



Glimpses of World Environment Celebration

## World Environment Day celebration

The World Environment Day 2014 was celebrated with the theme "Raise Your Voice, Not The Sea Level". National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) - Central Zoo in Collaboration with IUCN Nepal, Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City, WWF Nepal and Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN) organized the Green walk on June 5, 2014. A total of 2500 students under the Friends of Zoo (FOZ) from 47 Schools of Kathmandu, Lalitpur, Bhaktapur and other organization (NEPCEMAC), Municipality took part in the rally, holding play cards with environmental messages. The rally moved through the streets of the Lalitpur city covering a walk of 70 minutes.

On the completion of the rally, a prize distribution ceremony of annual FOZ Conservation Education Program was organized. The Program was chaired by honorable Prof. Dr. Govinda Nepal, Member of National Planning Commission, along with the special guest Miss Nepal World Subin Limbu, Miss Nepal Earth Prinsa Shrestha and Miss Nepal International Soni Rajbhandari.

Speaking on the occasion the chief guest highlighted on the climate change and how the Sea level rise is attributable to global warming and how humanity's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are leading to changes in climatic patterns. The chief guests call upon the mass to save energy and reduce the use of fossil fuels. On the ceremony Mr. Govinda Gajurel Member Secretary of National Trust for Nature Conservation and Mr. Mohan Niroula Chairman of the FOZ Teachers Committee highlighted the program of NTNC -Central Zoo and emphasize on the effort in the field of conservation. The conservation oath was administered by Miss Nepal World Subin Limbu together with Miss Nepal Earth Prinsa Shrestha and Miss Nepal International Soni Rajbhandari.

On the Spot Banner Competition was held among FOZ member schools where 162 FOZ members from 32 schools participated. The students expressed their views on the banner about the importance of Small Island and mountain biodiversity and how they are affected by global warming and the threats imposed to them

The winner of on the spot banner competition are Gyan Shikha School, St. Xavier's School, Nirmal Secondary School, Shree Bishwamitra Secondary School and United Academy received the first, second, third and consolation prize respectively. The schools were awarded with the token and certificates.

"Plastic bag is banned inside the Central Zoo"

## Nepal Mini Zoos Meet

The Zoo networking meeting was held on May 25, 2014. The meeting was attended by representatives from various mini Zoos of Nepal and the breeding centre along with the government officials of Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC).

Mr. B.S. Bonal Member Secretary, Central Zoo Authority India was the chief guest of the program. The talk program was delivered by the Project Manager Central Zoo Ms Sarita Jnawali. Ms Jnawali highlighted on the importance of Zoo networking and how the Zoos can play the role in promoting tourism and the benefits from the Zoos, Ms Jnawali also emphasized on the need of Zoo policy and legislation and its importance. Similarly the talk program was delivered by Mr. Bonal, he highlighted on the criteria required for the establishment of the Zoo and to keep the wild animal in the animal facilities, the examples were given of the Indian Zoos. He also shared and showed the examples of various enclosure designs and the food enrichment required for the Zoo animals. Along with this Mr. Bonal presented the various publication related with veterinary, Zoo policy and various management related publications to the Member Secretary of NTNC.

Chief Ecologist, of Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC). Dr. Maheshwar Dhakal who was also present in the meeting congratulated all the mini zoos for taking care of the wild animals either working as rescue centre. He also shared about



Discussion during the mini Zoo meet

government views in establishing the rescue centers at regional level to minimize the issues of human wildlife conflict.

The meeting was concluded by closing remarks by MS –NTNC Mr. Govinda Gajurel, Mr Gajurel thanked Mr. Bonal for his presence and to all the participants for attending the meeting and making it successful, he further mentioned about the need of Zoo networking and how all the animals facilities of the country can work together for conservation of wildlife by sharing and taking the expertise of Central Zoo in the field of animal health and overall management of the Zoo.

## CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Day with a Vet Program



FOZ member performing health check-up

Friends of Zoo (FOZ) members spent a day with a vet by taking tips on general health check up of captive animals. The talk program was delivered by Dr. Roshika Shrestha, consultant vet of the Zoo on Zoonotic disease, rabies and bird flu its prevention and cure.

The practical session was held by Assistant curator Ganesh Koirala and Senior Veterinary Technician Radha Krishna Gharti . They demonstrated the physical examination on animals by taking temperature and heart beat of animals along with general health checkup.

This kind of unique experience gave an opportunity for FOZ members to learn about the medical care of captive animals, animal handling

and treatment. Prashanta Acharya of Gyanodaya Bal Batika School, Lalitpur bagged the award for submitting the best report.

### Climate Change Awareness Program

Climate change is the most important environmental issues where human activity is sensitive to climate change as to current and projected rates of climate change is very challenging. To create awareness about the emerging issues of climate change and its impact program was organized for FOZ members where 85 FOZ members from 42 different schools participated. The training was conducted by Dipesh Chapagain, an expert on climate change



Members involved in group work

Documentary on Climate change was shown and quiz, group work was conducted among FOZ members. Ms Shreya Khanal of Caribbean School bagged an award for submitting the best report on Climate Change Awareness Program.



## Zoo Visit for Differently Able Students

Zoo visit program for the differently able children was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. A total of 20 disabled students and 8 teachers from Patan Community Based Rehabilitation Organization (*Patan CBR*) visited the Zoo. Likewise 15 children from Creative Hands of Deaf Women (CHWD) observed and visited the Zoo. The student observed the animals of Zoo, and attended the talk program and got information on different animals of the Zoo.

## International Biodiversity Day



FOZ member engrossed in competition

International Biodiversity day-2014 was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 to aware members about biodiversity conservation and its importance. To mark the occasion drawing competition was organized on the theme "**Mountain Biodiversity**" among FOZ members. Altogether 42 students from 21 different schools participated in the competition. *Anushka Shrestha* of Ideal Model Higher Secondary School, *Sanim K.C* of The Excelsior School, *Anish Rai* of Gyanodaya International Residential School, *Kumari Budhathoki* and *Shreejana Khaling Rai* of Bijeshwori Gyan Mandir Sainik Maha Vidyalaya and Bhaktapur English School bagged first, second, third and consolation prize respectively.

## FOZ Coordinator Interaction Meeting

The FOZ Coordinator Interaction meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014. Altogether 36 FOZ coordinators interacted in the meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss and get the feedback



FOZ coordinators discussion on annual FOZ program

on annual educational program. The FOZ coordinators gave their input and suggestions regarding the yearly educational program.

## Training for Zoo Staff

Training for NTNC- Central Zoo staff was organized on the theme "Training for High Performance" which was facilitated by Mr. Min Ghale from Nalma Academy, Lalitpur. Altogether 75 staff participated in the program. The training focused on the performance of team work for better and fruitful output. The training also provided opportunities to lift capability and bring everyone together to recognize and celebrate significant milestones for individual and organizational achievements.



Zoo staff working for better team performance

## FOZ Club Activities



Zoo clean-up campaign

Friends of Zoo club (FOZC) members conducted a Clean Up Camp inside the Zoo premises on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014. Altogether 100 FOZ Club member from 15 different schools participated in the campaign. The club activity created awareness among visitors and school students about the hygiene and sanitation required for the captive animals and surrounding environment.

Similarly, NTNC-Central Zoo would like to congratulate St. Xavier's school for bagging the Best FOZ Club -2014.



## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

### Red Panda in its new home



Inauguration of Red panda home

After almost a year being stayed in quarantine our rescued red panda *Gauri* found her new home. *Gauri* was rescued from the eastern part of Nepal and was brought to the Zoo. After the intensive treatment and care she recovered from her injury and was in quarantine for almost a year as her new house was under construction. *Gauri's* new home has all the facility required along with her favourite food bamboo planted all over her enclosure. *Gauri* is enjoying her new home and is getting use to her new environment.

The enclosure was inaugurated by Miss Nepal World Subin Limbu together with Miss Nepal Earth Prinsa Shrestha and Miss Nepal International Soni Rajbhandari.

### Hatching of Kaliz Pheasant (*Lophura leucomelanos*)

Six chicks of Nepali Kaliz pheasant have also been successfully hatched following a prudent care and management. The Central



Chicks enjoying the heat

Zoo family is delighted to welcome the newly hatched chicks which have been successfully bred at the Central Zoo. It is also anticipated that such endeavor would add a next milestone in the conservation arena of our country.

### Small mammals in their new home

The small mammals' viz. Toddy cat, Himalayan Palm civet, Large Indian civet, Leopard cat, Jungle cat and Porcupine of Central Zoo



Newly constructed enclosure

are now enjoying in its newly constructed enclosure. The enclosure is enriched according to the habitat, nature and requirement of the animals. The lair are well furnished with wooden logs, newly planted trees, tree branches and green grasses.

### Rescue of Common Monitor Lizard



Monitor lizard in new home

Due to the encroachment and other anthropogenic activities the natural habitat of wildlife is waning day by day. Perhaps due to such human misdemeanor the Common monitor lizard has been spotted from Sankhu, Kathmandu on 10th June, 2014 within the periphery of human settlement. It was rescued and brought to the Central Zoo.



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