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NEA's 27th EC Elected with Massive Mandate

Loktantric Pannel lead by Er. Kishore Kumar Shakya swept the election results by winning



all the 20 seats. Election for both the 15-member 27th Executive Council of Nepal Engineers' Association as well as that for five elected representatives to NEC was held in a cordial but highly competitive atmosphere on Bhadra 31, 2064 (Sep. 17, 2007), simultaneously at Rastriya Pragya Prathisthan, Kamladi in Kathmandu as well as at 10 domestic and 3 international chapters namely Biratnagar, Janakpur, Birgunj, Hetauda, Chitwan, Butwal, Nepalgunj, Dhangadhi and Mahendranagar, Quatar,



Bangkok and Tokyo. Altogether 58 contestants aspired for 20 positions. Apart from a few of independent candidates, engineers fought the election by aligning themselves in three pannels namely

Gantantric Pannel, Peshagat Pannel and the Loktantric Pannel. The details of votes received by various candidates are given in page no. 3.

Earlier on Asadh 19, 2064, the 26th Executive Council of NEA had announced the date of election for 27th EC and as per constitution had formed a five member Election Committee led by Er. Dhruva Raj Bhattarai. Other members of the committee were Er. Achyutananda Bhandari, Er. Dinesh Raj Manandhar, Er. Yogananda Yadav and Er.



Rashmi Singh Rana. The committee took over the responsibility for the entire election process, and conducted the election in a highly commendable, fair and transparent manner. Following the success story of the previous election, 'Electronic Voting System' was adopted in Kathmandu. However, because of significantly higher voter turnout (increase of around thousand voters), engineers had to queue up for more than 3 hours to get their turn to vote in the desktop computers.

As a pioneer attempt to institutionalize healthy election campaigning, the 26th EC decided to provide a single platform for all the contesting pannels and independent candidates by organizing an interaction



program entitled 'Face the Engineers' on Bhadra 26, 2064 at Staff College, Jwalakhel. The President and Secretary General designate of all the three Pannels together with independent candidates were allowed the opportunity to put forward their plans, programs and election manifesto before a sizable mass of engineers.

The 26th Executive Council has now decided to formally hand over the charge to the 27th Executive Council on Asoj 23, 2064 (October 10, 2007) after the 38th General Assembly meeting on Asoj 12 and Asoj 19, 2064. An account of all activities undertaken by the 26th EC during its two years tenure together with financial status of NEA will be presented in the forthcoming General Assembly.



Editorial

As this News Letter marks the end of the tenure of the 26th Executive Council of the NEA, the publication committee would like to take this opportunity to express its deep gratitude to all the concern for providing all the material and moral support in undertaking publication related tasks during the two years tenure.

The Publication Committee was able to produce seven news letters. With due consideration to economy and relevance of news coverage, all the newsletters were not precisely the four-pages bi-monthly bulletins - rather three of them were eight-pages ones covering more than two months period. The News Letter no. 3 with its action oriented photographs covering Jana Andolan II deserves to be conserved as an historical archive.

The absolute voluntary contributions made by the panel of editors, paper reviewers and advisors were key to successful publication of the only Technical Journal in January 2007. The Journal included 29 papers of international standard, ranging from fundamental civil engineering fields to abstract communication engineering.

Souvenirs, Pre-print and Proceedings of the 10th National Convention of Engineers and the International Conference on Water, Waste Water and Environment were delivered. Calendar for the years 2063 and 2064 and Diary for the year 2064 were produced. It is worthwhile to mention that except for news-letters, the costs of publications were met through advertisements and sponsorship of the supporting institutions.

Despite a few of efforts mentioned above, the Committee realizes that it could have performed more optimally and there remains an ample scope of improvement. We now look forward to the 27th EC to not only continue with the tradition of NEAs publications but to add more values to its productions.

- Er. Kishore K. Jha



Message



The NEA 26th Executive Council (EC) is going to complete its tenure and the election for the 27th EC has already come up with the results.

Our team started the job on 2062 Ashwin 10, Monday (Sept. 26, 2005). We think that the team has emerged successful in many fronts. NEA played active role as one of the progressive civic societies in Jana Andolan-2 that toppled the authoritarian monarchy and ushered the country towards a new horizon of federal democratic republic. We believe each and every engineer has a reason to share smile and celebration on this historic and glorious victory of the Nepalese people.

We have been successful to have late Er. Nava Raj Bishta declared martyr by the Government of Nepal. Our other landmark achievements include successful holding of 10th National Convention of Engineers and Expo, one international conference on water, wastewater and environment and numerous seminars including the one on hydropower and two with Australian experts on Engineers' Mobility Forum. Most notably, the Executive Council brought out a scheme called "Membership Drive Financial Scheme" endorsed by the 37th General Assembly. By the time election dates were announced and the deadlines closed, the membership registration took an unprecedented leap by around 1400 in the last two months only. This has given a substantial income to NEA enabling us to repay the loan of Rs.4,80,000/- that we had taken from the Infrastructure Development Bank, Banepa to raise the 4th & 5th floor of the NEA Central Building. Besides, we will be handing over a sizable fund to the 27th EC to continue with NEAs activities. The details of our achievements will be presented in the forthcoming 38th General Assembly.

To wrap up, it is a matter of satisfaction for all of us to have completed the tenure smoothly with some successful notes. This tenure also has given strong message that engineers can perform professionally very well no matter what groups they belonged to while contesting the election.

We humbly bow to all engineer friends for having given us the opportunity to serve. We wish the very best for the new team.

Wishing you all a happy and great Bada Dashain.

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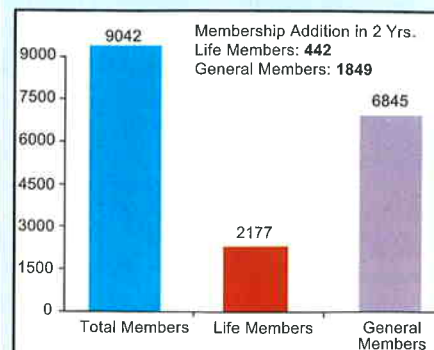
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Current Status of NEA Membership



Congratulations !



Er. Krishna Dev Yadav, Executive member, 26th EC of NEA being appointed to Executive Director of UN Park Development Committee, MoEST. We extend best wishes for his successful tenure.

Result of NEA Election for 27th EC and NEC

Positions	Winning Candidate		First Runner Up		Second Runner Up	
NEA Office Bearers	Name	Vote	Name	Vote	Name	Vote
President	Kishore Kumar Shakya	2159	Bijaya Man Sherchan	1101	Laxmi Pd. Devkota	478
Vice President	Rameshwor Yadav	1864	Sitaram Shah	1146	Bhim Pd. Upadhyay	646
Secretary Gen.	Shambhu K.C.	2010	Dinesh Ch. Devkota	1168	Ananta B. Gurung	491
Dy. Secretary Gen.	Dipendra B. Bam	1731	Anil Bh. Shrestha	1278	Shivaji Sah	615
Treasurer	Renu Bishwas Chaudhry	1777	Saroj Kr. Upadhyay	774	Timila Yami Thapa	634
NEA Executive Members (First ten are winner)						
	1. Hari B. Darlami	1940	2. Dhurba Bhatta	1913	3. Kamal Raj Adhikari	1878
	4. Rishi Raj Dahal	1873	5. Dev Raj Niroula	1859	6. Dipak Babu Kandel	1798
	7. Sworup Gurung (Kone)	1787	8. Dharma N. Sah	1777	9. M. Ragib Husain	1727
	10. Laxman K.C.	1551	11. Sanjiv Baral	1394	12. Manik Lal K. Shrestha	1301
	13. Durga Pd. Osti	1252	14. Surya Ram Tiwari	1240	15. Ramesh B. Thapa	1191
	16. Bijaya Raj Upadhyay	1146	17. Ghanashyam Bhattraai	1098	18. Khadga B. Basnet	1043
	19. Tirtha Raj Poudel	1021	20. Krishna Pd. Sapkota	1005	21. Nageshwor Pd. Gupta	881
	22. Sunil Kr. Karna	760	23. Bidhan R. Yami	626	24. Madhukar Pd. Rajbhandari	587
	25. Mohan Raj Panta	578	26. Surya Bdr. Bhat	524	27. Gaya Pd. Ulak	514
	28. Santosh Kr. Pokhrel	504	29. Puroshtam Acharya	438	30. Amritmani Rimal	390
NEC Members						
Group A	Hirendra Man Pradhan	1816	Badan Lal Nyache	1266	Pawan Kr. Shrestha	528
Group B	Binod Neupane	1505	Simita Shrestha	1301	Bharat Pd. Sharma	755
Group C	Kanhaiya Lal Gupta	2156	Suresh Kr. Pudasaine	1342		
Group D	Satya N. Sah	1837	Santoshananda Mishra	1156	Kasi Pd. Yadav	530
Group E	Kul Pd. S. Sapkota	1886	Padam Lal Shrestha	1591		

Note: Total Votes casted = 3738

Certificate Distribution

A month long free basic computer training was provided to the victims and family members of martyrs of people's movement -2. The training program was jointly organized by NEA and Kathmandu Engineering College. The certificate distribution program was organized at seminar hall of Kathmandu Engineering College on 2064/2/24. The training program was held under the coordination of Er. Shiva Prasad Koirala, NEA executive member and Vice Principal of KEC. Professor Hirendra Man Pradhan, Chairman of KEC chaired the certificate distribution function. Er. Saroj Devkota, President, NEA and Vice Chairman of High Level Commission of Information Technology (HLCIT), executive members of NEA and other members were present in the function. Er. Mahendra Bahadur Gurung stressed on the importance of providing such skill oriented training to the victims and family members of martyrs of people's movement-2, which will help to enhance the income generation for the trainees. Other distinguished speakers also appreciated about such program.

Condolence



Nepal Engineers Association express deep condolence to the bereaved family members of late **Er. Hari Prasad Bhusal** who untimely departed from us.



Nepal Engineers Association express deep condolence to the bereaved family members of late **Er. Bodh Prasad Poudel** who untimely passed away in United Kingdom. Er. Poudel was pursuing higher education in United Kingdom. He has been working as senior divisional engineer at Department of Urban Development and Building Construction.

Nepal Engineers Association express deep condolence to the bereaved family members of late **Er. Shatrughna Prasad Singh** who untimely passed away. Er. Singh had worked as senior divisional engineer at Department of Irrigation.



Nepal Engineers Association express deep condolence to the bereaved family members of late **Er. Nirajrananda Vaidya** who untimely departed from us.

Nepal Engineers Association express deep condolence to the bereaved family members of late **Er. Krishna Bahadur Khatri** who untimely departed from us.



The incident of killing and abduction of engineers working for development has shocked the entire engineering community. Er. Nava Raj Bista, Er. Murali Gopal Ranjit, Mr. T.B Lama along with the driver Mr. Ram Kumar Yadav were initially kidnapped and later Er. Nava Raj Bista was killed and others released. The sad incident happened on May 11, 2007 in Siraha district, where all of them were involved in a training and demonstration program of the World Bank aided Rural Access Infrastructure Development Project (RAIDP)



Engineers Victimized by Terrorism

शोक सभा

गिरहामा भएको हत्या तथा अपहरणको विरोध गर्नु ।
ई. चक्रराज बिष्टको हत्या गनिलाई कारवाही गर ।
महाराज मण्डल, ई. सुरेश गोपाल रंजितकार र प्राविधिक टेक बहादुर लामाको मुक्ति पिका ।
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vehemently oppose such happenings in future. Er. Mahendra Bahadur Gurung and other speakers also termed the incident as derailing the democratic norms and creation of anarchism.

On the same day i.e. on May 13, 2007, the insurgents released Er. Ranjit and Mr. Lama at the behest of requests made by various human rights and civil society organizations including the Nepal Engineer's Association. After the safe release of Er. Ranjit, a welcome program was organized by NEA at its premises

on 2064/2/1. Er. Murali Ranjit provided with the details of the incident and all participants very much expressed concern over such incidents and urged the abducting party not to repeat such act of harassing the engineering community. The welcome program was attended by 44 participants.

Although the Government of Nepal through its cabinet decision on 2064/02/07 has declared Er. Bista as Martyr, the issue of fundamental security of the development workers engaged in such threatened areas still looms large. The government personnel working with local governments are generally abducted or involuntarily forced to act at the tip of the gun. Those who are kidnapped are severely traumatized and often subjected to abominable forms of physical and psychological harassment. The criminal groups mainly focus government offices, in general, and the employees, in particular. Killing and kidnapping have increased and security has become vulnerable. If the government does not address in such kind of incidents, the



under DOLIDAR . RAIDP had organized a training workshop on Otta seal in which the team leader of RAIDP/PSC, senior engineers, engineers, sub-engineers from various 6 districts had participated. The incident occurred near Malahariya chowk, located 10 km south of Lahan. After the workshop, the participants had witnessed the application of Otta seal at the site at 3.30 pm. On the way back from the site at about 5 pm, unfortunately, the above mentioned victims were kidnapped by a group of insurgents. Er. Bista was killed within 15 minutes of kidnapping. The Janatantrik Mukti Morcha (Goit Samuha) assumed the responsibility of this incident.

After the circulation of this news in Kathmandu, an emergency meeting was convened at NEAs central office on the following morning at 2064/1/29. Young engineers also had similar type of meeting at the Pulchowk campus before joining hands at NEA. Discussions centered around how to get Er. Ranjit and Mr. Lama released from the abductors' captivity and stage effective protests against the murder of Er. Bista. Later in the afternoon at 3 PM, hundreds of engineers gathered at Maitighar Roundabout to demonstrate solidarity of the engineers against the incident and pressurize the government to do the needful. The protestors led by NEA President then marched towards

Pashupati Aryaghat to participate in the cremation of Er. Nava Raj Bista. Home Minister Sitaula along with Minister of Local Development Mr. Dev Gurung and Minister of Physical Planning Mrs. Hisila Yami had to face the anger of engineers gathered at Aryaghat. Even after their expression of firm commitment to seek the release of abductees and their assurance to declare Er. Bista a martyr, they had a tough time pacifying the crowd.

After the cremation of Er. Bista, the Executive Council of NEA had another emergency session in the evening. It was decided to explore all possible channels and personal contacts to seek the immediate release of Er. Rajit and Mr. Lama. In this regard, various national and international human right organizations (AMNESTY International), Journalists and local social leaders were contacted. It was also decided to organize a Condolence Meeting on the next day at Basantpur Durbar Square.

Some 1200 engineers and other sympathizers attended the Condolence Meeting at Basantpur Durbar Square. Late Er. Nava Raj Bista was remembered as the hard working duty-bound and brave engineer. Ms Hisila Yami, Minister for Physical Planning and Works, expressed deep concern over the incident. She also stressed on the need for engineers to unite together to oppose such inhumane activities. Er. Saroj Devkota, President of NEA, demanded that engineers and civil servants working in various parts of the country, should not be targeted to such killings and abduction activities as this will seriously jeopardize the initiative to build new Nepal. He requested that work at all offices throughout the country be stalled on 2064/1/31 in response to this irresponsible act of violence. Vice President Er. Shaligram Singh termed the group responsible for the act as terrorists and appealed to the engineering community to be ready to



infrastructure works for the development of the country will be in whirlpool. Therefore, the government should provide the secure environment to the employers working for the execution of infrastructure development works and capacity enhancement in local authorities and motivate them to continue their effort towards building new Nepal.