

## President's Report for Quality Education Nepal Inc. for 2017-2018

Achievements during the year included:

- Continuation of **Rotary International Global Grant Project** valued at US\$74,000 which commenced in April 2017 to train 75 teachers of the Tatopani Resource Centre over three years. QEN has no formal role in the delivery of this project, but having drawn together the participating parties we maintain oversight of both the Rotary funding and the service delivery by LEARN
- **Continuing delivery of school support and refresher training by LEARN.** LEARN has continued to deliver in-school support and refresher training to all of the teachers who have entered our training programs since 2011 including Shikha and Ghara VDCs and Rima Resource Centre.
- Commencement of a **new three-year program for teachers of Pakhapani Resource Centre** funded directly by LEARN bringing the number of teachers engaged in our training programs. to more than 300
- Receipt from Director Michael Dillon of a **16 minute documentary film of the evolution of our teacher training practices** over the past decade under the auspices of the Australian Himalayan Foundation, NZ and UK Himalayan Trusts and others. This documentary has been valuable in promoting our services at the Rotary International Convention, presentations at Rotary and Probus clubs and elsewhere.
- **Staff recruitment by LEARN:** Krishna Pun as Executive Officer (formerly designated CEO) has been joined by Meen Shahi as Program Manager, Gopal Dhungel as Chief Training Officer and Urmila Shreesh as Finance and Administration Officer. This 4-person team gives LEARN much greater strength to carry forward its programs into the future
- A **website upgrade** which has made the [nepalaid.org.au](http://nepalaid.org.au) website (also accessible as [qen.org.au](http://qen.org.au)) accessible on mobile devices
- Attendance by myself at the **Rotary International Convention in Toronto** (June 23-27) where our booth in the House of Friendship attracted considerable interest.
- Continuing **accumulation of our investment fund** which was initiated by a grant of \$800,000 from the estate of former Rotarian Andrew Jack, It had reached \$884,138 by 30 June 2018 while yielding steady income to support our endeavours..

This progress has been achieved through the combined efforts of the Board of QEN and the Board and staff of LEARN in Nepal together with the trainers who join them to deliver programs.