

# HIMALAYAN TRUST NEPAL

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## Message from the CEO

I am proud to bring you this third quarterly newsletter of Himalayan Trust Nepal for the first time with an objective to update and share our project activities. I have attempted to cover most of the news and progress information about the assistance received from our supporters, partners and well-wishers over the last quarter.

The information contained in this issue is intended for affirmative action and constructive feedbacks. If any important facts, figures and information have not been represented here, it is accidental and not meant to be deliberate. I take the full responsibility for it and apologize in advance. I hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter. Constructive comments and feedbacks on this issue will be highly appreciated.

I would like to thank all the donors, partners, government-line agencies, HTN members and staff, local partners and communities for your continued support.



## Prof. Wolfgang Nairz visits HTN

Professor Wolfgang Nairz, President of NepalHilfe Tirol of Austria and the honorary member of Himalayan Trust Nepal (HTN), along with his friend Dr. Bernhard Auer visited HTN office on 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. They were greeted by HTN chairperson Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa, Treasurer Mr. Thukten Sherpa and CEO Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa.



HTN honorary member, Prof. Wolfgang Nairz, Dr. Bernhard Auer with HTN chairman, Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa, Treasurer, Mr. Thukten Sherpa and CEO, Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa at HTN office

## CEO Dr. Sherpa Visited New Zealand

Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Himalayan Trust Nepal, visited New Zealand from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> November. He attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Himalayan Trust New Zealand (HTNZ) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2018. During the visit, he also visited Lincoln University to attend a seminar hosted by Professor David Simmons and his colleagues. He then gave a talk about Himalayan Trust projects at Wanaka. The programme was attended by more than a hundred participants. Dr. Sherpa also travelled to Christchurch, Nelson and Auckland to meet HTNZ board members and staff personnel.

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CEO of HTN, Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa with Professor David Simmons at Lincoln University, New Zealand.



Participants at a talk programme hosted by Himalayan Trust at Wanaka, New Zealand. Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Bruce and Margaret Jefferies were the speakers.



Dr. Mingma Sherpa met the Trustees of Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust at Geraldine, New Zealand



Dr. Mingma Sherpa with Mr. George Hunter, Founder of Forgotten Sherpas of Nepal Trust



Mingma Sherpa with Sarah Hillary, Mike Gill, Rick Pearson and Alexa Johnston

## Felicitations to Mr. John Loof

Himalayan Trust Nepal CEO Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa congratulated Mr. John Loof for being appointed as the General Manager of Himalayan Trust New Zealand effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2018. Dr. Sherpa expressed his gratitude to HTNZ for appointing Mr. John Loof as the GM of Himalayan Trust.



Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa with his counterpart Mr. John Loof

## Naulekh Poyan Foundation delegates visit HTN

Mr. Urs Gothmann, Trustee of Naulekh Poyan Foundation, and his supporters, Ms. Dolores Heusser, Ms. Renata Frey and Mr. Funuru Sherpa, visited HTN office on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018. The meeting focused on the management of Poyan School, the scholarship programme in Mahendra Jyoti School at Chaurikharka, and the donors continued support to these schools.



## AHF delegate visits Himalayan Trust Nepal

The President Ms. Erica Stone, Vice-president Mr. Norbu Tenzing Norgay and Regional Director Mr. Bruce Moore of American Himalayan Foundation (AHF) visited Himalayan Trust Nepal office on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018. A luncheon meeting was hosted to discuss about the future collaboration and the fostering of partnership between the two organizations. HTN board members, general members, honorary members and staff personnel attended the meeting.



AHF delegate with HTN team at Himalayan Trust office Dilli Bazar, Kathmandu

## World Toilet Day observed

The World Toilet Day 2018 was observed by organizing various programme activities at Pelmang, Chheskam and Bung schools on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018. The objective of this campaign was to generate awareness about health, hygiene and sanitation among students, teachers and parents. The programme was initiated by Himalayan Trust Nepal's School WASH Project, which is being implemented in the respective schools for two years. Social Mobilizer Mr. Janak Bahadur Thapa and Technical Field Supervisor Mr. Dilli Ram Mahato conducted these various activities on behalf of the project. The project is funded by Grand Circle Foundation of USA.



Banners for the World Toilet Day celebration.



Students rallying around the village raising awareness regarding the importance of health and sanitation.



Students posing for picture after winning prizes on various extra-curricular activities on World Toilet Day.



Students patiently listening to the teacher

# Himalayan Trust team visited Solukhumbu

Dr. Mike Gill, Chairperson, Mr. John Loof, General Manager, Dr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa, CEO, and Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Kathet, Teacher's Training Coordinator, visited Solukhumbu District from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November to the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018. They visited Junbesi School and Phaplu Hospital on the first day and then trekked to Khumbu. On the way, they visited Takshindu, Phuleli, Juving, Kharikhola and Buksa schools and enquired about the progress of the schools. Dr. Mike Gill and Mr. John Loof inaugurated the computer labs setup in Kharikhola and Juving Secondary schools with the support of EduTech Nepal. On their way up, they also visited Poiyan, Chaurikharka, Sanogumela, Monju, Namche, Khumjung and Phortse schools. They also visited Monju and Phortse clinics and Khunde Hospital.



Education Program Coordinator, Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Kathet, Chairman of HTNZ, Dr. Mike Gill, Dr. Mingma and General Manager, Mr. John Loof sharing a light moment during their Khumbu visit.



Himalayan Trust team welcomed at Takshindu Secondary School



Himalayan Trust team stands in front of Late Tenzing Norgay's statue at Namche Bazaar.



EduTech Nepal and Himalayan Trust team at Khunde



## Computer Labs established in seven schools

Seven computer labs have been established in various schools of Solukhumbu District in 2018. These labs have been set up in Janajagriti School, Salleri, Janata Secondary School, Lokhim, Birendra Jyoti Secondary School, Sotang, Juving Secondary School, Kharikhola Secondary School, Khumjung Secondary School and Lukla Basic School. These projects have been implemented with the support of EduTech Nepal, Himalayan Trust and the respective school management committees.



Computer lab of Kharikhola Secondary School lab supported by EduTech Nepal and Himalayan Trust



Computer lab of Khumjung Secondary School supported by EduTech Nepal and Himalayan Trust



Computer lab of Lukla School supported by EduTech Nepal and Himalayan Trust

## Computer Lab inauguration at Khumjung School

The computer lab of Khumjung Secondary School was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Mike Gill, Mr. John Loof of Himalayan Trust New Zealand, Mr. Mike Chisholm of EduTech Nepal, Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa of Himalayan Trust Nepal and Mr. Laxman Adhikari, Ward Chairman of Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality-4 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 2018. The event was attended by more than 500 participants. A cultural program was organized to welcome guests and thank supporters. The computers were donated by Mr. Mike Chisholm and Mrs. Sheryl Chisholm from New Zealand. The computer teacher for Khumjung School is supported by The Greater Himalayas Foundation (TGHF) - Honoring the Legacy of Late Mingma Norbu Sherpa.



Chairman of HTN, Mr. Pasang Dawa Sherpa and Founder of EduTech Nepal, Mr. Mike Chisholm inaugurating the computer lab at Khumjung School on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.



Mr. Mike Chisholm with Mr. John Loof during the computer lab inauguration at Khumjung School (Sir Ed built first school - 1961)



Students of Khumjung School using the computer.

## Child Friendly Furniture Supported

Child-friendly furniture for grade ECD to five was distributed to Chhomolongma Basic School, Pelmang on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 by HTN District Coordinator Mr. Nava Bahadur Bhujel. Likewise, child-friendly desks and benches for grade six to ten was distributed to Junbesi Secondary School by HTN Programme Officer Mr. Dawa Tshering Sherpa on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, 2018. Junbesi School was built by Sir Ed in 1963. The school was totally damaged by 2015 earthquake and Himalayan Trust built 12 earthquake-resistant classrooms in 2016. This part of the furniture is being supported by Himalayan Trust New Zealand and Nepal. The details of schools receiving classroom furniture are provided in the following table.

Category	Grade 1-2			Grade 3-5	Grade 6-10
	Carpet	Cushion	Low table	Low desk bench	Desk bench
Particulars	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity
Janakalyan Basic School	30	20	8	8	
Juving Secondary School	30	25	8	8	
Saraswati Basic School	34	32	8	12	
Takshindu Secondary School	30	33	8	26	
Khumjung Secondary School			13	28	
Dipjyoti Basic School				7	
Junbesi Basic School					36
Chhomolongma Basic School	3	14	8	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>36</b>



Students, parents and local stakeholders gathered during the child-friendly furniture handover ceremony at Chhomolongma Basic School Pelmang.



District Coordinator of HTN, Mr. Nava Bahadur Bhujel handing over the child-friendly furniture to Chhomolongma Basic School, Pelmang



Carpet, cushion and low desk supported to ECD at Chhomolongma Basic School, Pelmang.



Students attending an assembly at Chhomolongma Basic School.



Desks and benches supported to Junbesi High School



Program Officer of HTN, Mr. Dawa Tshering Sherpa handing over the child-friendly furniture to Junbesi High School.

## SBTTP monitoring and evaluation complete

Monitoring and evaluation work, as part of the School Based Teachers Training Programme (SBTTP), was completed by our Education Programme Coordinator Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Kathet and our Teacher Trainers Mr. Ishwor Man Rai and Mr. Bishnu Rayamajhi in Juving, Kharikhola and Takshindu area. The main objective of this visit was to evaluate the effectiveness of the training, teachers' teaching skill and students' ongoing progress in their learning process. The visit began on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 and ended on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018.

## Monju Community Hall Construction Project

The Community Hall building project at Monju is finally complete. This community hall, which can accommodate about two hundred people at a time, is being built for multifunctional purposes. The building has been constructed from lightweight prefab materials, which is also earthquake resistant. The project has been successfully completed after its construction materials stranded at Takshindu helipad was airlifted to Monju last May. This project was funded by Sir Edmund Hillary Stiftung, Germany and executed by Himalayan Trust Nepal with the help from the local community.



Monju Community hall after completion

## Miss Elizabeth Hawley Scholarship

Miss Elizabeth Ann Hawley, Country Representative of Himalayan Trust, passed away on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 at the age of 94. In her honor, American Himalayan Foundation (AHF) has started the Elizabeth Hawley Memorial Master's degree in Journalism Scholarships, commencing from March 2019. This scholarship is open to all Nepali women who are residing in Nepal and who have a bachelor's degree and an existing body of journalistic work in Nepali and/or English. The scholarship will cover the university cost of the master's degree programme and the cost of a laptop. The scholarship was announced on Kantipur Daily on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018.

## Thame Hostel Project

American Himalayan Foundation (AHF) and Thame Sherpa Heritage Fund (TSHF) will jointly fund for the School Hostel Construction Project at Thame. The construction part of the hostel project will begin from March 2019. The hostel is planned to accommodate 20 to 24 students. The main aims of building this hostel are to retain the local students in the village, educate them in Sherpa culture settings, and ease the lives of the parents.

## Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum

The first ever school block (aluminum block) built by Sir Edmund Hillary at Khumjung School in 1961 will be renovated and turned into Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Museum. The initial fund for the repair and maintenance of the aluminium block has been secured from the New Zealand High Commission, New Delhi. The detailed planning of the museum project will begin after Rick Pearson, Alexa Johnston and Sarah Hillary visit Khumjung School in May.



The aluminum block at Khumjung School

## WaSH Project Update at Chheskam School

The gender-friendly toilets construction and drinking water project in Chheskam High School initiated by Himalayan Trust Nepal is progressing impressively. Mr. Dilli Ram Mahato, technical field supervisor, is taking charge of the construction work at the site while Mr. Bidur Mukhiya is providing the backstopping support. Mr. Janak Bahadur Thapa is working on the Social Mobilization part, thereby generating awareness among students, parents, teachers and general public.



Gender-friendly toilet at Chheskam School.



Progress of drinking water supply construction in Chheskam School



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