



ACTIVITY REPORT, 2011-2013



**Non-Resident Nepali Association
National Coordination Council, Finland**

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Overview

The current executive committee (EC) of the Non-Resident Nepali Association Finland (NRNA Finland) was formed on 15th May 2011 through its second Annual General Meeting (AGM). Two years (2011-2012) tenure of the EC has been very active. During this period, it has successfully carried out various activities in accordance to the objectives of the association. NRNA Finland organized various events to promote Nepal and Nepali's interests, which included fund raising for a charity project in Nepal, sports activities, New Year celebration, felicitating Nepali graduates, promoting Nepal and networking with other organizations among others.

Objectives

The primary objective of NRNA is to unite and bring Nepali residing all over the world under one umbrella; protect and promote their interest in and outside Nepal and utilize their potentials and resources for the welfare of Nepal.

Being a part of NRNA organization, NRNA Finland has its objectives to contribute the economic, social and cultural development of Nepal by NRNA community living in Finland; play the role of facilitator and organize programs that supports and promotes Nepal in Finland; facilitate NRNA and foreign investment in Nepal; promote cultural, academic and social interaction between Finns and Nepali as well as friendly and confidential relations between Finland and Nepal; Strive to create conditions conducive to investment, utilization of talents and skills of the NRNA in Nepal and foster a closer co-operation among Nepali settled in different parts of Finland

Executive Committee, 2011-2013

Sn.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Arun Pokhrel	Chairperson
2	Mr. Devi Dutt Sharma	Vice-chairperson
3	Mrs. Byoma Tamrakar	Vice-chairperson
4	Mr. Suman Khadka	ICC Coordinator
5	Mr. Sijan Shrestha	Secretary
6	Mr. Sudeep Bhusan	Treasurer
7	Mr. Bijendra Neupane	Youth representative
8	Ms. Bimala KC	Joint secretary
9	Mr. Bishnu Thapa	Member
10	Mr. Ganesh Neupane	Member
11	Mr. Bal Krishna Shrestha	Member
12	Mr. Kul Mani Bhandari	Member
13	Mr. Hari Keshav Pathak	Member
14	Mrs. Ranjana Piya	Women representative
15	Mr. Basanta Ghimire	Member
16	Mr. Suman Aryal	Member

Summary of activities

First year (May, 2011 – April, 2012)

The executive committee of NRNA-Finland was active in conducting various activities to achieve its objectives. Following are some of the main activities made during one year:

1. Sports Activities

a. Volleyball:

NRNA-Finland organized NRNA-Finland Volleyball Running Shield 2011 in 18th-19th July, 2011 in which 6 teams participated with 11 members in each team. The teams were: Youngsters VC, Alto Nepali Scholars, Danfe VC, Rudrawati A Club, Rudrawati B Club and Rara Club. After league and semi-finals, Rudrawati A and Rudrawati B played final game in 19th July in which Rudrawati B defeated Rudrawati A.



The tournament was cheered up by more than 200 audiences. The winning team was awarded with a running Shield along with certificates and medals. Also, the best player was announced after the tournament which was won by Gopal Bhattarai from Rudrawati A.

b. Football:

Football Tournament is among the most popular activities organised by NRNA-Finland every year. In 2011, NRNA-Finland successfully organized the tournament from 3rd to 13th of August in which 7 teams participated namely: Friends United, Danfe Football Club, Ekta Yuba Club, Rudrawati Football Club, Gaule Football Club, Rihimaki Football Club and Khukuri Football Club. Each game in the tournament was successful in collecting a large number of audiences to cheer up the players.



Gaule Football Club became the winner of NRNA-Football Tournament 2011 defeating Khukuri Football Club in August 13, 2011. The winner team was awarded with medals, shields and certificates. Bhabis Limbu received the highest goal scorer of the tournament and Rabi Pathak was awarded best player of the tournament.

2. Social Activities

a. Summer Picnic

Summer Picnic has been like a ritual to all the Nepali living in Finland, especially to the Helsinki residents. Every year, picnics are held in the summer time by different organizations involved with Non-Resident Nepali living in Finland, who might be students or workers despite their occupations. It has always been proved a nice gateway for knowing people.

This year too, the ritual continued. This year's summer picnic was held in Mustapuuro, Helsinki on 1st August, 2011. This time it was little different than other year's picnic and the

difference was that, the picnic was organized on Monday rather than some weekends, which was a positive point to some while was negative to some others.

As it was supposed to start already at 2 pm due to the scarce location of the place, it became quite difficult for some to join the group on time. Despite of two hours of delays, programs started. Before doing anything every one decided to have something to eat as a starter.

There was large participation of children and also the youngsters. After having food, there were some games to play. There was “spoon race” organized for the children. The one winning it was provided with small prize. Apart from children, the spoon race also was tried by adults joining the picnic.

Everyone seemed very happy and enthusiastic. Some were playing balls while the others were enjoying the swimming pool nearby.

After sometimes of being social, a small game was again planned for every one interested and the winner was given the prize of 10 Euros as collected during the picnic. The game also resulted in few small body injuries but rest was fun.

The picnic continued until 8 pm which was very much fun for every one gathered at that moment.

b. Quiz Contest

With a notion of “A different program for Nepali”, an idea to explore the intellectual level of Nepali brain was organized in the middle of August this year. The program was a Quiz Contest, where the contestants were supposed to know about the history, geography, politics and other important sectors of Nepal and Finland. Contest took place on 21st August, 2011 in Herttoniemi Seurakuntotalo.

The organizing team members were: Shrawan Khanal, Prem Raj Adhikari, Suman Khadka, BishwasHamal, ArunPokhrel and Sushil Gyanwali. Eight teams of three participants registered for the Quiz contest. The teams registered are as follows:

1. Helsinki Marauders, 2. Aalto Nepz, 3. Kanchanjunga Samuha, 4. Ekata club, 5. Sabhasad, 6. Himalaya, 7. Friends United and 8. Hamro Chitwan.

The program started on the time as it was mentioned to start, sharp 2 pm. Program was started by introducing the team members and explaining the rules and regulations about the contest. The teams were divided into two groups A and B respectively consisting of four

teams each. The winning teams from both the groups then would compete again each-others.

It was also declared in the beginning that the answers to the questions asked to the participants would be automatically transferred to the audiences if they could not answer them. And audiences would be awarded with chocolates.

The contest started with Group A team following the Group B. Many questions were answered quickly by the teams, also many remained unanswered. The winning team was Kanchanjunga , Helsinki Marauders being in the second position.

During the contest, audiences got many opportunities to answer the questions. Participation and enthusiasm of audiences was remarkable. Audiences and also the participants were provided with some refreshments such as tea, coffee, cookies, etc.

The winning team was appreciated with certificates and medals. The program received a positive feedback from the audiences so it can be said that it was a successful attempt to try something different.

The program was closed by few words from Dr. Arun Pokhrel, the chairman and also the member of the organizing team by thanking the participants and also the audiences and also keeping the promise to continuing the good works.

c. NRNA Finland Welfare Fund

NRNA Finland has initiated to form “NRNA Finland Welfare Fund” to help NRNs living in Finland in their extreme/emergency situation. Detail rules and regulations have yet to be prepared. A team comprising of few board members has been formed to work out on this.

d. Meeting with NRNA ICC Vice president Jiba Lamichane

Mr. Jiba Lamichane, then vice president of NRNA ICC visited Finland in June 2011. NRNA Finland organized an informal meeting with him at one of the Nepali restaurant. It was an opportunity to share his experiences in NRNA movement and also future plans of NRNA organization were discussed.



e. Participation at the ICC's regional meeting in Moscow, Russia

Chairman Arun Pokhrel, Vice-chairman Devi Dutt Sharma and ICC representative Mr. Suman Khadka participated at the 5th regional conference in Moscow during July 5-7, 2011. Participation at this conference was fruitful in making coordination with NRNs from other countries. There were some 400 NRN participants from various countries.



f. Participation at NRNA Global conference

Vice chairman Mr. Devi Dutt Sharma, Joint secretary Ms. Bimala K.C and former Joint secretary Mr. Jagannath Kafle attended the Global conference of NRNs in Kathmandu during

12-14 October 2011. A brief report of activities of NRNA-Finland was presented at the conference. NRNA Finland contributed 500 USD to support the conference.

3. Charity Nepal Project

One of the main objectives of the NRNA-Finland is to contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of Nepal by NRNA community living in Finland. Taking into consideration of this, NRNA-Finland successfully accomplished a Library Project in Nepal in years 2009-2010. The newly elected Executive Committee of NRNA-Finland decided to give continuity to such charity tasks in Nepal. Therefore, in order to get more ideas on such potential projects, NRNA-Finland announced a call for project proposals from NRN registered members in Finland and also requested to participate at the workshop organized in Helsinki on 12 November 2011.

A workshop was held in Helsinki to select charity projects in Nepal during 2012-2013. Seven different project proposals were presented. Among these, two projects were selected by the board. In order to finance the projects, various fund raising activities were made.

4. Fund raising activities

a. Nepali Movie Show

The NRNA Finland organized movie show on February 19, 2012 at Kontula Nuoristalo in Helsinki. The main objective of event was to help charity projects which are initiated and supported by NRNA Finland. Movie was shown in day shift and night shift keeping in mind about of number of participants. Movie was also shown in Tampere. Significant number of attendants showed how much popular is Nepali movie among Nepali living in Finland. It helped all Nepali to be together and entertain together. This event was covered by many online Nepali news media and became hot news among Nepali during a month.

b. Charity Dinner Program

The NRNA-Finland organized a “Charity Dinner Program” in April 28, 2012 in one of the Nepali restaurants in Helsinki in order to collect fund for the two ongoing charity projects in

Nepal. The program was a huge success with massive participation of people. Nearly 120 people were participated the program. Traditional “Dohori” song was the main highlight of the program. It was started with the speech from chairman followed by dohori song, dinner and bingo game. The money collected from charity dinner program was 1045€.It was an attempt of NRNA- Finland to try something new and got a very good response from the participants.



5. Formation of Collective Investment Committee (CIC)

Collective Investment Committee (CIC) of the NRNA Finland was formed in 22 April 2012. The committee was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee of NRNA Finland on the same day. Following are the members of the committee:

Devi Sharma (Coordinator), Gopal Aryal (sub-coordinator), Gautam Raj Moktan, Hem Raj Sharma, Kulmani Bhandari, Jagannath Kafle and Sudeep bhusan Aryal. A meeting of the committee held on the same day decided to study all the information regarding the legal and technical aspects of the collective investment fund.

Another meeting held on 19th May 2012 under the chairmanship of Mr. Devi Dutt Sharma made following decisions after a fruitful discussion:

1. Mr. Jagannath Kafle will prepare some documents and power-point slides regarding the idea of the NRN's Collective Investment Fund and how to motivate to investment on it from the NRN's living in Finland.
2. A model form will be developed in order to make a list of potential investors from Finland
3. In order to inform about the CIC among Nepali living in Finland a program will be organized on August 11 or 18 in Helsinki.
4. Mr. Jiba Lamichhane, President of NRNA ICC will be requested to attend the program
5. In order to answer the possible questions raised by the audiences at the gathering, each member should update their knowledge on the subject matter

Second year (May, 2012 - April, 2013)

1. Farewell for outgoing Ambassador

A farewell program was organized by NRNA Finland on 1 March 2012 for outgoing Ambassador of Nepal to Finland H.E. Mr. Vijayakant Lal Karna. Board members of other Nepali Associations were also invited at the program.



2. Interaction with entrepreneurs

An interaction program with Nepali entrepreneurs in Finland was organized in Helsinki on 27 March 2012. The main aim was to deliver information on NRN's Collective Investment Program, Charity Projects adopted by NRNA Finland for 2012 and their funding situation, and getting suggestions from entrepreneurs. It was a fruitful meeting program and there was suggestion to hold a similar program to be organized with students and professionals job holders in Finland.

3. Meeting at the Ministry of Foreign affairs in Finland

Chairman Dr. Arun Pokhrel attended a meeting organized by the Ministry of Foreign affairs of Finland on 25 May 2012 in Helsinki regarding the developing cooperation in Nepal. It was a good opportunity to introduce NRNA Finland and its activities with Finnish people working in Nepal through various NGOs and Government authorities.

4. Participation at the NRNA European Regional Meeting

Fifth NRNA European Regional Meeting (ERM) was organized in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 2012 June 1-3. The ERM is a common platform of all European NCCs and aims to strengthen the collaboration among them for their unity and sustainability. Sessions on Collective Investment, Charity, Continuation of Nepali Citizenship and review and progress on NRNA projects, Welfare and Networking of NRNs in Europe, Safe Migration was held.

Suman Khadka and Bishnu Bahadur Thapa participated in the Conference from NRNA Finland. ICC Representative, Suman Khadka from NRNA Finland presented the activities accomplished by NRNA Finland within one year. Also, Progress on NRNA Investment committee and charity work in Nepal was presented. NRNA Finland status and challenges was also shortly shared in the conference. Some suggestions for strengthening NRNA network to make it more effective was presented.

NRNA Finland contributed 500 EUR to support the conference to arrange the conference. Token of thanks and appreciation was given to NRNA Finland.

Some pictures from the event:





5. Meeting with Nepali youth leaders in Helsinki

A delegation of Nepali student leaders visited Finland upon the invitation of DEMO Finland. The delegation included the chairpersons of the three largest student organizations of Nepal Congress, CPN-UML and UCPN-Maoist and representatives of other student organizations. As their visit in Helsinki was rather brief, an informal meeting was organized on 1 June 2012 by NRNA Finland at a Nepali restaurant in Helsinki. Few board members of NRNA Finland were present at the meeting. The meeting was focused to share the current situation in Nepal after dissolution of Constitutional Assembly. The purpose of the delegation was to observe the national convention of the Finnish Centre Party which was held in Rovaniemi, north part in Finland.



6. Summer Picnic

A summer picnic was held on 28th July 2012 at Seurasaari with a significant number of participants. Since it was a potluck picnic, most of the participants carried delicious food from home to share with others. Though the picnic was scheduled to start at 13.00 but most of people gathered about 14.00. Apart from delicious food, everyone enjoyed different games, singing and dancing. Small prizes were given to winner of the games. After an eventful evening, everybody parted around 20.00 PM.



a. Volleyball competition

In order to unite all the Nepali people scattered in Finland through sports activities, NRNA Finland organized a friendly volleyball competition on 24-25 July 2012. The sports committee under the NRNA coordinated the event and six teams joined the event. In first day, the league match was played on basis of “best of three” whereas in the second day, the final matched were on the basis of “best of five”. As there were two ladies teams participated the competition for the first time, it was quite interesting event.

Among four teams in men, Rudrawati A and Gaule team remained in league whereas in the final Rudrawati B defeated Mix-Glori with 3-2 in the final match. With this winning, Rudrawati B able to win the NRNA Finland running shield continuously for three years and was successful to

keep the shield forever. Similarly, among women Rudrawati C defeated the Ekata team with 3-0 and won the match. Baniya became and Samjhana Bhandari declared as the best player among men and women respectively.



At the end of the program, president of NRNA Finland Dr. Arun Pokhrel and vice president Mr. Devi Sharma presented medals and certificates to all the persons of the winning teams. Delivering a short speech at the end of the program president Pokhrel mentioned that Volleyball is one of the most popular sports among Nepali in Finland. But, other sports events will also be organized in the future. Giving information on other programs of the NRNA Finland, he urged all Nepali living in Finland to join their hands with NRNA Finland and support its activities.

7. Run for your Health

On 8 September 2012, NRNA Finland invited Nepali runners from around Finland to take part in a friendly running competition. The event saw as many as 40 runners power through the Malmi airport round enjoying the nature while burning few calories. Whether that day's horrendously cold and rainy weather detracted from the event's theme of enjoying nature

while celebrating good health, we're not sure, but it certainly looked like the participants had a great time.



8. Interaction program on “NRN’s Collective Investment in Nepal”

NRNA is the organization of the Nepali people residing abroad. In the active role of this organization, through the collective investment to conduct various developmental activities in the various region of Nepal “Investment Development Board” has established in Kathmandu. One of the main priorities of this board is the Hydropower Project. To invest in this project ‘Collective Investment Committee Finland’ was established by NRNA- Finland.

The committee provided various useful information related to the investment to all the Nepali people residing in Finland through gathering, meeting, phone and also explained the benefits of investment both to the motherland and the investors.



NRNA ICC president Mr. Jiba Lamichhane with participants

During the process of publicity of investment, we invited the NRNA ICC president Mr. Jiba Lamichhane to Finland to clear the queries and doubts about the investment. A mass gathering was organized in 15 September 2012 in Helsinki. On that occasion, Mr. Lamichhane said that there are many opportunities in Nepal to invest in various sectors and he clarified Hydropower Project was selected as a beginning as it is the most suitable and of utmost importance to Nepal and Nepali. Similarly, he also answered and clarified many queries raised from the participants. He urged all the people to feel safe and be sure of the investment. On that gathering, all the participants assured of their active investment.

However, the excitement seen in the gathering could not be implemented in practice. Some legal and practical barrier for NRNs in existing citizenship law, while making NRN card or PNO card prevented investors from investing and the investment was not made as expected. However, some investors have made an investment through 'Collective Investment Committee' from Finland and it is highly appreciable. To be the founder share holder one person should make an investment of one lakh at minimum to one crore at maximum.

9. Quiz Contest Program

NRNA Finland organized a quiz contest program in Helsinki on 1st of December, 2012 with a theme: "General Knowledge on World including Nepal and Finland". The organizing team members were:

Shrwan Khanal, Prem Raj Adhikari, Suman Khadka, Bishwas Hamal, Sushil Gyanwali and Arun Pokhrel. A total of 8 teams were registered for the event namely: Helsinki Marauders, Greater Nepal, Sathi Bhai B, Aayo Gorkhali, AaltoNepz, Sathi Bhai A, Team Green and Himalaya. The winner of the quiz contest was Aalto Nepz with "Sathibhai" B as runner up. The program was a successful one with remarkable number of participants and considerable number of audiences.

During the contest, audiences got many opportunities to answer the questions. Participation and enthusiasm of audiences was remarkable. Audiences and also the participants were provided with some refreshments such as tea, coffee, cookies, etc.

The winning team was appreciated with certificates and medals. The program received a positive feedback from the audiences so it can be said that it was a successful attempt to try something different. The program was closed by few words by chairman of the association Dr. Arun Pokhrel. He thanked all the participants and organizing committee members.



10. Friendly skiing event

Skiing is a very good exercise for health along with entertainment. It can burn more than 650 calories per hour. It is very popular among Finns. They are crazy for it. They celebrate winter as gifted time for enjoying with winter sports like skiing. Skiing is not so popular among

Nepali because it is new for us and another reason is due to its technical difficulty and costly equipment. But slowly, numbers of skiing lover are increasing. NRNA Finland comes up with an idea about having 'Friendly Skiing Event 2013' among Nepali community. Main theme of this event was to teach new learner, try to make familiar with skiing and spreading healthy benefit of it. Skiing event was organized on 17 February, Saturday at popular skiing place Paloheina, Helsinki. Numbers of new learners were gathered there and overall event was quite successful. The picture expresses moment of this event.



11. Charity project in Taplejung, Nepal

NRNA Finland announced to support the selected project in Taplejung. Several fund raising events were organized by NRNA Finland to raise the required funds. Funds were then transferred to Apanga Bal Awas Griha Phungling, Taplejung. Fund was used for providing tailoring training to children of age 10-19 with hearing and speaking disabilities. Apart from this, the fund was used to purchase 7 sewing machines, and other necessary equipments for the training. The main objective of the project is to make the disabled students able to earn their living and live a respected life in the society.



Handicapped students in training



Trainer guiding handicapped student

Samples made by handicapped students

12. Formation of Election Committee

In order to carry out the free and fair election for the next executive committee of the NRNA Finland, a gathering was organized on 9 March 2013 in the presence of NRN community in Finland. Welcoming all the participants Chairman Arun Pokhrel made clear that the main purpose of this meeting was to make interaction among NRNs living in Finland to form an Election Committee (EC) that can formally start proceedings for the formation of a new executive Committee of NRNA-Finland for the term 2013-14. After a fruitful discussion, participants suggested that 18th May 2013 would be a suitable date for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and also for the Election of the new Executive Committee. The date was unanimously approved by the meeting.



Participants agreed to follow the previously adopted concept of five (5) regional quota system (as prepared by the Election Committee in 2011) regarding the candidacy in the NRNA Finland executive board. Participants unanimously agreed to form an Election Committee, 2013 under the chairmanship of Mr. Sushil Gyanwali. Other members of the committee were: Mr. Mohan Aryal, Mr. Bishal Silwal, Mr. Bhawani Chamlagain and Mr. Shrawan Khanal.

13. New Year 2070 and Graduates Felicitation Program

On 13th April 2013, the NRNA Finland organized a program in Helsinki to celebrate Nepali New Year 2070 and felicitate Nepali graduates from the Universities and Polytechnic institutes in Finland. In the first part of the program, 41 Nepali graduates were honored jointly by Ms. Eva Rita Biaudet, the Finnish Ombudsman for Minorities and chairman of NRNA Finland Dr. Arun Pokhrel with certificate and flower. In the second part, various cultural events were performed. Nearly 350 Nepali people attended the program and the event was a huge success.



Conclusions

Within a short period, the current executive committee of NRNA Finland became successful in conducting various activities among NRNs in Finland to achieve its objectives. The association seeks continued supports from its members to organize similar events and conduct charity tasks in Nepal in the future.

Activity Plans, 2013-2014

Actions in Nepal

NRNA Finland will carry out at least one charity project in Nepal. In addition, it will continue to follow up the Open University Initiatives and seek ways to support/facilitate its activities. Efforts will also be made to support the Public School Computer Laboratory Project in Nepal and Second Generation NRNs Promotion Program as initiated by the NRNA ICC.

Sports

NRNA Finland will continue organising sports events like football and volleyball tournaments during summer. Similarly a friendly running competition and skiing events will also be organized in fall and winter season respectively. In addition, NRNA Finland will also explore the possibilities of establishing a cricket club for Nepali people in Finland.

Events

Summer picnics are one of the regular events of NRNA Finland and it will organise at least one picnic each summer. NRNA Finland will continue organizing quiz contest and similar events both for adults and children. Some cultural events will also be organised.

Fund raising

NRNA Finland will plan projects and events to promote Nepal and Nepali interests both in Nepal and in Finland. In order to launch such projects, it will explore and tap funding organisations. It will also continue to network with various other organisations and seek some opportunities.

Board meetings participation

During two years, there were 23 board meetings. Meetings attendance by the board members was as follows:

Sn.	Name	Meetings attended
1.	Arun Pokhrel	23
2.	Sijan Shrestha	23
3.	Suman Khadka	23
4.	Bal Krishna Shrestha	22
5.	Devi Dutt Sharma	20
6.	Kul Mani Bhandari	16
7.	Basanta Ghimire	14
8.	Bishnu Thapa	14
9.	Byoma Tamrakar	14
10.	Sudeep Bhushan Aryal	14
11.	Bijendra Neupane	12
12.	Ranjana Piya	13
13.	Bimala KC	12
14.	Suman Aryal	5
15.	Ganesh Neupane	2
16.	Hari Keshav Pathak	1

Financial Report, 2011-12

Note: It is included in a separate report

From media coverage

फिन्ल्याण्डमा" स्वास्थ्यका लागि दौड "सम्पन्न

भलिबल फूटबल जस्ता नियमित कार्यक्रमहरु आयोजना गर्दै आएको एन आर एन फिन्ल्याण्डले यस पटक भने नौलो कार्यक्रमको आयोजना गरेको छ।" स्वास्थ्यका लागि दौड " नाम दिएको उक्त कार्यक्रम अति नै रोमाञ्चक र तारिफयोग्य रहेको थियो। संस्थाकी उपाध्यक्ष ब्योमा ताम्राकारको संयोजकत्वमा सेप्टेम्बर ८ तारिखमा राजधानी हेल्सिन्कीमा आयोजना गरिएको उक्त दौड ६ किलोमिटर लामो थियो र प्रतियोगितामा १६ बर्ष भन्दा माथिका नेपालीहरुले भाग लिएका थिय।



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उद्देश आयोजना गरिएको हुनाले विभिन्न उमेर समुहका नेपालीहरूको स्वतस्फुर्त सहभागिता रहेको थियो। एन आर एन फिन्ल्याण्डका अध्यक्ष स्वयम समग्र दौडको प्रथम स्थान ओगट्न सफल हुनु भयो भने विश्वास हमाल थोरै समयको अन्तरमा दौड पुरा गरेर दोस्रो हुनु भएको थियो।

प्रतियोगितामा चारै समुहबाट पहिलो, दोस्रो र तेस्रो हुनेहरूलाई पुरस्कार तथा सहभागि सबै जनालाई संस्थाका अध्यक्ष डा .अरुण पोखरेल एवं उपाध्यक्ष देवी दत्त शर्माले प्रमाणपत्र वितरण गर्नु भएको थियो।

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फिन्ल्याण्डमा राजदूतको स्वागत

स्कान्डेभिएन मुलुकहरूको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्ने गरि गत महिनामा डेनमार्क पाल्नुभएका नव नियुक्त राजदूत मुक्तिनाथ भट्टले सेप्टेम्बर १३ मा फिन्ल्याण्डका राष्ट्रपति समक्ष पनि आफ्नो ओहोदाको प्रमाणपत्र पेश गर्नु भएको छ । महामहिम राजदूतको उक्त भ्रमणको अवसरमा सेप्टेम्बर १४ मा एनआरएनए फिन्ल्याण्डले स्वागत तथा परिचयात्मक कार्यक्रमको आयोजना गरेको थियो । हेल्सिन्की अवस्थित सत्कार रेस्टुराँमा गरिएको उक्त कार्यक्रममा गैरआवासिय नेपाली संघका अध्यक्ष जिबा लामिछानेको समेत उपस्थिति रहेका थिए । स्वागत कार्यक्रमका संचालक तथा एनआरएनए फिन्ल्याण्डका अध्यक्ष डा .अरुण पोखरेलले राजदुत भट्टको कार्यकालको सफलताको कामना गर्दै फिन्ल्याण्डमा रहेका नेपालीहरू र कार्यरत संघ संस्थाहरू बारे समग्र जानकारी गराउनु भएको थियो। कार्यक्रमका अतिथी तथा गैरआवासीइ नेपाली संघका अध्यक्ष जीवा लामिछानेले आधुनिक युगमा बिकासोन्मुख मुलुकका सन्दर्भमा 'प्रवासी' र 'बिकास' एक अर्काका पर्यायबाची भएको कुरा उल्लेख गर्नु भएको थियो।



कार्यक्रमका प्रमुख अतिथी महामहिम राजदुतले फिन्ल्याण्डका उच्च ओहोदाका ब्यक्तिहरुद्वारा यहाँ रहेका नेपालीहरुप्रति गरिएको तारिफले आफू अत्यन्तै गौरवान्वित भएको कुरा बताउनु भएको थियो। विशेषगरि नेपालीहरुले ब्यवसाय र रोजगारिका क्षेत्रमा पाएका सफलता उल्लेखिय रहेको आफूले जानकारी पाएको कुरा ब्यक्त गर्नु भयो। आफ्नो भनाइ राख्ने क्रममा उहाँले प्रवाशी नेपालीहरुले कूटनैतिक क्षेत्रलाई राजनीतिबाट मुक्त पार्दै अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय जगतमा नेपालको छवि स्वच्छ राख्न ठूलो भूमिका निर्वाह गर्न सक्ने बताउनु भएको थियो। त्यसैगरि अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय जगतमा प्रभाव पर्ने सक्ने बिषयहरुमा कलम चलाउदा पत्रकारहरुले राष्ट्रियहित र स्वाभिमान तर्फ अति नै संबेदनशिल हुनुपर्ने आवश्यकता औँल्याउनु भएको थियो। डेनमार्क अवस्थित नेपाली राजदुताबस गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघ फिन्ल्याण्ड प्रति अति नै सकारात्मक रहेको र संघले उठाउने एजेन्डाहरु प्रति सकेसम्म सहयोग गर्ने बचनबद्धता दिनुभएको थियो। कार्यक्रमको अन्तमा राजदूत भट्टले स्वागत कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित नेपालीहरुले दूताबाशसंग सम्बन्धि राखिएका जिज्ञासाहरुको जवाफ दिनु भएको थियो।

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फिन्ल्याण्डका गैरआवासीय नेपालीहरूले सामुहिक लगानी मार्फत नेपालमा लगानी गर्ने

गैरआवासीय नेपालीहरूलाई आफ्नो आम्दानिको केही हिस्सा नेपालमा लगानी गर्न उत्साह जगाउने अभिप्रायले थालनी गरिएको सामुहिक लगानी अभियान अब परिणाममुखी बन्दै गइरहेको देख्न सकिन्छ । यसै उद्देश्य बमोजिम फिन्ल्याण्डमा गत अप्रिल महिनामा गठन गरिएको सामुहिक लगानी समितिले सेप्टेम्बर १५ तारिखमा राजधानी हेल्सिन्कीमा बृहद भेलाको आयोजना गरेको छ। गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघका अध्यक्ष जीवा लामिछानेको प्रमुख आतिथ्यमा सम्पन्न उक्त भेलामा फिन्ल्याण्डमा रहेका नेपालीहरूले सामुहिक कोष मार्फत नेपालमा लगानी गर्ने प्रतिबद्धता व्यक्त गरेका छन्।

लगानी समितिका सहसंयोजक गोपाल अर्यालद्वारा संचालित उक्त भेलामा एनआरएनए फिन्ल्याण्डका अध्यक्ष डा .अरुण पोखरेलले स्वागत मन्तव्य दिनु भएको थियो। त्यसैगरी संघका उपाध्यक्ष एवम लगानी कोष फिन्ल्याण्डका संयोजक देबीदत्त शर्माले बिदेशमा आर्जन गरेको रकम मध्ये थोरै भन्दा थोरै रुपमा भए पनि आफ्नो देशमा लगानी गरेर नेपाली भएकोमा गर्व गरौं भन्ने प्रेरणादायी सन्देश दिनु भएको थियो। लगानी समितिका अर्का सदस्य जगन्नाथ काफ्लेले भेलामा उपस्थित समुदायलाई सामुहिक लगानीको बिबिध पक्षमाथि जानकारी गराउनु भएको थियो।

भेलालाई प्रमुख अतिथीको रुपमा संबोधन गर्दै गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघका अध्यक्ष जीवा लामिछानेले गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघले स्थापनाको १० वर्ष नपुग्दै हाशिल गरेको उपलब्धीहरू बारे प्रकाश पार्नु भएको थियो। आफ्नो स्थापनाको दशक नपुग्दै संसारका ६१ मुलुकहरूमा आधिकारिक रुपमा दर्ता भएको गैरआवासीय संघप्रति नेपाल सरकारको बढ्दो चासो र संघले उठाएका मागहरूप्रति गम्भिर बन्दै गएका उदाहरणहरू पेश गर्नु भएको थियो। अब नेपाल सरकारलाई पनि संघका तर्फबाट ठोस रुपमा केहि गरेर देखाउने बेला आएकाले लगानी वर्ष २०१२/१३ लाई मध्यनजर गर्दै प्रवासी नेपालीका तर्फबाट सामुहिक लगानी गर्न लागिनेको तथ्य अघि सार्नुभएको थियो। अध्यक्ष लामिछानेले नेपालमा लगानीका अवसर अनगिन्ती भएतापनि थालनीको रुपमा सबैभन्दा उपयुक्त मानिएको हाइड्रोपावर क्षेत्रलाई रोजिएको कुरा प्रस्ट पार्नु भयो। उपस्थित समुदायहरूबाट उठेका जिज्ञासाहरूको गैरआवासीय नेपाली संघका अध्यक्षले जवाफ दिदै लगानीप्रति निश्चिन्त हुन आग्रह गर्नु भएको थियो । भेलामा उपस्थित हुन नसकेका तर लगानी समितीलाई जानकारी गराएका अन्य लगानीकर्ताहरूको उत्सुक्ता हेर्दा थोरै संख्यामा नेपालीहरू बसोबास गर्ने फिन्ल्याण्डबाट नेपालमा उल्लेख्य लगानी भित्रिन सक्ने अनुमान सहजै लगाउन सकिन्थ्यो।

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फिन्ल्याण्डमा हाजिर जवाफ कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न

एन आर एन फिन्ल्याण्डद्वारा डिसेम्बर १ तारिखका दिन हेलसिन्कीमा आयोजना गरिएको हाजिर जवाफ कार्यक्रम मार्फत यहाँ रहेका नेपालीहरूले उक्त दिमागी खेलको नयाँ स्वाद लिने अवसर पाएका हुन। गत वर्षदेखि सुरु गरिएको उक्त प्रतियोगिता उल्लेख्य रूपमा सफल भएकोले संस्थाले यो पटक पनि निरन्तरता दिएको हो। बिदेशमा रहेर पनि नेपालको इतिहास, भूगोल, खेलकुद, राजनीति, समसामयिक घटनाहरूबारे जानकारी रहिरहोस र त्यसप्रति केहि चासो राखुन भन्ने मुख्य उदेश्यले आयोजना गरिएको उक्त प्रतियोगितामा ८ समूह सहभागि भएका थिए।

सहभागी ८ समूहलाई ४-४ को समुहमा बिभाजन गरी हरेक समुहका पहिलो र दोस्रो हुने टोलीलाई समेटेर फाइनल प्रतिस्पर्धा गराइएको थियो। प्रतिस्पर्धामा आल्लो नेपाली समुह प्रथम र साथीभाइ समुह दोस्रो स्थान हासिल गर्न सफल भएका थिए। फाइनल चरणमा पुग्न सफल अरु दुई समुहमध्ये हेलसिन्की मराउडर्स तेस्रो र ट्रिनिटी समुह चौथो भएका थिए।

प्रतियोगितामा अधिकांश प्रश्नहरू नेपाल सम्बन्धि थिए भने केहि मात्रामा फिन्ल्याण्ड र बिश्व सम्बन्धि सोधिएको थियो। सहभागी समुहले नमिलाएका प्रश्नहरू उपस्थित दर्शकलाई सोधेर सहि उत्तर दिनेलाई चकलेट बाँडिएको थियो। सुरुमा प्रश्नहरू अप्ठ्यारो होला भन्ठानेर भाग लिन हिचकिचाएका दर्शकहरू फटाफट चकलेट पाउन थालेपछि भने भाग नलिएकोमा थक्क थक्क मान्दै थिए। कार्यक्रमको अर्को स्मरणीय पक्ष भनेको यहीं जन्मेका तथा हुर्केका नेपाली युवायुवतीहरूले नेपाल सम्बन्धि मिलाएका कठिन प्रश्नका उत्तरहरू थिए। उनीहरूमा निहित नेपाल सबन्धि त्यो स्तरको ज्ञान देख्दा उपस्थित प्रौढ उमेरका दर्शकहरू समेत चकित देखिन्थे। यसले बास्तवमै आफ्नो जन्मभूमि वा पुख्र्यौली भूमिको कति महत्त्व हुने रहेछ भन्ने कुराको अवगत गराएको थियो।

कार्यक्रममा पहिलो र दोस्रो हुने समुहलाई हाजिर जवाफ कार्यक्रमका संयोजक समेत रहनु भएका एन आर एन फिन्ल्याण्डका अध्यक्ष डा. अरुण पोखरेल लगायत आयोजक समितिका अन्य सदस्यहरूले पुरस्कार तथा प्रमाणपत्र वितरण गरेका थिए। त्यसैगरी हाजिर जवाफ कार्यक्रमको बिचमा रबिन्द्र मिश्रले भिडियो कन्फरेन्स मार्फत हेल्प नेपाल नामक च्यारिटी संस्थाको बारेमा उपस्थित नेपालीहरूलाई जानकारी गराउनु भएको थियो भने कार्यक्रमको अन्तमा छोटो मन्तव्य दिँदै अध्यक्ष पोखरेलले संस्थाका अन्य गतिबिधिहरूबारे प्रकाश पार्नु भएको थियो।

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