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Asia Fair Trade Summit 2018



Mr. Renold Meyer, Country Director, UNDP sharing the highlights of SDGs

Fair Trade Group Nepal (FTG Nepal) hosted Asia Fair Trade Summit 2018 commenced from 22nd to 25th November at Park Village Resort, Budhanilkantha in collaboration with WFTO - Asia. The Summit was held under the theme **“Fair Trade: A Path to Sustainable Development”**. There were over 100 participants from a total of 21 different countries across 5 regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America and the Pacific Rim) representing the Fair Trade supply chain, from producers to wholesalers and resellers to be a part of global gathering. The main objective of the summit was to bring voices, learning and vision together to promote Fair Trade. While

the other specific objectives was to strengthen the regional networks to promote Fair Trade by encouraging dialogue, debate and disclosure on Fair Trade as a sustainable business model that contributes to Sustainable Development Goals 2030, to provide market access opportunity and develop future course of actions.

The four day event focused on the current theme/issues related to Fair Trade Principles. The program consisted of keynote and plenary sessions, concurrent papers, workshops and presentations. It provided a forum for market linkage through market place; exhibition and B2B meeting for better exposure for both buyers and sellers. As a part of the Summit, gala dinner was hosted and heritage walk was organized to demonstrate glimpse of Nepal’s culture and hospitality.



Participants, guests and Organizing Members at the Summit

Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar 2018



His Excellency Mr. Roland Schaefer, German Ambassador lighting the Panas



Visitor Shopping Knitwear

Fair Trade Group Nepal in collaboration with GIZ Nepal and support of the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany organized its annual event Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar. This year the event took place on 1st December 2018 at International Sports Club. The Fair was inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Roland Schaefer, German Ambassador amidst the big gathering.



Children enjoying Beads craft

There were over 1300 visitors who arrived for the Christmas Shopping and enjoying good food and company. There were 48 exhibitors from Fair Trade Group Nepal Member Organization and GIZ Partners with wide range of products. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed shopping array of products from handicraft, Christmas décor items, jewelry, home decoration, clothing to organic food products and non timber forest products and also tasting Nepalese and Western food. Young and adults alike enjoyed wheel spinning game by

German Embassy where Christmas sweets and presents were given.

Fair Trade Charter Launch

The International Fair Trade Charter was presented to the public on 25th September, 2018 coinciding with the 3rd anniversary of the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDG goals 2030). Over 50 events took place all over the world by WFTO members to celebrate the launch. On this occasion, Fair Trade Group Nepal (FTG Nepal) organized Fair Trade Charter Launch event on 28th September 2018 at Hotel Radisson, Lazimpat where the new international reference point of Fair Trade, the international Fair Trade Charter was launched.

A workshop was organized to launch the charter and celebrate the contribution of Fair Trade (FT) in attaining SDG 2030 goals and raise awareness among different actors (public, private, social sectors) of SDG 2030 on Fair Trade and SDG 2030 Goals. FTG Nepal pursued for a wide range of organizations (Government, NGOs, INGOs, social lending organizations, enterprises) within and beyond the Fair Trade movement to support the charter. Mr. Renaud Meyer, Country Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was the honorable Chief Guest and key note speaker.



Mr. Renaud Meyer, Country Director UNDP and Mr. Chitra Bahadur KC, Chairman, FTG Nepal at the dice

Business Development Service Center Interaction Program



Mr. Rajan K.C. presenting on BDS in Nepal

In the process of establishing the Business Development Service (BDS) Center, an Interaction Program was held on 9th September 2018 at Ageno: The Hestia Restaurant, Dhobighat. The interaction program was held with the objective to better understand the Business Development Services needs in today's context, to discuss on the FTG Nepal BDS Center modality and sustainability aspect of such centers in changing context of Nepal. The agenda for the program was **“Seek recommendation and ideas from stakeholders to formalise the Business Development Services Centre along with its sustainability aspect”**.

16th Handicraft Trade Fair



Fair Trade Group Pavillion

Fair Trade Group Nepal being an active member of Federation of Handicraft Association of Nepal (FHAN) participated in 16th Handicraft Trade Fair which was held at Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu from November 14-18, 2018. The products from member organizations were exhibited under the banner of Fair Trade pavilion with the theme of 'Cute and Ugly' and 'Wabi Sabi'. The solidarity and strength of FTG Nepal is depicted from their involvement. The purpose of participation was to give voice to and advocate on Fair Trade and extend its longstanding relationship with FHAN.

22nd Annual General Meeting



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The 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 11th October, 2018 at Hotel Greenwich Village. Mr. Chitra Bahadur K.C., Chairperson welcomed all the members and shared the highlights of FTGN's achievements acknowledging the activities undertaken for promotion of fair trade movement in Nepal, networking, partnership and overall business performance of the members for the upliftment of socio-economic conditions of the producers and artisans.

The AGM endorsed the annual progress report of FTGN for the financial year 2074/75, presented by Mr. Kamal Narayan Shrestha, Secretary, FTGN. Ms. Revita Shrestha, Treasurer of FTGN presented the audited financial report for the year 2074/75, and also proposed the budget for the year 2075/76. The meeting was ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Sunil Chitrakar, Vice-Chair.

Award and Recognition

- Manushi was recognized with two awards; National Productivity Award and Export Excellency Award by Lalitpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI). Also, Sana Hastakala was awarded third position for Export Excellency Award by LCCI.
- FHAN recognized Association of Craft Producers, Get Paper Industry and Hatale Udhyog for their significant contribution in the Export of Nepali Handicraft in the year 2074/75.
- Member Secretary and Director of KTS, Mr Kiran Bahadur Khadgi being appreciated by MESON (Menopause Society of Nepal) for his contribution to MESON.
- Kumbeshwar Technical School (KTS) received third place in Design Award Category at the 16th Handicraft Trade Fair and 14th Craft Competition.



Guaranteed Member

It is a matter of pride that our member organization, *WEAN Multipurpose Co-operative Limited* has successfully piloted the WFTO Guarantee System. They have received affirmation by the WFTO Standards which has made them eligible to use the WFTO's Fair trade Certification.

Congratulations!

Staff Movement

- Mr. Vandana Atal was appointed as Team Leader for the OXFAM project- Sustainable Livelihoods Support for Earthquake Affected Families in Nepal.
- Ms Rakshya Shah resigned from the position of Executive Director. Ms. Shradha Thapa was appointed as the Director from 1st December, 2018.
- Mr. Ashim Shrestha was appointed as Business Development Manager.
- Mr. Ramesh Sijapati, was appointed as District Coordinator for the OXFAM project- Sustainable Livelihoods Support for Earthquake Affected Families in Nepal.
- Ms. Urusha Maharjan was appointed as Program Officer.

Membership Growth

Two New Members were granted Membership this year.

Manaram Himalayan Handicrafts Pvt. Ltd.:



Manaram Himalayan Handicraft Pvt. Ltd. was established in 29th Bhadra 2060 and registered with Government of Nepal, Department of Commerce and Chambers of commerce and Industries of Nepal as company

acts to work in various filed of trade/business. Manaram, as one of the pioneers in exporting of Handicraft products from Nepal has good experience in trade and business since 2060s. The professionals who associated with Manaram Himalayan Handicraft are well qualified, multidisciplinary experienced and devoted on work and their professionalism.

It is established with the objective to uplift Agro-based/ dairy product national trade and living standard of low income producers by educating farmers/ entrepreneurs regarding good manufacturing practice in dairies. It has been working with the purpose of fairly trading of various items of handicrafts (dog chew, felt and loom items, etc). It is moving forward by supporting marginalized small producers. Poverty reduction through trade is the main focus of the company.

Nepal International Collection Pvt. Ltd.



Nepal International Collection Pvt. Ltd., established in November 2007 A.D. is one of the leading manufacturer and exporter of Nepalese handmade bags, garments and accessories. It is situated in the beautiful Himalayan country, Nepal.

From its operation it has been providing quality goods to foreign countries, winning lots of hearts across the world. With innovative, dedicated and experienced employees of around 100 people, NIC have moved forward to satisfy their valued customers beyond expectation since its establishment.

NIC believes in development of business through product innovation, product differentiation, competitive price, scheduled delivery with favorable working environment.

Best Wishes to Shrizu!

Ms. Shrizu Rajbhandari, who worked with FTG Nepal as a Program officer for more than three years has resigned from FTG Nepal. FTG Nepal will be losing a very resourceful and committed staff. Her contribution however will always be valued. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Sustainable Livelihood Support for EQ Affected Families in Nepal

Training

- 18 lapsi producers of Jaudanda Mahila Blkas and Saving Cooperative received advanced skill training in November.
- 10 days hand knitting training conducted from 24th September to 3rd Oct, 2018 and 18 producers were participated.
- Advance Lapsi Training provided to producers of Bhedabari.

Training

SIYB Training

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2 months wood Carving Training
15 days Advanced hand knitting

training

Week long bead making Training

Two months knitting Training

Ginger Processing Training

Advanced Marketing Training

Location

Lalitpur

Sindhupalchowk

Lalitpur

Nuwakot

Sindhupalchowk

Sindhupalchowk

Panchakanya, Nuwakot

Nuwakot and Sindhupalchowk

Visits and Interaction Program

- Beads knitting producers of Srijanshil Micro Entrepreneurs, Chapaguan visited Sana Hastakala, SAARC Shop and Manushi to get knowledge about the beads market.
- Interaction program in Bidur Municipality of Nuwakot district between bank and financial institutions (Om Gosiakund Cooperative & Manushi Microfinance) and knitting producers.

Equipment and Tools Support

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Tailoring Machine

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Ball Mill and Klin

Lokta Paper Processing Equipment and Tools

8 sewing machine and 1 iron

4 Handlooms, 1 Warping machine, 6 set Koka,

6 Set Kangi and 12 Shuttles

Carving Tools

Solar Water Heater, Flower dye cut, apron and table

5 Zuki Machine

boiler and pulping machine

Support to

EPSA

PWD Producers Group

Ceramic Producers of Bhaktapur

Local Cooperative of Beteni

Tailoring Producers, Nuwakot

Dhaka Producers, Nakhipot

Carving Producers

EPSA

Balaju Dhaka Group

Lapsi producers of Bhedabari, Sindhupalchowk



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