NRNA Canada
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1. Interaction program “Let’s Invest in Nepal”

NRNA Canada organized an Interaction Program on topic “Let’s Invest in Nepal” in the presence of NRNA ICC Vice-President Mr. Kumar Panta, NRNA Europe Coordinator Mr. Kul Acharya, NRNA USA President Dr. Keshab Paudel, and NRNA UK Advisor Mr. Ram Sharan Simkhada in Mississauga on January 22, 2016. The discussion was focused on sharing of progress, ideas and information among participants regarding “Investment in Nepal” and other sectors to make “NRN Movement” meaningful and productive nationally and globally.

1. Nepal has not become safe and risk free place for Investment though NRNA Canada strongly recommends NRNA ICC to deal with the Government of Nepal to clear the obstacles creating safe and encouraging environment for Investment.

2. Not many people afford to invest big amount of money so NRNA should encourage people for collective investment.

3. Investment is associated with risk and non-profit organizations don’t want to take the risk. Personal or group investment is encouraged. NRN Investment Group is an example.

4. Group Investment may be effective for Nepali in Canada. “HATEMALO” Group is an example.
NRNA Canada would like to express thanks to the chief guest Mr. Kumar Panta, distinguished guests Mr. Kul Acharya, Dr. Keshab Paudel, Mr. Ram Sharan Simkhada and Mr. Naba Raj Gurung, NRNA Canada team and all the participants for active participation in the interaction programme. Special thanks to the presenter Mr. Kamal Paudel (Treasurer Mr. Kamal Paudel). The interaction program was chaired by President Mr. Tulsi P Sapkota, emceed by general secretary Mr. Suman Lamsal and welcome speech was given by Treasurer Mr. Surya Bhattarai and the program was successfully coordinated by NCC member Mr. Tula Bhattachan.

2. Interaction regarding Open University leadership

NRNA Canada organized an interaction program on February 25, 2017 in Nepali Mandir, Brampton ON. Interaction was focused on the possible appointment of vice-chancellor of Open University by Nepal government. Open University was first initiated by NRN Canada and it became the flagship program of NRNA. Dr. Pramod Dhakal from NRNA Canada /NRNA and his team Dr. Drona Rasali and Dr. Ambika Adhikari played very important role to establish the Open University. Nepal government is trying to appoint VC from their cadre neglecting the role of NRNs. NRNA Canada wants to draw the attention to consider the role of NRNA before appointing leadership of Open University. In this interaction NRNA ICC Vice-president Mr. Bhaban Bhatta, Dr. Ambika Adhikari and Dr. Pramod Dhakal also delivered their keynote speech from telephone conference. The attended participants also spoke to take the consideration of role played by NRNA for the further leadership and operation matters to run Open University successfully in future as well. The program was chaired by NRNA Canada president Mr. Tulsi P Sapkota and emceed by Gen. Secretary Mr. Suman Lamsal. The interaction program was coordinated by Mr. Pitambar Bhattarai with the consent of President of NRNA Canada. The speaker of the program were Mr. Aditya Jha (Recognized as Order of Canada by Canada government), NRNA Canada Advisers Mr. Gopi Krishna Kaphe and Chandra Rai, NCC Member and Women & Children Affair coordinator Mrs. Pramila Basnet, NCC Member Mr. Tula Bhattarai, NRNA Canada past President Mr. Anil Thapa, past Vice-president Mr. Abhimanyu Basnet, President of NJAC Mr. Giri Budhathoki, President of Laliguras Sports and Cultural Club Mr. Uttam KC, President of NCHC Mr. Bishnu Parajuli and several other participants.

For detail about Open University please click the link:
http://nrna.org/Nepal-Open-University

3. Public meeting for Community Center

NRNA Canada organized a public meeting on February 26, 2017 in Brampton, for the purpose of formation of steering committee to establish Nepalese community center in Canada.
Nepalese Community members, representatives of Nepalese organizations across Greater Toronto Area (GTA), NRNA Canada members and well-wishers participated actively in the program in such an important meeting for solidarity with NRNA Canada.

In the meeting all the representatives of participating organizations expressed the importance of Nepalese community center in Canada and their organization’s commitments to support it.

Hon. Consular General Dr. Kunjar Mani Sharma delivered key note speech regarding the importance and the possible strategy to build community center in Canada.

The meeting has decided to form a steering Committee for the establishment of Nepalese Community Center with the mandate of extension of committee and formation of sub committees to divide the tasks in different sectors. This time steering committee constitute the following representatives of Nepalese organizations.

1. Mr. Tulsi P Sapkota – Chairman (President, NRNA Canada)
2. Dr. Tulsi Dharel – Member (Chairman, NCCS)
3. Mr. Dhundi Raj Khanal- Member (President, NCNC)
4. Mr. Giri Budhathoki -Member (President, NJAC)
5. Mr. N B Tandan ( President, Nepalese Canadian Trucker’s Association)
6. Mr. Yuba Raj Bhandari – Member (President, ANQ)
7. Mr. Uttam KC – Member (President, Laliguras Sports and Cultural Club)
8. Dr. Lila Bhandari- Member (Representative, NCHC)
9. To Be Decided – Member (Representative, Canadian Newa Guthi)
10. Mr. Suman Lamsal- General Secretary (General Secretary, NRNA Canada)

The steering committee will be extended with women representatives, representatives from other cities outside Greater Toronto Area and influential social figures. The required sub committees will be formed from next public meeting.
4. Recognition of Honorary Cultural Representative:
NRNA Canada NCC board recognized Mr. Purna Nepal for his appointment as Honorary culture Representative for North America by Nepal government after its 10th board meeting in Mississauga on February 11, 2017.

5. Financial Support to International student:
NRNA Canada supported approx. $3800 to a international student Ms. Dilasha Adhikari who caught fire in her apartment. NRNA Canada organized brief fund handover program on February 20, 2017 at Nepalese consular general's office Toronto to support Ms. Dilasha Adhikari. NRNA Canada asked the community to support her in Emergency Fund (through website) and collected $3850 from 81 donors and two organizations NJAC ($500) & Nepalese Women Association British Columbia ($455). NRNA Canada thanks to all generous community members and organizations for supporting in her difficult situation.
For detail list of donors please click the link: http://www.nrnacanada.org/thanks-to-all-donors-of-dilasha-adhikari/
6. Attendance in the NRNA USA AGM:

In cordial invitation of NRNA USA, NRNA Canada team attended in the 5th AGM of NRNA USA held on January, 2017 in Dallas, Texas, USA. The participating team members were:
1. Dr. Krishna Bhandary, "Kismat", Spokes person, NRNA NCC Canada
2. Mrs. Pramila Basnet, Women and Children Affairs coordinator, NRNA NCC Canada
3. Mr. N B Tandan, HPRR Ontario & NRNA Canada Tourism promotion coordinator

7. Participation in Sonam Losar:

Nepalese Tamang/Lama community organized Sonam Lhosar party in Brampton. NRNA Canada president Mr. Tulsi P Sapkota and NJAC president Mr. Giri Budhathoki were invited in the program.

Thanks!!