



Stichting Asian Heritage Nepal (SAHN), Newsletter, November 2013

Namasté!

In this second newsletter from the Dutch SAHN-foundation, we like to inform you about our activities during the past months.

Visit to Nepal

Last February and March boardmembers Pieter van Buul en Annemieke Mencke went to Nepal, together with their daughter. During this visit they spoke multiple times with Nilam about the plans and methods of the Nepalese Asian Heritage Foundation (AHF) and how SAHN will be able to support these ideas.



At the AHF-office in Kathmandu, together with Nilam

Nilams visit to the Netherlands

In January and February of this year Nilam visited the Netherlands. Beside keeping in contact with his huge network (which exists of dutch friends and his dutch clientele) there has also been some time here in The Hague (where Pieter and Annemieke lives) to have some brainstorm sessions with Nilam. There we talked about the Necha Community Hospital and the proceedings of both the Nepalese and Dutch foundations.

When two worlds meet

Because of the consultations in Nepal as well as in the Netherlands Nilam was able to give us some insight information about the Nepali way of working at the Necha Community Hospital and how Nepalese administration has been organized. Conversely we showed Nilam the methods of a Dutch foundation. The overall conclusion has to be that it will be huge challenge to bring the Nepalese and Dutch NGO-worlds together. Nevertheless we succeeded to determine the first priorities and accordingly we started.

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Linking the AHF Network to SAHN

Nilam and AHF features a huge network of enthusiastic people who are interested in the common activities of AHF and SAHN. The AHF directory has been linked to the SAHN-directory. Thereby we can rely on about 130 sympathizers.

Drafting a project proposal

In our efforts to meet everyone's methods we have drafted a format for project proposals from AHF to SAHN. Because of the fact that the project methods in both Nepal and the Netherlands has been organized differently, we are happy that we could agree on a clear method concerning future projects.

An afternoon brainstorm in Hook of Holland

The core of dedicated sympathizers to AHF and SAHN has seen each other during a summer afternoon in Hook of Holland. There has been talks about the way each one of them is able to support AHF and / or SAHN, but also experiences about Nepal and several project methods has been discussed.

First Project: providing medicines and laboratory equipment

At this moment there is a shortage of medicines and laboratory equipment. Medicine supply through the Nepalese government is limited. Moreover, the range of supply is really one-sided and consequently not sufficient (a lot of medicines are not even there in the pharmacy). After consultation through SAHN the staff of the hospital has decided to invest in purchasing a fresh stock of medicines and laboratory equipment. For a small compensation the patients will be able to buy the medicines by themselves. Subsequently, the profit of these sales will be used by the hospital to finance their own expenses. Thus we hope to kill two bird with one stone.



The stock of medicines at the pharmacy

Exploring cooperation with several Dutch NGO's

Whenever possible SAHN likes to collaborate with several Dutch NGO's, which are also focusing on Nepal. In that way we can complement each other and maximize our common outcome. At this moment there are talks going on with two NGO's about a possible cooperation. In that perspective, for example we are thinking about jointly raising funds or jointly organizing a health camp at the Necha Community Hospital. We do hope that these talks will lead to clear arrangements. In our next newsletter we will inform you further.

Board Change

Ingrid van Mulligen has been a member of the board since establishing the SAHN-foundation in December 2011. In the meantime the foundation prepares the next step with the startup of several projects and therewith the focus and activities of the board changes. This goes along with Ingrid's wish to focus more on her family. Therefore Ingrid has decided to transfer her board duties to a new boardmember. For now, we thank Ingrid for her energetic contribution in establishing the foundation.

Meanwhile Coby Kunst has agreed to be part of the board as a general member.

We are very happy with her commitment. Pieter van Buul remains chairman and Annemieke Mencke will be there as treasurer as well as secretary. Coby:

'In the past years I undertook several trekkings through the Himalaya together with Nilam, along with a visit to his hometown Necha. During these years I became acquainted with the hard-tough Nepalese mountain life. I already made an effort to AHF and I like to do the same for the Dutch foundation of SAHN.'



The doctor and the nurse on the job

A thank-you note!

The past period we received many donations from our new donors who applied to our foundation. These donations will contribute straight to the benefit of the Necha Community Hospital. We are very fortunate with the support and we thank you all for your trust in our foundation.