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<p>Today's Programme: Regular Weekly Meeting</p> <p>Forthcoming Programme: 19 April – Talk Programme by Dr. Dibesh Karmacharya on DNA research on COVID-19 in Nepal</p>	<p>Congratulatory Events</p> <p>Birthdays: Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – 13 April</p> <p>Wedding Anniversaries: Rtn. Mahendra B. & Lalita Thapa – 14 April Rtn. Prakash R. & Upasana Reqmi – 15 April</p>
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Minutes of Meeting No. 1749

Date: 23 Chaitra 2077 / 5 April 2021

1. President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang called the virtual meeting No. 1749 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for Nepal & 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. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for 'Happy Birthday' (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for the above (NRs. 500), and for joining the 'Prakriti Premi Samuha Shibir' of a week with colleagues of the RCP (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty – for the Lalitdhara reaching Issue No. 1,400 (NRs. 500).
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for joining the 'Prakriti Premi Samuha Shibir' of a week with colleagues of the RCP and reducing five kilos of weight (NRs. 500 to OF and NRs. 500 to the sunshine fund).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for successful implant of two teeth long delayed due to Covid-19 (NRs. 1,000).
 - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang – for grandson & granddaughter reaching 3 and 12 years respectively (NRs. 1,000).
4. Rotary News/Information:
 - President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the following:
 - District Conference is planned for 9-11 April 2021 but will depend upon the latest situation of Covid-19.
 - Monthly NRCL meeting was held on 2 April with the participation of Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa from the RCP.
 - Rtn. Mukti N. Shrestha briefed on the plans for this year's animal health vaccination planned with Veterinary Practitioner's Association Nepal. A proposal is being finalised for Baisakh 2078. For possible expansion mentioned by Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht, it was suggested to review it in the RCP's 'One Health Committee' meeting.
 - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya briefed on the Anandakuti School Retrofitting Project, which is progressing as per plan.
 - PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya mentioned about some doubts on the dates of the planned District Conference. More information to follow.
5. Following the review of the Board Meeting minutes (see next page), more detailed background/information was shared by Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey on the planned KPAD Project. Similarly, discussions were held on the planned NTV telecast of the RCP now planned for 7 Jeshta (21 May) and plans to start the RCP's in-person meetings.
6. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha - RC of Hong Kong South; Chartered: 1973; and Members: 40. District: 3450 (covering Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia & Guangdong Province of China), Clubs: 64, and Members: 1742.
7. Before the closure of the meeting by the President, on behalf of the Secretary, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty announced: total contribution pledges of NRs. 5,000 (NRs. 500 to the OF and NRs. 4,500 to the sunshine fund), and the attendance of 27 members.

Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Padam L. Maharjan

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| Q. What is the Rotary designation for the month of April? | A. Maternal and Child Health month |
| Q. When & where will the Rotary Int'l Convention in 2024 take place? | A. Singapore, 8-12 June 2024 |
| Q. Who is the District Int'l Service Chair in D3292 for the RY 2020/21 | A. Rtn. Nugal Baidya |

9th Board Meeting of Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 2 April 2021

On behalf of the Secretary, President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang presented the minutes/decisions of the 9th Board meeting, hosted by Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty. The virtual Board meeting was conducted at 5 p.m. on 2 April 2021 with the participation of twelve Board members. The minutes/decisions of the Board below were endorsed/approved by the 'House'.

The minutes/decisions of the 9th Board meeting are as follows:

1. The minutes of the 8th Board Meeting were reviewed with some follow-up issues taken up in the agenda of the 9th Board meeting.
2. KPAD Project: Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the progress of the planned project following regular weekly meetings with the project partners.

Project Partners: The Rose International Fund for Children, USA (TRFC), Ability Development Society of Nepal (ADSoN) and the Rotary Club of Patan.

Implementing Partner: Shijan Organic Produce Pvt. Ltd.

Preparation of a Project Cooperation Agreement is progressing very well with proposed funding commitments of US\$20,000 for the first year from TRFC (funding amount for future years to be decided based on project progress), NRs. 300,000 each from ADSoN and the RCP for each year of the project. The proposed Project Cooperation Agreement is planned to be finalised within the next couple of weeks for submission to the Boards of each Project Partner for approval. Upon agreement of the Project Partners, a separate 'MOU' will be done with the implementing partner.

In the meantime, a lot of information gathering work on the beneficiary selection, resource requirements including trainers and curriculum is being done simultaneously. An appropriate venue/land (about 2.5 km from the ring road Chapagaun junction) owned by a Rotarian of RC Yala has been found at a discounted rent of NRs. 250,000 per year.

Good progress was appreciated by the Board and in order to secure the venue/land, it was agreed to commit renting it from 1 May 2021.

3. Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on: (i) the status of the Italian donation of a container load of disinfectant (worth approx. 55 Lakh Nepalese Rupees) through the RCP to the Ministry of Health and Population, which is expected to arrive Birgunj dry port on 12 April 2021 and (ii) the status of Global Grants of the RCP – with the recent approval of the closure of GG 1640569 (Providing drinking water to earthquake affected communities – Primary Contact Rtn. Lochan Gyawali), we have only one GG on master's level international scholarship (Ms. Monika Niraula) that needs to be closed.
4. Budget allocation for Rotary Awaz Telecast of the RCP on NTV – President Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang briefed on the plans for this public image activity of the RCP. The Board approved an allocation of NRs. 20,000 for this activity and suggested to postpone the event date by a month or two to have adequate preparation time.
5. Secretary/Joint Treasurer Rtn. Preeti Khemka presented the financial report with details of income and expenditure as of end March 2021, which was noted by the Board.
6. Resumption of the RCP's in-person meetings/activities: While it was agreed to start it from mid-April 2021, the recent wave of new Covid-19 cases from India has made it risky. After deliberations, it was agreed to further assess the evolving situation. Tentatively, it was suggested to plan in-person weekly meetings only from 1 May 2021. It was also suggested to tentatively have a birthday fellowship in an open space at the end of April 2021.
7. PEEF Distribution Manager Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha confirmed the completion of this year's PEEF scholarship distribution of NRs. 1,446,000 to a total of 402 students.
8. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no post-board fellowship, therefore, host Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty pledged a contribution of NRs. 25,000 to the RCP members' fellowship fund.
9. On behalf of all Board members, Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary gave a 'Vote of Thanks' to Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty for hosting this virtual Board meeting, and for his contribution pledge towards the RCP Members' Fellowship Fund.