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Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar 2019



Picture with His Excellency Mr. Roland Schaefer, German Ambassador

7, 2019 at Hotel Yellow Durbar, Sanepa Lalitpur.

There were over 1000 visitors who arrived for the Christmas Shopping and enjoyed excellent food and company. There were 48 exhibitors from Fair Trade Group Nepal's Member Organizations and GIZ Partners, all with a wide range of products. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed shopping through an array of products including handicrafts, Christmas décor items, jewelry, home decoration, clothing, organic food products, and non-timber forest products. It was an eventful day filled with joy with gifts stalls, children activities and food- Nepali, Western and traditional German Glühwein.

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 2019. The Fair was graciously inaugurated by His Excellency Mr. Roland Schaefer, German Ambassador amidst the big gathering. This year the bazaar took place on December



FTGN Chairperson and His Excellency visiting stalls

17th Handicraft Trade Fair

Fair Trade Group Nepal participated in 17th Handicraft Trade Fair which was organized by Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal (FHAN) held at Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu from November 28 to December 2, 2019. The products from fifteen member organizations were exhibited under the banner of Fair Trade pavilion with a colored theme of Grey, Teal and Yellow.

We are proud to have been awarded the Best Pavilion Award at the Handicraft Fair.



Fair Trade Group Nepal Pavilion at Handicraft Trade Fair

Participation at the 15th International Fair Trade Summit in Peru



Newly Elected WFTO Board Members during the International Fair Trade Summit in Peru

FTG Nepal participated at the 15th International Fair Trade Summit in Peru from 16-19 September 2019. Members of FTG Nepal. The Summit organized by World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO), the global body of Fair Trade organizations is the largest global gathering of organizations representing the Fair Trade supply chain, from producers to exporters, importers, wholesalers and retailers. It is the only international event that brings those diverse groups of dedicated fair traders and the broader movement in one place.

Dr. Sunil Chitrakar, Vice Chairperson of FTG Nepal has been elected as the Asia Representative and nominated as the Secretary to the Board of WFTO in the Summit.

Training on Health and Safety at Workplace



Participants, Facilitators and FTGN Secretariat after Certificate distribution

A two days training on Health and Safety at Workplace was organized for the member organizations and secretariat on 29th and 30th August 2019 at Hotel Yellow Durbar, Sanepa, Lalitpur. The training program was supported by Global Village. During the training, important health and safety related components such as fundamentals of workplace health and safety, work equipment hazards and controls, electricity hazards and controls, fire safety, basics on first aid at work, Ergonomics, Emotional Intelligence (EI) and other important topics were covered. The training was facilitated by Mr. Laxmi Bhattarai and Mr. Sudhir Dhungel and guest facilitated by Dr. Saurav Sunar.

Orientation on Fair Trade to National and Local Partner



Mr. Chandra P Kachhipati, IPP, FTGN addressing queries of local partners

Fair Trade group Nepal conducted one day orientation on Fair Trade to National Partners and local partners of IM Swedish Development Partner funded Project "Enhancing livelihood resilience through Fair Trade" on 9th September 2019 at Association for Craft producer (ACP). The orientation was held with the objective to orient local partners to learn more about Fair Trade, its principles and practices; how Fair trade is contributing on Sustainable development goal. 32 participants of two national Partners- Jagaran Media Centre (JMC) and Justice and Rights Institute Nepal (JuRI Nepal) and 5 local partner (Made Nepal, Indreni Rural Development Centre (IRDC), Siddhartha Social Development Center (SSDC), Social Welfare Action Nepal (SWAN) and Society for Environment Education Development (SEED) four members from each organization participated at the Orientation program. The program was facilitated by Mr. Chandra Prasad Kachhipati, Immediate past chairperson, FTG Nepal and Mr. Chitra Bahadur K.C, Chairperson, FTG Nepal and project Manager, Enhancing livelihood resilience through Fair Trade project of FTG Nepal.

China International Import Expo 2019



Joint Country Pavilion of Nepal



Fair Trade Group Nepal Standard Booth

Fair Trade Group Nepal participated at the CIIE for the second consecutive year. FTG Nepal had the opportunity to display the products of its member organizations in the Country Pavilion and Standard Booth through Trade and Export Promotion Center (TEPC).

The main objective of the participation at CIIE was to explore Chinese market and to start export to China along with promoting relationship and understand the business and acquaintance with the market.



FTG Nepal and Nanjing Cross-border E-commerce Association Representatives jointly signed MoU

Under the framework of “Belt and Road Initiative”, and to further strengthen the age-old friendly relationship between PR China and Nepal, Nanjing Cross-border E-commerce Association and FTG Nepal agreed on the various clauses and sub-clauses and jointly signed MoU to strengthen bilateral Fair Trade Cooperation, promote the development of Fair Trade through export promotion of Nepalese crafts and other products, etc.

Interaction on Legal Regime on Shareholding of NGO in Companies

To orient and discuss on the legal provisions relating to restriction on non-governmental organizations (NGO) to hold the shares of a private limited company or public limited company as per the Companies Directive 2072, an Interaction on Legal Regime on Shareholding of NGO in Companies was held on 20th December 2019 at Kumbeshwar Technical School (KTS), Kumbeshwar, Lalitpur. The program discussed on how the restriction has affected the Fair Trade organizations in Nepal and the way forward. The interaction was facilitated by Advocate Narayan Chaulagain and was participated by the member organizations of FTG Nepal.



Mr. Narayan Chaulagain, Advocate facilitating the Interaction program

Export Promotion Project with Trade and Export Promotion Centre (TEPC)



MoU signed and exchanged between FTGN and TEPC

MoU has been signed between Trade and Export Promotion Centre (TEPC) and Fair Trade Group Nepal (FTG N) today to set up and run Design Center, Trade Facilitation Unit and Export House. The project aims to promote export by engaging producers, farmers, SMEs, youth and advocate for Fair Trade Practices in supply chain.

Through these project, trade Facilitation services will be provided to develop competencies of locals to facilitate business development services, develop common understanding on export house, promote export houses by imparting various services necessary to export products like cardamom, ginger, Laha, basketry, coffee etc, provide international design services for new product development and conduct design trainings.

OXFAM Nepal- Enterprise Development Project



Producers during Sensitization workshop

and earning income. As a result, producers the training period. PWSD deployed marketing strategies focusing on local, national and international market. Product catalogue and organization's documentary video has been produced for market promotion. This helped PWSD increase its sales and buyers base.

The gender sensitization workshop enabled producers to begin calculate the amount of work that goes unpaid and unrecognized in the household economy. It also allowed them to share this realization within their family, community, and seek recognition for the unpaid work and conducive environment to engage themselves in income generating activities. The project ended in September 2019.

FTG Nepal with support from Oxfam through its Enterprise Development Project supported Pokhara Women's Skill Development Pvt. Ltd. to increase their production and revenue by capacitating existing and new vulnerable/marginalized women producers. The project aimed to improve their business to create mass impact to improve the living condition of vulnerable women that will be engaged with them through this project.

During the period, producers were provided with trainings, tools and equipment to enable them to continue weaving Dhaka began earning during and immediately after



Producers during Textile weaving training

Enhancing Livelihood Resilience through Fair Trade



Interaction with producers in Kapilvastu

Welfare Action Nepal (SWAN) and Society for Environment Education Development (SEED) in Gorkha, Kapilvastu, Nawalpur and Dang. The goal of the project is to contribute to poverty reduction through Fair Trade approaches.

Some of the deliverables of the project during the period are:

- Provided one month Dhaka weaving advance training to Dhaka women producers in Gorkha,
- Provided seven days Turmeric Processing, packaging, labeling and branding training to producers in Gorkha,
- Conducted two days training on Business Development approaches in Butwal for producer groups and local partners from Kapilvastu, Gorkha, Nawalpur and Dang,
- Provided One day orientation on Fair Trade and ways to apply Fair Trade principles in their value chain to local stakeholders, market actors in Gorkha
- Provided one day orientation on Fair Trade to understand the concept of Fair Trade, its principles, practices to national and local partners in Kathmandu
- Carried out mapping of the key market actors involved in the value chain in coordination with local partners, CSOs, relevant government and non-government stakeholders and producer groups in Gorkha,
- Organized exposure visit for producers from Gorkha and Kapilvastu in Kathmandu to understand the market, product .

“Enhancing Livelihood Resilience through Fair Trade” project is implemented by FTG Nepal from March 2019 in partnership with IM Swedish Development Partner and its national partners- Jagaran Media Centre (JMC), Justice and Rights Institute Nepal (JuRI) and local partners- Multi-dimensional Action for Development-Nepal (MADE-Nepal), Indreni Rural Development Centre (IRDC), Siddhartha Social Development Center (SSDC), Social



Producers in Gorkha during turmeric processing training

Award and Recognition



- Ms. Padmasana Shakya, Past Chair, Advisor, FTG Nepal was awarded certificate of excellence for being Best Entrepreneur of the Fiscal year 2075-76 by FHAN.
- Manushi was awarded Export Excellency Award by Finance Minister Dr. Yubraj Khatiwada on the occasion of 40th Annual General Meeting of Lalitpur Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI).
- Mahaguthi Craft With Conscience was awarded 2nd position in Handicraft Export for the year 2018-19 during 40th Annual General Meeting of Lalitpur Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- Ms. Meera Bhattarai, Founding President and Advisor, Fair Trade Group Nepal was awarded "Athena Global Leadership Award" in International Women Entrepreneurs Summit organized by South Asian Women Development Forum (SAWDF), for her outstanding contribution in creating employment opportunities for women and for being an inspirational and admirable leader in the field of handicrafts and the Fair Trade Movement.
- Mahaguthi Craft With Conscience was awarded Top Exporter in Cotton Group; Hatale Udhyog Pvt. Ltd. on being awarded third place in Export Excellence and Tibetan Handicraft & Paper Pvt. Ltd. on being awarded Export Excellence Award for their contribution in Export (handmade paper sector) during 17th Handicraft Trade Fair organized by Federation of Handicraft Association of Nepal (FHAN).

Staff Movement

- Mr. Dipak Desai was appointed as the Finance & Admin Manager from November 10, 2019.
- Mr. Sunil Majhi Mushar was appointed as Office Assistant from November 21, 2019.
- Mr. Ashim Shrestha resigned from the position of Business Development Services Manager.

Best Wishes to Radhika!

Ms. Radhika Maskey, who worked with FTG Nepal as a Finance & Admin Manager for more than Seventeen 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.



Best Wishes to Daiba!

Mr. Daiba Risal, who worked with FTG Nepal as a Office Assistant for more than a decade has resigned from FTG Nepal. FTG Nepal will be losing a very dedicated and resourceful staff. His contribution however will always be valued. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



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