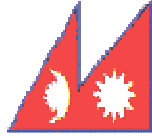


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The 1126th New Year of Nepal Lunar Calendar.

May All of You Be Blessed With the Courage to Contribute to the Unity of Newa Nationality, Whereby Inspire All Other Nationalities of Nepal For a United and Peaceful Nepal.

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Is it possible to conserve cultural heritage of Nepal without preserving Nepal Bhasa, the native language of the heritage builders?

Watch out for next issue!

Interested in learning Nepali
or Nepal Bhasa?
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3rd Annual Grand Party of the Nepal New Year Celebrations in Tokyo.

3rd Nov. Tokyo

The Newa International Forum Japan (NIFJ) is organising its 3rd Annual Grand Party in Tokyo to celebrate the 1126th New Year of Nepal Calendar this afternoon amidst Nepalese residents in Japan headed by NIFJ Advisor Dr. Ram Dhoj Shrestha and friends of Nepal led by NIFJ Advisor Mr. Syuichi Katou with Supporter and benefactor of education in Nepal, IRI President Yoshinobu Miyashiro and Madam Miyashiro as Special Guests at Nakameguro Square, Meguro in Central Tokyo.

The Annual Grand Party will be inaugurated with the lighting of the Ta.dewa traditional lamp by both Nepalese and Japanese dignitaries joining NIFJ Central President Madhav Manandhar.

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In addition, he oversees an exchange programme between the two schools. In 1996, Chairman Miyashiro invited a student and the headmaster of JLSS to DKPS in Tokyo to help students and teachers to exchange friendly relationship between the two schools. Since then, students of both schools have exchanged letters, arts and photographs. In 1999, he invited Mayor of Banepa Municipality and two students from JLSS to attend the exchange programme held at DKPS. The Mayor revisited DKPS in 2003 to attend another exchange programme. This year again, two students from JLSS will be accompanied by DKPS Kathmandu Coordinator to join the 10th Anniversary of the Sister Relationship celebrations to be held from Monday the 7th through Saturday the 12th of this month.

Miyashiro is scheduled to discuss further assistance to JLSS and to help another school in Lalitpur: Sri Ghusel Lower Secondary School at a meeting to be held at his residence which is known among foreigners as a free luxury hotel in Tokyo, where the Nepali team will be accommodated. His PTA friends have also offered to provide home stay for the two children from Nepal.

Newā International Forum Japan is pleased to have IRI President and Madam Miyashiro as our Special Guests at today's Annual Grand Party of Nepal New Year. It's certainly an honour to host a couple of supporter and benefactor of school education in Nepal.

Newā News Around the World

Ramesh in an International Marathon

(Necosa)

KATHMANDU, 22 Oct.

Ramesh Prasad Shrestha became the first Newā member to join the 42km Marathon of the "ING Amsterdam Marathon 2005" organised by ING Bank of the Netherlands last Sunday in Amsterdam. Of 6000 marathon runners, Ramesh finished 4889th position in 4:52:33 seconds net. The last runner finished 5329th position in 6:14:03 seconds reported a Nesoca write-up sent to us the other day. In the marathon held under different distance groups of 2.5km, 5km, 10km, 21.5km and 42 km categories, the total number of participants was 16,000. NIFJ joins Nesoca and other *pasapin* to congratulate Ramesh for participating in the ING Amsterdam Marathon 2005 and finishing in a median time and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

For more, click <http://www.ingamsterdammarathon.nl/home>. Ramesh's registration number is 3859 that should be typed to view the result. Photos may be viewed at <http://www.marathon-photos.com/index.html>.

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NEPAL IS A NATION OF MULTI-NATIONALITIES & MULTI-RELIGIONS. EACH OF US DUTYBOUND TO RESPECT EACH OTHER IF WE ASPIRE TO BUILD A NATION OF PEACEFUL NEPAL.

Nepal New Year Celebration: A Festive Season of Joy and Blessings.

- Suwarn Vajracharya

The New Year of Nepal Lunar Calendar falls today. Nepalese, particularly the Newā nationality both in Nepal and abroad spearhead to celebrate this day as an auspicious day that brings joy and happiness to the celebrants. Nepalese living in Japan have organized an Annual Grand Party in Central Tokyo today to celebrate the New Year with traditional self-purification ritual, cultural dance and songs in central Tokyo. Newā International Forum Japan (NIFJ), an open forum of people, who aim to inspire their unity to the wider unity of all Nepalese nationalities living both home and abroad to work in unison for the development and peace in their homeland while promoting Nepal Japan friendly relationship benefiting both nations. Aply, NIFJ has organised this Annual Grand Party in collaboration with Nepal Japan Women's Society (NJWS) and Nepalese Association in Japan (NAJ), the oldest association of Nepalese living since long in Japan. The gathering will witness the colourful diversity of Nepalese of several nationalities, Japanese and other friends of Nepal joining the celebration. The participants will exchange joy and blessings each other, which will be followed by a grand party of authentic Newa style cuisine, a rare opportunity for both novice and devout lover of Nepal, its people, culture and food. A short account of Nepal Lunar Calendar in the following, I trust, will give you some food for thought before you enjoy the mouthwatering delights from Nepal at this grand party.

What is Nepal Year Calendar?

Nepal Year, a Lunar Calendar, better known as "Nepal Samvat" in Nepal and among Nepalese living abroad has been in use in the country since its introduction 1126 years ago as the official calendar until it was replaced by a Bikram Samvat¹ solar calendar in 1920s for the convenience of government workforce. However, the Nepal calendar has been in use to date to determine auspicious time and directions in performing rituals, sacred offerings at temples, royal acts of initiations and official inaugurations while general public follow it to decide auspicious moments in their day to day life. Therefore, the New Year day of Nepal Calendar is celebrated with pomp and pageant in Nepal and abroad by the Nepalese aware of the significance of the day.

Nepal has a long history of cultures and traditions stemming from both Hinduism and Buddhism. It is the native land of Lord Buddha and a country where pantheon of deities are respected. It is also a common homeland for tens of nationalities assembled under an umbrella of a modern "Nepalese nation". History reveals that Nepal has had several calendars in the past, some of which are still in use in some parts of this landlocked country. However, Nepal Calendar is the oldest in use in recording history of Nepal after Shāke and Buddha Calendars. Although the year numbers (e.g. Buddha Era 2549) of these two calendars are in use but days and months are calculated on Nepal calendar. Therefore, Nepal calendar seems to be using more often than any other calendar. The Nepal calendar is said to have been started in honour of a Newā trader, Sankhadhar Sakhwa from Kantipur (Kathmandu), who liberated people of Nepal from their debts by paying from the heap

¹ A calendar used in India longtime ago and was made an official calendar in Nepal only in Rana period by Prime Minister Chandra Samsher (1901-29) during his latter part of the reign. It is not an official calendar even in India now.

अले गय् जुइ नेवाःतय् उत्थान ?

– मुकुन्द कृष्ण नेवाः

नेवाःतय्गु भाषा, संस्कृति नापं नेवाःतय्गु उत्थान यायेगु तातुनाः आपालं खलं, पुचात गठन जुगु दु । उगु खलकय् आपाः यानाः नेवाः भावना दुपिं व नेवाःतय्गु उत्थानया लागि न्ह्यज्याना च्वानागु खः धाइपिं यक्व दु । छेखे स्वये नेवाःतय्गु खलः पुचलय् नेवाःतय्गु अवस्थायत दुर्यक स्वयाच्चीपि नेवाःत नं मदुगु मखु । नेवाःतय्गु अवस्था स्थैर्य वनाच्वन व नेवाःतय्गु भाषा, संस्कृति ततं वनाच्वंगु दु धकाः वाः मचायकूगु नं मखु । समग्र रुपं नेवाःतय्गु उत्थान यायेगु ज्याय् न्ह्यज्याना च्चीपिनिगु बारे जिं छुं खं च्खेकेत्यना ।

वे छुं धायेबलय् छम्ह नेवाः मयजुया लजगाःया बारे वया हाकिमं वयात म्वाःमदुगु द्रुपं बियाः म्वाःमदुगु दुःख बिल । लजगालं नापं लिकयाबिल, धाइपिं सुं मदु । मयजु हरेश नयाच्वन । दुःख घानाच्वन । छन्हू ज्याखंया सिलसिलाय् उम्ह मयजु नापलात । वय्कलं थत म्वाःमदुगु द्रुपं बियाः लजगां लिकया हःगुया बारे खं कन । फुसा थुकी भनसुनया लागी र्वहाली यायेत इनाप यात । जिं बिचाः याना नेवाः ख्यलय् नेवाःतय्गु उत्थान यायेत न्ह्यज्याना च्चीपिं ततःधीपिं पदाधिकारीपिं मदुगु मखु । उमित छक्कः धया स्वये धकाः जिं फोनं सम्पर्क तथा ।

छम्ह खलःया उच्च पदाधिकारी-यात धया - छम्ह नेवाः मयजुयात म्वाःमदुगु द्रुपं बियाः लजगां लिकया बिल । छि व प्रमुख नापं बांलाक सम्पर्क दु, छिं धाःगु खं वय्कलं मयनी मखु । छक्कः भनसुन याना बिल धाःसा व मयजुया उद्धार जुइ ।

वय्कलं खः ला खः तर अज्याःगु ज्याय् जिं लगे मजुया धकाः लिसः बिल । अथेहे तुं मेमेगु राष्ट्रिय स्तरया पदाधिकारी नेतापितं नं थ्व हे खं च्खंका । छम्हेसियां 'ज्यू जिं धयाबी' धकाः धाल । वय्कःया "ज्यू जिं धयाबी" धाःगु आश्वासनं कम से कम छम्ह नेवालं जूसां नेवाःया अवस्थायत कयाः नुगः क्वातुकल, आः व मयजुया समस्या समाधान जुइ धकाः जिं वाःचायेका । नापं जिं मयजुयात धया छे धन्धा काये म्वाः छंगु ज्या जुइ, हुक्क जुया च्वं ।

धाथां मधां लांला फुनावन, छुं जवाफ मवः । जिं हानं ताकेता याना - ग्व छिं उलि धया ब्यूसा ज्यूगु खः, लां लां दयेधुकल, याकनं ज्या जूसा ज्यूगु खः ।

जिगु न्ह्यसःयात वय्कलं लिसः बिल- अं जिं धयाबी धयागु ला खः जिं मलाना च्वन । जिं लाइबलय् वनाः धयाबी का ।

खैर वय्कःया थुलि जूसां आश्वासनं छुं भचासां आशा ल्यं दनिगु खनाः जिं व मयजुयात धया - छुं छुं धन्धा कायेम्नाः, वय्कःया आ भचा लिमलाना च्वन, लिलात किं धयाबी, छंगु ज्या जुइ । जिगु खं वयात छुं भर आशा दुगु खना । तर लांलां जक मखु देँ वित नं थुकिया बारे - छुं खबर म्दु । अले जिं बिचाःयाना - थ्व हे खः नेवाःतय्गु उत्थान याइपिं नेवाःत, थज्याःपिं नेवाःतय्गु बिचाः भावनां गय् जुइ भी नेवाःतय्गु उत्थान ?

Courtesy: Sandhya Times

stronger like the walnut which preserve itself for a longer time because of its hard skin. It is interesting why such rituals are performed if you take a closure look at them for yourself rather than depending on my inexperienced narration of this worthy and meaningful tradition of ritual at this very rare opportunity and exchange of joy and blessings with a family member, a friend or why not with a new friend you make on this auspicious day of Nepal New Year. You have all my best wishes for a lucky moment to exchange blessings and joy of the day.

Festive Season of the Year

The celebration of the Nepal New Year is unique as the celebration is not limited only to self-purification but also to a series of offerings performed by our people to deities and animals to show their gratitude. Celebrations start three days or four days (depending on the auspicious day forecast) ahead of the actual New Year day making five days of festive season. This year, the celebration actually started from the 30th of October and will end with the Grand Party this evening. Let me share with you a brief account below of the Nepal New Year fell today and how and with what event the celebration started first with:

Day One: Kōpuja: The festive season is known *Swonti Nakha* in Nepal Bhasa and *Tihar* in Nepali. The five-day *Swonti Nakha* starts with the offering of food to crow [kōpuja] in gratitude of the favour a Nepali may have received from this bird. In Nepal, crows are considered to be messenger birds. Crows also eat up decomposed, rotten leftover food, waste and little dead animals helping us to keep our area clean enough. Many nationalities including Newas feed crows in recognition of their service to mankind.

Day Two: Khichapuja: The second day of this festive season commences with feeding dogs [Khichapuja] whether they are domestic or stray animals. They are treated in gratitude of their help to human beings and guarding against burglars and encroachers day and night.

Day Three: Laxmipuja: The third day is the worship of Laxmi [Laxmipuja], the Goddess of wealth. People pray this goddess for luck and wealth. This day is also the last day of a year of Nepal calendar. People believe that their ancestors observed this day as the annual closing day. Nepal is a multi-religious and multi-cultural society. Nepalese of various nationalities including the Newas are also influenced by the cultures and traditions of other ethnic communities. Therefore, quite a number of Hindu Newas worship cows as the representative of Goddess Laxmi.

Day Four: Mhapuja & New Year: The fourth day is the most important of this festive season, the aforementioned Mhapuja is observed while celebrating the New Year of the Nepal Calendar. Mhapuja literary means the worship or offering to oneself.

Day Five: Kijapuja: As noted in previous passages, the auspicious days are calculated according to the Nepal Calendar, the fifth and the last day of the festive season is making offerings to brothers known as [kijapuja] meaning treating younger brothers though many treat elder brothers, too. The word "puja" hear literary means worship, which can be explained as an exchange of kindness between the brothers and sisters. Sisters wish their brothers good health and longevity and the brothers in return present them with gifts.

Though we are unable to present all these events here in Japan today, we will endeavour to present in the future depending on help, support and assistance we are receiving from our friends.

VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH THE BEST OF HEALTH, HAPPINESS & PROSPERITY!

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Mhapuja, the self purification ritual will follow the inauguration to bless each other with good health, happiness and longevity. The Tika will be granted by NIFJ senior member Katou Gynau Manandhar

The New Year programme will also include traditional Nepali dances to be performed by *Neparano Sangeetoni Tanoshimukai* headed by Yuko Okamoto Malla.

The Annual Grand Party is scheduled to be addressed by both Nepalese and Japanese dignitaries including Dr. Shrestha, Mr. Katou, Mr. Miyashiro and NIFJ President Madhav Manandhar while NIFJ Kanto Chapter President Suwarn Vajracharya will conduct the programme.

Newā News around the World

UNESCO Award for a Typical Newā house

Sent in by a NIFJ member

KATHMANDU, 24 Oct.

Namuna Chhen, a typical traditional Newā house- located in Bhaktapur has been selected for the Honourable Prize for the 2004 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards reports the Kathmandu Post.

“The house had been neglected for a long time till Rabindra Puri, with a great passion for Newā architecture, bought and renovated it” a UNESCO statement said Sunday.

The Namuna Chhen is a three-storey house with brick and wood structure that typifies the traditional architectural style of the ancient town of Bhaktapur. The house is believed to be around 150 years old and features beautifully carved pillars, wooden windows and a pitched

tiled roof besides having an open space on the top floor, one of the defining characteristics of Newā architecture.

The house also reflects the ancient and typical Newā architectural ethos and charms. The renovation work was completed in 2001. The award will be conferred at a ceremony on Monday at the site, the report added.

The UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Awards recognizes the efforts of private individuals and organisations that have successfully restored and conserved structures and buildings of heritage value in the region.

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Newā News around the World

Dr. Karmacharya to attend the 10th Anniversary Celebrations



TOKYO, 2 Nov.

Dr. Urtam Karmacharya, Professor at the Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu is in Tokyo to attend the 10th Anniversary celebrations of the Sister Relations between Dairoku Kasai Primary School (DKPS) in Edogawa-ku, Tokyo and Janjyouti School of Banepa, Nepal being held at DKPS on the 7th of this month.

Dr. Karmacharya, a DKPS coordinator in Kathmandu is here at the invitation of the DKPS and its PTA and a coordinating committee headed by IRI President Yoshinobu Miyashiro, accompanying Ms. Renuka Rawat and Master Romi Khatri, the two students from Janjyoti School of Banepa to attend the anniversary celebrations to be held from 7th to 12th November at DKPS in Tokyo. While in Tokyo, Dr. Karmacharya will accompany the two students to pay a courtesy call to Edogawa Mayor His Worship Masami Tada at latter's office on the 8th this month. (See also page 9)

Subhash to receive Mahendra Vidya Bhushan Award

(Nesoca)

KATHMANDU, 13 Oct.

Securing a masters degree may not be great news these days. But it is something different with **Subhash Ram Prajapati**, something different for Newās.

Son of renowned artist and the Chairman of Thimi Kalā Parishad, Ganesh Ram Prajapati and a resident of Chapacho, Madhyapur Thimi, 25 year old Subhash has topped MA Nepal Bhasa Exams 2005 of Tribhuvan University and won the prestigious MOTILANI SIRPA for the third time. Subhash has to his credit an extraordinary record of also topping IA and BA Nepal Bhasa Exams and winning MOTILANI SIRPAs for both the achievements. He is now entitled and awaiting to receive Piyush Padak and Mahendra Vidya Bhushan.

Subhash is a multi-faceted talent. In addition to Nepal Bhasa, he is also a scholar of culture and history. He is an IT professional and the CEO of **Newatech Inc. Nepal**. He is associated with **Sanchar Nepal (P) Ltd** (an information and communication technology consulting company). He is also associated with **Jhee Muna** (a non-profit organization with a mission to set up a television station for the protection and promotion of language, culture, traditions of Newās). He is active in dance and music. He acts and directs dramas. He is skilled in painting and photography. He is a good writer and has written a number of articles and reports concerning culture, history, traditions and ethnicity of Newās. He is also a good journalist and has been the editor of many periodicals and publications.

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of gold he came to own by a mysterious fortune. Writing about the origination of Nepal Calendar, Laxman Shrestha cites the Bhasa Vansavali, one of Nepal's chronicles. According to this chronicle "a famed astrologer Siddhahasta Joshi from Bhaktapur revealed to the king of Bhaktapur an auspicious time to discover gold in the banks of Vishnumati river in Kantipur. King Ananda Deva ordered a group of labourers to bring in sands from the said river bank. Having seen the labourers removing sands from the Vishnumati river bank at an unusual dawn, Sankhadhar Sakhwa was so inquisitive that he paid whatever amount of money the labourers demanded for to get the sand unloaded into his house and let them take the sand from somewhere else to Bhaktapur. The sand unloaded in his house turned into a heap of gold at the auspicious sight forecasted by the astrologer"². Not the one unloaded at Bhaktapur palace. Shankhadhar is said to have made use of his fortune to help the poor and to pay for the debts owed both by the king and his subjects. Thus, King Raghav Dev of Kantipur (Kathmandu) initiated the Nepal Samvat to honour this Good Samaritan. Several noted archeologists including Dr. Jagadishchandra Regmi have made references to the sources of Shankhadhar Sakhwa and his contributions. A stupa built by Shankhadhar Sakhwa himself stands till today at Sinamangal and his own statue built inside Pashupati temple in Kathmandu are considered to be supporting his benevolence.

New Year Celebrations

Today, we celebrate the 1126th New Year of the Nepal Calendar. The day starts with the traditional ritual of self-purification known as "Mhapuja" in Nepal Bhasa. Several Mandala (circles that represent the universe) drawn on a wider floor that has been cleaned and plastered by traditional red mud paste prepared for the very purpose. A replica of stupa made out of wheat flour is placed on the top of the Mandala before members of family seated to perform the ritual of self-purification. Each member offers water, lamp, flower and fruits on the Mandala that depicts the universe around the individual and his imagined place in the universe. There are several interpretations on the meaning of this ritual. According to "Mhapuja the Great Ritual of the Newā Nationality", the famed culture expert, Satya Mohan Joshi writes that the performance of "Mhapuja" must have come into practice among Newās on the basic concept of human life that both our body and soul are prone to ill health, death and decay.

Therefore, one must realise in advance as how to live a life of an individual without being harmed by others while harming none. It is an opportunity to contemplate about the individual himself keeping in mind of his own good health, happiness and prosperity while respecting others' right to live in peace and happiness. The tradition of purification dates back to the time of Lord Buddha, whose teaching also emphasise that "the lord of oneself is none but oneself". Self-realization lead to self-purification, which can bring peace and harmony among the living beings in this universe, may they be human beings or animals, birds, insects etc.

Proceedings in the ritual

When performing the ritual of Mhapuja (purification of self), a spouse, a wife particularly of the individual performing the offering in the Mandala showers her husband with pure water, lighted lamp, flowers and dry walnut wishing him good health, longevity and happiness keeping him

² Laxman Shrestha, "Mhapuja ra Nepal Samvat" in *Dharmakirti Buddhist Monthly* Vol.22., No.8, p.8-9,

IRI President's Contribution to Promote School Education in Nepal.

- Suwarn Vajracharya



Miyashiro Yoshinobu, President of IRI Inc., an investor relations overseas advertising company in central Tokyo has contributed to promote school education in Nepal. Despite his corporate responsibilities, he has taken keen interest in promoting education both in Japan and abroad as parts of his voluntary social activities. He has contributed to the advancement of education at Dairoku Kasai Primary School (DKPS), Edogawa-ku, Tokyo in the past as the Chairman of the PTA of the school and now as its leading advisor. He and his PTA team have supported with several millions of yen as donation to a Janjyoti Lower Secondary School (JLSS) at Banepa in Nepal for the past ten years. He is now in the process of helping another school in Lalitpur

IRI President
Miyashiro

this year.

As the Chairman of PTA of DKPS, he pioneered to establish sister relationship between his school and JLSS at Banepa, Nepal in 1995 and has since then been providing financial support to the school. The sister relationship between the two schools completes the 10th anniversary on the 7th of November this year. A series of programme is being planned to celebrate the anniversary at DKPS from 6th to 12th of this month under his supervision. The PTA under his advice has invited two young students from JLSS of Nepal to the anniversary celebration being held at DKPS in Tokyo. Dr. Uttam Karmacharya, a professor at Tribhuvan University and DKPS coordinator in Kathmandu and his wife will accompany the children.

Miyashiro also a former General Manager of Financial Times in Tokyo has traveled around the world. Noriko accompanies her husband very often. In a similar tour they made together with their PTA members to Nepal in 1995, they came across Janjyoti Lower Secondary School located at a beautiful surrounding of natural mountains at Banepa. Having seen the dilapidated state of the school, PTA Chairman convinced his fellow members to provide financial support to help build a building with several classrooms at the cost of 2,000,000 yen in the following year and continue providing 200,000 yen every year with occasional educational materials. Miyashiro accompanied by his wife led a group of thirteen PTA members including the Head Master Yoshida of DKPS to the opening ceremony of new school building at Banepa in 1997.



Renuka Rawat & Romi
Khatri From

Janjyoti School, Banepa,

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भूसकसिगु नूदुँ नेपाल सम्बत ११२६ या लसताय नेपाःमि सकसितुँ दुन्गलनिसँ भिन्तुना ।

हामी सबैको नव वर्ष नेपाल सम्बत ११२६को शुभउपलक्षमा यहाँहरु सबैमा हार्दिक शुभकामना ।

Heartiest Greetings on the Auspicious occasion of 1126th Nepal New Year!

ネパール暦 1126 年新年おめでとうございます!



Message From
Madhav Manandhar
NIFJ President

Happy New Year!

I take this great opportunity to greet our Nepalese brothers and sisters and our Japanese and foreign friends on behalf of the Newa International Forum Japan and Nepalese Association of Japan as their President, on this auspicious occasion of the 1126th New Year of the Nepal Lunar Calendar to wish good health, happiness and prosperity.

I also take this opportunity to extend our prayer for good health, happiness and prosperity even to those, who have prejudice, reluctance and difficulty in understanding the equal values of human beings whether they are powerful or not so. Acts of domination by one nationality over another nationality have hindered progress of the unity of nations made up of diverse nationalities. Nepal is one such nation of diverse nationalities. I wish all progressive people to unite together to build a Nepali nation of unity leading to peace in the land of Lord Buddha's nativity on this very auspicious day of our New Year.

-- Madhav Manandhar

President, Newa International Forum Japan and
Nepalese Association in Japan

Our Special Guests



At the 3rd Annual Grand Party in Tokyo Celebrating
The 1126th Nepal New Year:

**IRI President Yoshinobu Miyashiro and
Madam Noriko Miyashiro**

with Mr. Purushottam Shrestha, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Royal Nepal Embassy in Tokyo welcoming the couple at latter's home in Kathmandu. See page 9 for the related article.



Message From
H. E. Dr. Rameshananda Vaidya,
Ambassador of Nepal

भिति : २०६२/११/१

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नेवा अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय दूबू जापानका निव्वहरुकाई नेपाल सम्बत् ११२६ को शुभारम्भको अवसरमा खुु, शान्ति तथा समृद्धिका लागि हार्दिक न्यालमय शुभ-कामना व्यक्त गर्न चाहन्छु ।

Rameshananda Vaidya
रमेशानन्द वैद्य

His Excellency's message congratulates "good health, happiness and prosperity to the NIFJ friends on the auspicious occasion of the 1126th Nepal New Year".

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NIFJ expresses its warm gratitude to His Excellency for the above message in Nepali in response to the cordial invitation extended to H.E. & Madam Vaidya to grace the Grand Annual Party of Nepal New Year at Nakameguro in Tokyo on 3rd November 2005. We are overwhelmed with joy for the first ever message we received with regard to cordial invitations we have so far extended to H.E. and Embassy Staff and families since he assumed the office of Ambassador of Nepal in Tokyo .