

Today's Programme:

Weekly Meeting



In memory of Rtn. Kamalmani Dixit (2 August 1929 – 29 December 2016)

May his soul rest in eternal peace!

Rotarian Kamalmani Dixit, a veteran Nepali litterateur, the founding chairman of Madan Puraskar Guthi and Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya, and a veteran of the Rotary Club of Patan passed away on Thursday morning, 29 December 2016.

Rotarian Kamalmani ji, known as 'Guru' in Rotary circles, established the Rotary Club of Patan 31 years ago as the Rotary Governor's Special Representative (GSR), and has been a respected guardian of our club ever since.

Rtn. Kamalmani ji's contributions to Rotary over the last 31 years are innumerable. Rotary was close to his heart, and the members of the Rotary Club of Patan were part of his family.

Rtn. Kamalmani ji started the invaluable tradition of publishing the weekly bulletin *Lalithdara* in Nepali and was its editor for 16 continuous years (1996-2012). He was a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation and a generous contributor, both in terms of personal time and funding for the Rotary Club of Patan. From his contributions, we established the Kamalmani Educational Excellence Award in 2012 to reward top students among those receiving scholarships from the Rotary Club of Patan under its PEEF Trust Funds.

He was the author and financer of *Rotary Ka Kura* and its several editions, the first booklet about Rotary in Nepali, published by the Rotary Club of Patan. "Satyam Vada, Dharmam Chara" was his all-encompassing translation of the Rotary's guiding principles, known as the Four Way Test.

On behalf of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Patan, we send all his near and dear ones our heartfelt condolences and deep sympathies on his untimely passing.

May God give us all the strength to bear the loss of this fatherly figure of Rotary Club of Patan.

Bereaved family of the Rotary Club of Patan

Minutes of Meetings No. 1539

Date: 11 Poush 2073 / 26 Dec. 2016

1. As the President is on travel abroad, Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa called the meeting no. 1539 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for peace and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the Vice President: Guest Speaker Dr. Pramod Bahadur Shrestha, PP Rtn. I.P. Dhakal, RC Bharatpur (VC Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur, Chitwan) and spouse Ramita Bajracharya.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' Contributions:
 - Rtns. Matryendra L. and Chandralekha Kayastha – for having Dr. Pramod B. Shrestha as guest speaker and for signing agreement with Himalayan Bank Ltd. for designing a bigger branch office building in a bigger plot of land at Durbarmarga, Kathmandu (NRs. 2200).

- Rtn. Kedar B. Shrestha – for ‘Happy Landing’ from Myanmar.
 - Guest Speaker Dr. Pramod B. Shrestha (NRs. 1000).
 - Rtns. Lalita Thapa & Kiran Thapa – for remembering to attend today’s meeting.
 - Rtn. Jamuna Krishana Tamrakar – for ‘Happy Landing’ from Myanmar.
 - PDG Tritha M. Shakya – for ‘Happy Landing’ from Dubai.
5. Other Contributions:
- Rtn. Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya contributed NRs. 1,000 to the PEEF Operation Fund from his attendance to the NOH Board Meeting.
6. Rotary News/Information:
- It was noted that no clear information has been received from the District on the upcoming District Conference.
7. Salutation: By PP Rtn. Kamal Nyachhyon – RC of Lima, Peru; Chartered: 1922; Members: 36. District: 4459, Clubs : 57, and Members: 984.
8. Please see below for a summary of the ‘Talk Programme’ by Guest Speaker Dr. Pramod B. Shrestha.
9. Before the closing of the meeting by the Vice-President, the Secretary announced: contribution of NRs. 7,100 (NRs. 2,800 from attendance and NRs. 4,200 + 100 from mobile ring for Sunshine Fund); attendance: 1 guest, 1 spouse, 1 visiting Rotarian, 23 members and 6 make-ups.

Rotary ‘Q & A’ presented by Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal

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| Q. Which year was District Governor system introduced in Rotary? | A. 1915. |
| Q. Name the first Rotary Club of Asia & the year? | A. RC Manila, Philippine, 1919. |

Summary of ‘Talk Programme’ by Guest Speaker Dr. Pramod B. Shrestha on ‘Development, Development Aid, and Development Dividends’

Dr. Pramod B. Shrestha was introduced by Rtn. Piyush Bajracharya. Dr. Shrestha, Ph.D (Engineering Management, University of Alberta, Canada) has held several important posts such as Professor, Campus Chief and International and National Consultant with various World Bank/Asian Development Bank financed projects aimed at improvement of Engineering and Technical Education and Training System in Nepal, Philippines, Cambodia & Sri Lanka. Dr. Shrestha, though not a Rotarian, is a Paul Harris Fellow through recognition given by Rotary Club of Belgium.

Dr. Shrestha presented a talk on Development, Development Aid and Development Dividends. He discussed these words that struck him while working in development/consulting projects in Nepal, Cambodia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. These words also express in a perfect way the ambivalence of the relation and impact of development, development aid and development dividends in the everyday life of people in developing countries. Dr. Shrestha has done various studies in terms of philosophy, roles and impact of development aid for the last thirty/forty years.

He presented his personal stories and reflections on working as a consultant /coordinator with multilateral donor agencies like the World Bank & Asian Development Bank, and with bilateral donor countries like Norway and Canada in Nepal, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Canada. The interesting talk concluded with very lively Questions & Answers.

On behalf of the RCP family, Rtn. Yagya B. Shrestha thanked Dr. Shrestha for a wonderful presentation with slide show. Rtn. Shrestha also remembered Dr. Shrestha’s involvement in the Rotary Project of National Orthopaedic Hospital during its initial stage. Vice President Rtn. Lalita Thapa also thanked Dr. Shrestha and presented a copy each of ‘Lalithdhara Souvenir’ and ‘Rotary ka Kura’ as a ‘Token of Appreciation’ from the RCP.