

अमेरिकाय् क्षेत्रीय तःमुँज्या



ध्व हे मेया २६ तारिख खुन्हु हलिं नेवा: दबू (वर्ल्ड नेवा: अर्गनाइजेशन) या अमेरिकाय् क्षेत्रीय तःमुँज्या जुइगु जूगु दु । थुगु ज्याभूवः मेरील्याण्ड राज्यया सिम्बर स्पिडय् जुइत्यंगु खः ।

थुगु ज्याभूवल्य सं.रा. अमेरिका च्याप्टरया उलेज्या, अमेरिकाया थीथी थासय् भाइपिं प्रतिनिधिपिंपाखें रिपोर्ट न्हयव्वयेगु लिसें अर्गनाइजेशनया वारे न्हयसःलिसः नं जुइगु जूगु दु । थुगु ज्याभूवल्य अर्गनाइजेशनया निम्ह हामापिं पद्मरत्न तुलाधर व प्रो. माणिकलाल श्रेष्ठलिसें नायः डा. बालगोपाल श्रेष्ठं नं व्वति कयादी ।

लुमंकेबहः जू, नोभेम्बर ११, २०११ या दिनय् पलिस्था जूगु वर्ल्ड नेवा: अर्गनाइजेशनपाखें थीथी देशय् कचा (च्याप्टर) दयेकेगु भूवल्य वंगु फेब्रुअरि २०, २०१३ खुन्हु भाजु दयारत्न शाक्यया संयोजकत्वय् सं.रा. अमेरिका च्याप्टर या तदर्थ समिति नीस्वनेगु ज्या जूगु खः । थुगु तदर्थ समितिइ डा. नारायण राजभण्डारी व प्रमेश श्रेष्ठ दुजः कथं च्वनादीगु दु । □

Best Wishes

It is exhilarating to learn that the US Chapter Regional committee of WNO is meeting here in Maryland, USA at a time when I plan to attend the 12th annual convention of NOA thus giving me an opportunity to witness two significant meets of the Newah people. It is all the more a joyous news to learn that Daya Ratnaju is working very hard to bring out a bulletin on the occasion and I feel it would be a happy chance for me to express my feelings about World Newah Organization, the glorious organization of the entire Newah people residing in countries the world over. So far the WNO has done only a few activities, but considering the short period of one - and - a half years since its establishment by the London Convention, its achievement is a matter of great satisfaction for all of us.

Specially mentionable thing is that it has been successful to seize the sentiment of all the Newahs through out the world including those in the Nepal Mandal, the seat of origin of the Great Newah Civilization. Just as a small stone dropped in a pond creates a ripple which spreads to the very bank or sides of the pond, the 2011 London meet and declaration of WNO has rocketed a worldwide wave of unity and solidarity of entire Newah people. Let us hope that the present US Chapter Committee meeting of WNO being held in Maryland, USA will decide the further clear path for the WNO to tread for the cause of NEWAH unity and victorious march forward.

Prof. Manik Lal Shrestha
Patron, World Newah Organization

भित्तुना

ध्वहे वइगु मे २६ स हलिं नेवा: दबूया छगू क्षेत्रीय सम्मेलन अमेरिकाय् जुइगु व उगु सम्मेलन थम्हं नं व्वति काये दइगु जुया: जि साप लयताया । छम्ह संरक्षक कथं न्हापां सम्मेलन बांलाक ता:लायेमा धका: नुगः दुनेनिसे भित्तुना देछ्याया ।

निदं न्हयः लण्डन, बेलायतय् भी सकलें मुना: स्वनागु हलिं नेवा: दबू थौं थःगु हे मतापं न्हयज्याना वनाच्वंगु व सकसितं दुध्याका: चकना वनाच्वंगु दु । ध्व तसकं हे लुदने बहगु खं खः । नेपा: देशय् च्यनार्चपिं नेवा:त सकलें हे छपं छधी जुया: नेवा: सभ्यता, संस्कृति, भाषा, धर्म, लजगा:, कला, साहित्य आदि नेवा: म्हसिका जक मखु नेवा: अस्तित्वया हे आधार जुयाच्वंगु फुकया संरक्षण, सम्बर्दन व ई ल्वयेक याकनं उन्नति याना यंकेगु भी सकसियां ततःधंगु भाला खः । उकिं बांलाक सहलह व्याका: आ: याकनं छु छु यायेमा:, छु छु याये फु, छु छु मयासं मगा: धइगु क्वःछिना: ग्यसुग्यंगु ग्वसा: ग्वये हथाय् हे जुइ धुंकूगु दु । नेवा: दुने छु जुइमा: व नेपालं पिने छु जुइफु बांलाक विचा: याना: नेवा: तयत् मदयेकं मगा:गु राजनैतिक, सामाजिक, आर्थिक, सांस्कृतिक फुक हक याकनं दयेकेत व विशेष याना: संविधान सभां संविधान देयेकीबलय् आत्म निर्णया अधिकार नापं दइगु स्वायत्त नेवा:राज्य दयेकेत भी फुक सचेत जुया: आन्दोलित जुइमागु थौया दकलय् तधंगु भाला भी सकसिगु हे खः । हलिं नेवा: दबुलिं संसार न्यंकमनया नेवा:त व विशेष याना: याकनं जुइत्यंगु अमेरिका सम्मेलनया इलय अमेरिकाय् दुपिं सकले नेवा:तय् नं थुज्वःगु ज्या खंय् दुध्याके दुसा गुलि ज्यू ।

हलिं नेवा: दबू न्हियान्हिथं सुथालाना वनेमा व धिसि लालां वनेमा हवस, सुभाय !

पद्म रत्न तुलाधर
संरक्षक, हलिं नेवा: दबू (वर्ल्ड नेवा: अर्गनाइजेशन)

Global Newars and the World Newah Organization

It has been longer than a year and half since we initiated the World Newah Organization (WNO) in London, UK in 2011. It is a matter of great pleasure that the first regional meeting of the WNO is taking place in the USA on May 26, 2013.

The main objective of the WNO is to strengthen a global network of the Newar people living across various continents of the world. Before and after the 1990s the migration of the Newar people into various countries started. When they migrated into those countries, they also carried their language and culture with them. In each country, where they arrived in sizeable number, also began introducing their ethnic based organization. Subsequently, they felt it necessary to start a networking among the Newars across the globe.

Voice for an international Newar convention was surfaced already during a gathering of the Newars in the USA in 1996. In the later years, Newah personas such as Tribhuvan Tuladhar, Daya Ratna Shakya, Dibya Hada, et al began consultations with people in Nepal and abroad. They also circulated preliminary concept papers by the year 2001. Unfortunately, this did not proceed smoothly for various reasons. However, it again took a momentum soon after the political change that took place in Nepal in 2006. For instance, at various stages, Suwarn Vajracharya in Japan; Maheshwor Shrestha and Artha Tuladhar in Kathmandu; many in Europe and in the USA began communicating with each other and acting different ways to create a World organization of Newars. Finally, we have the WNO in October 2011.

Soon after its inception it has actively started interacting among Newar people across the globe. A number of country WNO chapters have been formed while establishing relation with existing Newah organizations in various countries. We encourage the Newars residing in every country to initiate a WNO chapter.

Besides our plan to work for the preservation of Newar cultural heritage and language we also have been discussing to launch many programs that would help in economic growth of Nepalese people in all possible manners. We do realize that the Newar people in Nepal have been expecting many outcomes from the WNO but it has

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its limitations, and constrains as it is at an initial stage. Especially, many individuals and organizations have approached us expecting financial assistance. Taking into account all these in mind the WNO has proposed establishing a 'Global Newah Fund'. In this regards, we appeal all interested people to extend their support to this important initiative. Most importantly we are keen to work hand in hand with all for the unity of all Newars around the globe and work for the betterment of Newar language, culture and people.

Neither in Nepal nor in overseas it is easy to the Newars to work for preserving their language and culture. Although, the Newar people feel proud of their language and culture they have failed in many respect in preserving and maintaining them. Especially when we talk about their language, discarding mother tongue at home has become an ever-increasing trend among the Newars in Nepal. It is partly because of the low level of awareness regarding importance of language among the Newars but largely due to the 'one language policy' of Nepal's past and present governments since the shrewd Rana Prime Minister Chandra Shamser in the 1920s designated 'Gorkhali' or 'Khas' language as a single 'Nepali' and 'official' language.

It is absurd but except the Khas language no other languages of Nepal is considered 'Nepali' whereas all people notwithstanding their ethnic backgrounds of Nepal are 'Nepali' or 'Nepalese'. Including the Newar (Nepal Bhasa) none of these languages are permitted to use at educational sectors and at government administration nor at the judicial courts or

at the elected parliament. Hence, the Newars as well as other ethnic populations in Nepal were//are forced to adopt Khas language at the cost of their own mother tongues.

With such background at home in Nepal, the Newar people migrated abroad have been facing even tough situation when it come about preserving their language and culture. However, as a silver lining, in the USA, as well as in many other countries, where the Newars are in bulk, began initiating their organizations, offering Newar language lessons, observing Newar feasts and festival. With the formation of the WNO we can anticipate more such happenings and coordinated actions across the globe in the coming days.

As we know, Nepal has been declared a federal democratic republic in 2008. However, the chauvinistic mindset of the ruling class has not yet been changed. The ruling Hill Hindu Caste Bahun-Chetris, who together with the Shah Kings ruled Nepal for more than two centuries, appeared undeterred and succeeded at dissolving the elected Constituent Assembly in 2012, preventing it from drafting a new constitution and pushing the country into the tunnel of uncertainty.

One of the most important goals of the WNO is to voice and act against the discriminations based on language, cultural and ethnicity in Nepal. The growth of the WNO certainly will encourage creating similar global networking bodies to other ethnic-nationalities (janajati) of Nepal, which eventually will help strengthening the voice of the oppressed nationalities globally and in Nepal. □



Viewing the World Newah Organization from Nepal

Dr. Narayan B. Rajbhandari

My first visit to Nepal after being nominated as a Public Relation Representative of World Newah Organization (WNO) was in March 2012. This visit was partly personal and partly seeking feelings and opinions of Newah people in Nepal on the newly established WNO. In my journey, I got an opportunity to meet Prof. Premshanti Tuladhar (Chief of the Central Dept. of Nepal Bhasa) and Dr. Bijaya Sainju (General Secretary of Nepa Rastriya Party). I introduced myself to them and then presented my willingness to meet them with some Newah scholars. They were so helpful and cooperative that they immediately organized two consecutive meetings in Nepal Bhasa Department, Patan Campus with the following distinguished Newah individuals: Prof. Tulsī Lal Sing, Padma Ratna Tuladhar, Naresh Tamrakar, Binod Man Rajbhandari, Dr. Keshav Man Shakya, Dr. Chunda Bajracharya, Bajramuni Bajracharya, Jeevan Kumar Maharjan, Sunita Rajbhandari, Banshi Dhar Bajracharya, Gyan Krishna Dangol, Sharan Laxmi Munankarmi, Badan Rajopadhyay, Mahashwor Shrestha, Artha Tuladhar, Naresh Bir Shakya, Kiran Shakya, Gyan Ram Shrestha, Dr. Mahesh Man Shrestha, and Narendra Bhakta Hada. I never had such a pleasure of hearing an en-

couraging enthusiasm from all of them. Everyone enthusiastically welcomed WNO and expressed their willingness to support and cooperate with the organization. During our discussion, I noted some concerns and expectations. I believe that WNO should focus on these concerns in near future in order to maintain Newah people's motivation and faith upon the WNO's activities. Some of the suggested areas are:

- Consolidation of the WNO's structures that identifies needs of Newah citizens residing abroad and strengthens connection among cultural, political, and educational systems in Newah community.
- Formulation of a central committee of WNO in Nepal. This committee is essential because evolution of Newah cultures and religion was originated in Nepal. WNO should not faction like Non-Resident Nepali (NRN) Association.
- Logistic and financial helps in promoting research, education, and extension in Nepal Bhasa.
- Establishment of scholarship in Newah culture and language studies.
- Establishment of Newah education exchange program between Nepal and abroad institutions.

- Commencement of activities through participation from different groups - social, cultural, religious, political, educational, medical, and professional groups.

My second visit to Nepal was on May 2013. This visit was personal in every respect; however I could not escape from the WNO activity at the end. I met Bhaju Govinda Man Shrestha, my wife's uncle in Bhaktapur, in one of our family gatherings. He is currently involved in formulating a new Chapter of WNO in Nepal. He invited me to a meeting on May 10, 2013. At that time I got another opportunity to meet respected senior Newah scholars. They are Prof. Manik Lal Shrestha, Malla K. Sunder, Dr. Mahesh Man Shrestha, and Narendra Bhakta Hada. There were several other distinguished participants, including Prof. Premshanti Tuladhar, Dr. Bijaya Sainju, Suren Shakya, Artha Tuladhar, and Anar Bajracharya. The meeting was chaired by Bhaju Narendra Bhakta Hada and focused on preamble of the constitution of the WNO chapter. The meeting discussed several issues such as:

- What would be its supportive roles for the WNO?
- Should the chapter identify different objectives other than the WNO's?
- How does the chapter operate?
- Should it function like a parallel group with the existing Newah organizations or function like a coordinating body in Nepal?

During the discussion, Prof. Manik Lal Shrestha suggested to set a motto for the chapter as "Each Newah for All Newah" in order to avoid ethnic conflict and to design functions with respect to the motto. After the meeting I realized the WNO's key personnel (advisors) need to critically think upon the above questions and then to facilitate the chapter formulation with mutual understanding.

Overall, my interaction with different leaders, authors, and intellectuals in Nepal was very impressive and productive. Newah people in Nepal are excited and willing to cooperate with WNO to fulfill its mission. However, there are lots of expectations and concerns as well. As I envision there is a bright prospect for WNO, but meanwhile we should be careful in prioritizing its activities based on the expectations as well as motivation of Newah people. □

World Newah Organization (WNO)

activity review update

2010/NS 1130

- World Newah Tele Conferences (19th April 2010, 21st August 2010)
- Published WNO activity brochure
- Discussions with Newah Leaders: Naresh Tamrakar, Malla K. Sundar, Keshav Man Shakya, Padma Ratna Tuladhar, Rajendra Shrestha etc.
- Initiative for placing Nepalbhasa Inscription in Nepalbhasa parishad
- Participation on UK Newah Muna (4th Sep 2010)
- Concern on Sugat Ratna Tuladhar's abeyance

2011/ NS 1131

- Letter to Hillary Clinton regarding Nepalese New Year
- Protest on police suppression on KMC's workers' movement
- Tele conference talk with Prof. David Gellner
- Condolence concerns on loss of Nepalbhasa leaders, activists: DN Pradhan, Pushpa R 'Sagar' etc
- First World Newah Convention: Pride of the Newah people.
 - Participated by more than half dozen countries (broadcasted live all over the world, tele conference in Kathmandu)
 - 3 days program with inauguration, intellectual forum, literary program, cultural program etc.
 - Publication of 'Guthi' and 'Bukhan Pau' souvenir, Released 'London Declaration 2011'
 - Anonymous Selection of new president Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha, and new Executive committee to form.
- Establishing WNO as common forum for all the Newah people around the world new committee formed with Patronship of cultural expert Dr. Satya Mohan Joshi, details on the website (worldnewah.org).

2011/ NS 1132

- Meeting with Nepal representatives to form WNO Nepal Secretariat in Presence of President

- Forming country chapters NEPAL Working Committee formed under leadership of Narendra Bhakta Hada
- Support for publication of "Learn Yourself Nepalbhasa" book
- Support for "Mudda" Nepal Bhasa movie
- Preparing for Second World Newah Convention, preparing for necessary homeworks
- Support to Literary figure Chhatra Bahadur Kayastha's wife's health treatment.
- Revision of WNO constitution was taken place and it has been translated in Nepal Bhasa, Khas Bhasa as well in many other Languages.
- Place of Newah People in international circle one day talk program organized by Nepal Chapter on Nov, 24,2012
- Formation of NEPAL Country Chapter NCC

2013/NS1133

- Formation of Australia WNO Chapter: The Australian Newah community has decided not to open another entity but to affiliate with existing Guthi Australia as WNO chapter
- Formation of WNO Sikkim Chapter: Ganesh Ram Lachhi serving as the coordinator for Sikkim-Nepal link.
- Formation of US Chapter held on Feb 20,2013 and an adhoc committee led by D. Shakya, will expand later on March 27, 2013 meeting
- Recently updated WNO website that includes: Bal Gopal , K Chakhun Interview in NM TV channel,
- WNO issued a Press Release on sad demise of Mandira Pradhan and Kesar Lal Shrestha
- Memory of understanding with Nepal Chapter finalized on February 27, and sent to Nepal for consideration.
- WNO executive Committee meeting on April 13, 2013
- WNO US chapter formation on Feb 20,2013
- WNO US Regional conference to be held on May 26, 2013 Sunday
- Published the second issue of WNO newsletter

WNO executive committee members Narayan Raj Bhandari and Season Shrestha's Nepal Visit to enhance the vitalization of WNO in large scale.

- Upcoming events and their coordinators:
 - a. Joint Meeting through Skype with Nepal Chapter - Bal Gopal Shrestha
 - b. World Newah Fund (KOSH) WNF search for donors:-- Krishna Chakhun
 - c. WNO Pacific Regional conference:-- Suwan Vajracharya
 - d. WNO European Regional conference:-- Bal Gopal and Sanyukta Shrestha
 - e. WNO South Asian Regional conference: Narendra Hada NCC / Sikkim Chapter members
 - f. Headquarter Registration in US as proposed by NCC members: Daya Shakya
 - g. Search for Prospective candidates for next election down the road.

Inception of WNO US Chapter

As mandated by the executive meeting held on January 13 an Ad hoc committee was formed under chairmanship of WNO VP Daya Shakya with members Dr. Narayan Rajbhandari (North Carolina) and Ramesh Shrestha (Texas), the WNO US Chapter was formed on Feb 20,2013 to promote the aims and objectives of WNO in all states of the United States of America. Induction of more members in the chapter committee will be adopted in regional conference on May 26, 2013.

WNO Nepal Chapter

In the interaction program held on Oct 2012 an ad hoc committee was formed in view of promoting the WNO aims and objectives in Nepal and to hold the second convention in Nepal within three years. The WNO Nepal chapter adhoc committee was formed under chairmanship of Narendra Bhakta Hada with following members:

- Shree Krishna Maharjan
- Pushakar Mathema
- Artha Tuladhar
- Ratna Kaji Maharjan
- Rashmila Prajapati
- Kasturi Shrestha
- Shakya Suren
- Ganesh Ram Lachhi.