



NEWSLETTER

Rotary Yoneyama Scholars' Alumni Nepal

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Message of the President



Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to publish this First Issue of Newsletter of RYSAN. This is a significant step for us to share the activities of RYSAN among the national and international readers. It has done praiseworthy activities for the Nepalese society especially for the needy people. As being a First Issue, it has attempted to cover the historic aspects and major activities carried out from the date of establishment to till date. I hope that this Issue will be a milestone of RYSAN. As a President of RYSAN, I would like to thank the entire team of RYSAN for their cooperation extended to me. I look forward to seeing our Newsletter grow and evolve in the future.

Prof. (Dr.) Tara Prasad Sapkota
President
Rotary Yoneyama Scholars' Alumni
Nepal (RYSAN)

Brief Introduction of RYSAN

Rotary Yoneyama Scholars' Alumni Nepal (RYSAN) is a not profit distribution social organization established in Nepal by the recipients of Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarship in Japan. The first historic meeting for forming RYSAN was held in Kathmandu on 19th October 2013.



First Gathering of RYSAN in Kathmandu

The Great Earthquake occurred on 25th April 2015 pushed us for formal association. It is registered in Kathmandu District Office on 28th July 2016 AD at Reg. No.47 with the objectives of social services in Nepal. It is also affiliated with Social Welfare Council (SWC), Ward office of Kathmandu Metropolitan City, District Development Committee Office and Inland Revenue Office, New Baneshwor Branch Office. Late Prof. (Dr.) Suresh Das Shrestha was the founding President of RYSAN. Prof. (Dr). Vijaya Pant and Late Dr. Hari Bahadur KC and Prof. (Dr). Tara Prasad Sapkota are the second, third and present President of RYSAN respectively.

Present and Past Executive Committees

Present Executive Committee:

Currently, 13 scholars are associated with RYSAN. Of these, 11 are life members and two are general members. The person who obtained Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarship in Japan is eligible to draw a membership of RYSAN.



Full Name	Position
Dr. Tara Prasad Sapkota	President
Dr. Bhima Dhungana	Vice-President
Dr. Madan Kumar Paudel	General Secretary
Dr. Manita Timilsina	Treasurer
Ms. Junita Rajbhandari	Member
Mr. Bobby Bimoli	Member
Dr. Vijaya Pant	Member (Immediate Past President)

Past Committees



Tenure: 2073-74 -74/75

1. President: Prof. Dr. Suresh Das Shrestha
2. Vice-President: Prof. Dr. Bijaya Panta
3. General Secretary: Dr. Manita Timilsina
4. Treasurer: Dr. Dipa Dhital
5. Member: Dr. Ram Chandar Bhusal
6. Member: Dr. Hari KC
7. Manababa Pradhan



Tenure: 2075/76 to 76-77

1. President: Dr. Bijaya Panta
2. Vice-President: Manababa Pradhan
3. General Secretary: Rajesh Pradhanang
4. Treasurer: : Dr. Dipa Dhital
5. Member: Dr. Ram Chandra Bhusal
6. Member: Dr. Hari Bdr. KC
7. Member: Prof. Dr. Suresh das Shrestha (past President)



Tenure: 2077/78 to 78-79

1. President: Dr. Hari Bhadrur KC
2. Vice-President: Prof. Dr. Tara Prasad Sapkota
3. General Secretary: Dr. Madan Kumar Paudel
4. Treasurer: Ms. Manababa Pradhan
5. Member: Prof. Dr. Bijaya Pant (Imm. Past President)
6. Member: Suniti Shrestha
7. Member: Archana Pradhan

Major Activities of RYSAN

➤ Free Health Camps:

Fourteen districts out of 77 districts in Nepal were affected by the great earthquake of 2015. RYSAN in association with Annapurna Neurological Institute and Allied Sciences (ANIAS) had conducted free Specialized Epilepsy, Mental and Dental Camp in severely affected districts (Gorkha and Dhading). These specialized free health camps were conducted on 7th January 2018 at Jogimara, Dhading and on 20th April 2019 at Ampipal Hospital, Palungtar Municipality-3, Gorkha, Nepal. A total of 413 patients were benefited from the free health camps.



Health Camp at Jogimara, Dhading



Health Camp at Aampipal Hospital Palungtar, Gorkha

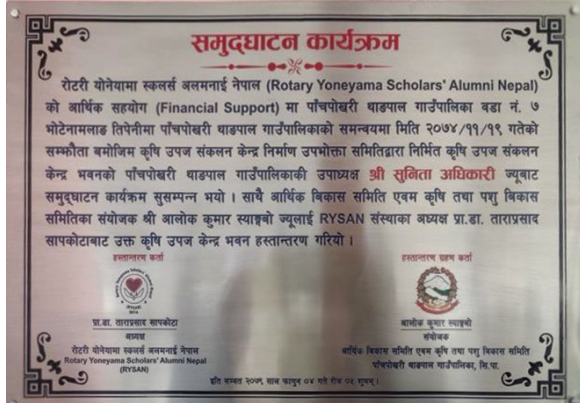
➤ Community Support Program (Khokana Toilet):

Sikali Chaur of Khokana is a historic, touristic and films shooting place. Hundreds of tourists visit there everyday for study and research. Local community celebrate different festivals and Jatras every month. Thousands of local peoples gather at Sikali Chaur to celebrate festivals and Jatras. There was no public toilet in the nearby area. Local people on the day of festivals and visitors were suffered due to lack of public toilet. Taking into consideration of the difficulties of visitors, RYSAN has constructed a public toilet at Ward No. 21 Khokana (Sikali Chaur) of Lalitpur Municipal Corporation (LMC) in collaboration with Ward No. 21 of Lalitpur Municipal Corporation. RYSAN has contributed Rs.1500,000.00 for the construction of public toilets with modern facilities. The toilet has built two stories.



Public Toilet at Sikali Chaur, Khokana

➤ Construction of Agricultural Products Collection Center:



Handover Program of Agricultural Products Collection Center located at Tileni, Sindhupalchok

Construction of Agricultural Products Collection Center:

RYSAN has funded to Tipeni Consumers Committee of Sindhupalchowk of Bagmati Province for the construction an Agricultural Products Collection Center at Bhotenamlang Panch Pokhari Thangpal Rural Municipality Ward No. 7, Tipeni in 2017-2018. The purpose of building Collection Center is for collecting local agricultural products with the objective of poverty reduction through raising income of local peoples. The selection of place and community was done through visiting the places and conducting interactions with the concerned stakeholders-political leaders, NGOs leaders, Social workers and School teachers' gatherings. Tipeni Consumers Committee had built the Collection Center and the land was provided by the local Chhatrapaleshwori Secondary School but due to landslides and COVID-19 pandemic, inauguration and handover couldn't do in time. Finally, RYSAN succeeded in inaugurating and handing over the collection center to the consumer group on 17th February, 2023.

➤ Support Agricultural Equipment and Seeds:

RYSAN supported for equipment and seeds to the farmers groups of Panch Pokhari Thangpal Rural Municipality. In addition, three trainers were appointed for a period of three months to train the local farmers to produce, packing and transportation of the green vegetables and fruits up to the newly constructed Collection Center.

➤ Scholarship Program:

RYSAN has been providing scholarships every year to the 30 students studying in different public schools from grade 1-12. These students were victims of the great earthquakes of April 2015. Till date 50 students have received RYSAN Scholarship and 20 out of 50 students have passed out from high school. RYSAN had accepted students from grade 4-12 from the FY 2074-2078. RYSAN has made fixed deposit in the banks and distributing scholarship from the interest money of the FD amount. The fund was collected from Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Tokyo, Japan and Members of RYSAN.



Interview and Scholarship Distribution to Students

Other Activities



➤ **Participation in Reunion:** The Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation hosts and invites the Members of Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarships in different countries of the world. Dr. Madan Kumar Paudel, General Secretary and Ms. Mana Baba Pradhan, Treasurer of RYSAN participated in Kanto Reunion on 4-5 August, 2023 and Osaka Reunion in 2021 respectively. It is the global platform to share the activities among the scholars of Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Scholarships.

Presentation by Dr. Madan K. Paudel at Kanto Reunion



➤ Participation in Nepal-Japan Relations related Activities:

Different Associations related to Nepal-Japan, specially Japanese Universities Alumni Association Nepal (JUAAN), JICA Alumni Association of Nepal (JAAN), Japanese Language Teachers' Association of Nepal (JALTAN) and Japanese Embassy carryout different activities that promote bilateral friendly relationship. The organizers invite the RYSAN EC Officials to participate in the programs. The President Prof. (Dr.) Tara Prasad Sapkota and the General Secretary Dr. Madan Kumar Paudel had participated in several programs and **Prof. Sapkota spoke on the program of JUAAN.**

➤ Regular Reporting:

RYSAN is an alumni association registered with the concerned Government agencies of Nepal and it is also responsible for renewal of association with the concerned government agencies every year. All the documents required for renewal with the concerned agencies needs to be submitted every year and the Association has been renewed by the Fiscal Year 2080/81 (2024 AD). RYSAN also submits annual reports including financial reports with the documents at the Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation Tokyo, Japan every year.

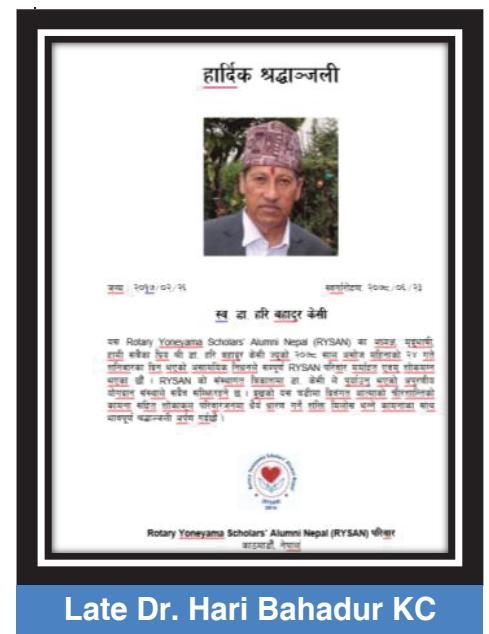
➤ Condolence Messages from RYSAN to Ex-Presidents and Ex-G. Secretary of RYSAN:



Late Dr. Suresh Das Shrestha



Late Rajesh Pradhananga



Late Dr. Hari Bahadur KC

➤ Brief Introduction of Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation (RYMF):

Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation is a non-political, non-religious, non-racial, non-gender biased and non-profit distribution international social organization located in Tokyo, Japan established in 1967 in memory of Mr. Umekichi Yoneyama, a businessman. The First Rotary Club of Tokyo was established in 1952 and it initiated to establish scholarship fund for the support of non-Japanese national who has been pursuing higher studies and research in Japan. RYMF provides scholarships to privately sponsored foreign students pursuing academic studies and research. All the Rotarians in Japan contribute to the scholarship funds. Currently, 90,000 Rotarians in Japan support the RYMF Fund. As of July 2022, RYMF provided scholarships to 22,875 students from 129 countries and regions. (Sources: RYMF Website, March 2024).

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