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Dear all:

our meeting in KY was very well participated. Now I would slowly like to roll out few programs and need your help. Here are related updates. Please spread the word through your mailing list of your local organization.

1. Upcoming NRN Conference in Houston: I would like to see all of us come to Houston between May 28-30 to attend NRN Regional Conference to be hosted by NRN NCC USA And NRN NCC Canada. It is a perfect platform to showcase our work as well as build global network. Our website will be updated by Sunday with registration and hotel info etc. Ratanji and his committee is working very hard. In addition any assistance with sponsorship, souvenir ad etc will be appreciated. Rajendra Shrestha (Maryland) is leading this effort and please let me or Rajendraji know. I propose we all organizations advertise a ad in souvenir. Advise and confirm for your community and organization at your earliest. Keep following our communication and announcements.

2. Town hall Meetings: Now we are set for a series of town hall meetings. Bishnu Pariyarji, and Bhuwani Gurungji organized a small informal meeting in Boston and was a grand success. Now we are geared up for upcoming meetings in Seattle (WA), Boston (MA), Atlanta (GA) and Hartford (CT) . Anjan Shresthaji and Ratan Jhaji is working on having an event in Texas as well. At the same time, our NRNICC Dy Coordinator of Youth Affairs Dr. Pukar Malla has launched a happy hour once a month in Boston Area and will take opportunity to promote NRN NCC. Now many friends from Chicago, Atlanta, New York, San Francisco and Dallas area has already expressed desire to launch similar program soon.

3. Media Coordination: Our media coordinator Ram Kharelji has done wonderful job in building positive relationship with media. A radio interview was broad casted in Radio Dovaan (MD), Namaste Radio (Canada) live broadcasted interviews. Vishwa Parikrama, Hamrosamaj.net, Everest Times, USNepalOnline.com, NepalHorizons.com, DCNepal.com, Nepali Khabar, Motherland Nepal, Neplaiopst.com, solidarity/Ekyabaddhdhata, milankosansar and many other have actively covered our activities. Sagarmatha TV has been a long partner with NRN and continues to broadcast our program on weekly basis. They have continuously dedicated very significant time broadcasting NRN programs and our organization. Our communication with critical mass has made good progress. Our annual meeting was live broadcasted by usnepalonline.com and videos are available on our website.

4. Inclusiveness: We are fully committed to increase participation of every Nepali in NRN NCC of USA. It cannot be achieved just by increasing membership but having every community and every region actively join us into leadership role.

5. Website and Facebook: Our website is getting a facelift and should be completed within a week. We have made a significant presence in Facebook and our membership has tremendously increased.



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6. Organization Relationship: We are continuously working with every organization that has crossed our path, There could be some difference of opinions but an end of the day, can be worked out very well. We can do better job only by promoting Unity, Cooperation and Collaboration. Our committee in leadership of Girija Gautam (members: Anjan Shrestha, Ram Kharel, Bhuwani Gurung, Roger Adhikari and Dr. Binod Shah) Currently they are working with organizations to extend support to NRNNCC and get more involved.

7. Community mobilization: Our new task force is headed by Mr. Bhuwani P. Gurungj. He is working on extending his team and reach out at local level. We must stay in touch with critical mass and as a leader of an organization, must be able to relate to them and represent fairly.

8. NRN Associations and participation in Events: Dr. Bidya Ranjeetji is on her way to Belgium to attend women's conference organized by NRN Europe/Women's Forum. Raja Ghale ji and Pradeep Thapa Magarji attended an event organized in Georgia and they represented NRN National Coordination Council in their talk. Ms. Bishnu Pariyarji is attending an event organized by Adhikaar in NYC on Globalization and Nepali Women. Ms. Bishnu Thapaji is engaged with an event organized by ANWA in DC area.

9. Newsletter: Our newsletter is making good progress. We receive good feedback. Please send updates on your local NRN activities to our Editor Dr. Padam Sharmaji. He has taken our newsletter to a very different professional level and we are thankful.

10. Detailed report on KY Meeting: Dr. Rajendra Shresthaji has compiled a complete report and will be published soon on KY meeting.

11. Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund Raising: I would like to thank all of those who helped us by joining hands together to donate \$9036.45 to the victims of earthquake in Haiti. Highly appreciate efforts by our treasurer Lekhnath Bhandariji.

Now I would like to draw your attention to few programs from NRNNCC:

We recommended following programs and update son the programs and follow up are as below:

1. Bylaws: Bylaws committee is working hard to come up with a reasonable and suitable recommendations while going through amendments. All suggestions will be accommodated by them with merit. I received a goof feedback on discussions on bylaws at KY was wonderful. Dr. Prahlad Pantji is in Nepal and Mukesh Singhji is managing efforts in Dr. Pant's absence. Thanks to all bylaws committee members and advisers. Everyone is working hard to complete a challenging task.

2. Open University: NRN NCC and Canada jointly is paying lots of time and energy in mobilizing resources and support to launch an Open University project soon. There is a great support from other NRN Coordination Councils. Almost 6 hours will be dedicated to discuss to take this project at a different level on May 28, 2010 at Houston, TX and we appreciate your participation. For more information or any suggestions, send email to Dr. Pramod Dhakal (pdhakal@gmail.com) and/or Ambika Adhikari (ambika.adhikari@gmail.com).



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3. **Collective Investment:** This project has drawn lots of attention. Currently team is working on completing legal formalities to launch program by July 2010. This program will provide good opportunities for Nepalis. For more information, contact Ramakant Kharel rama@mteverestrestaurant.com and/or Anjan Shrestha anjanacha@hotmail.com .
4. **Strategy to help victims of unfortunate incidences in USA:** Mr. Roger Adhikari is leading a very important initiative. You will hear much detailed info on initiative in coming days. It focuses categorically on:
 - a. Insurance
 - b. Safe work environment
 - c. Mentoring
 - d. Career planning and job guidance
 - e. Emergency fund etc.For more info, contact Mr. Roger Adhikari (roger.adhikari@gmail.com)
5. **Nepal Tourism Year 2011:** We will be working closely with NRN ICC and Nepal Tourism Board to promote Nepal Tourism Year 2011 (<http://www.nepaltourismyear2011.com/>) Ms. Bishnu Thapaji will be focusing on it. She is currently engaged with Nepal Passport program in Greater DC area and is working closely with Embassy of Nepal. She and Mr. Homraj Acharyaji will be reaching out to many of you to help promote the program locally.
6. **Cultural Centers:** We are committed to work with all local organizations to promote and assist their efforts to build cultural centers not just to preserve diversified Nepali culture and teach our kids but promote Nepal in America. We will work more formally on this program in coming days.
7. **Census and Nepali Count:** As a NRN NCC it is very important for us to have a good count of Nepalis in our area. We are working on partnering with usnepalonline.com and promoting a newly created <http://Nepalicount.com> We encourage you sign up and help us count Nepalis. It is also very critical year for all of us due to US census. Please appeal your local members, help them out and encourage to get counted in US census. Our number will help us make impact in US policies, get closer to policy makers and eventually help Nepal and Nepalis. For more information, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/language/nepali.php> We have only 3 weeks left.

Thank you so much. We will continue updating on our progress and events. Visit <http://nrnusa.org> and lookout for us on facebook.

Suman R. Timsina
President
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