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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you season's greetings and a happy New Year! I would like to thank the host families and the students of Oxford, MS for a well-organized convention. Also, my personal thanks to Dr. Lohani for coordinating the cultural program and Mr. Shaubhagya Shrestha as master of ceremony, as well as to the artists, because of their talents, the program was a grand success. Thanks to Dr. Dhakal for moderating the business meetings.

To facilitate NASA's annual convention for 1998, three subcommittees have been formed to collect information and ideas. These committees will present their views at our next board meeting in Alabama. Please send your input and feed back to the board members. Thank you for your pledge/contributions during the last convention. If you have not yet mailed your pledge, please mail your check to Mr. Shaubhagya L. Shrestha.

The Florida-Nepal Association in Jacksonville has invited NASA to conduct a joint convention next year. NASA welcomes the invitation. NASA executive members will meet on 12-27-1997 to discuss and decide about the joint convention. NASA thanks the students of this region for their contribution in assisting NASA activities. I would like to thank all of you and your family members, who

attended the last convention in Oxford and volunteered in various activities. It is my great pleasure to serve as NASA president. Please send me your comments, suggestions, and feedback at <Hdhungana@aol.com> Thank you and have a safe year! Sincerely

Hari Dhungana.

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Congratulations

Dr. Damber Gurung, former Chief editor of NASA has been appointed as Health Economist by one of the leading Health Product Company in Virginia. He has already joined the position.

-Dr. Mahendra L. Joshi, who completed his Ph.D. in Forestry from Auburn University (AU) in last June, is working as Research Associate at AU. Recently he has been appointed by UNDP, New York as Forestry expert.

-Mr. Nar Kaji Gurung has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Animal Sciences by Auburn University on 15th of December 1997. His research is on Animal Nutrition (Nutrition Toxicology). Currently he is working as Research Associate at AU on Animal Waste Man agent.

-Mr. Ram Acharya has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics by Auburn University on 15th of December 1997. His research is on "Economic Simulation and Optimization of Irrigation Water in Humid Region".

-Mr. Sagun Shrestha (son of Mr. Shaubhagya Lal Shrestha), junior at McEachern High School has been awarded by full scholarship form "Close Up Foundation Program" for a trip to Washington, D.C. He will visit various historical sites including Smithsonian museums, Capital Hill and the White House.

-Ms. Namita Dhakal, daughter of Dr. Dharmendra Dhakal announced engagement with Mr. Ford Ballentine. Their wedding will take place sometime in the Spring of '98.

-Ms. Sushmita, daughter of Mr. Shakti Aryal, married to Mr. Steve Sayer on October 19, 1997 in Memphis.

"NASA KO NASO"

I was too much excited to join the NASA gathering after my arrival in Atlanta from Nepal. I departed to Mississippi with Subodh Gautam, and his younger son Vikash a day ahead of the schedule. Any way after six or seven hours of driving we finally arrived Oxford, Mississippi. Professor Shakti Aryal gave us a warm reception in his Nepali styled house. The next day registration for the guests was at the Best Western Hotel in Oxford. Surprisingly I got a chance to meet my nephew Subash Baral from Illinois unexpectedly. NASA even took care of all the management. That night Aryal, Dhakal, and the Ghimire families of Mississippi hosted the dinner. We enjoyed the delicious dinner. After the dinner, we participated the informal entertainment program.

On the 1st of September, Labor Day, after breakfast I joined the convention of NASA. We enjoyed the delicious Chinese dish for lunch. After lunch, three different religious programs were organized and headed by Khem Raj Keshab Sharanji on "Sanatan Dharma", by Dr. Veer Dev Bista, on yoga; Christianity by Rebecca Dhungana. Downtown visit program on a double decker bus was really great. I missed it, but many participants enjoyed the ride. After the completion of the tour program we assembled again for the convention. President Dr. Samanta Thapa highlighted NASA's achievement, and Treasurer Shaubhagya Shrestha presented the financial report for the year 1996-1997. President Mr. Thapa declared completion of his tenure and nominated the election commission. Election was held for NASA executive body for 1997-98. Executive body of NASA for 1997-98 is on the front page.

A cultural program followed the dinner. I also got a chance to sing a song. There were good singers like Dr. Govinda Lohani, Dr. Ram Chandra

Baral, and dancers like Sunan Silwal, Miss Joshi, Acharya, Bhattarai, Shailee Shrestha, and Master Ghimire. The comics played by Shakti Aryal and Shaubhagya Shrestha about a tourist in Nepal were outstanding. "Dharanbasi" and Musician friends from Colorado presented a lovely cultural program. A classical dance by Shardula Joshi was unique. At last we had a group dance for all the participants. Next morning most of the participants were worried to go back to their respective destinations. I must appraise the players because they played the games even in that sweltering heat. This seventh NASA convention can be analyzed as a successful one because of its systematic management. The credit goes to the executive body of 1996-97 and the hosts of Oxford Nepali families. The fund raised by signing AT&T is really an encouraging start. The fellowship program for a Nepalese student abroad or in the US is one of the outstanding achievements of NASA. The contributions to NASA by former presidents Dr. Dharmendra Dhakal, Dr. Bishwa Acharya and Dr. Samanta Thapa are great.

Lee Ghimire. Powder Springs, GA

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1998

Dr. Dharmendra Dhakal

NASA executive body has decided to award \$100 to college students and \$50 to school students for the outstanding straight 'A' achievements in their academic classes.

Please contact NASA President to receive the award

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Shaubhagya Lal Shrestha

NASA Budget 1996-97

Mr. Shaubhagya L. Shrestha-Treasurer,
presented the NASA budget on 31-8-97.

Revenue:

1. Olympic recreation registration-	\$ 1,760.00
2. NASA convention registration/membership	\$2,636.00
3. Pledge by NASA members	\$1,324.68
4. Pledge by NASA members for school (actual)	\$1,164.00
5. ATST (International Charity Network)	\$ 448.63
6. Life members 1996/97	\$1,600.00
TOTAL	\$8,933.00

Revenue Receivable:	\$ 400.00
Life membership	\$ 175.00
Best Western Hotel Deposit	\$1,219.00

Expenditures

1. Reception to Olympic delegates	\$2,375.00
2. NASA annual convention (96)	\$3,109.00
3. Donation to Kanku High School, Solukhumbu	\$1,200.00
4. NASA Newsletter: Yeti Views (Printing /Mailing)	\$ 454.63
5. Best Western Hotel, Oxford (Deposit)	\$ 644.00
TOTAL	\$7,138.64

Bank Balance 8-27-97 \$1,343.43

Total \$8,933.31

From-Ajangan@aol.com

The Forum of Independent Thinking Kathmandu, Nepal has declared that every Marga 7 of the year is A **DAY OF ANTI-CORRUPTION** in Nepal. It was announced on 7 Marga, 2053, last year, a historical public seminar was held against corruption in Nepal by The Forum of Independent Thinking. We want to draw your attention to this serious matter. Your good wishes and appropriate advice are welcome. If you have any inquiry about this matter please contact our mailing address. The Forum of Independent Thinking Jangam Niwas, Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1998

Dr. Samanta Thapa

OPINION -Rajib Joshi Acharya

AMERICA

It is very difficult to explain any thing if he or she does not have the habituation to do that. I am one of them and still trying to express my feeling as a new comer in front of you. I just crossed the half year in the US and keeping busy with work. Really we were in a peace country Nepal but doing nothing in comparison to US. In that scene we can say America is a country of opportunity but those for who really can do hard work. Also they provide living style which is not less than an American. It was my wrong thought of Nepali people here that they were trying to become American and forgetting their culture and Nepal. I was very surprised and delighted to see that the Nepali people here try to keep in touch to each other and often gather to share their feelings. They also celebrate to maintain culture such as Dasai and Tihar. But the last NASA convention in Oxford gave me great surprise with the Nepali feelings. Not only meeting in one place but also express the gratitude towards Nepal and discuss the burning problems, where we tried to express our respect and love towards Nepal and Nepali culture. We are obliged to the host of Oxford for organizing such a nice convention and providing us delicious food. I hope the current executive body will also continue it and make the next convention more successful.

Pledge during NASA on 8/31/97

Name	Amount \$
Puru Thapa	200
Govinda Bhattarai	101
Samanta Thapa	106
Kanai Das	101
Pratima Gautam	101
Renu Acharya	200
Dharma Rajbhandari	101
Ram and Sangita Dangol	51
Bishnu Bhandari	10
Rebecca Dhungana	150

Kanchan Lohani	200
Jyoti	10
Rajendra Dahal	101
Raju Kunwar	51
Kanchan Giri	5
Monica	5
Dharmendra Dhakal	105
Shaubhagya L. Shrestha	51
Shakti Nath Aryal	101
Sunil Kumar Nepal	101
Sujan/Rabin Baral	5
Pradeep Kumar Ghimire	101
Ramesh Narshing Amatya	101
Sagun Lal Shrestha	10
Mitra P. Baral	20
Sarad Acharya	51
Chet Nath Ghimire	101
Suman Silwal	21
Mahendra Mahato	101
Bishnu Lal Dangol	51
Dan and Sudha Shrestha	101
Tilak Bahadur Shrestha	50
Manish Sainju	10
Chitra Birja Das	100
Suraj Shrestha	11
Damodar Dangol	10
Ananda Bastola	10
Rajib Joshi (Acharya)	11
Bala Ram Panta	101

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Dr. Bishwa Acharya

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