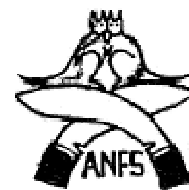


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Annual Activity Report: 2010-11

In the year 2010-11, Australia-Nepal Friendship Society (ANFS) organized a number of events/activities, aiming for recreation, social interaction, information exchange and enhancement of friendship among its members. The society expresses its sincere thanks to Co-ordinators, Joint Co-ordinators and performers of the events and all those who participated in the events. The events held in the last 12 months are as follows:

1. Talk program

A talk program on “Adapting to climate change impacts in Nepal: The clean energy interface” by Mr Ajaya Dixit, a visiting Nepali hydrologist at ANU, was held on 4th June 2010 in the Forestry Building at ANU. He spoke about various aspects of water and energy resources of the world and Nepal. The talk program followed an interaction session, while prospects and problems of hydropower development in Nepal were discussed in detail.

2. Interaction program

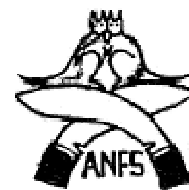
An interaction program with Mr Ghana Shyam Bhusal, a Nepali politician and CPN-UML central committee member was held on 29th June 2010 in the Taste of Himalaya restaurant in Manuka.

3. Sports Day

ANFS Sports Day was organized on Saturday 4th July 2010 at Downer oval for recreation and to encourage members to participate in the outdoor games. Members played a friendly soccer match and Ms Rajani Rai entertained kid’s by organizing various games for them. A group of visiting Nepali journalists from popular newspapers and TV channels and their Australian hosts also joined the event. After having BBQ and pot-luck lunch, a lady journalist sang a song as a present from the visitors. Members participated in singing and dancing with the journalists.



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4. Welcome to Nepalese Media personals

ANFS welcomed a dozen of Nepalese media personals who were visiting Canberra to meet Australian media personals on 4th July 2010 at ANFS Sports Day picnic. They were briefed about ANFS and Nepalese living in Canberra. The visitors briefed us about the current political situation in Nepal.

5. Nepali Cultural dance presentation

At the request of the Tibetan Community Association (TCA) of Canberra, Mrs Samjhana Sapkota presented a Nepali cultural dance at a program organised by the TCA on 6th July 2010 at the Press Club in Barton.

6. Welcome to Nepalese Everest Women Summiteers

A welcome party was organized for visiting Nepali women Everest summiteers on 11th July 2010 at Hughes community hall as a token of appreciation for their courageous work. As all the summiteers were vegetarian, vegetarian meal was served in the dinner. The visitors also presented documentary and slide show on their successful mountaineering campaigns.

7. Farewell Party for Mr Narayan Mainali

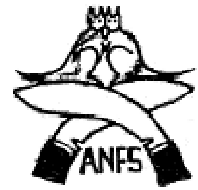
The society bade farewell to Mr Narayan Mainali (First Secretary of the Embassy of Nepal) on 13th July 2010 at the Taste of Himalaya Restaurant in Manuka. Dr Krishna Hamal highlighted his contribution in establishing the Nepalese Embassy in Canberra, and other society members expressed their affections upon him.

8. Teej Celebration

Nepali women's festival Teej was celebrated amidst Teej songs and dances on Friday 10th September 2010 at Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre at City. Varieties of foods were shared in the potluck dinner during the celebration.



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9. Fund Raising Photo Show for Nepali Education

ANFS participated in a fund raising photo show by Mr Lloyd Donnelly on the 7th September 2010 at the CSIRO Discovery Theatre. The purpose of the show was to raise fund for a Nepali school in the remote areas of Nepal.

10. Senior Chautari-1

Senior Chautari, a forum for senior members and visiting parents of the members was inaugurated and Bhagwat prabachan (religious speech) was delivered by visiting Pandit Hari Prasad Adhikari on Saturday, 18th September 2010 at Theo Notaras multicultural centre followed by vegetarian potluck lunch. Young and adult members had had an unique opportunity to listen religious speech, philosophy and bhajan in Canberra. Chairman of the Senior Chautari, Mr Govind Adhikari highlighted the importance of Chautari to the attendees.

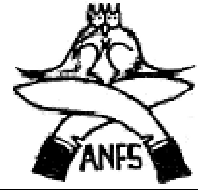


11. Dashain Celebration

The biggest festival of Nepal, Dashain was celebrated on Saturday 16th Oct 2010 at Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, City by about 150 members and guests in the presence of H.E. Ambassador of Nepal Mr Yogendra Dhakal and a visiting official from the Foreign Ministry of Nepal. A fabulous cultural program was presented after a dinner, which was included with song and dance performances. The members and guests enjoyed the floor dance at the end of the ceremony.



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12. Luncheon

There was a luncheon with Mr Amrit Tandukar, senior member of NSW Nepali society on 19 October 2010 at Asian Bistro at ANU. He shared his views and ideas on the upliftment of Nepalese society in Canberra.

13. Deusi Bhailo program

Another big Nepali festival Tihar was celebrated by organizing Deusi Bhailo singing and dances on Saturday, 6th November 2010. It was hosted by about 10 Nepalese families at their homes and participated by about 100 members at various locations. A sum of \$1416.00 donation was raised by playing Deusi Bhailo, which was spent for social donation and for organizing a picnic.

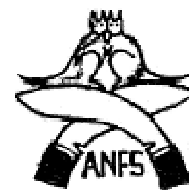


14. Christmas/New Year Celebration

A combined Christmas and New Year celebration was held as a picnic at Casuarina sands on Saturday 18th December 2010. Kids received gifts from Santa and adults played a gift exchange game. After having yummy chicken and lamb BBQ, members prepared various delicious dishes at the picnic spot and enjoyed the lunch. Music and dance continued until the end of the picnic.



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15. Farewell dinner for Dr Nepali Sah

Dr Nepali Sah, the ex- secretary of ANFS, returned to Nepal after completing his PhD study at ANU. ANFS hold a dinner gathering to bid farewell to him and his family members at Twin Sisters at Dickson on 6th January 2011.

16. Multicultural Festival

ANFS participated in the ACT multicultural festival representing Nepali society on Saturday 5th February 2011 by presenting an exciting cultural program on the stage. Nepalese traditional dances were presented by Mrs Samjhana Sapkota, Ms Basanti Kharel, Mrs Pushpa KC and Mrs Bigya Thapa.

17. Senior Chautari: Prabachan-2

Sri Govinda Adhikari, the Chairman of the Senior Chautari Club and the most senior member of the community delivered a speech on God, life and about our responsibilities and duties at Hughes Community Centre on Saturday 12th March 2011. The program was followed by a vegetarian pot-luck dinner.

18. Nepali New Year

A picnic was organized on Saturday 16 April 2011 at Tuggeranong Park to celebrate Happy Nepali New Year 2068. Members exchanged New Year wishes to each other and enjoyed BBQ and various dishes of potluck lunch. The President wished a happy new year, welcomed to all, and introduced the new members to the society.

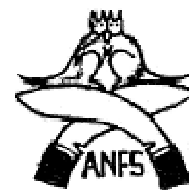


19. Farewell to the Attaché Rajan Dhungel

Mr Rajan Dhungel, Attaché, Embassy of Nepal is going to return to Nepal after completing his tenure. ANFS bade farewell to him and his family members amidst a dinner in the Chinese restaurant in Belconnen on 14th May 2011. Fifty six members were present in the occasion and Dr Krishna Hamal spoke about his personality, his contributions in establishing the Nepalese Embassy in Canberra and wished him all the best for his future.

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20. Constitution revisit

A sub-committee was set up to revisit the ANFS constitution. However, as per the sub-committee's advice, there was no need for a change in the current constitution at this stage.

21. Nepali Language School

Society has received ACT government grant to run a Nepali language school in Canberra. Executive committee has decided to run the school shortly and a school management committee was formed.

22. Social donations

Social donations were given to:

- Late Amar Shrestha's family in Perth, who had passed away in a tragic accident.
- Everest women summiteers to support their endeavour to climb highest peaks of the other continent
- Brisbane flood victims in Prime minister's relief fund
- Blind's school in Nepal
- Social Soup Kitchen in Canberra

23. Purchasing

Society has purchased a power generator and picnic tables as fixed assets.

24. Executive committee meetings

Executive committee met seven times to discuss and to make decision on various agendas, including organizing various programs. Copy of the minutes of the meetings can be obtained from the ANFS secretariat.

25. Lok Tantra Divas

The ANFS Committee members participated in the Lok Tantra Divas celebration at the Embassy of Nepal on 27th April 2010, representing the society.

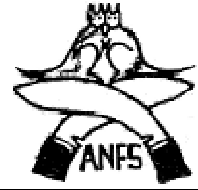
26. Participation in the welcome program

The executive committee members attended a dinner program hosted by Nepalese Embassy at the residence of Mr Lok Bahadur Thapa, the First Secretary of the Embassy of Nepal to welcome visiting members of parliamentary secretariat of Nepal.

27. Participation in an Interaction program with Nepalese politicians

The executive committee members participated in an interaction program with visiting leaders of different political parties of Nepal at the residence of Honorable

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Ambassador Mr Yogendra Dhakal. The interaction program was organized by Nepalese Embassy.

28. Participation in an Interaction program with Members of Nepal Planning Commission

The executive committee members participated in an interaction program with visiting Honorable Members and officials of the Nepal Planning Commission at the residence of Honorable Ambassador Mr Yogendra Dhakal. The interaction program was organized by Nepalese Embassy.

29. ANFS email address, web forum and website

ANFS Gmail account was created and used as a convenient mode of communication among the members. Web hosting sub committee updated the website materials. Executive Committee has decided to create a web-based forum for regular interaction among the members.

30. Updating and improving of ANFS website

Mr Dipendra Shrestha, Coordinator for ANFS Web Management, is in the process of updating and improving ANFS website.

31. Sports activity

Badminton games on each Saturday morning at Belconnen community centre and soccer games on each Sunday morning at ANU ground have been organized successfully over the last twelve months.

32. ANFS AGM

This year's ANFS Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday 29th May 2011 at Hughes community centre in Hughes.

Executive Committee Members (2010/ 11)

Dr Krishna Hamal- *President*

Dr Binod Nepal- *Vice President*

Dr Pushkar Shrestha- *Secretary*

Mr Chudamani Sapkota- *Treasurer*

Dr Pawan Pyakurel- *Public Officer*

Dr Durga Dutta Kandel- *Member*

Ms Pamela Steele Sherpa- *Member*

Mr Mani Ram Banjade- *Member*

Mr Naresh Thapa- *Member*

Mr Sudip Acharya- *Member*

Mr Pradip Adhikari- *Member*

Mr Shiva Raj Sapkota- *Finance Coordinator*

Mr Rohit Karki- *Youth Coordinator*

Dr Kishor Vaidya- *Advisor*

Ms Rajani Rai- *Advisor*

Thank you!