



नेपाली राजदूतावास EMBASSY OF NEPAL Yangon, Myanmar

Press Release

The Embassy of Nepal in Yangon in collaboration with Nepali Youth Department of All Myanmar Gurkha Hindu Religious Association, Yangon organized “New Year 2081 B.S. Greetings Exchange, Essay Competition and Cultural Program” today in the Embassy premises. The programme started with Lighting the Lamp; playing National anthem of Nepal followed by National Anthem of Myanmar. Welcoming the guests Ambassador H.E. Harishchandra Ghimire expressed best wishes for peace, prosperity, happiness for all on the auspicious occasion. Ambassador Ghimire emphasized the significance of Nepali New Year and how it marks a fresh start in our life. He also acknowledged the contribution of the Nepali community in Myanmar for the preservation of Nepali language and cultures.

The program was followed by celebration of the *Thingyan* Water Festival and Myanmar New Year with using of leafy branches gently pouring water over the each other's shoulder as a traditional way of greetings.

The program was comprised of essay competitions, cultural performances and entertainments activities. The essay competition was basically attended by teachers and students of Nepali Pathshala. Essay contest topics included: (A) The significance of the new year; (B) the role of youth in promoting Nepali language and cultures; and (C) Nepal and Myanmar Relations: the role of youth in promoting relations at the peoples' level. Nine contestants took part in competition and prizes were awarded to top winners. Lucky draw and Bingo game were also organized to entertain the participants.

In the program, short greetings speech was also delivered by Mr. Sagar Ghimire, President, All Myanmar Gurkha Hindu Religious Association (AMGHRA), Mr. Nanda Ram Neupane, Former President of Hindu Center Board and AMGHRA, Mr. Devendra Naulakha, President of Non-Resident Nepali Association Myanmar, among others. The programme was attended by nearly 200 peoples including Nepali community in Myanmar and Nepali expatriates working in different international organizations and banking sectors in Myanmar.

The program was conducted by Mr. Laxman Neupane and Ms. Geeta Dawadi.

At the end of the program, dinner was served with Nepali cuisines.

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