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Thanks to Gordon Nightingale for photos in this edition, taken during his visit to Nepal in April 2014, seen here with Pat Baines and Peter Hall at Paudwar village.

Below: Pat with Paudwar key teacher Kumari Pun and World Peace Clown Susan Carew.



### Great news for NVIA

In December we applied to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a Public Benevolent Institution.

This application was successful - we now have Tax Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, allowing us to issue tax deductible receipts. Simply send your donation to NVIA by direct funds transfer (BSB 633-000, a/c 149716235), or by cheque to the above address, giving your surname as reference and sending an email to [info@nepalaid.org.au](mailto:info@nepalaid.org.au) to advise of your contribution.

Contributions are very much appreciated. As described below, we are applying to The Rotary Foundation for funding support to extend training to a new group of 75 teachers of Tatopani Resource Centre over the next three years, at a cost of around \$100,000.

In the meantime we are committed to continuing training for the 150 teachers of Shikha, Ghara and Rima (Histan and Ramche) VDCs, amounting to around \$70,000 per annum. We need your support to meet this commitment.

## Progress with LEARN

LEARN is the NGO that we established in Nepal in 2014 to deliver our teacher training. It continues to do so with great effect. Gordon's photo shows trainers, trainees and visiting volunteers at its first training course at Ghara in April 2014.



Since then LEARN has delivered the following courses:

June	2014	Shikha/ Ghara	In-school support
June	2014	Rima	Baseline survey
Sept.	2014	Ghara	Orientation training
Oct.	2014	Rima	10 days training
March	2015	Rima	In-school support
April	2015	Rima	6 days refresher training
April	2015	Ghara	10 days training
May	2015	Rima	Orientation training
Sept. /Oct.	2015	Shikha/ Ghara	In-school support
Oct./ Nov.	2015	Rima	10 days training
Jan.	2016	Shikha/ Ghara	6 days refresher training
Feb.	2016	Shikha/ Ghara	In-school support

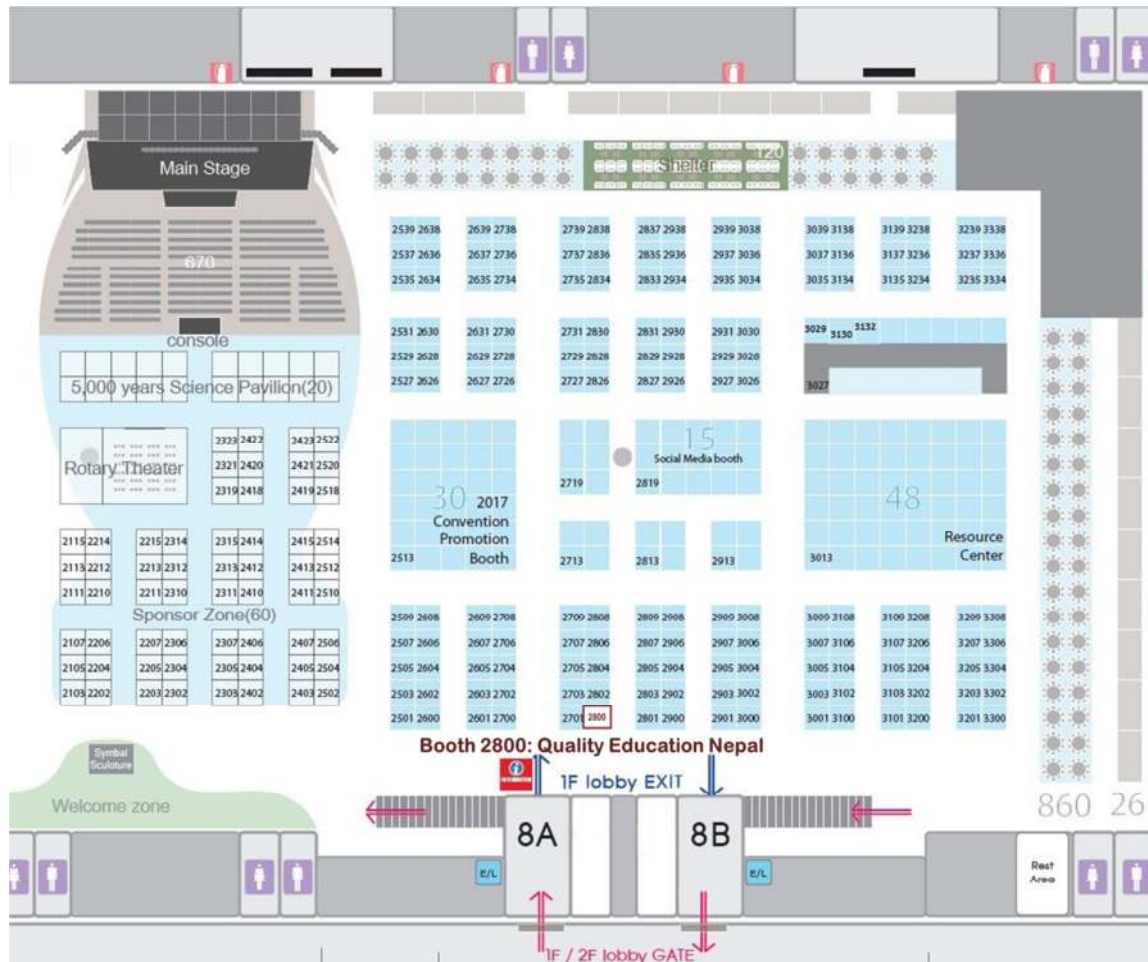
A lengthy process has been under way to recruit a Chief Training Officer and an administrative support person. We are hoping this will achieve fruition in the near future.

## Rotary Foundation Global Grant Project

Mention was made in the last newsletter of an application for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to support a project for LEARN to deliver training to 75 teachers of Tatopani Resource Centre over a period of three years. 15 Rotary clubs (8 in Australia and 7 in Nepal) will contribute financially to this \$100,000 project, scheduled to commence after July 17 (the start of Nepal's next financial year).

# Rotary International Convention Seoul, South Korea, May 18 – June 1

We have long been planning to participate in this Convention with its expected attendance of 50,000 Rotarians from around the world. Our application for a booth in the House of Friendship was successful, not just in achieving a booth, but a prime position at the entrance to the Exhibition hall:



Our booth will be designated “Quality Education Nepal” to highlight our focus on teacher training. We will be promoting not only the Global Grant Project as currently proposed, but also the concept of Rotary clubs around the world being able to initiate similar projects in the future. We will give them all the assistance they need - introduction to a Host Sponsor Club in Nepal; government approvals and participation; service planning and delivery by LEARN, with comprehensive reporting; assistance with project sponsor negotiations and the Rotary Foundation application.

Our booth display will include some of Gordon Nightingale’s beautiful photos, together with screening of a short film on teacher training in Nepal by Michael Dillon, AM (both Board members of NVIA).

We have also been allocated a 90 minute Breakout Session, to which all Conference attendees will be invited. Peter Hall will attend the Convention with Ronda where he and LEARN CEO Krishna Pun will participate in a Break-out panel with Tej Gurung, President of the Host Sponsor Rotary Club of Pokhara Fishtail.

## Documentary: 'Bringing the Light'

'Seven Women' is a Rotary project like ours, also registered with RAWCS. In 2007 Stephanie Woollard decided to assist a small group of Nepalese women develop skills to make craft goods that could be sold in Australia. More than 900 women are now involved, their goods being distributed through more than 100 outlets in Australia. The theme of the project is empowerment of Nepalese women in a way they have never enjoyed in the past.

A documentary about 'Seven Women' is in the final stages of production, to be shown at ACMI, Federation Square on 26 May. To learn more, visit [www.sevenwomen.org](http://www.sevenwomen.org).

A crowd-funding campaign has been initiated to achieve completion of the documentary, with rewards such as a copy of the DVD, a silk scarf and a book written about the project. Please visit [www.pozible.com/project/204045](http://www.pozible.com/project/204045) to see a trailer and decide if you would like to contribute.

