

1. Mr. Bharat Dutta Koirala

Mr. Bharat Dutta Koirala, the winner of the 2002 Ramon Masaysay Awardee for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts, is one of the most prominent senior journalists of Nepal with a professional career of over four decades. He started his career in journalism as the chief reporter of The Rising Nepal in 1965 and became editor of Gorkhapatra daily and executive chairman and general manager of Gorkhapatra Corporation. He is also the founder of many organizations such as Nepal Press Institute, Nepal Forum for Environmental Journalist, Media Services International, and Radio Sagarmatha, the first independent private FM radio station. Awarded by Knight Journalism Foundation, he also pioneered the publication of "Wall Newspaper." He is credited with introducing reporting on development of rural Nepal. Presently, he is the Secretary General of Nepal Press Institute, Chairman of Media Services International, and Chairman of Himal Production.

2. Ms. Ragini Grela Upadhyay

Ms Ragini Grela Upadhyay, three-time winner of the National Exhibition Prize (Nepal), is one of the most talented artists of our country. She has specialized in oil painting and print making. She was also awarded the Kate and Robert Wilson Prize, Bradford, U.K. (1986) and Birendra Aswaria Memorial Medal, Kathmandu (2002). Her Solo, Group, and International exhibitions are being held all around the globe. She has also established Pumari Art Heritage at Hotel Blue star and a private art gallery at Balkot, Kathmandu. Presently, her official collections are in Bradford museum, U.K., Birendra Art Gallery, and many more places. And she is represented in private collections in many countries such as Australia, Canada, Switzerland, U.S.A, U.K., Italy, and many more.

3. Prof. Prayag Raj Sharma

"Everyone should carry out their responsibility with great devotion." With such a belief, Prof. Prayag Raj Sharma is a prominent Historian, Anthropologist, and Archaeologist. He has published books such as Pashchimi Nepal ko Kala ra Bastukala and written scores of articles on Nepalese art, archaeology, and ethnology published in leading National Journals. He has devoted more than four decades of his life to the education sector. He was also a prestigious member of successful joint T.U. and Osaka City University expedition to Kajiroba Himal in Western Nepal in 1970.

4. Dr.Huta Ram Biadya

Agriculture Engineer, Freelance Consultant. First Agriculture Engineer in Nepal Assistant Director and Chief of Extension Division for Dept. of Agriculture (1957-60). Program Officer, Peace Corps, U.S. (97-80). Chair, South Asian Partnership, Nepal (98-99). Social worker and freelance consultant for grassroot development workers since 1990. His belief: "Simple science and technology is the best cure for poverty alleviation."

5. Dr. Shanta Thapalia

Womens' Rights Activist, Law Professor, retired from T.U. Founder and Chairperson of Legal Aid and Consultancy. Prominent women personality of Autonomous Advocacy Group in SAARC. Active involvement in law amendment, property rights for daughters. Basically involved in socioeconomic and legal rights for women. Education: University of California; Phd

Law-University of Delhi. BA Honours Banaras University. Diploma +BL- T.U. Diploma in Administration

6. Mr. Subodh Pyakhurel

Involved in the Human Rights Movement since 1986. Elected the counsellor for the first general assembly of A Forum for Human Rights. Founding member of INSEC in 1991, then the executive member; 2001, Secretary General; 2003, Chairman. Education: M.B.A. - T.U. Member of Human Rights Action Plan Steering Committee. Executive Member, Forum Asia. Executive Member, South Asian Forum for Human Rights. Chairperson, South Asian Peoples' Forum. Participated and presented paper in many international programs.

7. Mark Mallalieu

2004 - Head, DFID Nepal

2000 - 2004 Head, DFID South East Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Indonesia, East Timor, Sri Lanka Regional Programmes), based in Bangkok

1996 - 2000 Kenya Country Programme Manager, DFID East Africa, Nairobi

1993 - 1996 Head, Population and Reproductive Health, Health and Population Department, ODA UK

1989 - 1993 Regional Programme Manager, Mozambique, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, SADC, ODA Central Africa, Lilongwe

1987 - 1989 Head, Policy Unit, Personnel Department, ODA UK

1985 - 1987 2nd Secretary (Development), British Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan

1983 - 1985 Accounts Department, Overseas Development Administration (ODA) UK

1982 - 1983 Nature Conservancy Council UK, Secretary to Advisory Committee on Birds

8. Mr. Rajesh Hamal

When it comes to Nepali movies, there is only one name that comes to every director's, producer's, and viewer's mind. He is the biggest superstar of the decade, or should we call him the living legend of Nepali movies. He is none other than Rajesh Hamal. There are more than 100 movies already with his name and still on. He is a person who does not only believe in name and fame but also in social activities.

He has been nominated as the best actor in every film awards till now, and has won most of them, like Motion Picture Award, Lux Film Award, etc. He is also the ambassador of the first ever Nepal made bike, "Cosmic Ying Yang". he has not only acted in movies but has also been involved in TV shows and advertisements.

9. Mr. Sashin Joshi

Sashin Joshi, the man NIC Bank's promoters are banking upon to lead their bank to a leadership position in the country's banking industry, joined NIC Bank as CEO in December 2002, leaving Standard Chartered Bank Nepal Limited, where he was a Director on the Board in addition to being the Head of Corporate and Institutional Banking. More importantly, he was the Resident Representative at the Standard Chartered Bank Representative Office in Nepal. He had joined the erstwhile Nepal Grindlays Bank Ltd. (taken over by Standard Chartered in August 2000) in June 1989 and later was nominated to the board of the bank by ANZ Bank, Melbourne. Thus, he

became the first Nepali to be appointed on the board of a bank by any foreign bank in Nepal. He was nominated by the board of the bank and also by Standard Chartered Bank, London.

He has an MBA from Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Poona, India, with a specialization in Finance and also has a post-graduate Diploma in Marketing from Institute of Marketing, New Delhi. He has also worked in ANZ Grindlays Bank, Calcutta, and ANZ Bank, Melbourne, in various capacities. In Nepal, he started his banking career as a Credit Analyst with Nabil Bank Ltd. before moving to Grindlays.

10. Mr. Shankar Man Shrestha

EDUCATION: Study on Agri. Credit as special student 1970-71, Texas A & M University, USA
M.A. (Economics) 1969, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
B.A. (Hons. in Economics) 1966, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Position: Executive Director
Centre for Self-help Development (CSD)
Date of Employment: August 1991 to August 1999

Position: Chief Executive Officer
Rural Microfinance Development Centre Ltd. (RMDC)
Date of Employment: August 1999 to the date

11. Mr. Ram Binod Bhattarai

Mr. Ram Binod Bhattarai is currently Alternative Executive Director in ADB Manila since 2000. He is the Former Finance Secretary of HMG. He has worked in The Rising Nepal as Asst. Editor (1966-1970), in Ministry of Finance as Section Officer (1970-1976) and Under Secretary (1976-19981), Director General in Department of Industry (1982-1991). He is one of the Board of Directors of NIDC (Nepal Industrial Development Corporation), Nepal Oil Corporation, and NARC. He has been honored with Gorkha Dakshin Bahu III in 1981; Trishakti Patta III in 1998; Bishista Service Medal 1998.

12. Dr. Upendra Mahato

Dr. Upendra Mahato is currently the Chairman of the NRN International Coordination Committee. He is also the President of Russia - Nepal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is the first Nepali to get Doctor of Science in the technical field. He got his Ph.D and D.SC. from International Academy of Information Technology, Minsk, Belarus. He has more than 15 years of multinational experience in business and has more than 20 years of result oriented social work experiences.

After his Graduation, he has established himself as a very successful businessman operating in the countries belonging to former Soviet Union. He is presently the CEO of International Business in CIS countries, and from 1997 till date he is the Honorary Royal Consul General of the Kingdom of Nepal in the Republic of Belarus.

His present business activities in Nepal include medicine, education, mass media, and hydropower while oil products, TV production, road construction equipment production, medicine, banking, and real estate abroad.

13. Mr. Shyam S.L. Kakshapati

Known for his entrepreneurial skills and the contribution made in the field of quality education. Currently he owns the Subhatara School, The Bakery Café, and the Hotel Side Resort(Manakamana). He also served as the president of The Hotel Association of Nepal.

14. Mr. Gert Meinecke

Gert Meinecke, the Charge d' Affaires at the Kathmandu-based Royal Danish Embassy. Mr. Gert Meinecke took up the Kathmandu assignment in September 2001 and since then he as a non-partisan observer watching the unfolding events in Nepali politics.

Prior to his Nepal posting, the Danish diplomat served the "Peace and Stability" section of the Danish foreign ministry.

A student of Contemporary Modern History and development Studies from the Roskilde University, Denmark, Mr. Meinecke joined the Foreign Service in 1991. His foreign assignment prior to Nepal includes working as First Secretary at the Danish embassy in Pretoria.

He has also served as Junior Professional Officer at the UNDP. He is also considered to be an expert on the relations in between the less and the highly developed countries.

15. Enrique Rueda-Sabater

Enrique Rueda-Sabater completed master's degree in agricultural economics and licenciatura from University of Reading (Great Britain) and University of E.S.A.D.E.- BARCELONA (ES). Furthermore, he has a Doctor Degree in Agricultural Economics (Stopped) from Pennsylvania State University (US). His regional work experience constitute Africa, Central America, East Asia, East Asia And Pacific, Eastern & Southern Africa, Europe - Part I, Europe And Central Asia, Latin America And Caribbean, North America, Other, South America, South Asia similarly his country work experience constitute of Switzerland, United Kingdom, India, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Thailand, Tanzania, United States, Central America, East Asia, Europe - Part I, Eastern & Southern Africa, North America, South Asia, South America. He is well versed in languages like Spanish (Native), English (S:E R:E W:E), French (S:NL R:E W:G), and Swahili (S:F R:F W:F). Furthermore, he has a vast experience in the banking sector.

16. Mr. Bishwambher Pyakurel

Professor Of Economics: Consultant Research Economist-Development/Family Planning:
Literature: Song Writer

Educational Qualification:

MA in Economics from Tribhuvan University in 1973

MA (International Affairs), Ohio State University, USA, 1981

Ph.D (Economics), 1989

Work: Book: Indreniko Gumbaj bhitra (collection of Nepali short stories), 1972

Import Substituting Industries In Nepal, 1989

Cassette Album and CD: Timile Bhaneko (Song Collection), 2000

He has done a number of research work, papers, and feature articles on Economics, Family Planning, Population Education, resource Mobilization, etc in various journals and newspapers.

Head, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University
Thesis Advisor for Master Level Students in Economics
Supervisor/Examiner for doctoral candidates
Member of International Association of East West Center alumni, Honolulu, USA (1979)
Member of Society For International Development (SID), Rome (1987)
FP/MCH Project Health Board, Ministry Of Health (1987-88)
Executive Committee, Center For Economic Development and Administration (CEDA)/TU (1988-90)
Central Tariff Board, Ministry Of Finance (1988-90)
TU Welfare Fund (1989)
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), Belgium (1990)

Director, Nepal Contraceptive Retail Sales (CRS) Com Pvt Ltd, 1986

Honorary General Secretary, Nepal Economic Association (NEA) and Family Planning Association Of Nepal (FPAN), 1989 and 1990-92
Chair, South Asia Region Program Committee, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), London, 1990
General Secretary, NEA since 1995.
Chair, Board Of Directors, Nepal Industrial Development Corporation (NIDC), August 2000
Secom: Social SC Research Methodology, Use of Statistics and Mathematics in Economics, Population, Community, Participation, etc., held in USA, Korea, Kuala Lumpur, India, Singapore, Pakistan, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, and Nepal on different occasions
Honors: Education Day Award, 1986

17. Mr. Madhab Prasad Ghimire

Careerist: Civil Service (Financial Economics)
Educational Qualification:
Matric, TAV, 1959
Intermediate and Bachelors (IA and BA), NNC, 1965 and 1967
MA, Economics, Tribhuvan University, 1969
MS (Financial Economics), Dist: Role of Central Bank in developing countries with reference to Nepal Rastra Bank, University Of Wales, UK, 1977
Special Training: Service Training
Public Life: Section Officer, Ministry Of Finance (MOF) (1971-1979)
Deputy Secretary, MOF, (1976-964)
Asst to the Exec Dir, World Bank, USA (1980-84)
Joint Secretary, MOF, 1994
President, Toastmaster's Club, UNDP, 1997
Deputy Director General, Customs Department, 1998
Comptroller General, Office Of Comptroller General, June 2002
Regional Administrator, Western Regional Administration Office

18. Er. Ichchha Raj Tamang

Mr. Tamang has M.Sc. (Hons.) degree in Water Resources engineering from Saint Petersburg State University of Water Communication, Russia, (1995) and has been working as lecturer in Institute of Engineering from 1995 onwards.

Mr. Tamang has been working for Devtec Nepal Pvt. Ltd both as Consultant Engineer since last 11 years as surveyor, overseer, design engineer, and trainer. Mr. Tamang has been engaged by Devtec for RWSSFDB assignments as trainer in SO orientation workshops and monitoring and evaluation works.

As a lecturer in IOE Mr. Tamang is well aware with the teaching techniques. Mr. Tamang was involved in a number of assignments related with RWSSFDB and is well aware with Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Fund Development Board philosophy and criteria. Mr. Tamang is teaching Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulics engineering in Pulchowk Campus recently. He had taught other engineering subjects like soil mechanics, material science, water supply, building services, etc.

19. Mr. Abhi N. Subedi

He is a professor of English Literature and Linguistics and is the author of Literacy Criticisms, Linguistics. He is an Art Critic born on Wednesday, June 30, 1945, in Tehrathum district, grandson of Gajadhar Subedi and son of Bhasker Subedi and Ram and was married to Bindu in 1975.

He did MA in English from Tribhuvan University, Nepal in 1970, holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in English Studies and Stylistics, completed his Masters in Science in Applied and General Linguistics in 1980 and 1987 from Edinburgh University, UK. He did his Ph.D in 1992 from Tribhuvan University, Nepal on the thesis "The pragmatics of poetry". He has undergone training on "Crash course in English Linguistics, TU and British Council, Kathmandu in 1971. In 1984 he did training on "Dip in French language and civilization" from French Cultural Centre, Kathmandu. Also, he has done Intensive Advanced Course in American Literature from TU and American Culture Centre, Kathmandu in 1992 and several other courses in and training.

His work includes "Paschatya Kavya Siddhanta"(western literary criticism) in 1973 and 1997 and was the co-author of "Manas" (joint collection of poetry in English). In 1974, he was the co-author of "Vishwa Sahityako Aitihāsik Roop Rekha" (An outline history of world literature), Nepali Literature Background and History, 1978; English for Special Purposes (textbook for certificate level students), "Srijana Ra Mulyankan" (a collection of critical essays in Nepali) 1982 and 1995; "Pachchisvarshaka Kavita" (edited poetry collection); "Adhunik Japāni Kavita" (translation of modern Japanese Poetry), 1987, "Japāni Haiku Hijo Ra Aja" (or Japanese Haiku), "Japāni No Natak" (Japanese No Drama and theatre), 1989; "Guransh English Reader (part 1,2,3) (a series of textbooks for lower secondary level students), 1991; Chasing Dreams (poems in English), 1996; "Samakalin Nepali Kavita", 1996 (edited); "Sabda Ra Chot" (poetry collection), 1997; "Madhyam Ra Rachana", 1997; "Carpet Tangieko Akash" (literary essays), 1998; Nepali Art; Visions and Contexts (monograph), 1997; "Ekai Kawaguchi: The Trespassing Insider", 1999; Voices from Nepal (joint collection of poems), 1999; Poems of the century (edited), 2000; Dreams of Peach Blossoms (play); papers on linguistics, poetry and teaching of English and reviews and essays and essays on contemporary Nepalese Art, several English language textbooks for Primary to Tertiary levels and scores of articles and poems in English published in Nepal and elsewhere.

His public life includes the following: Lecturer, Department of English, Patan College, Lalitpur, 1970; Reader, Central Dept. of English (CDE)/TU, 1986, and Professor since 1993 and presently, Head CDE/TU; Member-Secretary, Post-Graduate Research Div. (Ph.D program), TU, 1994-97; Visiting Professor, Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 1997-98, activities: Editor, Nepalese Linguistics. 1986-90; President: Linguistic Society of Nepal, 1990-92, Literary Association of

Nepal, 1992-98 and Nepal Int'l Treatre Institute; Executive Member: Nepali Folklore Society, Nepali Sahityakar Samsad(Nepali Writers' Forum) Secom seminars and conferences on poetry and linguistics and other literary subjects held in Dhaka, Copenhagen, American States, New Delhi, Tokyo etc. on different occasions. He has been honored with British Council Scholarship, 1978-79; Mahendra Vidya Bhushan; Rockefeller Foundation Grants, 1996; Senior Japanese Foundation Fellow, 1997; Dr. Ganesh Smriti Puraskar, 2002. Inspiration from self and belief is "Man's capacity to continue." His interests include collecting pots, art reviews, painting, music, etc. Mailing Address: GPO Box 2371 Kathmandu Tel. 4353963, E-mail: girish@unlimited.com.

20. Mr. Novel Kishore Rai

He is a Linguist-Tibeto-Burman Language (Bantawa-Rai); He is a researcher born on Sunday, May 27, 1945, in Hikunamba, Panchtar district. He is the grandson of Pahar S. Rai and married to Nirupa in 1976. He has done his matriculation exam from Nepal in 1963. Furthermore, he has done IA, BA, BEd and MA (Nepali), TU, Nepal in 1966, 1968, 1969, and 1970, respectively. He has done Ph.D in Linguistics on the thesis: Descriptive study on Bantawa, Poona Univ. India, 1986. He has done Post-Doctoral Research, Kiel Univ. of Germany, 1987-88.

His work experience includes: publications in the national and int'l journals. Manuscript: Bantawa Grammar, A Basic Course in Bantawa (book). His public life includes: Assistant Lecturer (1972-78) and Assistant Campus Chief, Ilam, 1977-78; Lecturer and Chief, Students' Welfare Committee, Kirtipur Campus (KC)/TU, Kirtipur, 1978-84 and 1978-80; Reader, KC, Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies (CNAS)/TU since 1984 to date; Member, National Language Policy Suggestion Commission, Kathmandu (1993), ethnic languages policy suggestion committee, Radio Nepal (1994); Royal Nepalese Ambassador to Germany, June 1995 - December 1999 also accredited to Holy Sea, Austria, and Switzerland Secom Conference of all India Institute of Applied Linguistics; Univ. of Kerala, India, 1983; XIV Int'l Conference of Linguistics, Berlin, 1988; Annual Conference of European Linguists, Freiburg, Germany, 1988.

He has been honored with the following: Coronation Medal, 1975; Gorkha Dakshin Bahu II, 1996; Grand Cross of the Order of the Merit, II class (Germany), 1996; Trishakti Patra, 1997 and others. His belief is "Being confident in one's profession." His interests include listening to music, reading, indoor games, chatting, gardening, etc. His mailing address is GPO Box 4171, Kathmandu. Tel. 5546366, E-mail: nirupa@unlimited.com.

21. MOHAN MAN SAINJU, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

1972 Doctor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA. Development as major and International Relations as minor field of studies.

1963 Bachelor of Laws, Nepal Law College, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

1962 Master of Arts in Economics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal.

1960 Bachelor of Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India.

EXPERIENCES

Present: Vice Chairman, Poverty Alleviation Fund, Nepal.

1988 - 1991: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Nepal to the United States of America. Also accredited as Royal Nepalese Ambassador to Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and Columbia.

1982 - 1988: Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal.
1976 - 1982: Member, National Planning Commission (NPC), Nepal.
1973 - 1976: Rector, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.
1972 - 1973: Chief Specialist, Center for Economic Development and Administration (CEDA), Nepal.
1967 - 1969: Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Land Reform, His Majesty's Government (HMG), Nepal.
1964 - 1967: Director and subsequently Chief Director, Department of Land Reform, HMG, Nepal.
1963 - 1964: Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Economic Planning, HMG of Nepal.

ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

Nepal Ma Bhumi Sudhar (Land Reform in Nepal) 1970. Kathmandu, Nepal.
Economics of Decentralization, 2002, Kathmandu, Nepal
Scores of articles on various social, economic, development policy issues, etc., written in both English and Nepali.

DECORATIONS

Suprabal Gorkha Dakshin Bahu
Suprabal Trishakti Patta
Mahendra Vidya Bhushan

HONORS

1991 Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA.
1990 Honorary Doctorate, Wheeling Jesuit College, Wheeling, West Virginia, USA

22. Mr D.C.Gupta

Education: Master of Commerce
Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)
M. Soc. Sc.(Dev. Admn) Birmingham, (UK)
Entered Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in July 1967 and has nearly four decades of experience in public administration, both in Central and the State Govt. He served in the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India and dealt with the formulation and implementation of macroeconomic policies, banks and other financial intermediaries, capital markets, public expenditure management, etc. He also served as the Director General of Employees State Insurance Corporation under the Ministry of Labour during December 1997 to May 1999.

23. Keshar Bahadur Bista

He completed both BA and MA in Political Science from TU, Nepal in 1973 and 1976, respectively.

His work experience from 1995 to date:

Chairman, Karnali Institute (Research Institute)

Chairman, Institute of Science and Management Intermediate College

Chairman, Laboratory School (Higher Secondary School)

Chairman, Nepal Education Society

1998 - 1999: Convenor, Nepal - Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association

1996 - 1999: Member of National Assembly (Upper House)

1993 - 1995: Member, Nepal Congress General Assembly and General Conference

1990 - 1993: General Secretary, National Democratic Party

His international participation includes:

2002: USA - National Prayer Breakfast Meeting, Washington, D.C.

2002: USA - Visit of Private Research Center San Antonio, Texas

1998: Norway - Socialist International Meeting

His honors and awards include:

Mahendra Bidyabhushan (First Class First in M.A. Nationwide)

Lalit Chand Padak

Lalit Kumari Padak

Sewa Padak

24. Dr Suresh Raj Sharma

Current Vice Chancellor of Kathmandu University, Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma holds a degree of Doctor of Philosophy from CNAALondon. He has also served as an officer on special duty in Royal Palace Jaanch Boojh Kendra. He was the first Executive Director of the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training; Member-Secretary in National Education Committee; Member of National Commission for UNESCO; National Delegate to the SAARC Technical committee on science and technology, etc.

Dr Sharma is a well-known educationist and educational administrator. He has made significant contribution to the development of education in Nepal. He has a number of books, research papers, articles, secondary school curriculum textbook, and many more to his credit.

25. Bhairab Risal

Bhairab Risal is a social activist and a journalist. He was born on August 15, 1928, in a village named Tithali Gundu of Bhaktapur district. He is the son of Gobardhan Risal.

Education: Sampurna Madhyama, BQC; Shastri and studied AcharyaKalpa at Banaras Sanskrit University, India.

Publications: Sadhulai Suli (jail dairy); Logne-Swasnee Ra Kehi Mitraka Chitthi

Public life: active in student movement; participated in low salary employees' movement; Founder chairman, managing committee, Arniko Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Dadhikot; member: managing committee, Mahalaxmi Campus; General Assembly of Nepal Tuberculosis Relief Association; involved in people's movement.

26. Shanti Chadha

Shanti Chadha is an entrepreneur: Travel and Tours/Women's Skill Development.

Born on December 25, 1950; Daughter of R. B. Rana and M. Chadha.

Education: BA, Mysore College, India; Training: Business mgmt., Cranfield University, UK; Intl. marketing mgmt., Boston University and Harvard University; Export mgmt., Helsinki University, Finland.

Work: articles on mgmt. of small-scale enterprises in developing countries
Published in national and international magazines

Public life: started working in Third Eye Tours and Travels since its estd.
Worked for introducing Mt. Everest Flight
Director, Nepal Woman Crafts
Elected President, Women Entrepreneurs Association of Nepal

27. Ligal, Prithivi Raj

Development economist

Education

- Matric , TJS, 1963 ; ISC, PSC, Lainchaur, BA, TCC, 1969; MA (Econ) , TU,1971

Work

- Research papers and reports on socioeconomic study, macro-timer series data, foreign trade, econ of tourism, macroeconometric model, commercial bank, energy sector, hydropower project, monetary mgmt, the sixth plan, energy problem, input- output analysis, etc.

Public Life

- Lecturer, Dept of Econ, Tribhuwan campus, Palpa, 1971-76 and TU Kathmandu 1976-86
- Coordinator, Planning Cell/TU, 1975-76;
- Member of Editorial Board the economic journal of Nepal/TU(1978-80);
- Research wing, family planning association of Nepal, Kathmandu, (1984-87)
- Central Tariff Board /HMG, 1985-90
- Board Director, Agri Projs Services Center (APROSC), Kathmandu 1987-88
- Negotiating team on structural adjustment facility I, II, and III with International Monetary Fund (IMF) (1987,1988,1989)
- Negotiating team on structural adjustment loan I and II with the World Bank (1987 and 1989)
- Board Director, Rastriya Banijya Bank Nepal (1987-90) and National Statistical council/HMG (1988-91)
- Managing Editor, Economic Monthly, TU, 1977-78;
- Economic Advisor, National Planning Commission, 1980 and Ministry of Finance 1983-91
- Senior Consultant, Water and Energy Consumption /HMG, 1982-84
- Reader, Central Dept. of Economics, TU since 1986 and thesis supervisor for a number of MA students
- Member of NPC, 1991-94
- Vice Chairman, NPC, 1995

Secom

- National, regional, and intl. seminars and conferences on resource mobilization, Nepalese econ, import management, industrial policy, export development, Asian economic outlook, etc., held in the country and abroad

Honor

- Gorkha Dakshin Bahu III
- Hubert H. Humphrey fellowship, Pennsylvania State University, USA.

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Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Tel: 5525805

28. Pant, Harihar Dev

Economist, Banker

Education

- Matric, Nepal 1958
- ISC, BA and MA (Econ), TU, 1961,1963, and 1966
- PHD (Econ) - thesis: Monetary Policy in Nepal, Bombay University, India, 1976

Public Life

- Started Career as Research officer NRB since 1968
- Worked as Research Advisor under IMF (technical services), Central Bank of Gambia, 1991-92
- Deputy Governor, NRB, 1992
- Chairman, Far western and Eastern Village Development Bank, 1993-1995
- Member, Nepal Econ Association, 1994
- Chairman, Nirdhan Sansthan, Anamnagar
- Executive Director, Nirdhan Utthan Bank Ltd. Since 1998

Honor

- Mahendra Vidhya Bhushan
- Praval Gorkha Dakshin Bahu, 1998

Address

Anamnagar, Shantipath, Kathmandu, Tel: 4230763

29. Mr. Koji Tomita

First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan

30. Ms Ambica Shrestha

Entrepreneur - travel trade and social worker

Education

- Matric, SJC, Kalimpong, 1950
- IA, PU, Patna, 1957 and BA (Econ)

Training

- Leadership development, management, and social welfare activities

Public Life

- Cultural affairs Officer, USIS, Kathmandu, 1959-61
- Co- Chairman, Bir Hospital Intl. Volunteers, 1959-1964
- Treasurer and Later Chairman, Nepal Jaycess, 1968-69 and 1969-71
- Teacher (Nepali culture), Lincoln School Kathmandu, 1969-71
- Managing Director, Kathmandu Travels and Tours since 1969 and Nepal Treks and Natural History Expeditions since 1972
- Proprietor of Dwarikas Kathmandu Village Hotel since its inception
- Treasurer, Paropakar Foundation Day Committee, 1970-71 and PATA Nepal Chapter

Chapter

- President, Nepal-Britain Society, 1977-78 and Business and Professional women club, 1977
- Member, working committee, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, 1978-81

- Vice-President, Nepal Association of Travel Agents since 1979, Skall Club of Kathmandu (1970-80), PATA-Nepal Chapter, 1979 and Nepal Council of World Affairs
- National President, Nepal Jaycees
- Board Member, Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation
- Member Nepal Services Coordination Committee till 1990
- President Federation of Business and Professional Women, Nepal
- Member of Transparency Intl. Nepal, 1999 and Nepal Tourism Board, March, 2001

Secom

- Various seminars conferences and conventions held at national regional and International levels

Honor

- Gorkha Dakshin Bahu
- Prakhyat Trishakti Patta, 1998
- Heritage Award, 2001

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31. Ms. Bina Pradhan

Bina Pradhan has a Ph.D. in Population and Development (PDP) from Cornell University with a multidisciplinary background in rural sociology, economics, gender studies, anthropology, and international development in agriculture. She served as the FAO Regional Adviser on Gender and Socio-Cultural Operations Research to UNFPA/CST from 1998 to 2003.

From 1992 to 1997, Pradhan undertook short-term assignments in various capacities in the fields of gender and development: Visiting Professor in the Institute of Gender Studies in Ochanomizu University in Tokyo, Japan; Gender and Development Expert for the Ministry of Women's Affairs and Social Welfare of the Government of Maldives; Resource Person at Padma Kanya Campus, Tribhuvan University (1995) responsible for development and establishment of Post Graduate Programme in Gender Studies; and WID Consultant to Canadian Cooperation Office/CIDA, Kathmandu (1993-1995). She has provided technical support services for various international agencies such as UNICEF, UNIFEM, FAO, UNIDO, UNFPA, USAID, IDRC, and IFAD in areas of gender and development, population, maternal and reproductive health, and micro-credit financing. From 1983 to 1989/90, Pradhan established the first women NGO Centre for Women and Development, and served as Executive Director in building the Centre and in the promotion of gender equality/equity and empowerment of women. In 1998 she was awarded the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship in recognition of her contributions to public services.

In the early 1970's, under the Tribhuvan University, Nepal, she undertook teaching and a wide range of research projects including the landmark study on The Status of Women in Nepal. She authored monographs on Status of Women in Nepal, Women's Autonomy and Reproductive Health behavior and has written on the subject extensively.

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