

Manoj Baniya – Speech

Thank you Rita !

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen !

It is my great honor and a privilege to welcome you this evening on behalf of all of us at Nepal Students' Association to our greatest event of the year- "The Tihar event". It's all here right today!!

I would like to thank Office of Campus Activities, International Program and Partnerships, Indian Student Association, Sri-lankan Student Association, and Nepalese community at the University of Toledo. My sincere thanks also goes to our patron Vijaya Aunt, members from global connections, our Alumni, our sponsors, technicians of these building who helped us with sound and equipment and most importantly all of you present today.

It's great to have you all here tonight and it's also terrific to see so many familiar faces, some of whom we are working with. But, it is also wonderful to see so many new faces here tonight. We are truly grateful to all of you. I would also like to thank all of my team members without whom this wouldn't have been possible. It's your support that enables us to put this event together.

I hope you will have a great time tonight. Thank you, Namaste and enjoy the evening!

Tihar & Halloween

Thank you Shiva and before starting the deusi bhailo session, I would like to share something common about Tihar and Halloween.

Both -- Tihar in Nepal and Halloween in the west are celebrated at quite a similar time of the year. Both are the festival of lights. But, Halloween--to--me is more like the combination of Tihar festival & Gaai jatra in Nepal.

So, wishing every one of you happy Tihar and happy Halloween, I would like to start the deusi bhailo session. Thank you!