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“We want to make Nepal cent percent literate.” – Mr. Rajendra Gautam, Founder and President, Solidarity Nepal



President's Appeal

My dear brothers and sisters in Solidarity,



It is with a great sense of pride, I open my thoughts and believe the service for humanity by us will grow with a mighty strength and hope the time you spend here is fruitful. It has been my privilege to serve this wonderful organization since 2010 as a Founder President.

We are leaders because we are good-hearted and want to do good in the society. We realize that by joining with like-minded people we can achieve great things. From Kathmandu valley to various districts of Nepal, you will learn about Solidarity's impact on lives of different people.

The challenges facing Nepal today are formidable: illiteracy, poverty, high unemployment, and a host of pressing problems from climate change. We are the global change makers and agents of CHANGE. So, it is our responsibility to minimize these issues.

History cannot be changed but can be created. We believe in service and role of young people for transforming the society. We recognize and support their role as creative problem solvers. As a result, we engage each and every young people as partners in our five project area that includes Education & Empowerment, Health & Social Care, Community & Rural Development, Special Area Project and Environmental Project to contribute in the society.

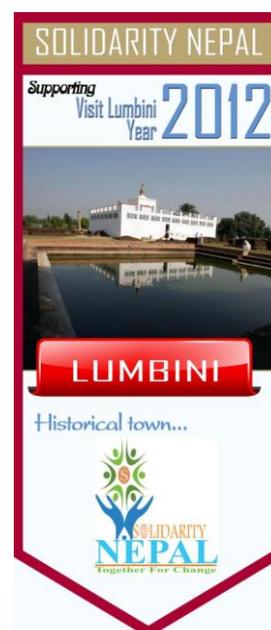
This year I am asking people to join our project “MISSION LITERACY” that can assist the children of underprivileged communities to expand a far better education, scholarship to give shape to their dreams and

ultimately a much better future. It supports the Technical Education and IT infrastructure that can be given to the students and teachers in different schools in the remote districts of Nepal.

I on behalf of Solidarity Nepal would sincerely thank all who have supported us, have been providing enormous support and invite other interested organization and group of individuals to join our hands with us with our best-known motto “Together For Change”.

Regards,
Rajendra Gautam
 Founder and President, Solidarity Nepal

Supporting Visit Lumbini Year 2012



As part of its ongoing commitment towards tourism development, the government of Nepal has declared the year 2012 as a “Visit Lumbini Year”.

The successful completion of campaign, Nepal Tourism Year 2011 has given clearly two messages to the world: one, Nepal has come to peaceful and stable situation after a decade long political uncertainty; and another, tourism has been unanimously regarded as a vehicle of economic transformation.

After the successful completion of Nepal Tourism Year 2011, Nepal is celebrating yet another event – Visit Lumbini Year 2012.
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सोलिडारिटीद्वारा बालबालिकालाई सहयोग



काठमाडौं, चैत्र ४- समाजमा रहेका अनार्थ, आपड, दलित तथा अति विपन्न वर्गलाई शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य र मानव अधिकारको क्षेत्रमा सहयोग गर्ने मुल उदेश्यका साथ स्थापित सोलिडारिटी नेपालले सृजन्सिल बाल सेवा परिवारलाई एक कार्यक्रम गरी सहयोग गरेको छ । चैत्र ४ गते सृजन्सिल बालसेवा परिवारको प्राङ्गडमा आयोजित एक कार्यक्रममा आर्थिक सहयोग गरिएको हो । हाल उक्त परिवारमा १२ जना अति विपन्न वर्गका बालबालिकाहरु रहदै आएका छन ।

कार्यक्रममा सोलिडारिटी नेपालका सदस्य सहित सैनिक आवशिए महाविध्यालयका पुर्व विधार्थीहरुको उपस्थिति थियो । “समाज रुपान्त्रण गर्ने हाम्रो प्रमुख दायित्व हो” कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित सोलिडारिटी नेपालका अध्यक्ष राजेन्द्र गौतमले बताए । समाज सेवामा युवाहरुको यस्तो सक्रियताले परिवर्तनका निम्ती ठुलो राहत मिल्ने सृजन्सिल बाल सेवा परिवारकी अध्यक्ष उमा देवी बस्नेतले थपिन । कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित बालबालिका, समाजसेवी, अथिति लगायत सबैले येस्तो कार्यको प्रशंसा गरेका थिए ।

काठमाडौंमा प्रमुख कार्यालय रहेको सोलिडारिटी नेपालले हाल नेपालका सात जिल्लालाई कार्यक्षेत्र बनाई बिभिन्न कार्य

बिस्तार गरेको छ । मिसन लिट्रेसी नामक प्रोजेक्ट को सुरुवात गरेको यस संस्थाले बाग्लुङ, गुल्मी, कास्की, नवलपरासी, रुपन्देही, सिन्धुपाल्चोक र काठमाडौंमा रहेका विभिन्न विपन्न परिवारका बालबालिकाहरुलाई सहयोग गर्दै आएको छ । अमेरिका, जापान, युके, अस्ट्रेलिया र क्यानाडामा समेत नेटवर्क रहेको सोलिडारिटी नेपालले अरु राष्ट्रमा पनि नेटवर्क बिस्तार गर्ने प्रयास भैरहेको र यूई र मलेसियामा भने बिस्तार करिब अन्तिम चरणमा पुगको कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित सोलिडारिटी नेपालका सचिव राज कुमार भट्टराईले जानकारी दिए । हाम्रो सानो प्रयासले बालबालिकाको जीवनमा सकारात्मक परिवर्तन ल्याउन सक्छ , कार्यक्रममा सहभागी सोलिडारिटी नेपालका गुल्मी जिल्ला प्रतिनिधि लक्ष्मण सुबेदीले भने । कार्यक्रममा कास्की जिल्ला प्रतिनिधि बिदुर कुवरको पनि उपस्थिती थियो । बिहान करिब ८ बजे सुरु भएको कार्यक्रम मध्यान्न ३ बजे समापन भएको थियो ।

Mega Health Camp 2012



President, Mr. Rajendra Gautam, Secretary, Mr. Raj Kumar Bhattarai and office secretary, Mr. Anil Sharma attended the Mega Health Camp 2012 organized jointly by Rotary Club of Kathmandu, Rotaract Club of Kathmandu, Laxmi Pratisthan and Tilganga Eye Hospital at Sindhupalchowk on March 24 2012.

The camp was conducted from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M at the premise of Bhotechaur Health center. Total of 250 Patients had visited the camp. Medical team from Tilganga Eye Hospital had coordinated for the eye camp where as 3 doctors from the Kathmandu Medical College was present for the general health checkup of the patients. 9 patients visiting the camp were diagnosed with Cataract and were referred for the free operation on 17th Feb 2012 at Tilganga Eye hospital. Medicines of worth Rs. 35,000 were distributed freely to the patients.

Gautam Says Freedom from Illiteracy “Rights to Education”

Kathmandu, April-6 – Freedom from illiteracy was a “rights to education” that should not be the subject of speculation, Mr. Rajendra Gautam, Founder and President of Solidarity Nepal said on Friday.

In a letter read at celebrations to mark International Campaign on Education called “Mission Literacy” at the Solidarity House in Kathmandu, Gautam called for greater humanity and concrete commitments to help developing countries like Nepal.

Mr. Gautam said “compromises or negotiations” would achieve nothing if justice and solidarity were forgotten and stressed that people were dying of illiteracy, health issues and hunger in Asia.

The different Youth agencies, the Nepal Youth Voluntary Club, YAN, RC Kathmandu, SUK and YOPD celebrated the day with talks at the SN headquarters in Kathmandu.

This year’s theme was “End Illiteracy Now – Help Solidarity Change the WORLD” to work in the education sector and to achieve the mission of SN worldwide.

“If we are too serious about the future of our children, more effort has to be made to address the problem of Illiteracy,” said LP Subedi, Governor of Nepal Youth Voluntary Club. At the closing session, President Mr. Gautam gave away the certificates of Appreciation to the partner organization of SN.



समाज सेवामा अघि बढ्दै सोलिडारिटी नेपाल

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स्थापित सोलिडारिटी नेपालले सृजन्सिल बाल सेवा परिवारलाई एक कार्यक्रम गरी सहयोग गरेको छ । जेठ ६ गते आयोजित एक कार्यक्रममा १४ जना अति विपन्न वर्गका बालबालिकाहरूलाई सौशिक सामग्री, खाध्यान तथा आर्थिक सहयोग गरिएको हो । हाल उक्त परिवारमा १४ जना बालबालिकाहरू रहदै आएका छन ।

कार्यक्रममा सोलिडारिटी नेपालका सदस्यहरूको उपस्थिति थियो । "बालबालिकाहरूको सहयोगका निम्ती आफुहरू पछि नहट्ने" कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित सोलिडारिटी नेपालका अध्यक्ष राजेन्द्र गौतमले बताए ।

कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित बालबालिका, समाजसेवी, अथिति लगायत सबैले येस्तो कार्यको प्रसंशा गरे का थिए । समाज सेवामा युवाहरूको सक्रियता उत्कृष्ट रहेको समाजसेवी कमला पौडेलले थपिन । काठमाडौंमा प्रमुख कार्यालय रहेको एस.एन ले हाल नेपालका सात जिल्लालाई कार्यक्षेत्र बनाई विभिन्न कार्यहरू बिस्तार गरेको छ । मिसन लिट्रेसी नामक अभियानको सुरुवात गरेको यस संस्थाले बाग्लुङ, गुल्मी, कास्की, नवलपरासी, रुपन्देही, सिन्धुपाल्चोक र काठमाडौंमा रहेका विपन्न परिवारका बालबालिकाहरूलाई सहयोगका साथै सरकारी बिधालयहरूमा कम्प्युटर शिक्षा प्रदानको निम्ती बिशेष सहयोग गर्दै आएको छ ।

अमेरिका, जापान, युके, अस्ट्रेलिया र क्यानाडामा समेत नेटवर्क रहेको एस.एन ले अरु राष्ट्रमा पनि नेटवर्क बिस्तारको प्रयास गरी रहेको छ । बालबालिकाको सर्वांगिन बिकासका निम्ती आवश्यकता अनुसार थप सहयोगका कार्यक्रमहरू आगाडि ल्याउने अस्ट्रेलिया स्थित सोलिडारिटी नेपालका कन्ट्री रेप्रीजेन्टेटिभ कमल पौडेलले भने । कार्यक्रममा अफिस सेक्रेटरी अनिल शर्माको पनि उपस्थिति थियो ।



युवा संघ संस्थाहरूद्वारा सद्भाव र्याली आयोजना, सम्पूर्ण नेपालीलाई एक हुन अपिल ।

काठमाडौं, १२ - जेठ । निरन्तरको बन्द र हडतालले राष्ट्रलाई असर पुर्याएको बिरोधमा शुक्रबार राजधानीमा शान्ति, सधभाव र श्नेह

प्राप्तिका निम्ती राष्ट्रिय झण्डासहित सयौं युवाहरू भेला भएर सद्भाव र्याली आयोजना गरिएको छ ।

बिभिन्न युवा संघ संस्थाको आहवानमा शुक्रबार साँझ काठमाडौंको खुल्लामञ्चबाट सुरु भयको र्याली बिर् अस्पताल, रत्नपार्क, पुरानो बसपार्क, सहिद-गेट, सुन्धारा हुँदै पूर्ण खुल्लामञ्च पुगी

कोड सभामा परीणत भयको थियो । र्यालीमा उल्लेख्य रुपमा युवा बिधार्थीहरूको सहभागिता थियो भने सहभागीले हातमा राष्ट्रिय झण्डा बोकेका थिए । उनीहरूले "हिमाल पहाड तराई, कोही छैन पराई", "सद्भाव कायम गरौं", "साझा घर हाम्रो नेपाल, साझा थर हामी नेपाली" लगायत नारा लगाएका थिए ।



र्यालीलाई उद्घाटन गर्दै प्रमुख अतिथी संगीतकार सुरेश अधिकारिले आफूहरू कसैको विरोधमा नभई शान्ति र सम्बृद्धिको पक्षमा भएको बताएका थिए । हातमा राष्ट्रिय झण्डा लिएर र्यालीलाई सम्बोधन गर्ने क्रममा सोलिडारिटी नेपालका अध्यक्ष राजेन्द्र गौतमले, "सम्पूर्ण नेपालीलाई एक हुन" अपिल गरे । तेस्तै कार्यक्रममा बोल्दै डोको नेपालका महा-सचिब मन्दिर दाहाले विभिन्न जातजातिमाथि उच्छृङ्खल नारा लागेकाले जातीय सद्भाव बिथोलिन सक्ने भन्दै शान्ति सद्भाव र्याली निकालेको जानकारी दिए । सद्भाव र्यालीपछि दीप प्रज्वलन समेत गरिएको थियो ।

सद्भाव र्यालीमा सोलिडारिटी नेपाल, डोको नेपाल, नेपाल एक्टिभिस्टा, उई फोर चेन्ज, नेपाल मोदर फाउन्डेसन आदी संघ संस्थाका संस्थापक, प्रतिनिधि र सदस्यहरूको उल्लेख्य सहभागिता थियो भने नागरिक समाजका अगुवा, पेशाकर्मी, युवा लगायत गरि झण्डै ३ सयको सहभागिता रहेको थियो ।

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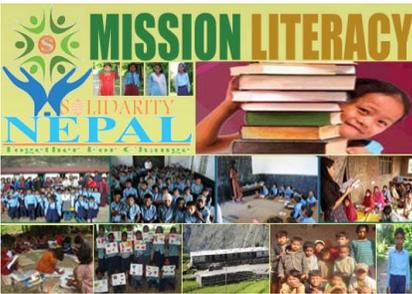


Mission: Literacy





PROJECT "MISSION LITERACY"



Mission Literacy is a program from Solidarity Nepal which focuses on basic education for underprivileged children's and youths. The largest single project ever undertaken by us under Education Project is "Mission Literacy" that can assist our children to obtain far better education and ultimately a much better future. With outside admissions we hope to have a student base of over 2000 children within 2 years. The school has potential to support the orphanage through admission fees and other facilities. Outside of school hours we hope to run adult education classes, free medical camps, conferences and have a facility for local community meetings.

Solidarity believes that whether you are addressing healthcare, poverty, population control, unemployment or human rights, there's no better place to start than in the corridors of Education. Because education helps to obtain a better life: means, it empowers an individual to earn his/her livelihood and also increases one's awareness on a range of issues- from healthcare to appropriate social behavior to understanding one's rights – and in the process evolve as a better citizen.

Solidarity Nepal's MISSION LITERACY initiatives include Basic "0-3 yrs", Pre-school "3-6 yrs", Non Formal Education "6-14 yrs" (non-school going), Remedial Education "6-14 yrs" (school going), Bridge Course "14-18 yrs" (drop-outs), Functional Literacy "18-45 yrs" women and Family Life Education for adolescent girls. Solidarity works with underprivileged children under difficult circumstances such as child labour, children of poorest of the parents, children inflicted and affected with HIV/AIDS, street and runaway children, children with rare disability

(Autism, Deaf & Dumb, Blind, and Spastic etc.), disaster struck children and slum children etc. Children are the future of a nation. For an emerging and developing country like Nepal, development of underprivileged children holds the key to the progress of the nation itself. This projects support more than 5,000 grassroots initiatives working for the education of very poor and underprivileged children in various districtss of Nepal like Baglung, Gulmi, Nawalprasi, Rupandehi, Kaski, Kathmandu and Sindhupalchowk etc.

Besides, this project also supports the Technical Education and IT infrastructure that can be given to the students and teachers in different schools in the remote districts of Nepal.

Through this project we want to simultaneously carry out five different tasks in its first phase – 1) Identifying Poor Children and provide educational support, 2) Books Donation, 3) Donate Computers and Projector, 4) Audio/Visual Room Setup 5) Student Workshop and Teacher Training. In the long run, to give the project 'sustainability', we plan to regularly check-and-balance if the donated goods are used properly and also plan to carry out other projects (Scholarship for Students, Internet service and Concepts of Distance Learning, etc.) at the site.

For this project, we first collect donations in the form of computer equipment, cash, books, internet service, service donation (training and workshop) and volunteer's help. We approach different Corporate Houses, Medias, Political Figures, Households, and NGOs & INGOs. We also organize different events to raise funds necessary to complete this project. This project is of five days in our project site. In the first day, we identify the real underprivileged children and provide educational support for them. The setting of the Computer Lab and Audio/Visual Room is covered in second day where as The Library setup in third day. We also prepare the workshop and training materials. In the fourth and fifth day, we have the opening ceremony with a formal event of 7 hours and start our workshop and training sessions simultaneously. On the same day, we collect feedbacks from students, teachers, parents and representatives from community and formally end the event.

Condition of Disabled and Helpless Children in Nepal

WHO and other different surveys indicate that 5% children are victimized by different kinds of disabilities in Nepal every year. Nearly 54% children fall prey to disability due to the lack of knowledge in their parents about the nature and treatment of different common curable communicable diseases.

Likewise, nearly 17% children are disabled due to different accidents. Nearly 29% children are disabled by birth. The mortality rate of children is extremely high because only 17% children get proper health facilities, medicines, nutrition whereas 70% to 80% are deprived of their fundamental right ; the right to an education.

Education is critical to a child's development and well being. Each child, though disabled has the right to an education, which has become most widely accepted human right. Poverty, blind faiths or dead habits, which still exist in the society, prevent them from getting an access to education.

Education has become inaccessible to the disabled due to the lack of proper physical structure of school surrounding, roads and transportation. Difficulties faced by the disabled in transportation vary from those living in the Terai to those living in the Hilly region. But difficulties faced by them are similar too some extent inside the school due to similar structure of school.

They are deprived of essential medicines, proper health care, nutrition or security. As a result, the mortality rate is profoundly higher. They are deprived of the rights-the right to participate in social activities, the right to an education, the right to be equally treated. They will also feel obliged to bear the duties and responsibilities for their families, society and country on the condition that they get equal opportunities for education and skills development.

It is the common duty and responsibilities of their parents, society and country not only to protect from domestic violence, abuse, exploitation and discrimination but also to provide them with preventive and curative health care, adequate nutrition, safe learning and playing environment with a view to enabling them to reach their potentials.

Supporting Visit Lumbini Year....

The reason behind celebrating VLY is to unite the world to work towards creating a peaceful society through the Buddha's peace message; and to make the birthplace of Buddha a centre of global attraction.

Lumbini is located in the southern part of Nepal, and can be reached by plane, private vehicle or public bus. It is the birthplace of Buddha, popular for the pilgrimage tour and can be visited throughout the year.

Solidarity Nepal is supporting this event to promote the tourism industry of Nepal.

There are several hotels found in Lumbini, and different kinds of food are also available there. You can visit as per you wish.

There will have lots of attraction and events going on for the tourists in the Visit Lumbini Year 2012. Therefore, it is wise to visit Lumbini in 2012 to experience the highlights offered by the **Lumbini Visit Year 2012**. This could be a lifetime experience of your Nepal visit, and you shouldn't miss it!



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