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Date: 25 Jestha 2083 / 8 June 2026

Today's Programme:

1st Club Assembly of Rotary Year 2026-2027

Forthcoming Programme:

15 June 26 – Business meeting on Zoom
22 June 26 – Celebration the lives of late Rotarians of the RCP
29 June 26 - President's Reflexions of RY 2025-2026

Congratulatory Events

Birthdays:

Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – 11 June

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Minutes of Meeting No.2003

Date: 18 Jestha 2083 / 1 June 2026

1. IPP Rtn. Preeti Khemka MCed today's events and President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht called the RCP's Meeting No. 2003 with its 'Vocational Awards Ceremony' to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Kedar B. Mathema; Rotary Guests - District Governor Elect Rtn. Bishnu B. Karki, Assistant Governors of this and next year, Rotaracts and Interacts; Awardees - Dr. Dikshya Joshi and Mr. Rishi Ram Dhakal with family; Presidents of partner Rotary Clubs, Headmasters of the RCP's adopted schools; Guests from Nepal Heart Foundation and Heart Club, Nepal; ADSOn partners and people with disability; journalists, and spouses and friends/relatives of RCP members.
3. The last meeting minutes of the RCP were reviewed and adopted.
4. Happy News Contributions:
 - Rtn. Kamala Maharjan and Rtn. Bishwa B. Sharma – for 'Happy Birthday' in absentia (ha.ba.).
 - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (Rs. 500), Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (Rs. 1,000), Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal (Rs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (Rs. 500), Rtn. Sunil Gupta (Rs. 500), Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya (Rs. 500), Rtn. Lalita C. Thapa (Rs. 500), Rtn. Shiv P. Khemka (Rs. 500), Rtn. Preeti Khemka (Rs. 500), and Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht (Rs. 500) – for the RCP's '15th Vocational Award Ceremony' honouring the awardees in the presence of today's distinguished guests and participants.
 - Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha – for her spouse Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha officiating for the Secretary (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Jeevan K. Shrestha – for his visiting brother from Canada participating (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganga R. Gautam – for being a resource person at the University on Agriculture and Forestry (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa through the treasurer – for his earlier ha.ba. (Rs. 500).
 - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – to welcome DGE Rtn. Karki and for officiating as the Secretary (Rs. 1,000).
 - Spouse of Awardee Mr. Rishi R. Dhakal – for happy participation (Rs. 500).
5. Rotary Information:
 - President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht informed about the forthcoming meetings of the RCP: 8th of June – 1st Club Assembly, 15 June – Business Meeting on Zoom; 22 June – Celebration of lives of late RCP members, and 29 June – Last meeting of this Rotary year with reflexions of the year by the President.
6. Please see the next page for a summary of the Vocational Award Ceremony.
7. Before the adjournment of the meeting, officiating Secretary Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha announced: happy news contributions of Rs. 10,000 to the sunshine fund of the RCP, and Rs. 3,600 for attendance to the Operational Fund of the RCP, and the meeting attendance of 82 participants (1 Chief Guest, 7 Guest Rotarians, Other Guests 37, Rotaracts 2, Interacts 4, Spouses 7 and 24 Members) & 7 Make-ups.

**Summary of the 15th Vocational Award Ceremony of the RCP
held on 1 June 2026 at Sangrila Hotel, Lalitpur**

IPP Rtn. Preeti Khemka MCed today's events and Coordinator of the Vocational Awards Committee (Rtns. Prakash R. Regmi, Nirmal K. Pradhanang and Rabendra R. Pandey) of the RCP Rtn. Regmi conducted the meeting.

Rtn. Regmi welcomed the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Kedar B. Mathema; Rotary Guests - District Governor Elect Rtn. Bishnu B. Karki, Assistant Governors of this and next year, Rotaracts and Interacts; Awardees - Dr. Dikshya Joshi and Mr. Rishi Ram Dhakal with family; Presidents of partner Rotary Clubs, Headmasters of the RCP's adopted schools; Guests from Nepal Heart Foundation and Heart Club, Nepal; ADSoN partners and people with disability; journalists, and spouses and friends/relatives of RCP members.

Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang introduced the 'Vocational Awards in Rotary' highlighting it as one of the five areas of Rotary's service. Rotary recognises the excellence in vocational service and the RCP has been awarding the selected recipients for 16 years. The awardees are selected from disciplines of health, social service, education, journalism, and disability. This year two awardees have been selected from the areas of health and disability for their contributions to the society. This is the RCP's 15th Award Ceremony and with the two awardees it would have awarded 33 recipients thus far. The awards currently include a Certificate and Rs. 25,000.

Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi introduced awardee Dr. Dikshya Joshi, the first female Cardiothoracic Surgeon of Nepal, taking on challenges in Cardiac Surgery with unwavering commitment to community service. She is working at the Bir Hospital as an Associate Professor since 2021 following several years of service at Shahid Gangalal National Heart Centre. She completed her Masters of in Cardiothoracic Surgery from Tianjin Medical University, China, as the highest-ranking graduate after her M.B.B.S. as a top student at the same university. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of Nepalese Heart Journal with several publications, awards, and a number of fellowships and training abroad. The RCP recognises her inspiring outstanding service in the cardiac field in selecting her for this award.

Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Kedar B. Mathema together with DGE Rtn. Bishnu B. Karki and President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht honoured her with the RCP's Award for her outstanding service in the health field.

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Joshi appreciated this honour bestowed upon her by the RCP. She also recognised the support of Rtn. Sandhya Regmi and Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi in her career development.

Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey gave a brief summary on the RCP's work on disability and introduced awardee Mr. Rishi Ram Dhakal. Mr. Dhakal was not born disabled, but in the course of his work in Malaysia got spinal injury in an accident and had to be dependent on a wheelchair. Since then, he has been very active in support of people with disabilities and has been a vivid example in making disability into his strength and proving that 'disability does not have to be a curse'. He has helped change the lives of people with disability with his pursuit of advocacy and selfless support to empower people with disabilities. He has worked in various areas, e.g. as a teacher and Peer Counsellor at the Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Centre, Vocational Counsellor with 'VOICE' in Kavre, Secretary-General with NSCISA, President of SCI Network Nepal, Secretary-General of Youth Disabled Association, and Member in National Disabled Federation Nepal. He gained a lot of different skills and exercised them to pursue disable-friendly policies in Nepal. He has been honoured with several awards for his inspiring contributions.

Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Kedar B. Mathema together with DGE Rtn. Bishnu B. Karki and President Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht honoured her with the RCP's Award for her outstanding service in the disability field.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Dhakal appreciated the honour bestowed upon him by the RCP. He also acknowledged the support provided by Rtn. Sandhya Regmi and gave a brief summary of his endeavours.

Chief Guest Prof. Mathema and DGE Rtn. Karki praised and congratulated both awardees and appreciated the RCP's Vocational Awards to encourage the outstanding talents and wished them continued success in their efforts.

Rtn. Regmi added his own words of appreciation and congratulations and concluded the session. On behalf of the RCP, President Rtn. Bisht thanked the Vocational Service Committee of the RCP, all the participants, and invited them for a fellowship with 'high tea'.

Post Meeting: Nepal Health online posted the news on the above on 2 June 2026 appreciating the recognition of awardees who have been working and advocating for the social causes in a selfless manner.