

# **Quality Education Nepal Incorporated**

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## **President's Report for Quality Education Nepal Inc. (QEN) for 2021-2**

### **Service delivery**

In my report for 2020-21 I noted that no training courses could be delivered during the 20-21 financial year due to the pandemic. I am pleased to report that training courses resumed in October 2021. Since then our NGO LEARN has delivered eight courses ranging from basic training to specialized IT courses.

Contributions to funding were received for two of these courses from the Rural Municipality of Rakhugunga, The remaining funding was all provided by QEN.

### **Staff changes**

Apart from the above, the most significant development during the year came in the resignations, for various personal reasons, of LEARN's three staff – Meen Shahi as Program Director; Ghopal Dhungel as Chief Training Officer; and Urmila Shreesh as Finance and Administration Officer. I wish to thank them sincerely for their valuable service and wish them well for the future.

The three have since replaced by Khadga Kumar Shrestha, Toya Prasad Ammai and Manista Serpuja Pun respectively. We welcome them to our operations. Khadga and Toya, like Meen before them, have previously worked for REED Nepal, the training NGO for the Australian Himalayan Foundation.

### **Funding**

QEN continues to receive generous contributions from donors, every \$ of which is most welcome.

Beyond this our major source of income is now our capital fund which stood at \$1.8 m. at the end of the financial year. We acknowledge Hewison Private Wealth for the services they provide in managing these funds. They have exceeded targets for both income and capital growth.

Negotiations have been proceeding, not just with Rakhugunga Municipality but also those of Annapurna and Dhaulagiri, with a view to future cost sharing. This will allow programs to be extended so that the funds that QEN is able to contribute will be spread over a greater number of teachers, and the benefits thus to reach a greater number of students.

### **Thanks**

I wish to thank Simon Cowen, Michael Dillon, Ronda Hall, Gordon Nightingale and George Hillary as directors of QEN. The latter in particular for his support for our cause since he joined our Board in 2015, while at the same time having active roles with the Australian Himalayan Foundation and the New Zealand Himalayan Trust. George retired from the Board on 4 June 2022, having found it necessary to curtail his philanthropic activities to cope with other life demands (including recent marriage for which we wish him well).

Finally, my strongest thanks go to Krishna Pun, CEO of LEARN. Without his vision and constant drive, we would have achieved nothing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Hall', written in a cursive style.

Peter Hall, President  
26 November 2021