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<p><b><u>Today's Programme:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Business Meeting</li><li>2. Remembering former RCP Rotarian and friend Kiran Thapa</li></ol> <p><b><u>Forthcoming Programme:</u></b></p> <p>13 November – Tihar Holiday (No Meeting) 18-22 November – RCP's Trip to Galkot, Baglung.</p>	<p><b><u>Congratulatory Events</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Birthdays:</u></b></p> <p>Rtn. Preeti Khemka – 3 Nov. Rtns. Santa K. Shrestha &amp; Nabin B. Maharjan – 5 Nov.</p> <p><b><u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u></b> Nil</p>
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**Minutes of Meeting No. 1877**

**Date: 13 Kartik 2080 / 30 October 2023**

1. President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed all the participants and called the RCP's Meeting No.1877 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Guest Speaker Dr. Dinesh R. Shiwakoti, Dr. Roshana Shrestha, Rtn. Bhuwan Shrestha, Mr. Ananda K. Ghimire, Rtrs. Puja Bhujel and Shruti Aryal.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. Other Contributions:
  - As announced earlier, Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha handed-over the contribution of interest received in his account of NRs. 15,000 from the PEEF distribution fund advance.
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang handed-over his pledged contribution of US \$300 (\$200 to the AF & \$100 to the PolioPlus) to The Rotary Foundation.
5. Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam shared the letter received from Galkot Municipality Ward No. 7 Chairperson welcoming the RCP Team's visit and the planned health camp during the forthcoming RCP trip to the area during 18-22 Nov. 2023. He and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi briefed on the status of planning of the trip that will be further elaborated and shared with all.
  - President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal informed about the receipt of the Ballot Paper with regards to the mechanism of election of the District Governor nominee that needs to be submitted to the District Governor by all clubs by 26 November 2023. The RCP 'House' has already decided on this and will be submitting the ballot accordingly.
  - Rotaract Puja Bhujel shared the Rotaract Club of Patan's plan to have a 'Deusi/Vailo' programme during Tihar and requested any RCP member to volunteer her/his place as a venue for this.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the successful completion of the training portion of the RHD global grant project of the RCP with a certificate distribution ceremony held at Nepal Heart Foundation. From the RCP, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal, Primary contact of the Project Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty, Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and himself participated. The three trainees highly appreciated the training conducted by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi and Dr. Urmila Shakya.
6. Salutation: By Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty - RC of Addis Ababa East, Ethiopia; Chartered: 1991; & Members: 22. District: 9200, Clubs: 153, & Members: 3981.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka announced: contributions of NRs. 5,850 for attendance including one for a mobile ring to the Operational Fund, and the meeting attendance of 4 guests, 2 Rotaracts, 23 members and 9 make-ups.

***In memory of former RCP member and Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa's spouse Mr. Kiran Thapa who passed away suddenly, the RCP family observed a minute of silence. On behalf of the RCP family, President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal conveyed the deepest condolences to Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa and the family and wished for an eternal peace of the departed soul.***

### Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam

- Q. When is the Rotary Day at the United Nations observed? **A.** 1<sup>st</sup> of November.
- Q. When and where RI had established its Regional Office in Asia for the first time? **A.** New Delhi, India in 1984.
- Q. Who is the 78<sup>th</sup> (current) President of the UN General Assembly? **A.** Dennis Francis from Trinidad & Tobago.

### Summary of the talk programme by Dr. Dinesh R. Shiwakoti on Arbitration and Adjudication

President Rtn. Mahendra S. Rawal welcomed Dr. Dinesh R. Shiwakoti, spouse of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi, to the RCP and Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha introduced him. Dr. Shiwakoti, D.Eng., LL.M., is the first FIDIC 'President's List of Adjudicators' in South Asia and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), U.K. He has over 26 years of professional experience in mega infrastructure development projects in Nepal, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, India, and Pakistan, and has been with the Asian Development Bank for the past six years. Currently, he is based in ADB's Pakistan Resident Mission in Islamabad.

Dr. Shiwakoti explained the terms 'Arbitration' and Adjudication' in a layperson's language for the understanding of all and went on to elaborate the processes involved with both. Arbitration is binding and a more formal process whereas adjudication involves a quicker resolution of disputes between parties. These are alternative dispute resolution mechanism different from the traditional mechanism of going to the civil courts. These could be simpler, confidential, and less time-consuming ways to resolve disputes, which have to be built-in in any contract with the agreement of both (or more) parties involved. The judge to arbitrate or adjudicate is selected by the parties concerned in consensus following the mechanism of UNCITRAL.

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) plays a key role in developing a robust cross-border legal framework for the facilitation of international trade and investment in pursuit of its mandate to further the progressive harmonization and modernization of the law of international trade. UNCITRAL does this by preparing and promoting the use and adoption of legislative and non-legislative instruments in a number of key areas of commercial law.

Dr. Shiwakoti gave several examples of arbitration and adjudication including Nepal's agreement on Melamchi project. These are increasingly done in construction industry followed by the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) members covering over 100 countries of the world.

Following a very useful Q/A session, on behalf of the RCP family, Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty gave a vote of thanks to Dr. Dinesh R. Shiwakoti for taking his time during holidays to Kathmandu to give this interesting talk programme in a technical subject.

### Rotary Information: Message to the Rotary community on the Middle East conflict

*(excerpts from rotary.org)*

*As events in the Middle East continue to unfold, and we hear from Rotary members around the world, it is important to clarify and underscore that Rotary is non-political, non-religious, and exclusively focused on providing humanitarian support and bringing people together. We build peace in the world, working together to share our compassion and help end human suffering.*

*We are saddened by the continuing loss of lives and destruction and express our deep concern surrounding the escalating violence across the Middle East, and the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and the region.*

*Peacebuilding is a cornerstone of Rotary's mission and an area of focus. At our core, Rotary is a common ground for people to come together – across nationalities and religions, cultures, and histories – to connect around our shared belief in a better tomorrow. That connection is what humanizes us in times of conflict and builds a foundation for lasting peace. Rotary remains committed to working with our members, partners, and communities to find long-term, sustainable solutions that support peace and development in the Middle East and everywhere.*

*Rotary International 27 October 2023. (For the full message, please visit rotary.org)*