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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

May 14th is set to be a momentous occasion for the people of Nepal. The local elections will be a victory for MuAN, our members, partners and our stakeholders who have been fighting relentlessly for good governance in this country.

For almost two decades, MuAN has strongly advocated for the immediate, democratic election of local level government representatives. We firmly believe that local development has suffered severely due to the absence of elected members representing their constituents.

We applaud the Government of Nepal's recent announcement of the local poll date, and we are confident it is a step in the right direction toward good local governance. MuAN sincerely believes the local elections will mark the start of great changes and development at the grass-root level.

But our fight is not over yet. We must all band together to encourage our family, friends, and community to show up to the polling stations and make their voice heard.

Now, more than ever, the capability of municipal governments to deliver services is of utmost importance. While



there will undoubtedly be challenges ahead, we are determined to continue our work promoting the interests, and building the capacities of all municipalities.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all, for your determination and unyielding efforts toward improving governance at the local level in Nepal.

Dorman Poudel
President
MuAN



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स्थानीय शासन ऐन/ विधेयक मस्यौदा विषयक कार्यशाला गोष्ठी सम्पन्न



MuAN Secretariat Member, Krishna Thapa, MoFALD Joint Secretary, Dr Hari Poudel, Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City EO, Naba Raj Dhungana, and Kaski LDO, Balaram Dhakal at the workshop

नेपाल नगरपालिका सघले आफ्नो स्थापनाकाल देखि नै स्वायत्त, समबुद्ध र आत्मनिर्भर स्थानीय सरकारको अवधारणामा वृहत् र पैरवी गर्दै आएको स्थानीय सरकारको सर्वविदितै छ । स्थानीय सरकारको पुनसंरचनाको लागि गाउँपालिका, नगरपालिका तथा विशेष, संरक्षित वा स्वायत्त क्षेत्रको सं-ख्या र सीमाना निर्धारण

"Making Cities Autonomous, Prosperous and Self-reliant"

आयोगले स्थानीय तहको सँख्या र सिमाना निर्धारण गरी आफ्नो प्रतिवेदन नेपाल सरकार समक्ष बुझाई नेपाल सरकारले केहि परिमार्जन सहित (४८१ गाँउपालिका, ४ महानगरपालिका, १३ उप-महानगरपालिका र २४६ नगरपालिका) जम्मा ७४४ स्थानीय तह कायम गरेको छ ।

यसै परिप्रेक्ष्यमा स्थानीय तहको दिगो शान्ति, सुशासन, विकास र समृद्धिको आकांक्षा पुरा गर्नका लागि स्थानीय शासन संचालन तथा व्यवस्थापन गर्न संघिय मामिला तथा स्थानीय विकास मन्त्रालयले स्थानीय तहको शासन सञ्चालन तथा व्यवस्थापन सम्बन्धमा व्यवस्था गर्न विधेयक मस्यौदा तयार गरेको छ । उक्त मस्यौदा उपर मन्त्रालयले संघमहासंघहरुबाट सुझाव मागिएकोमा विधेयक सम्पूर्ण नागरिकको सरोकारको विषय भएको हुँदा र उक्त विधेयकले नेपालको बर्तमान सहभागिको बुझाई, सल्लाह,



MoFALD Joint Secretary, Dr Hari Poudel, MuAN Secretariat Member, Devi Gyewali, and MuAN President, Dormani Poudel at the LSG Bill workshop in Bharatpur सुझाव र अपेक्षा संकलन गरी विधेयक कायेशालाबाट प्राप्त सुझावहरु संकलन गरि मस्यौदालाई पृष्ठपोषण गर्न बिभिन्न स्थानमा आवश्यक परिमार्जन गर्न संघिय स्थानीय शासन ऐन/विधेयक मस्यौदाबारे मामिला तथा स्थानीय विकास मन्त्रालय कार्यशाला गोष्ठी सञ्चालन गरिएको थियो । सो पठाइएको छ ।

MuAN Signs MOU with Local Government Professionals Australia



MuAN Executive Secretary, Kalanidhi Devkota signs the MoU with Australian Volunteer, Zoe Keightley

multi-lateral and international program delivery.

The newly-formed relationship will further enable MuAN to build the capacity of municipalities across Nepal to ensure autonomous, prosperous, and self-reliant cities.

MuAN's Executive Secretary, Kalanidhi Devkota, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MuAN and Local Government Professionals Australia (LGPro).

The MoU will enable knowledge and experience sharing between the two organisations, to support local governance activities in Nepal and Australia.

LGPro is a membership-based, not-for-profit organisation which represents and supports local government professionals, senior managers, and emerging leaders to develop and improve government management and opportunities for communities in Australia and abroad.

The international partnership will enable links between local level

governments in Nepal and Australia. Both parties will now be able to share a diverse network of connections, and experience in



LG Pro CEO Lauren Oakey and International Program Manager Mizan Rahman

MuAN's 24th Anniversary

Staff, board members, and working partners came together to celebrate the 24th Anniversary of MuAN on Thursday, 3rd Chaitra 2073 (16th March, 2017).

Butwal Municipality was honoured as the winner of the Municipal Excellence Award 2073, for an outstanding performance in key governance areas including; service delivery, urban environment, urban planning, and financial administration.

The winning Municipality was awarded with a check for ₹900,000, which will be used to further improve governance and service delivery for Butwal residents.

Several key guests from working partner agencies attended the day, including representatives from USAID, the Australian Embassy, GIZ, ADDCN, and NAVIN.

MuAN's Executive Secretary, Mr Kalanidhi Devkota said the occasion was a well-deserved celebration of the hard work of MuAN's staff, board, working partners, and stakeholders.

"MuAN's 24th Anniversary marked the celebration of a momentous year for governance in Nepal. This past year saw some major and positive changes which will improve



Joint Secretary, Rudra Singh Tamang, MuAN Foundation President, Bekha Ratna Shakya, MuAN President, Domani Poudel., EO of Butwal Municipality, Ram Lal Shrestha, after receiving Municipal Excellence Award 2073

governance at the local level," Mr Devkota said. "On behalf of MuAN, I would like to applaud Butwal Municipality on their efforts toward better governance. It is clear the staff there are working very hard to ensure Butwal is a wonderful and prosperous place to work and live.

work and live. "With so many changes, MuAN will continue our hard work to promote the interests and further develop the capacities of all Municipalities in the coming year," Mr Devkota said.

स्थानीय तह विशेष, संरक्षित वा स्वायत्त क्षेत्र सम्बन्धी परामर्श गोष्ठी सम्पन्न



Member of LLRC, Madhav Adhikari presenting his paper at workshop

नेपाल नगरपालिका संघ, जि.वि.स. महासंघ र गा.वि.स. राष्ट्रिय महासंघको संयुक्त आयोजनामा मिति २०७३ फागून ८ गते बिर्तामोड, झापामा स्थानीय तहमा विशेष संरक्षित वा स्वायत्त क्षेत्र सम्बन्धी परामर्श गोष्ठी संचालन

गरिएको थियो । कार्यक्रममा स्थानीय तह पून संरचना आयोगका सदस्य श्री माधव अधिकारी तथा पूर्व सभासद एवं जि.वि.स. महा संघका अध्यक्ष कृष्ण प्रसाद सापकोटाले कार्यपत्र प्रस्तुत गर्नु भएको थियो । सो अवसरमा इलाम,

झापा र मोरङ्ग जिल्लामा बसोवास गर्ने लेप्चा, धिमाल, रायवंशी जातीहरूको सहभागिता थियो । कार्यक्रमको अध्यक्षता संघका महासचिव विदुर मैनालीले गर्नु संघकै कार्यसमिति सदस्य तथा हाल व्यवस्थापिका सदस्य माननीय रवीन कोइराला लगायतका स्थानीय राजनीतिक दलहरूको समेत सहभागिता रहेको थियो ।

Registration Now Open for the International Mentor Program

Enthusiastic participants can now register their interest to participate in the International Mentor Program (IMP), run by Local Government Professionals Australia with support from MuAN.

Successful applicants will be assigned an international mentor, who works in local government in Australia. The pair will work together via email, social media, or video chat, and will be supported throughout a 16-week project. Participation in the program is a chance to evolve personal and professional skills, while delivering a development project in a Kathmandu Valley municipality. If you know an emerging professional who could participate



IMP participants with MuAN and LGPro staff at the Final Review Workshop in 2016

as a mentee, or if your municipality has the facilities to host a mentee while they carry out a project,

please contact MuAN by email or phone.

MuAN Welcomes Two New Staff To The RLC

MuAN is pleased to welcome two Regional Learning Centre Officers to the team. Ms Shanta Paudel, based in Nepalgunj, and Mr Kamal Gautam, in Hetauda; will facilitate knowledge sharing, establish new networks, and provide information to municipalities in their respective regions.

For over a decade, Ms Shanta Paudel has worked toward good governance, accountability, child, and human rights, through several advocacy and program initiatives with government and non-government organisations.

Mr Kamal Gautam's career is deeply-rooted in human rights and governance. His work across Government and I/NGO programmes in a range of sectors has enabled him to contribute towards the empowerment of marginalised groups in Nepal.



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Television Program "Sthaniya Sarokar"



Nepal Television telecast the show called Local Concern - "**Sthaniya Sarokar**" in every Wednesday from 17:30 to 17:55 and Thursday from 23:30 to 23:55 with support of Local Government Association which are Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN), Association of District Committees of Nepal (ADDCN), National Association of VDCs in Nepal (NAVIN) and District Committee of Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any question or comment regarding the show.

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