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SONEUK Family Gathering and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Family Gathering

On Saturday, 3rd August 2019, SONEUK organised family gathering as an annual programme in Nottingham (Gurkha Kitchen, Nottingham, 131 Glaisdale Drive, W Nottingham, NG8 4GY) from 15:00 hrs till midnight.

BBQ, Foods, Music, Bhajan and Dances were major highlights of the programme. 28 SONEUK Family members with over 75 peoples from accros the UK, all the way Kent, London, Birmingham, Scotlands, Southhampton, Nottinghamshires and arround attended the gathering. Some families travelled one day before and managed to visit near by places and pleasure centers such as Mount Cook, Matloc bath, Height of Abraham, Guliivers kingdom theme park.



EC member Bed Bhattarai with IT support from Secretary Sanyukta Shrestha run entertainment programme begain with the national athem played by Master Samyojan Shrestha, Son of Sanyukta Shrestha. Ganesh Thapa, Co-ordinator, North England, presented his holy bhajan, "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna..".

The couple dances were performed by Chairperson Shailendra Shrestha and Bandana Shrestha followed by Professor Keshav Dahal and his wife Mrs Anjana Dahal, then by Bed Bhattarai and Shashi Bhattarai. The second gerneration performance was an extraordinary dancing by Ushika and Urvika Parajuli, daughters of Genaral Secretary, Umesh Parajuli. Then floor opened for group dances in Nepali, Hindi and English songs until the closing at midnight.





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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Utilising some time of Family gathering, SONEUK also held AGM on the same date (03/08/2019) at Gurkha Kitchen, Nottingham

Programme:

17:30 Registration and Refreshments

17:45 Opening/Welcome (by General Secretary: U Parajuli)

17:50 Annual Report brief and plan for forthcoming year (2019/20) (by Chairperson: Mr S K Shrestha)

18:20 Floor Discussion

18:45 Closing

Attendees:

Following Members were participants of the AGM

1. Shailendra Kaji Shrestha (SKS) – Chair Person
2. Umesh Parajuli (UP) – General Secretary
3. Sanyukta Shrestha (SS)- Secretary
4. Bed Prakash Bhattarai (BPB) – EC Member
5. GhanShyam Paudyal (GP) – Advisor & immediate past chairperson
6. Krishna Kishor Shrestha (KKS) – Advisor & Ex Chairperson
7. Debendra Dahal (DD)- Advisor
8. Prof Keshav Dahal (KD) - Advisor
9. Tara Lamsal (TL) – Reg Coordinator (Midland)
10. Dr Keshav Bhattarai (KB) – Reg Coordinator (Scotland)
11. Ganesh Thapa (GT) – Reg Coordinator (North England)
12. Laxman Ghimire (LG) – Advisor
13. Hari Neupane (HN) – Gen Member
14. Bijay Bajracharya (BB) – Gen Member
15. Bandana Shrestha (BS) – Gen Member
16. Anjana Shrestha (AS) – Gen Member
17. Kanhaiya Bhagat (KB) – Gen Member
18. Ramananda Puri (RP) – Gen member
19. Binod Lal Amatya (BA) – Advisor
20. Nava Raj Adhikari (NA) – Gen member
21. Monica Ghimire (MG) – Gen Member
22. Sachida Chaturbedi (SC) – Gen Member
23. Sudip KC (SKC) – Gen Member
24. Bidhur Chapagai (BC) – Gen Member
25. Manoj Shrestha (MS) – Gen Member



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26. Anjani Phunyal (AP) – Gen Member
27. Bhesh Kafle (BK) – Gen member
28. Raj Kapur Shah (RS) – Gen Member
29. Rishi Raj Parajuli (RR) – Guest Member
30. Dipendra Pathak (DP) – Guest Member

Presentation:

1. Umesh Parajuli (UP), General Secretary, welcomed the participants and highlighted the agenda announcing the opening of the AGM, then requested Chairperson Shailendra Kaji Shrestha to present annual progress report and plan for forthcoming year
2. Chairperson began his presentation thanking to all participants for attending family gathering and AGM. He presented annual progress report (i.e. past one year of SONEUK's activities and achievements (file enclosed)). He also presented the plan for forthcoming year. Major highlights of the presentations were
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
 - EC meetings & Minutes of the 1st year (16 nos)
 - Major Activities (International Conference + Talk Programme + SMARIKA publication)
 - Training in GIS
 - Projects under study (H&S) in Nepal
 - Assets Creation (Projector plus new website design)
 - Expansion of External Affairs & Liaison committee members
 - Members expansion and record in GIS data base
 - Interaction with Ex QGE
 - Constitution Amendment
 - Financial Update [Income (from membership, programme/events donations etc) expenditures and Bank Balances
 - Future Events Planned (Trainings, Talk programme, International Conference, MoU)
3. Chairperson finally thanked to all general members including executive team, advisors, committees team, regional coordinators for making last year very successful and wished for similar support in coming days. He also thanked for organisers of the event.



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Floor Discussion:

4. All attendess were given opportunities to put question on any of the matter releted to chairmans presentation (AGM) or any general matters.
5. Former executive member Anjani Phuyal asked what benefits members can get from MoUs.

To this, Shailendra Shrestha informed one of benefits is to get platform (relevant technical institutions in Nepal) to share own knowlwdge/experience for which need to contact EC or relevant committee coordinator who can approach and help arranging a platform in technical institutions in Nepal. Thus our members can share their ideas and knowledge. This was not possible in the past due to lack of platform.

6. Bijay Bajracharya mentioned the NEACL have facility to conduct the webinar with that source SONEUK can run the talk programme in terms of technology and knowledge sharing.
7. Prof Keshav Dahal (KD) thanked EC for organising various programme/events and also suggested if family gathering date can be fixed quite earlier so that member can keep date in their dairy for participation.

Umesh Parajuli informed that July last weekend is the fixed date agreed in the earlier EC committee for family gathering but this time we organised one week later which is because of appropriate venue not decided soon. We wanted to fixed venue first to fit date. If date is fixed earlier and venue cannot find for the date then there could be problem. KD also advised if date is known, venue can be searched anywhere within UK convineantly. Shailendra Kaji Shrestha and Umesh Parajuli both welcomed the idea and agreed to come up with a date for next year in advance.

8. Dr Keshav Bhattarai (KB) told although his contribution to date is very low, but he suggested more of young members participation in the SONEUK is very important and our attention need towards this. He also advised to make facebook open to all publicly rather than keeping as close group.

Krishna Kishor Shrestha suggested youth members should be assigned the roles to conduct SONEUK events which can encourage more young to join SONEUK.

Shailendra Shrestha added, SONEUK will coordinate for short term placement/experience course/training in Nepal (hospital, school etc) which could be useful to school level students who want some experience in Nepal.

9. Former Secretary Hari Krishna Neupane raised a question saying Mahabir Pun has requested SONEUK, as a charity organisation, to allow its bank account to collect cash

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from UK donors to National Invention Centre in Nepal lead by Mahabir Pun, but wasn't agreed so far. Can't this be agreed?

10. Umesh Parajuli replied it was discussed in EC after EC received letter from Mahabir Pun, but did not agree the request saying need more studies. The problem is that there can be an extra workload for executive committee. We all are working voluntarily, we are already struggling to manage our own account internally, who can look after other organisation's account? EC also believed this will be risky task to handle other organisation's fund. There can be issue to provide annual financial report to HMRC. We need to study the wider impact to SONEUK including process and resource before making any decision. SONEUK respect Mr Pun's initiation in Nepal for good cause, but issue here is operational and practical difficulties and wider impact. Shailendra Shrestha also suggested that the topic can be discussed again in EC meeting later if required but it is not easy to decide. And, also there could be risk involvement to bothside, need to think and find longterm impact.
11. When there was no more questions, General Secretary then announced the closing of the AGM thanking all for their participation.

