Nil <b>Wedding anniversaries:</b> Nil</p>
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## Minutes of Meeting No. 1727

Date: 26 Aswin 2077 / 12 October 2020

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual RCP meeting No. 1726 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Pledges of 'Happy News/Sunshine' contribution and to the Operational Fund marked as 'OF':
  - Rtn. Madan R. Tamrakar – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for a full day's hike together with his son from Hatti Ban to Champadevi, other hills (up to 8,200 feet) and villages (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn Shiv P. Khemka (NRs. 200), Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal (NRs. 200), and Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (NRs. 200) - for the classification talk of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht.
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for having several public awareness programmes after the World Heart Day including the release of his book on RHD in children in Kathmandu and Makawanpur. Some books are also being donated by him with proceeds going to the RCP and Nepal Heart Foundation (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa – for participating in the virtual South Asia Regional conference on Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution with a praiseworthy talk of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya among many other Rotary leaders. (NRs. 500).
  - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya – for the above, which was very much appreciated by the participants. He also informed about plans to have the conference again in Lumbini in February 2022 (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for good attendance (NRs. 500 to OF).
4. Rotary News/Information:

President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang:

  - Informed about the District's virtual programme on 'Happy School' held on 6 October with the participation of 220, wherein PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya spoke very well.
  - Briefed on the launching of the District's new website on 10 October. A mobile app is also being done. Another briefing session together with a grand Ethics-day talk programme is being held on Friday, 16 October at 5:30 p.m. with many prominent speakers. (virtual link shared by e-mail).
  - Briefed on the South Asia Regional conference on Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution with a very good presentation by PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya.
  - Updated on the progress on fund-raising by the alumni of Anandakuti school almost completed and the need for the RCP's action to move forward.
  - Receipt of Rotary South Asia's magazine 'Resource' being shared electronically.
5. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – RC Sofia, Bulgaria; Chartered: 1933 and again in 1991 (This first club of Bulgaria was banned during the communist regime for 50 years. Current President is Rtn. Peter Avramov for 2019/20 & 2020/21); & Members: 40. District: 2482, Clubs: 85, & Members: 2332.
6. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, the Secretary announced: total contributions of NRs. 5,100 (NRs. 4,600 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 500 to the operational fund of the RCP), attendance: 29 members and 1 Rotaract.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Jamuna K. Tamrakar**

- Q.** In 2020 Rotary stopped offering print publications and PDF versions of various publication. Name at least three of these key club leader publications that are now converted into online courses.
- A.** Lead Your Club: (1) Club Secretary Manual (2) Club Treasurer Manual (3) Membership Committee Manual (4) Foundation Committee Manual (5) Public Image Committee Manual (6) Service Project Committee Manual and (7) Club Administration Committee Manual.
- Q.** Annual 'World Polio Day' observation date                      **A.** 24 October
- Q.** The Rotary Club of Patan's Club ID Number                      **A.** 23126

### **Summary of Classification Talk of Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht**

President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang welcomed Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht as the first classification speaker of the RCP of this Rotary Year.

Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, Ph.D., started by explaining about the classification talk in Rotary, which provides the opportunity for Rotarians from many vocations to broaden their knowledge as clubs make sure that members come from different professions/occupations. He explained the choice of his vocation from his schooling to being a teacher/health assistant followed by the receipt of a scholarship in the veterinary field.

Following his graduation from Bangalore, India, he joined the government of Nepal's veterinary service during 1987 to 2002. During 2002-2006 he did his Ph.D. in Epidemiology in Malaysia and re-joined the government service as an Epidemiologist during 2006-2008. In 2009, he became a national consultant with FAO Bird Flu, from 2012 to 2017 he was an international consultant of FAO-SAARC, and from 2017 he has been an Animal Health Expert with FAO.

He has worked in four provinces of Nepal, including in its most remote parts, during his government service in various capacities in the veterinary field. In Nepal, the veterinary profession is guided by Nepal Veterinary Council, Nepal Veterinary Association, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, the Ministry of Health and Population, the private sector, the academic institutions, and local governments/municipalities.

Rtn. Bisht talked about the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UN and within the FAO, he works with the Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD), which is a corporate centre for the planning and delivery of veterinary assistance to FAO's member countries responding to the threat of transboundary animal health crises. The work with FAO allows him to be in a multi-cultural and multi-religion environment in the fields of transboundary animal diseases, highly pathogenic and emerging diseases, and zoonotic diseases. The focus is on the concept of 'One Health' encompassing the interrelationship between animal, human and environmental health.

He has also worked in field simulation exercises during the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Influenza (HPAI), during bird flu outbreaks and supported the 'Disease Prevention and Control' working group of the government of Nepal. For FAO in SAARC, he prepares plans, provides technical backstopping, organizes and facilitates workshops, and collaborates with international consultants and government authorities.

Rtn. Bisht reminded that the history of veterinarians' profession has focussed on protecting and improving both animal health and human health. It is said that the best doctor is a veterinary doctor as he/she cannot ask the patient about his/her conditions and feelings. The role of veterinarians reflects expanding societal needs and current challenges to animal and human health and to the environment.

Rtn. Bisht explained some pertinent statistics demonstrating that a large number of people (half of some 900 million living below poverty line) depend on livestock. Approximately 75% of recently emerging infectious diseases affecting humans are of animal origin, including the Corona virus causing the current Covid-19 pandemic. Containing animal diseases at source saves lives, protects livelihoods, and reduces economic costs. Every \$1 invested in preparedness saves \$5 in response to an animal disease outbreak. Therefore, he emphasized the elements of prepare, prevent, detect and respond' as keys to preparedness. 'One Health' approach is increasingly used to address health issues for best possible health outcomes for humans, animals, and the environment. Humans, animals, and animal products now move rapidly around the world, and therefore, he concluded by saying that new strategic partnership among animal, human, and public health professionals are vital to the 'One Health' approach.

Following a Q/A session, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang thanked Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht for his highly professional and well researched classification talk that was very useful for the RCP family.