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History of JUAAN

History of Japanese University Alumni began long back in 1973, February 15 (2030 BS) when it was called Japan Students & Trainees Alumni Club. It was inaugurated by then Minister of Foreign Minister Mr Gyendra Bahadur Rajbhandari and Late Mr Haruhisa Kobayashi, then Japanese Ambassador to Nepal, was the Guest of Honor. The first President of the Alumni was Mr Padma Sunder Malla, Vice President was Mr Harendra B Barua and General Secretary was Mr Man Bahadur Chand. That time there were only seven Monbusho students in Nepal. Therefore Japan returned trainees were also included in the club. Even then the number of students was too small to form an association. In 1996 April 20 (2053 BS) the alumni was reorganized. Those who studied in the universities of Japan were eligible to become members and the association was named as Japan University Student Association Nepal (JUSAN). Trainees were not included from that year. In the year 2002, May 20 (2059 BS) the name of the JUSAN was changed to Japanese University Alumni Association, Nepal (JUAAN). Since the word "Students" was not suitable after graduation from the university the word "Alumni" was used. Since then the JUAAN Charter remained unchanged till date.

In the year 2002 April 7 (2059 BS) JUAAN celebrated 100th year of "Nepalese Students in Japan". Symposium and cultural programs were organized on that occasion. A book "Century of Nepalese Students in Japan" by Mr Harendra B Barua was published.

The first group of Nepalese students had gone to Japan in 1902. The second was Padma Sundar Malla in 1916. There was a long gap after that for Nepalese student going to Japan. From 1958 onward Nepalese students have been regularly going to Japan for higher study till date. The first Monbusho student, in 1958, was late Mr Siddhi Nath Regmi. Before him all students had gone for study with self-finance. In the year 2004 Oct 4, Tokyo Tsudoi (Reunion of Japan alumni) was organized by Japanese government (MOFA). Four members from JUAAN Mr Harendra Barua, Dr Dinesh Bhujju, Dr Ragunath Jha and Mr Hari Ram Shrestha participated in the Tokyo reunion. There were 36 participants from all Asian countries. "Building alumni networks" of foreign nationals who have studied in Japan was discussed and encouraged to take initiative in the respective region. JUAAN was the first alumni to take initiative. As a result in 2005 March 29 (2062 BS) South Asia Federation of Japanese Universities Alumni Association (SAFJUAA) was founded. JUAAN played a key role, made plans and extended invitation to India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. The first SAFJUAA reunion was held in Kathmandu. SAFJUAA Charter was

made. At this juncture, it is appropriate to mention here that JUAAN is the second Japan related Alumni in Asia and the first of its kind in South Asia. It was, then, decided that SAFJUA meeting would be held in the member countries turn by turn alphabetically and thereafter the reunion has been organized regularly. Later Japanese Language Speech Contest by the regional students was added to this program. In the year 2006 August (2063 BS) 50th Anniversary of Japan-Nepal Diplomatic Relation was organized. JUAAN actively took part in the 50th Anniversary programs organized by the Embassy of Japan. On that occasion Sakura Plantation was carried out in Godawari Botanical Garden, T.U Kirtipur and the Japan Embassy premises under the coordination of Prof. Keshab Shrestha.

The regular programs that JUAAN has been carrying out are Orientation for the students going Japan for study, Kangeikai- meeting with the newly returned students from Japan, Benkyokai, Essay competition for Imanishi Trust award, Symposium and Annual program of JUAAN members.

The presidents of JUAAN so far are Mr Padma Sunder Malla, Mr Harendra B Barua, Dr Bal B Shahi, Dr Gajendra Baniya, Dr Taranidhi Bhattarai, Dr Bal B. Parajuli, Dr Keshab Shrestha, Dr. Rameswor Pokharel, Dr Dinesh Bhuju, Dr.Rohit Pokharel and Mr Manoj Giri.



Mr Padma Sunder Malla

Education fair

Japan Education fair was successfully conducted on 11th November, 2017. The education fair was jointly organized by JUAAN and Japan Students Support Organization (JASSO) with technical and financial support of Japanese Embassy Nepal. JUAAN played a pivot role in organizing the fair for which an organizing subcommittee was made which was chaired by Dr Prabin Shrestha, Vice president of JUAAN and coordinated by Dr Vishnu Panday, an executive member of JUAAN. Other members of the subcommittee were Mr Harendra B Barua, Dr Yogesh Hari Shrestha, Dr Pawan Bhattarai, Dr Jeevan Bhattarai, Dr Nirmala Upreti and Dr Isha Dhungana.

The fair was organized in Hotel Annapurna, Kings Way, Kathmandu and was attended by more than 600 students. Besides, there was participation of many Japanese universities namely Educational Institute of Shigakukan Gakuen, Nagoya, Gakushuin University,



Tokyo, International University of Japan, Nigata, Nanjan University, Nagoya, Nihon Wellness Sport University, Tokyo, Soka Univeristy, Tokyo, Takushoku University, Teikyo University etc. A brief seminar was included in the fair in which representative from the JASSO explained briefly about different ways by which Nepalese students can go to Japan and pursue higher



education in Japanese universities. Dr Prabin Shrestha, vice president of JUAAN, welcomed all the participants and delegates to the education fair. Similarly, representative from Japanese embassy, Mr Takashi Miyata, first secretary (Political), explained in detail about the Japanese government scholarship (MEXT) for Nepalese students. Dr Pawan Bhandari, general secretary of JUAAN, shared his experiences about student life in japan and Dr Isha Dhungana, executive member of JUAAN, gave vote of thanks to all the participants on behalf of the organizing committee.

Reception at Japanese ambassador residence

A meeting and reception dinner was organized in the residence of Japanese ambassador on 7th November, 2017. The program was organized to hold the interaction meeting among the delegates of Japanese chamber of commerce from Singapore and Nepalese delegates from different fields. The participants were representative from Nepal chamber of commerce, JAAN, JUAAN, JALTAN, local Japanese business people in Nepal etc. JUAAN was represented by Dr Prabin Shrestha, vice president.



Participation in Japanese Emperor Birth Day Celebration

A grand event was organized in the premises of residence of Japanese ambassador by HE Japanese ambassador to Nepal Mr Masashi Ogawa on the occasion of 84th birth day of reigning

Emperor of Japan Mr Akihito on 23 December, 2017. Formal celebration was succeeded by lunch program with varieties of Japanese cuisine. It is one of the greatest events organized by the Japanese embassy in Nepal. All the executives of JUAAN attended the program and shared greetings on the auspicious occasion with the Japanese fellows and counterparts.

School Construction

The construction work of School, Sri Bal Siksha Sadan NIMAVI, Piple, Sallaghari, Ward no. 10, Suryabinayak Municipality, Bhaktapur District is going ahead in a good pace.



The present EC of JUAAN is following it up closely and EC team members are frequently visiting the site to observe and check the construction work. Many things are nearly completed and many things are still undergoing construction. We hope it will be completed soon.

JUAAN Regular Meeting

JUAAN has been carrying out its regular meeting in its office at Bagbazar. The present executive committee is planning to bring different new programs in future by which all the JUAAN members can come closure and develop a better and stronger JUAAN.



JUAAN attending a SEMINAR

JUAAN attended a Seminar on “Sediment Disasters in Japan and Their Countermeasures”. The seminar was conducted on 7 November, 2017 in Kathmandu and Dr Pawan Bhattarai, general secretary, attended the Seminar representing JUAAN. The Seminar was organized by Water Resources Engineering Program, Pulchowk Campus in association with JUAAN. The chief guest was Dr. ZHANG HAO, Associate Professor of Kochi University, Japan who is an expert in the field of Engineering and Hydroscience.

Future Activities

Present EC of JUAAN is planning to continue all the regular activities such as Benkyoukai, Kangeikai, Japanese Language contest, SAFJUAA activities etc in the days to come. In addition, it will organize few new programs to further strengthen JUAAN.

The present EC seeks support and cooperation from all its invaluable members. Let's help JUAAN to help ourselves.

Finally

JUAAN executive committee extends seasonal greetings and best wishes to all the valued members.

*May this merry spring blossom the flowers of joy and
happiness in your life.
May JUAAN flourish further in days to come.*

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