

# Breakfast chatter



Weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town
District 3292, Club 26776, Chartered 8 Nov. 1989; 'Best Club' in Nepal 2009/2010

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## T his week's speaker

#### The Use of Typhoid Vaccines in Nepal



Two currently licensed typhoid vaccines have been evaluated in Asia, yet few Asian countries have considered including typhoid vaccines in their vaccination programs. The Diseases of the Most Impoverished Program was initiated to provide evidence to decide on the introduction of typhoid vaccines in Asian countries.

R. Leon Ochiai, M.H.S. is Research Scientist at the International Vaccine Institute (IVI). Mr. Ochiai received Master of Health Sciences degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and currently enrolled in Doctor of Philosophy program at the University of Oxford. He has been involved in infectious disease epidemiology research in international settings, with more than 10 years of field experience conducting on-site research activities in infectious diseases.

#### Information sharing



Rtn. Gen Amar Panta and his team have recently returned from their trip to Bolzano, Italy for the Fire Brigade Project – he will give us a short update on the highlights of the trip.



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May 2011	
21-25 May	Rotary International Convention in New Orleans
21 May	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development "Cultural rights are an integral part of human rights, which are universal, indivisible and interdependent. The flourishing of creative diversity requires the full implementation of cultural rights." Article 5 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity (2001)
22 May	The United Nations proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.  Celebrating Forests for People
23 May	World Turtle Day  The purpose of World Turtle Day is to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect of turtles and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive.  Turtle Day is celebrated worldwide in a variety of ways, from dressing up as turtles to saving turtles caught on highways, to research activities.
31 May	World No Tobacco Day is meant to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption across the globe. The day is further intended to draw global attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to deaths worldwide annually  Ash trays with fresh flowers are a common symbol of World No Tobacco Day
3 June	Nepal Ambulance Service नेपाल एम्बुलेन्स सेवा Saving lives along the way  Ben Kelly wil give us an update on Ambulance service in Nepal.

Journalist and author **Kunda Dixit** well-known advocate for alternative energy has written articles sucha ss, 'GOBAR! Now we know why cowdung is holy and, 'Hurrah, Nepal's future is in the dung heap' will speak to Mid-Town on the potential for biogas and smokeless stoves in Nepal.



10 June

# last week's speaker

"Comparing the Nepal I see to-day with what I saw 20 years ago"



Mid-Town was happy to welcome speaker **Mr. Lars P. Christensen** who is a social and political scientist, who has specialised in governance, institutional development and aid management. Mr Christensen has acquired profound expertise within a broad range of professional fields related to international development cooperation. He first came to Nepal more than 20 years ago and is now back as Programme Coordinator of Danish support to Human Rights and Good Governance in Nepal for The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs – DANIDA. On this occasion he share with us some of his personal insights on the changes he has observed in Nepal over the past 20 years. As usual Mid-Townes were happy to chime in with their own comments and observations – all in all, a lively discussion followed the presentation. **Rtn. Rabi** gave the introduction and **Rtn. Sharmila** gave the vote of thanks, **CP Rtn. Roop** presented the certificate of thanks.

# Fellowship



PP Ajay and PP Jyotsna share a happy moment over breakfast.









Mid-Town was happy to welcome guest and speaker Mr. Lars Christiansen (far right) and guest Mr. Ben Kelly (far left) of the Nepal Ambulance Service who will be our speaker in two weeks' time.



# Mid-town news

#### Mid-Town Team in Bolzano



Mid-Towns 's team led by **Rtn. Gen. Amar** had a successful visit in Bolzano where they were warmly received. All of the official interactions proceeded smoothly. This week Rtn. Amar will be sharing some highlights of this visit on behalf of the Fire Brigade Project..



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# Rotaract and interact news



#### New Interact Club

On 8<sup>th</sup> May the charter certificate of the Interact club of Ktm Mid Town was officially handed over by the District Interact Chairperson Rtn Jenny Vaidya to the Charter Interact President Roman Shrestha. Rtn Buddha Laisharm handed over the Interact pins and aprons to the board members. In total, this new club now has 40 members. Rtn. PP Dr Chandra Lekha Tuladhar, Rtr. Pres. Anil Chaudhary, PE Rtr.Samir Nepal and Rtr Bijju arranged the logistics for this very successful event. The Chair of the managing committee Mr Shiva Ram



**Maharjan** appreciated the efforts that RC Ktm Mid-Town had made in the past and expressed a hope for renewing and strengthening of ties with Rotary once more with the establishment of the Interact club . Teacher Mr Hari was assigned as the Faculty advisor for the interacts



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## Rotaract news



#### Rotractors want your old clothes!

Tired of wearing that same old outfit? Why not recycle it with the Rotractors who will find a good home for it with some of Kathmandu's most needy. Bring the clothes you want to recycle in a bag to the breakfast meetings for the next few weeks. If you can't come then drop a line to Rtr. Pres. Anil and he will arrange a pickup.





# For art lovers

Don't miss this great opportunity to purchase some original pieces!





नेपाल ललितकला प्रज्ञा-प्रतिष्ठानद्वारा आयोजित

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National Fine Art Exhibition 2011 Opening Ceremony

Date: 20th May 2011, Time: 1:30 PM, Venue: Nepal Academy of Fine Arts, Sita Bhawan, Naxal, KTM, Phone: 4411729, 4430251

(Exhibition will be open from 20th May - 9th June 2011, Opens daily 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM)

# On the lighter side

I was a little shocked by the pictures when it penetrated my brain how long Queen Elizabeth of England has been around. She gives new meaning to the phrase "Long Live the Queen". How old does this one make you feel?

















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