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लज्जाबोधको संक्रमणबाट  
पूर्ण उन्मुक्ति पाउन  
सफल भएका छौं ।

नेपालीका लागि नेपाली भन्ने मूल नारा लिएर सन् २००३ मा स्थापना भएको एनआरएनएको उद्देश्य र लक्ष्यमा समाहित भएर सन् २००९ बाट मैले पनि संघमा आवद्ध भएर सकेको सेवा र सहयोग गर्दै आएको छु । यस क्रममा सन् २००९ मा तत्कालिन गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघका अध्यक्ष देवमान हिराचनको नेतृत्वले अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय समन्वय परिषद्मा अमेरिकाको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्दै मलाई मनोनयन गर्नुभएको थियो भने सन् २०११ मा जीवा लामिछानेको नेतृत्वले पनि सोही पदको लागि मनोनयन गरेर अमेरिकामा बस्दै आएका नेपालीहरूको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्दै आफूले सकेको सहयोग र सेवा गर्दै आएको छु । जसको लागि राष्ट्रिय एवं अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय समन्वय परिषद्को विभिन्न देशमा भएको बैठक, छलफल र गोष्ठीहरूमा सहभागी भई अमेरिकाको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्ने अवसर पनि मैले पाएँ । अमेरिकामा नै आयोजना भएका एनआरएन एनसीसीका विभिन्न कार्यक्रमहरूमा सहभागी हुँदै अष्ट्रेलिया, दुबई, क्यानडा र काठमाडौंमा आयोजना भएका विभिन्न गैर आवासीय संघका कार्यक्रमहरूमा नियमित रूपमा सहभागी हुँदै आएको छु ।

यस्ता बैठक, छलफल र गोष्ठीहरूमा अमेरिकामा सन् २००६ सालमा स्थापित एनसीसी अमेरिकाको गतिविधि र सतप्रयासहरू अन्य देशका प्रतिनिधीहरूबीच जानकारी गराउँदै आएको छु । आईसीसीका निर्वाचित अध्यक्षहरू देवमान हिराचन र जीवा लामिछानेको नेतृत्वमा रहेर अमेरिकाको लागि मनोनित आईसीसी सदस्यमा रहेर काम गर्दै गर्दा मैले सकेको सहयोग र भूमिका निरन्तर रूपमा निभाउँदै आएको छु । नेपालको काठमाडौंमा सम्पन्न गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघको छैठौँ विश्व सम्मेलनमा अमेरिकाको लागि डेप्युटी रिजनल कोअर्डिनेटर (डीआरसी) मा सर्वसम्मतले निर्वाचित भई पुनः अमेरिकामा बस्ने नेपालीहरूसँगै सहकार्य गर्ने अवसर प्राप्त गरें ।

गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ (एनआरएनए) राष्ट्रिय समन्वय परिषद् अमेरिका यतिबेला आफ्ना पुराना गल्ति र कमी कमजोरीहरूबाट पाठ सिक्दै अगाडी बढ्ने चरणमा छ । तपाईंहरू सबैको आत्मीय सद्भाव, संयोजनकारी भूमिका, उत्प्रेरक प्रेरणा र सहयोगका कारण हामी बितेको ७ वर्ष लामो लज्जाबोधको संक्रमणबाट पूर्ण उन्मुक्ति पाउन सफल भएका छौं । एनआरएन अमेरिकाको इतिहासमा पहिलोपटक हामी बहुलवादी लोकतान्त्रिक पद्धतिमा एक्काईशी शताब्दीको सर्वस्वीकृत विद्युतीय पद्धतीबाट निर्वाचन गराउन सफल भएका छौं । गतवर्ष सम्पन्न निर्वाचनमा साविकको सदस्यता संख्यामा १५ सय प्रतिशतले बढोत्तरी भयो । अहिले त त्यो संख्या अझ गुणात्मक तरिकाले बढेको छ । जसबाट आमप्रवासी नेपालीहरूमा थप उत्साह र उमंग आएको सर्वत्र महशुस गरिएको छ ।

आम सहभागिता कुनै पनि संगठन र पद्धतिको मेरुदण्ड हो भने संवाद र कार्यसम्पादन त्यसको अपरिहार्यता





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विश्वका ६९ राष्ट्रहरूमा फैलिएको गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ (एनआरएनए) को जन्म सन् २००३ को अक्टोबरमा बेलायतको राजधानी लण्डनमा भएको विश्व भेलाले गरेको हो । तर एनआरएन अमेरिकालाई आफ्नै नाम बलबुतामा उभिन भन्दा ७ बर्ष लाग्यो । सन् २०१० मा मात्र एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए (एनआ अमेरिका) नाम बैधानिकरूपमा दर्ता भयो । तर यो बैधानिकता पनि आफ्नै नाममा भएको भने होइन । एनआ संघको विश्व सन्जाल गठनपछि अमेरिका र क्यानाडाका एनआरएनहरूको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्दै आएको नेपाल अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल (एनएसी) को सन् १९९१ मा भएको दर्ता प्रक्यालाई कायम गर्दै उक्त काउन्सिलको परिवर्तन गरेर एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ अमेरिकामा बनेको हो ।

## अर्को संगठनको जर्ममा जन्म

एनआरएन अमेरिकाको इतिहास खोतल्दै जाँदा यो संस्थाको जन्म 'नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल (एनआ) को कार्यकारिणी समितिको ताजबिजमा भएको देखिन्छ । सन् २००३ को अक्टोबरमा बेलायतको राजधानी लण्डनमा सम्पन्न एनआरएनहरूको पहिलो विश्व सम्मेलनमा उत्तर अमेरिकाबाट शिर्फ तीन जना नेपाली क्यालिफोर्नियाका इन्जिनियर शारदा थापा, कोलोराडोका इन्जिनियर राजा उपाध्याय र क्यानाडाबाट डा. कुञ्जर शर्माको भाग लिएका थिए । उक्त सम्मेलनमा त्यो उपस्थितिपछि एनआरएन संघलाई अमेरिकामा मित्रेयाउने र कसरत शुरू भएको थियो । शारदा थापा लण्डन सम्मेलनबाट गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ अन्तरराष्ट्रिय समिति (आईसिसी) का सदस्य निर्वाचित भए । पछि (२००५-२००७) मा उनी आईसिसी उपाध्यक्षसम्म बन्न

त्यतिखेर (२००३/२००४) नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल का अध्यक्ष थिए- मिचिगनका डा. गौरी अधिकारी तर एनआरएन संघ र यसका मुद्दाहरूलाई अमेरिकामा मित्रेयाउने गम्भिर हुम ओर्कुवाही काउन्सिलका अध्यक्ष (२००५-२००६) का अध्यक्ष डा. जितेन्द्र जोशीको पालामा शुरू भयो । यसैबीच, सन् २००७-२००८ कार्यकालका काउन्सिलका अध्यक्ष बने- डा. अम्बिका अधिकारी । डा. अधिकारीको पालामा गैर आवासीय नेपाली अन्तरराष्ट्रिय समन्वय समिति का तत्कालिन अध्यक्ष डा. उपेन्द्र महतो र उनको कार्यसमितीसंग औपचारिक रूपमा सहमती गरेर एनआरएन संघ सरह काउन्सिलले मान्यता पाउने र काउन्सिलले उत्तर अमेरिका पर्ने अमेरिका र क्यानाडाको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्ने निर्णय भयो । यता डा. अधिकारीले काउन्सिल अन्तर्गत एनआरएन मामिला हेर्ने उपसमिती नै खडा गरे । उक्त एनआरएन अफेयर्स हेर्ने समितिका चेयर डा. अधिकारी (मिचिगन), मिपीहरू सुमनराज तिम्सिना (पेन्सिल्वानिया) र रतन भ्वा (टेक्सास) मनोनित भए । डा. अधिकारीको पालामा क्यानाडाका नेपालीहरूले सन् २००८ को अगस्टमा छुट्टै अधिवेशन गरेर एनआ संघको क्यानाडा गठन गरे । अब काउन्सिलले उत्तर अमेरिकाभित्र पर्ने अमेरिका र क्यानाडाको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्

(फिन्ना) ले समावेशी एनआरएन गठन नगर्ने हो भने अर्को एनआरएन खोल्ने भन्दै एक महिने अल्टिमेटम जाँच गरेको थियो । दुई-शक्तिशाली संस्थाहरूले समानान्तर एनआरएन संघ खोल्ने चेतावनी दिएपछि काउन्सिलका 'ड्रास्टिक' कदम चाल्नु पर्ने बाध्यताको सृजना भएको थियो । के थियो त त्यो परिवर्तनशील दूरगामी कदम ।

### एनआरएन अमेरिकाको सेफ ल्याण्डिङ

सन् २०१० को जनवरी २८ तारिख बसेको 'नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल' (एनएसी) र 'एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए' (एनआरएन अमेरिका) को कार्य समितीको संयुक्त बैठकले एनएसी र एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए को नाम परिवर्तन गरी स्वतन्त्र 'एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए' बनाउने ऐतिहासिक निर्णय गर्‍यो । सोही बैठकले काउन्सिलको बिधानलाई संशोधन गर्दै सन् १९९१ देखि कृयाशील र दर्ता अद्यावधिक रहेको काउन्सिलको दर्ता प्रकृयालाई कायम गर्दै निरन्तरता दिने निर्णयसमेत गरेको थियो । यसरी सन् १९९१ मा स्थापना भएको नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल (एनएसी) को संस्थापक अध्यक्ष डा तुल्सी महर्जन (न्यू जर्सी) देखि डा रमेश अमात्य (ओहायो), इन्जिनियर रोहिनी शर्मा (अरिजोना), डा गौरी अधिकारी (मिचिगन), डा जितेन्द्र जोशी (क्यालिफोर्निया), डा अम्बिका अधिकारी (अरिजोना), डा तारा निरौला (न्यू योर्क) र डा सुमनराज तिम्सिना (पेन्सिल्वानिया) सम्म आइपुग्दा उक्त काउन्सिल 'एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए' को नाममा बिलय हुन पुग्यो । यसबीच, आफ्नै एनआरएन कार्यालय खोल्न पुगेको एनए संस्थाका हस्ती प्रल्हाद केसी एनआरएन अमेरिकाका अध्यक्ष बनि सकेका छन् भने एक महिनाको अल्टिमेटम दिने नेपाल आदिबासी जनजाति महासंघ अमेरिका (फिन्ना) का अध्यक्ष शिवकुमार राई पनि एनआरएन अमेरिकाको अध्यक्ष बनिसकेका छन् । एनआरएन अमेरिकालाई यो अवस्थामा ल्याई पुर्‍याउन खेलेको अहम भूमिका र 'स्याक्फाईस' कालागि काउन्सिलका अगुवाहरूलाई आमा प्रकट गर्न कन्जुस्याई गर्नु हुन ।

एनआरएन अमेरिकाले गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ आईसिसीमा गृहकिलो जिम्मेवारी निभाउने र नेपाल सरकार समक्ष नागरिकताको निरन्तरता, दोहोरो कर प्रणालीको अन्त, कन्सुलर सेवाको सुलभताका लागि दबाव सृजना गर्न अहम भूमिका खेल्ने आशा र बिश्वास लिइएको छ । अमेरिकी नेपालीहरूको लगानी र शीपलाई नेपालमा सदुपयोग गर्ने र अमेरिकी प्रविधि, लगानी र व्यापारलाई नेपालमा आकर्षित गर्ने सेतुको रूपमा काम गर्ने अपेक्षा गरिएको अवस्था छ ।

वास्तवमा सन् २००५ देखि सन् २०१० सम्म एनआरएन अमेरिका संस्थाको रूपमा नभै 'नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल' (एनएसी) अन्तर्गत एउटा अफेयर्स हेर्ने विभागको रूपमा कृयाशील थियो भन्दा अतिपुत्की हुँदैन । किनकि अमेरिकाका घल्ताफूर्ती नेपाली अगुवाहरू कि त र काउन्सिलमा थिए कि त्यस अन्तर्गत रहेका ३१ वटा संघ संस्थाहरू हाँकेर हिडेका थिए । यस्तो अवस्थामा सबै नेपालीलाई समेट्नु पर्ने संस्थाको जन्माउन यि अगुवाहरू एक हदसम्म हिचकिचाएको हुनु पर्दछ । किनकि त्यसो गर्नु भनेको अन्ततोगत्वा आफ्नो संस्थाको अस्तित्व समाप्त गर्नु पनि हुन सक्थ्यो । अमेरिका र क्यानाडाका ३१ वटा संस्थाको समन्वय गरिरहेको शक्तिशाली 'नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल' (एनएसी) को अवस्था सन् २००३ को लण्डन बिश्व भेलादेखि फैलिएको एनआरएन संघका अमेरिका शाखाको नाममा सन् २०१० मा आएर बिलय हुनुले पनि कुनै पनि संस्था सर्वकाल औचित्य साबित गर्नु अस्तित्वमा रहिरहँदैन भन्ने कुरा प्रमाणित गर्दछ ।

### एनआरएन अमेरिकाको चम्किलो भविष्य र दायित्व

सन् २०१३ को मे महिनामा दोश्रो अधिवेशन आयोजना गर्दासम्म २८८ जना साधारण सदस्य रहेको एनआरएन अमेरिकाको अहिले सन् २०१५ को जनवरी ३१ सम्म १० हजार ६६३ साधारण सदस्य पुगेको अवस्था छ । अमेरिकामा कृयाशील नेपाली संघसंस्थाहरूबीच मात्र होईन संसारभरका नेपाली संघ संस्थाहरू यतिखेर एनआरएन अमेरिकाप्रति अमेरिकी नेपालीहरूको हवात बढेको चाँसोमा दंग र आश्चर्यमा परेका छन् । अब एकातिर एनआरएन अमेरिकाले गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ आईसिसीमा गृहकिलो जिम्मेवारी निभाउने र नेपाल सरकार समक्ष नागरिकताको निरन्तरता, दोहोरो कर प्रणालीको अन्त, कन्सुलर सेवाको सुलभताका लागि दबाव सृजना गर्न अहम भूमिका खेल्ने आशा र बिश्वास लिइएको छ भने अर्को तिर, अमेरिकी नेपालीहरूको लगानी र शीपलाई नेपालमा सदुपयोग गर्ने र अमेरिकी प्रविधि, लगानी र व्यापारलाई नेपालमा आकर्षित गर्ने सेतु (पुल) को रूपमा काम गर्ने अपेक्षा गरिएको अवस्था छ । ■



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### एनआरएन अमेरिकाको सेफ ल्याण्डिङ

सन् २०१० को जनवरी २८ तारिख बसेको नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल (एनएसी) र एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए (एनआरएन अमेरिका) को कार्य समितीको संयुक्त बैठकले एनएसीरएनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए को नाम परिवर्तन गरी स्वतन्त्र एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए बनाउने ऐतिहासिक निर्णय गर्‍यो । सोही बैठकले काउन्सिलको बिधानलाई संशोधन गर्दै सन् १९९१ देखि क्याशील र दर्ता अद्यावधिक रहेको काउन्सिलको दर्ता प्रक्यालाई कायम गर्दै निरन्तरता दिने निर्णयसमेत गरेको थियो । यसरी सन् १९९१ मा स्थापना भएको नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल (एनएसी) को संस्थापक अध्यक्ष डा तुल्सी महर्जन (न्यू जर्सी) देखि डा रमेश अमात्य (ओहायो), इन्जिनियर रोहिनी शर्मा (अरिजोना), डा गौरी अधिकारी (मिचिगन), डा जितेन्द्र जोशी (क्यालिफोर्निया), डा अम्बिका अधिकारी (अरिजोना), डा तारा निरौला (न्यू योर्क) र डा सुमनराज तिमिसिना (पेन्सिल्वानिया) सम्म आइपुग्दा उक्त काउन्सिल 'एनआरएन एनसिसी अफ युएसए' को नाममा बिलय हुन पुग्यो । यसबीच, आफ्नै एनआरएन कार्यालय खोल्न पुगेको 'एएनए' संस्थाका हस्ती प्रल्हाद केसी एनआरएन अमेरिकाको अध्यक्ष बनि सकेका छन् भने एक महिनाको अल्टिमेटम दिने नेपाल आदिवासी जनजाति महासंघ अमेरिका (फिफा) का अध्यक्ष शिवकुमार राई पनि एनआरएन अमेरिकाको अध्यक्ष बनिसकेका छन् । एनआरएन अमेरिकालाई यो अवस्थामा ल्याई पुर्‍याउन खेलेको अहम भूमिका र 'स्याकूफाईस' कालागि काउन्सिलका अगुवाहरूलाई आभार प्रकट गर्न कन्जुस्याई गर्नु हुन्छ ।

एनआरएन अमेरिकाले गैर आवासीय नेपाली संघ आईसिसीमा गहकिलो जिम्मेवारी निभाउने र नेपाल सरकार समक्ष नागरिकताको निरन्तरता, दोहोरो कर प्रणालीको अन्त, कन्सुलर सेवाको सुलभताका लागि दबाब सृजना गर्न अहम भूमिका खेल्ने आशा र बिश्वास लिइएको छ । अमेरिकि नेपालीहरूको लगानी र शीपलाई नेपालमा सदुपयोग गर्ने र अमेरिकि प्रविधि, लगानी र व्यापारलाई नेपालमा आकर्षित गर्ने सेतुको रूपमा काम गर्ने अपेक्षा गरिएको अवस्था छ ।

वास्तवमा सन् २००५ देखि सन् २०१० सम्म एनआरएन अमेरिका संस्थाको रूपमा नमै नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल (एनएसी) अन्तर्गत एउटा अफेयर्स हेर्ने विभागको रूपमा क्याशील थियो भन्दा अतियुक्ती हुँदैन । किनकि अमेरिकाका चल्ताफूती नेपाली अगुवाहरू कि त र काउन्सिलमा थिए कि त्यस अन्तर्गत रहेका ३१ वटा संघ संस्थाहरू हाँकेर हिडेका थिए । यस्तो अवस्थामा सबै नेपालीलाई समेट्नु पर्ने संस्थाको जन्माउन यि अगुवाहरू एक हदसम्म हिचकिचाएको हुनु पर्दछ । किनकि त्यसो गर्नु भनेको अन्ततोगत्वा आफ्नो संस्थाको अस्तित्व समाप्त गर्नु पनि हुन सक्थ्यो । अमेरिका र क्यानाडाका ३१ वटा संस्थाको समन्वय गरिरहेको शक्तिशाली 'नेपालिज अमेरिकाज काउन्सिल' (एनएसी) को अवस्था सन् २००३ को लण्डन विश्व भेलादेखि फैलिएको एनआरएन संघको अमेरिका शाखाको नाममा सन् २०१० मा आएर बिलय हुनुले पनि कुनै पनि संस्था सर्वकाल औचित्य साबित गर्दै अस्तित्वमा रहिरहँदैन भन्ने कुरा प्रमाणित गर्दछ ।

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## NRN Affairs in North America: A Status of Coordinating Efforts

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**N**epalis living in North Americas are well positioned to team up with the global Nepali Diaspora to support all round prosperity of Nepal. It is mainly because of their increasingly significant number, especially in the past two decades and their increasing roles in the professional, business and academic sectors. Consolidating the strengths from the wide spectrum of the community is a challenging task for any volunteering community organization, and requires a systematically coordinated approach. Looking at the events unfolding in the recent past, it is gratifying to observe that NRNA is doing a good job on this area. The efforts of the North American NRNA team are highlighted below under specific themes:

### ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRATION

The United States has a long history of many national and local level Nepali community-based organizations. Nepalis Americas Council (NAC), which was representing as the NRNA's NCC for America, while actively serving the community as a national organization. Following its active representation from the United States in the 3rd NRN Global Organization in Kathmandu last fall, the organization realized the need to align itself better with other NCCs across the world, and decided to change its name to the NRN NCC of the USA. Meanwhile, on the north of the US border, Canadian NRNs had already established their sole representative national umbrella organization called NRN-Canada. They formed a democratically elected body of their NCC. These two NCCs are currently working hard towards consolidating all affairs of NRNs joining hands

with numerous national and local community based organizations (CBOs) as well as individual NRN members.

### ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION

Estimates suggest that America region of NRNA is blessed with the largest number of highly educated, qualified and experienced NRNs who have potential to make significant academic and professional impact in Nepal. Official statistics have shown that the rate of Nepali students arriving in the United States for higher education is disproportionately high for the size of Nepal's population. It is now thought that integration of academic and professional skills of NRNs from the United States and Canada can offer significant impetus to support Nepal's endeavors especially, in mass education and technology exchange. The NRNA's North American regional team is currently focusing on this factor as a priority. Many academic and professional groups are contributing to Nepal independently on their own right. There is a need for integrating them into a thread of mainstream development.

### ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

Nepal's long adopted policy of economic diplomacy in Americas has opened new avenues recently, when the country has established an Embassy in Canada, posting her first residential Ambassador in Ottawa. There is ample room for NRNs to explore the new potential in promoting economic diplomacy of Nepal both in the United States and Canada. In the 21st century setting of globalization, education, health, sci-

ence and technology, production industries can be promising areas of investments facilitated by NRNs, while redressing of traditionally marginalized segment of Nepali population must be the focus of our attention. The NRNA Regional team, consisting of the RC, DRC, ICC members and NCCs has remained in active contact with the ambassadors and their staff in Washington DC and Ottawa.

### SUPPORTING ICC'S ROLE

The entire regional team in North America has been actively promoting ICC's agenda in the region. The team has actively been involved in recommending appropriate members for the ICC task forces, and contributing to them. North America is well represented now in all task forces, and especial efforts have been made to include women in all task forces.

The North American NRNs are actively involved in leading and actively supporting various ICC initiatives. For example, the Regional Coordinator (RC) is leading a team to monitor the process and impacts of the newly issues PNO and NRN ID by the Government of Nepal. Several members are actively working in many Task Forces. US based ICC General Secretary Mr. Ratan Jha is coordinating the 4th Regional Conference to be held in Houston this May. A large steering committee made up of individuals in the US and Canada is working diligently to make the regional conference successful.

### WORKING IN UNISON WITH THE NCCs

The North American ICC team is working with the two NCCs on a regular and frequent basis. For example, the RC and DRC are in touch with other ICC members in the region and the two NCC's at least once every few days. The RC travelled to the US NCC's annual meeting in Louisville Kentucky, where Canada ICC member Dr. Pramod Dhakal was also present, and in mid April, he is traveling to Denver to attend the US NCC's town hall meeting. The Deputy Regional Coordinator (DRC) also made an informal travel to Denver to help promote NRNA related activities. Early in February, the DRC teamed up with ICC member Dr. Pramod Dhakal, Dr. Narayan Pokhrel, Dr. Arbind Mainali and Mr. Iccha Nepali and travelled to

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The DRC has travelled to some Canadian cities to drum up support of the NRN activities in Canada, and plans to facilitate the NCC in organizing a series of interaction programs in other cities.

All other ICC members in the region including the Deputy Youth Coordinator (DYC) have been working as a team to support both the ICC and NCC initiatives. The DYC and other ICC members in US and Canada have travelled to Nepal this year when they took some time to further NRNA causes, such as lobbying for dual citizenship, tourism promotion, and charity works and networking.

The regional coordination team appreciates the cooperation received from the leadership of the US and Canadian NCC's and all the ICC members and the members of the North America based Task Forces.

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to the establishment of an Open University in Nepal in partnership with the Government of Nepal. Canada Foundation for Nepal (CFNN) is also a partner in this initiative. Both RC and DRC are the members of the core proponent team for the Open University initiative that proactively led by Dr. Pramod Dhakal. A significant number of Nepali academics of Nepali are expected to gather in the workshop that will be joined by some of the distinguished academic leaders of open education from both Canada and US.

A series of thematic plenary sessions are planned for the main program of the conference on May 29. Some of themes that will be covered during the conference are NRN skills, knowledge and innovation exchange (SKIE), education, promotion of Nepali culture, promotion of Nepal tourism, women and youth development, investments for prosperous Nepal.

The Regional team is hoping to welcome a large number of NRNs including ICC and NCC

members from around the world at the Houston Regional Conference.

### CONCLUSION

NRN regional coordination efforts are helped by the fact that our region has only two NCCs. On the other hand, the task is made complex given the sheer number of the NRN in the continent, their diversity, geographic vastness and the time and resource cost to travel and meet with many people within the community. However, the modern technology has made communication easier and that has helped in the coordination and information efforts.

The team has been working actively and closely with the two NCCs in the region almost on a daily basis. The most important agenda of the North American Diaspora this year is the organization of the 4th Regional Conference in Houston Texas, USA. The entire Regional team including all ICC members has taken the Regional Conference as a top priority event this year. ■

## Best Wishes to All Attendees of The 4TH REGIONAL NRN CONFERENCE



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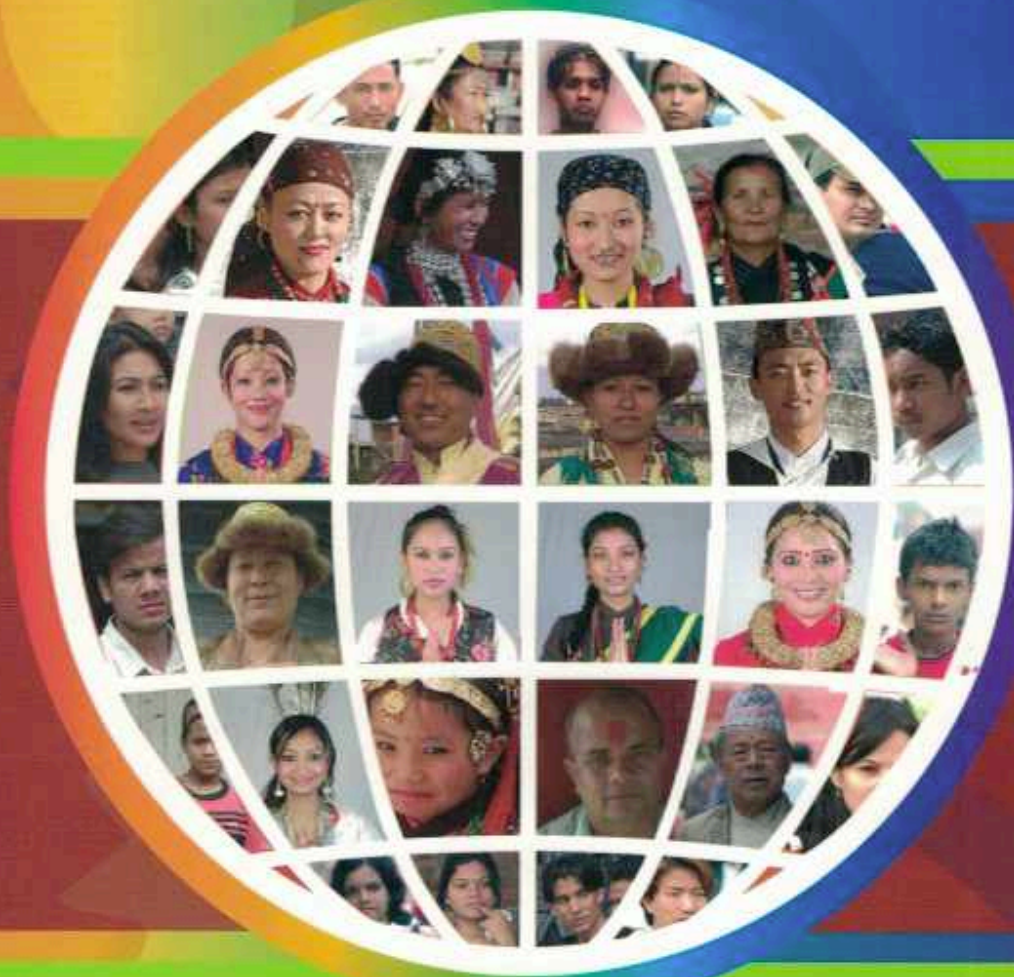
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with other organizations is a recent phenomenon of the Diaspora. For example, at the 2006 ANA convention, Mr. Aditya Jha announced his intention to launch an Internet café in each district of Nepal with the help from his foundation. Now attempts are in progress to tie the concept of Internet café with libraries across Nepal. Various attempts have been made in bringing these numerous efforts under 75 districts project as announced by NRN two years ago.

The ideas concerning the Briddhashram, Diaspora data bank, and the library project originated with the Diaspora here and were embraced by the NRNA. The impending inauguration of the Briddhashram was held with the support of global Nepali Diaspora. The Skill Directory was also developed in Canada. The Diaspora is supporting two libraries in collaboration with READ Nepal. One in Tikapur is under construction and will be completed in few months; the other, a digital library in Kathmandu is expected to open by end of March 2008. A commitment has been made to support a third library in Beni. A fund raising committee for Nepal Library Foundation (NLF) has been formed in Japan and Hong Kong and in the UK. The participation of North American Diaspora in this effort is rather weak.

A new effort from Canada has been initiated on epidemiological studies and "disease mapping" in Nepal by founding Center for Molecular Dynamics-Nepal for effective public health policy implementation.

There are other projects originating in North America that



are being proposed or worked on. There is an initiative through the Youth wing of the NRNA to provide internships at reputed Nepali business houses to young working professionals from the Diaspora. Considerable progress has been made in selecting and contacting the Nepali businesses. The construction of a rehabilitation center in collaboration with a North American champion for victims of stroke and similar problems has been proposed to the NRNA since 2005 and is now recommended for consideration. Other projects to fund health equipment and medical supplies or training are under consideration.

NAC has set up a Nepal Development Forum to better conceptualize these disparate initiatives and to develop action plans and goals. INLS has taken lead in promoting Nepali language and literature across the world with numerous efforts including its publication, awards, Nepali Schools etc. The Nepal Study Center and many other Nepali scholars affiliated with various other institutes have conducted significant research on Nepal. Another untapped and under utilized resource is Nepali intellectual property in North America which NRN-NACC has been promoting. North American Diaspora is attempting to build professional affinities such as engineers and scientists, medical professionals etc. The contribution of America Nepal Medical Foundation is quite commendable.

A list of Nepali Organizations concerned with the Diaspora is available at <http://nepalcouncil.org/Organizations.php>. Many of these accomplishments are non-tangible and are not as easy to quantify.

### NRN-NACC Atlanta Resolutions 2007

The Non-Resident Nepalis of North America convened at a major conference in Atlanta, Georgia, USA on September 2, 2007. At the culmination of a series of dialogues around North America, they have resolved that they:

1. Welcome the current legislative action on behalf of NRNs by the Government of Nepal;
2. Request the Government of Nepal to work with the NRNA in remedying shortcomings in this legislation; to put in place robust implementing

regulations to make the NRN Law a reality soon and to create a separate entity to work closely with NRN and PNO members;

3. Remain committed to investing in Nepal. They would like to remind the government of Nepal to take the initiative to implement tax treaties with United States and Canada, which will enable Diaspora members to avoid double taxation for any investments made in Nepal and to reform contract and commercial law in Nepal to international standards;
4. Request the government of Nepal to encourage greater participation of NRN and PNO in international development projects through appropriate regulations;
5. Continue to believe that for the development of Nepal, dual citizenship will create a win-win situation for both Nepal and the Nepali Diaspora;
6. Urge the NRNA to adopt the following NRN-NACC endorsed projects as NRNA projects:  
Rehabilitation Center in Nepal advocated by Jaya Stroke Foundation through Mr. Dibya Hada of USA.
7. Extend its support to the representative government of Nepal and urge all eight parties in the current government to work together to ensure that the democratic transition is smooth and timely;
8. Appeal to the government of Nepal to create a conducive environment for the Constituent Assembly elections. In this regard, they believe that addressing the genuine demands of Terai, Janjati, women and Dalit people is essential;

9. Are committed to assisting in any fashion practicable and within their limitations to have Constituent Assembly election in a timely manner;
10. Strongly condemn the violence that some groups and factions have resorted to in achieving their political objectives.

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