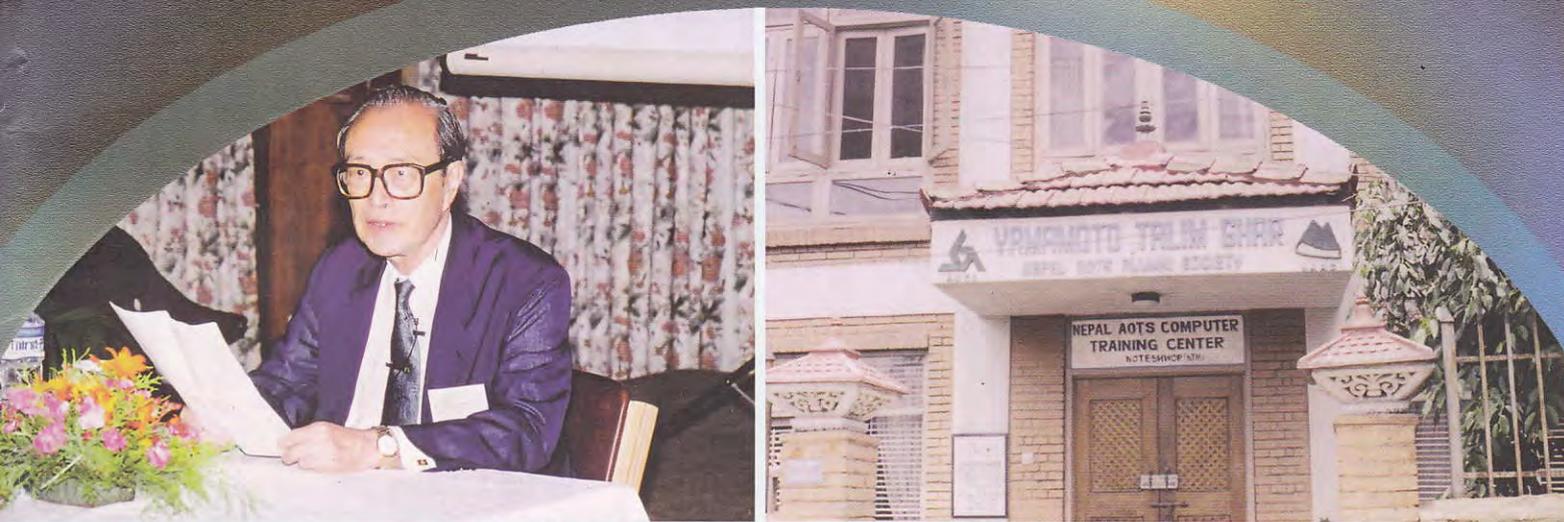


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in Loving Memory of Late Mr. Nagaaki YAMAMOTO



## NEPAL AOTS ALUMNI SOCIETY

# ACTIVITIES OF NAAS 2005 - 2006

(August. 2005 - July 2006)

Activities	2005 Aug.	2005 Sept.	2005 Oct.	2005 Nov.	2005 Dec.	2006 Jan.	2006 Feb.	2006 Mar.	2006 Apr.	2006 May.	2006 Jun.	2006 Jul.	Person In-Charge
<b>1. JASMAN Trainings</b>													
1.1 In House Training	*		*		*		*		*		*		K. Khanal
1.2 Domestic Lecturing Tour (DLT)				*						*			"
<b>2. NACTC Trainings</b>													
2.1 Basic Computer Literacy	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	M. Bhattarai
2.2 Web Page Development								*	*	*	*		"
2.3 Advance Course on Computer based Graphic Design	*	*	*	*									"
2.4 Job Oriented Training on Computer Hardware										*	*		"
<b>3. Scholarships</b>													
3.1 Alumni Recommended	*	*	*	*	*		*			*	*	*	A. Dali
3.2 CICC		*	*	*			*	*					M. Bhattari
3.3 WNF		*											B. Vaidya
<b>4. Others</b>													
4.1 TALIM Publication												*	R. M. Singh
4.2 16th AGM												*	M. Nakarmi
4.3 NAAS Registration Renewal												*	R. K. Singh
4.4 Bo-nen-kai					*								P. N. Manandhar
4.5 IT Convention												*	M. K. Shrestha
4.6 Finance and Assets Management			*			*			*			*	B. M. Rajbhandari

## Editorial

This 15th volume of TALIM is published and dedicated to Late Nagaaki Yamamoto, 77, past President, Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship who left for his heavenly abode on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2005 in Tokyo, Japan at his home. His funeral was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005. He was with AOTS early from the time of its establishment in 1960, left in 1969 to join UNIDO and again returned to serve AOTS in 1983. He was the President of AOTS from 1993 to 1998 and stayed on as Advisor and Trustee of AOTS until 2001. He is the recipient of a number of prestigious awards from the governments of different parts of the world in recognition of his services and contributions to the development of human resources in those countries. There is no doubt that his vision, dedication and selfless commitment shaped AOTS to successfully institutionalize friendly relationship between Japan and the developing countries through the promotion of human resource development and through the message of world network of friendship. Late Yamamoto san was indeed a great personality and his passing away is a big loss to all alumni societies and the members.

Nepal AOTS Alumni Society would like to remember Late Yamamoto san as a special friend, our mentor and true well wisher. He was a constant guide and source of motivation for us to strive towards our goals. He occupies a special place in our hearts. He will always remain attached to us since "Yamamoto Talim Ghar", the NAAS building, is named after him and also inaugurated by him in December 1995. He loved Nepal and our alumni society very much. NAAS cherishes his visits to Nepal and remembers his wise words to us. No words are enough to pay homage to him. Perhaps our biggest gesture of obeisance for this noble man would be to simply work for world friendship through the goals of NAAS. Thus, we dedicate this issue of TALIM in deference to this great man. May god bless his kind soul.

This 15th issue of TALIM has been published for the 15<sup>th</sup> AGM of NAAS to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2005. As usual, we have presented the regular features. We shall highly appreciate your feedbacks, suggestions and contributions to make TALIM a real quality alumni magazine and a worthy one.

Thank you.

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**Clockwise:** Yamamoto Talim Ghar, Koteshwor, Kathmandu, Painting of Mr. Nagaaki Yamamoto, Group photograph of Mr. Yamamoto with executive members of NAAS, Mr. YAMAMOTO during the inauguration of Yamamoto Talim Ghar and Mr. Yamamoto addressing conference.

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We, Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS) are very glad to mention that we have been successful in continuously publishing TALIM during our Annual General Meeting every year since 1991.

This 15<sup>th</sup> issue of TALIM is being published on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of NAAS to be held on July 29, 2005.

Here, we should remember late Mr. Nagaaki Yamamoto, the 'mentor' of NAAS, who was always giving emphasis on 'continuity' of the activities – whatever we do, whether small or big. He once wrote on the white board in our training center - "Continuity is most important". We kept his writing unerased on the white board for a long time, and finally engraved it in the hearts of all the members. In this spirit, we are committed in keeping our activities on a continual basis for the contribution of human resource development of Nepal.

This 15<sup>th</sup> issue of TALIM is dedicated to late Mr. Nagaaki Yamamoto. We promise to continue to work & strengthen the ties with other alumni societies of AOTS through the World Network of Friendship (WNF) – the great idea of Yamamoto San.

July 29, 2005

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Amira Dali'.

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Amira Dali, President  
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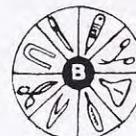
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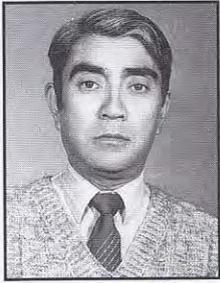
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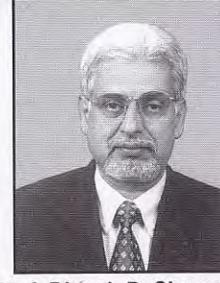
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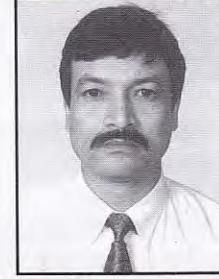
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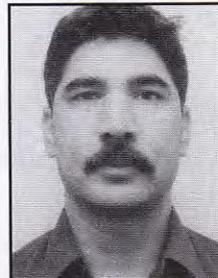
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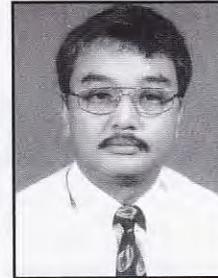
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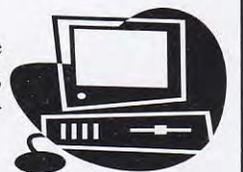


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Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS) is a non-government organization of the ex-trainees of the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), Japan. NAAS was formally established in 1991 with the following objectives:

- Human resource development in management and technical fields in Nepal.
- Conduct various activities in line with its parent AOTS, Japan.

So far, 475 Nepalese have already received training in AOTS, Japan and more than 2,600 have received training in Nepal. NAAS has its own training center, the **YAMAMOTO TALIM GHAR** at Koteshwor, Kathmandu. NAAS VISION 2000 has focused on two specific areas:

- For IT, Nepal AOTS Computer Training Centre (NACTC) is the focal agency.
- For Quality, Nepal AOTS Japanese Style Management Training Centre (JASMAN) is the focal agency.

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AOTS was established in Japan in 1959 with the support of Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Its main objectives are to:

- Promote technical cooperation between Japan and the developing countries for the industrialization and development of developing countries.
- Enhance mutual and friendly relationships between those countries and Japan.
- Support various educational and training activities of alumni associations like NAAS.

Till date, AOTS has trained approximately 1,24,000 persons in Japan from 150 countries and regions. The activities of AOTS are financed by Japanese government subsidy, company contributions, and other sources.

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## World Network of Friendship (WNF) Program

The World Network of Friendship (WNF) was formed with the consensus of all AOTS Alumni Societies during the 5<sup>th</sup> Convention of AOTS Alumni Societies held in Aichi, Japan in September 1997 with an initial fund raised through different sources commenced by a personal contribution of 5 million Yen by former AOTS President Mr. Nagaaki Yamamoto. Earlier to the formation of WNF, there was the Inter Alumni Society Resource Exchange Program. However, the basic guidelines were drawn in the second steering committee meeting held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in November 1998, which was then revised by the WNF Management Committee at the third meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in December 2001.

WNF's mission statement is "The creation of a better world through the ties of friendship and the individuals as well as collective endeavor of our members". To implement this mission, WNF seeks to empower individuals and organizations in developing countries who are committed to the social and economic development of their own communities, based upon a belief in selfhelp and equal-partnership, through human resources development, exchanging information and learning from each other's experiences.

With this entire endeavor, WNF program can be beneficial to the countries in the region and will certainly be an effort to attain the aim stated in the WNF resolution.

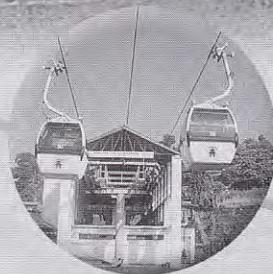
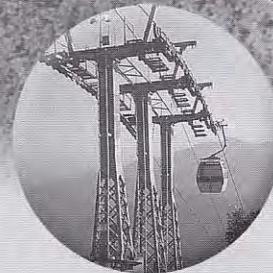
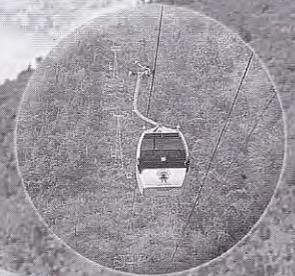


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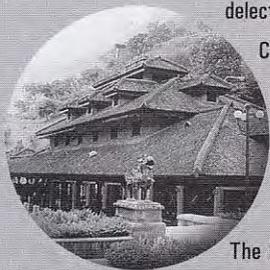
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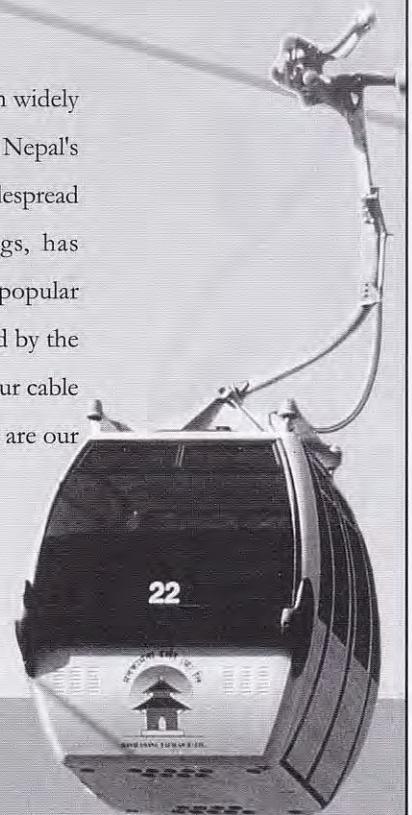
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## 14th Annual General Meeting of Nepal AOTS Alumni Society

NAAS held its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2004 in Kathmandu. Prior to the AGM proceedings, NAAS elected its new executive body for the period 2004 to 2006. The AGM was attended by Mr. Mikio Ujie, Representative of AOTS, New Delhi Office and Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussain, Representative Officer of AOTS for Bangladesh and Nepal.



## Inauguration of Network for Quality, Productivity and Competitiveness-Nepal

Coinciding with the Third Quality Convention, Prof. Noriaki Kano inaugurated the establishment of Network for Quality, Productivity and Competitiveness-Nepal (NQPCN) on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu. NQPCN is a forum of professionals and experts established for the promotion of quality, productivity and competitiveness in different fields.



## Third Quality Convention

The Third Quality Convention was held on 24-26 July 2004 in Kathmandu. Resource person from Japan, India and Nepal presented papers in different working sessions. Prof. Noriaki Kano delivered his keynote address during the opening function of the convention, participated by professional and personnel working in the area of quality management.



## First NetDay in Nepal

The first NetDay was celebrated at Shanti Nikunj High School, Maruhiti, Kathmandu on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2005. NAAS executive members, NAAS IT Committee members as well as the President and Board members of the school and other distinguished guests were present at the inaugural session. NetDay is a drive to connect school children to a brighter future by helping the teachers meet educational goals through the effective use of Educational Technology and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).



**Bo-Nen-Kai Party**

On 24<sup>th</sup> December 2004, NAAS organized its annual year-ending party at International Club, Lalitpur. Almost sixty NAAS members along with their families attended the get-together party. Some lucky draw prizes were also distributed during the party.

**Training cum Workshop on "Total Quality Management and ISO 9000"**

NAAS and Association for Pharmaceutical Producers of Nepal (APPON) jointly organized a three-day training cum workshop on "Total Quality Management and ISO 9000". Altogether twenty-two participants, mostly senior pharmacists and chemists of Nepalese Pharmaceutical Industries attended the program held at Yamamoto Talim Ghar from 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> January 2005. The program was conducted by resource person from NAAS.



**Basic Computer Literacy Training Program**

Altogether four batches with twenty seven participants have undergone training on Basic Computer Literacy Program conducted by Nepal AOTS Computer Training Center (NACTC). The two-month long BCL program is designed to make fresh participants literate in computer application suitable for office work.



**Computer Training on Advance Graphic Design**

A three and half months training program on Advance Graphic Design was conducted by Nepal AOTS Computer Training Center (NACTC) from 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2004. Five participants completed the training.

**Visit of President of MEIKEN Digital Co. Ltd., Japan**

On 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005, Mr. M. Miyata, President, MEIKEN Digital Co. Ltd., Japan visited NAAS training center and had discussion with EC members on the future activities of NAAS especially concentrating IT related manpower Development.

**Formation of Nepal-Japan Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee:**

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Amira Dali, President                         | - Coordinator |
| Prakash Suwal, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President | - Member      |
| Ramesh Man Singh, General Secretary           | - Member      |
| Binod Man Rajbhandari, Treasurer              | - Member      |
| Madhur K. Shrestha, Exe. Member               | - Member      |
| Kishore B. Mathema, Exe. Member               | - Member      |

**CONGRATULATION**

Mr. M.R. Ranganathan, President, FAAAI for receiving an award "**Order of the Rising Sun**" from the Emperor of Japan on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2005. We NAAS family are proud of you.

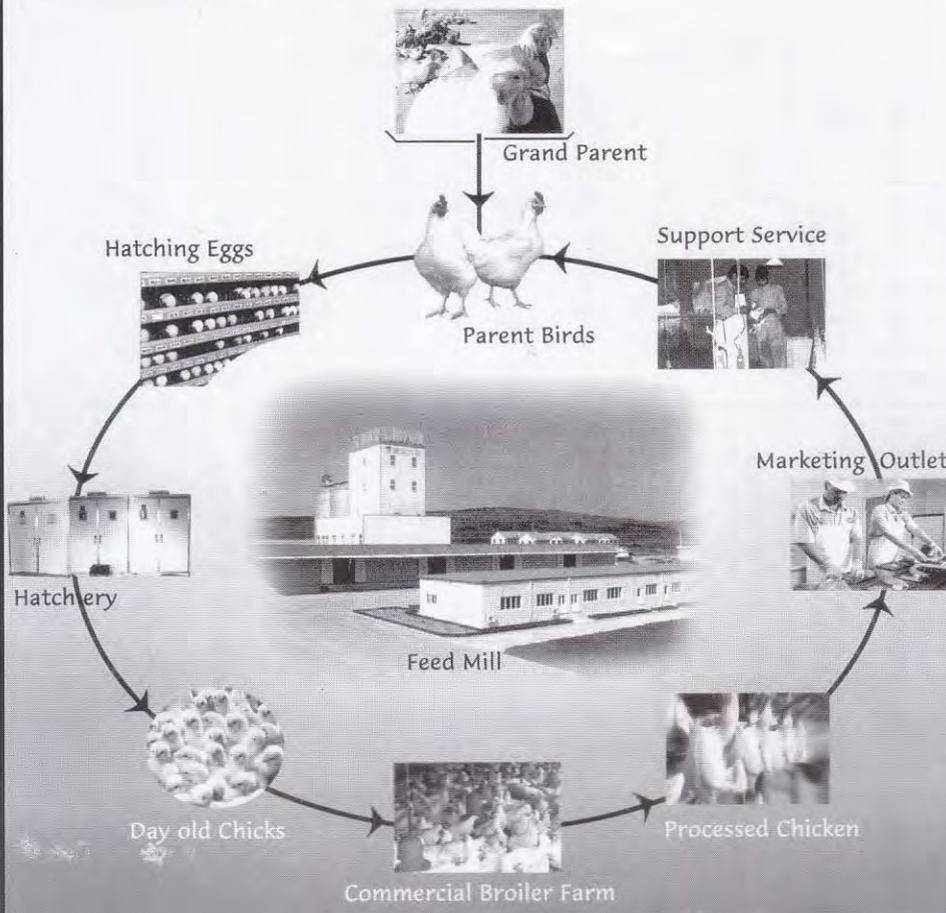
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- |                        |          |
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# TRAININGS UNDER AOTS JAPAN

S.N.	Name of the Program	Duration	Place of the Training	Name of the Participants	Name of the Participant's Company
1.	The Practical Solution of Quality Related Problems (SPQP)	6 – 17 Sept. 2004	Osaka	Mr. Pradeep Narsing Rayamajhi	Himalayan Bank Ltd.
2.	The Program for Quality Management (PQM-3)	4 – 22 Oct. 2004	Tokyo	Dr. Chhavi Raman Bhattarai Mr. Mukunda Prasad Joshi Mr. Tribeni Man Singh Pradhan	Dairy Development Corporation Royal Nepal Airlines Sewas Consortium Pvt. Ltd.
3.	The Training Course on Solving Human & Organizational Problems (SHOP-2)	27 Oct. – 16 Nov. 2004	Nagoya	Mr. Janardan Dev Pant	Himalayan Bank Ltd.
4.	The Program on Management of Technology (MOT)	10 – 23 Nov. 2004	Tokyo	Mr. Prajwol Jung Pandey	Lomus Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.
5.	The Program on the Development of the Die & Mold Industry (DDMI-3)	19 Jan. – 1 Feb. 2005	Yokohama	Mr. Shyam Bahadur Singh Dongol	Crystal Products Pvt. Ltd.
6.	The Top Management Seminar for Asian Countries (ACTP)	16 – 22 Feb. 2005	Tokyo	Mr. Bijaya Krishna Shrestha Mr. Bhai Kajee Shrestha Mr. Narayan Govind Halwai	Beltronix Group Machhapuchhre Bank Limited MEH Consultants (P) Ltd.
7.	The Program for Quality Management (PQM-1)	11 – 31 May 2005	Tokyo	Mr. Govinda Gurung	Himalayan Bank Ltd.
8.	The Training Course on Solving Human & Organizational Problems (SHOP)	15 Jun. – 5 Jul. 2005	Osaka	Mr. Mukendra Singh	Deurali – Janta Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.
9.	The Executive Program on Corporate Management (EPCM)	20 Jun. – 1 Jul. 2005	Tokyo	Mr. Sudhir Babu Khatri	Development Credit Bank
10.	The Program for Business Innovation by Information Technology (BIIT)	21 Jul. – 3 Aug. 2005	Tokyo	Mr. Nagendra Kayastha	MULTI Software Pvt. Ltd.

## CICC Scholarship

1.	Distribution Manufacturing and Financial Management System Course (DMF)	19 Jul. ~ 3 Sept. 2004	Tokyo	Mr. Maheswor Maharjan	IT Nepal P. Ltd.
2.	e_Learning Contents Development Course (ELC)	19 Jul. ~ 3 Sept. 2004	Tokyo	Mr. Akhileshwar Mishra	Kathmandu Engineering College
3.	Bridge System Engineer Training Course (BET)17	Jan. ~ 4 Mar. 2005	Tokyo	Mr. Salin Narshing Shakya	Subhash Printing Press
4.	Open Source Software Standard System Development Course (OSD)	9 May ~ 24 Jun. 2005	Tokyo	Mr. Paras Pradhan	Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya
5.	Open Source Software Solution Integration Course (OSI)	9 May ~ 24 Jun. 2005	Tokyo	Mr. Rabin Kumar Shrestha	Yomari Inc.

## 14th Annual General Meeting

Nepal AOTS Alumni Society held its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at Hotel Himalaya, Kupondole on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2004. Prior to the AGM, the Society had its new executive body elected for the period 2004 to 2006. The AGM was also attended by Mr. Mikio Ujii, the Representative of AOTS, New Delhi Office and Dr. AKM Moazzem Hussein, Representative Officer of AOTS for Bangladesh and Nepal.

The new executive committee is as follows:

Ms. Amira Dali	President
Mr. Prakash R.S. Suwal	First Vice President
Mr. Kumar P. Khanal	Second Vice President
Mr. Ramesh M. Singh	General Secretary
Mr. Mahesh Nakarmi	Joint Secretary
Mr. Binod M. Rajbhandari	Treasurer
Mr. Pradeep Manandhar	Internal Auditor
Mr. Ashok K. Aryal	Member
Mr. Brajesh Vaidya	Member
Mr. Prakash R. Shrestha	Member
Mr. Jyoti Tandukar	Member
Mr. Kishore B. Mathema	Member
Mr. Madhur Shrestha	Member
Mr. Ashok Manandhar	Member
Mr. Rajiv Pradhan	Member



## Training on "Total Quality Management and ISO 9000" for Pharmaceutical Industry

Training on "Total Quality Management and ISO 9000" was held at Nepal AOTS Training Center, Koteswor from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2005 for senior pharmacists and chemists of the pharmaceutical industry of Nepal. The three-day program was jointly organized by Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS) and Association for Pharmaceutical Producers of Nepal (APPON). Altogether twenty-one participants from different industries participated in this training.

The following topics were covered during the training:

- Total Quality Management
- Quality Control Circle
- KAIZEN
- 5-S
- QC Tools
- ISO 9000
- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
- Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

The training was conducted by NAAS member resource person as well as experts from the pharmaceutical industry. The program included an intensive workshop on QC problem solving techniques and 5-S.

The program was inaugurated on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2005, by Ms. Amira Dali, President, NAAS and Mr. Pradeep M. Vaidya, President APPON by jointly lighting the *panas*. Mr. Bhupendra B. Thapa, Chief, Department of Drug Administration (DDA), HMG/N and the chief guest for the closing ceremony gave away certificates to the participants.

## Third Quality Convention

*Kumar P. Khanal*

Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS) organized the Third Quality Convention at Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu on 24-26 July, 2004 with the support of Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), Japan and World Network of Friendship (WNF) fund.

The present need of Nepalese enterprises is growth in terms of turnover and profitability focusing on the excellence in products/services. The Third Quality Convention was organized with a theme "Growth and Excellence through Quality" to address such a need especially of the private sector organizations. The objective was to disseminate various concepts/tools of quality management and to identify issues related to quality management in the country. The participants were basically professionals and personnel associated with quality management in the manufacturing and service industries. The presence of Prof. Noriaki Kano,

Science University of Tokyo, an internationally acclaimed quality stalwart, as the keynote speaker made the event momentous. With active participation of professionals from diverse backgrounds, the convention emerged highly interactive leading to constructive and concrete outputs. The outcome of the convention was considered to play a pivotal role in improving quality management in the private sector organizations. An endeavor was made to lobby for inclusion of quality-related clauses in the national policy framework of the government, and also to formulate initiatives for industry-specific quality management programs.

The convention was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. Yubraj Khatiwada, Honorable Member, National Planning Commission of His Majesty's Government of Nepal in the presence of various dignitaries, businessmen and guests, resource persons and participants. His Excellency Mr. Zenji Kaminaga,



Ambassador of Japan to Nepal and the guest of honor of the convention, Prof. Noriaki KANO, Mr. Mikio Ujii, AOTS Representative, New Delhi Office and Mr. Binod B. Shrestha, President, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) were the distinguished guests addressing the opening ceremony. The distinguished guests highlighted the importance of this convention in the context of the country having recently acquired the membership of WTO. In the convention opening ceremony, Prof. Noriaki KANO presented his keynote speech titled "Competitiveness through Quality" wherein he explained how important it was to compete in the market through quality. Prof. KANO was also the first resource to deliver his famous presentation titled "Attractive Quality Creation KANO Model" on the second day of the convention, i.e. 25th July 2004.

The following papers were presented by various resource person in different sessions during the two-day quality convention. Open discussion and question-answer sessions were held after presentation of every working papers.

### **"Competitiveness through Quality" (Key Note Speech)**

Professor Noriaki KANO, Science University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

### **"Attractive Quality Creation"**

Professor Noriaki KANO, Science University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

### **"Quality Management in Global Business Environment"**

Mr. T. S. Gopi, B.Sc. (Engg), FIE, MBA, ASA, Kerala, India.

### **"Prospects and Challenges of Quality Management in Nepal"**

Mr. Hari Bhakta Sharma, CEO and Mr. Mani Ratna Shakya, Plant Manager Deurali-Janta Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu

### **"National Policy for Quality Upliftment: Role of Nepal Bureau of Standard and Metrology"**

Mr. Shree Krishna Shrestha  
Director General, Nepal Bureau of Standard and Metrology/HMGN

### **"Pro-Socio Behavioral Interventions for Developing Quality Mindset from Early Age"**

Prof. Dinesh Prasad Chapagain  
Dean, School of Engineering,  
Kathmandu University

The pioneer six ISO certified Nepalese companies were presented with acknowledgement certificates by Prof. Kano. On 25<sup>th</sup> July, an exhibition was held in the convention venue where ISO companies showcased their products and services. Another highlight of the convention was the inauguration by Prof. Kano the forum of quality professionals, the Network for Quality, Productivity and Competitiveness of Nepal (NQPCN). In the concluding session of the convention, participants divided into groups drafted the convention resolution and handed it over to the chief guest of the closing ceremony Dr. Yubraj Khatiwada, Member, National Planning Commission and, through him, requested His Majesty's Government for adoption of quality issues in the national sub sector policies.



## NetDay in Nepal

*Prashant Lal Shrestha*

### What is NetDay?

NetDay, started in California in 1996, was conceived as a grassroots drive to help bring elementary and secondary schools onto the Internet using a combination of public volunteers and private contributions that culminated in a single, focused day of activity called NetDay. NetDay's mission is to connect children to a brighter future by helping the teachers meet the educational goals through the effective use of the Educational Technology and Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

NetDay allows schools to install network cabling to central points in the respective schools and enable the schools to connect to the Internet in an economical manner with the help of students, teachers and management board of respective schools, as well as community members and assistance of volunteers with ICT expertise. This effort was expanded nationwide and internationally from 1996. NetDay will increase community participation and exchange of information through the internet.

### Helping schools in using ICT and NetDay

Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS) in April 2004 decided to launch the first NetDay program in Nepal. With the kind assistance of Mr. Yoshiaki Hayasaka, Senior JICA volunteer, Nepal-Japan IT Promotion Committee of NAAS prepared the proposal for the NetDay project and identified the public schools for participation in the project. Shanti Nikunja High School, Maruhiti, Kathmandu was selected for the pilot project.

Hayasaka San made necessary arrangement with Mitsubishi Electric, Japan and Toyonaka International Friendship Association (TIFA), Japan for donation of 50 Notebook computers for the NetDay project which were transported from Osaka to Kathmandu free of cost in November 2004 with the kind courtesy of Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation (RNAC). After going through a long and tedious process of formalities, through the Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES), Ministry of Population and Environment (MOPE), Ministry of Finance (MOF),

Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MWCSW) etc., and seeking the assistance of High Level Commission for IT (HLCIT) and the Japanese Embassy in Kathmandu, the computers were finally released with duty exemption in April 2005. Although it seemed hopeless at times, with unrelenting perseverance and efforts of the IT committee members and assistance from a number of well wishers, NAAS ultimately succeeded in getting the computers to pursue its ambitious program.

While the computers remained in the custody of Tribhuvan International Airport, a lot of planning was in progress regarding phasewise distribution of the 50 computers, final selection of appropriate schools to launch the project, and actual preparation for the first NetDay. Also during the period, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed with the principals of the selected schools and preparations were made to observe the first NetDay in Shanti Nikunj High School on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2005.

### 1<sup>st</sup> NetDay Celebration

The first NetDay, jointly organized by NAAS and Shanti Nikunj High School, was celebrated as planned at the school on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 after a small preparatory workshop the previous day. The NetDay celebration started with the *Namaste Byayam* by the



students of the school. After the welcome address by Principal Ms. Radhadevi Bajracharya, Mr. Prakash Raj Singh Suwal, First Vice-President, NAAS briefly



highlighted about Nepal AOTS Alumni Society and what it stands for. Hayasaka San and Madhur Shrestha, Coordinator of NAAS IT Committee spoke about the preparation for the NetDay program and the modalities to be followed. There was immense participation by the students of Class 10, along with the teachers and other staff of the school. Students were grouped into eight, and were entrusted with specific responsibilities such as network construction, camera documentation, network testing, participant registration and event management for smooth running of the NetDay did their parts. Although the actual computers meant for distribution were yet to be released, the demonstration of internet connectivity at the school was successfully carried out amidst the gathering of students, teachers, community members, NAAS members and volunteers.

In the closing ceremony Mr. Gorakchhya Bahadur Nhuchhen Pradhan, Chairman of School Board thanked all concerned for their efforts in developing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) awareness for the school children. Member of High Level Commission for Information Technology (HLCIT), His Majesty's Government of Nepal, Mr. Dambar B. Khadka expressed his appreciation of the NetDay project and the effort in bringing ICT awareness in the school, where ICT facilities were out of their reach.

### Post NetDay activities

On 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2005 NAAS provided the web page designing and email, Internet training to a teacher and staff each of the five schools selected for NetDay project. The training program was conducted at Seagate Institute of Technology, Kupondol. The main objective of the training program was to prepare the staff of the school to develop the capabilities of web page designing and make web pages of their respective schools. A video film on the NetDay was prepared highlighting school environment, information about NetDay, *Namaste Byayam*, students working for NetDay, Hayasaka's

interview, the event happening, social gathering, Internet connection, closing program etc. The video was meant to encourage other schools to better organize the NetDay in their schools and involve community and others in the program. After the Notebook computers were finally released from the airport, in a "Thanks Giving Program" on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2005, H. E. Ambassador of Japan, Mr. T. Hiraoka inaugurated the video program on the 1<sup>st</sup> NetDay amidst a small gathering of government officials and others involved in the release of the computers, principals of the selected schools, and NAAS members. In the same program, 10 units of Notebook computers were also handed over to Shanti Nikunja High School.

### NetDay at other schools

The 2<sup>nd</sup> NetDay is planned at Kanti Iswori Shishu Vidhyalaya on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2005. Subsequent NetDay will be celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2005, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2005 and 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 at Tripadma Higher Secondary School, Kanya Mandir Higher Secondary School and Shanti Shikhasya Mandir Secondary School respectively. NAAS will distribute the Notebook computers at the time of observing the NetDay at the respective schools.



## Business Innovation by Information Technology

*Binod Rajbhandari*  
*Participant of BIIT 2003*

After the inception of personal computer, radical development occurred in the field of information system. Earlier, the simple telephone line, which was used for voice communication only, was later on also used for fax. But the initiation of email system through the same telephone line with the help of personal computer made the globe so small that in no time information could be exchanged across any destination on earth. Consecutively, the introduction of Internet made it easier to access any information made available by the primary source without being sent by the principal. It was therefore, used in many areas i.e. advertisement of the products, services, opportunities, public notice, private notice, on-line chat, on-line education, entertainment etc. It became mandatory for many countries to expose themselves to the Internet. It was a prestige to have a home page for almost all the organizations whether it was government, public, private or an individual. Many big businesses made it their primary medium of business transactions and remarkably by banks even for remittance and for collection of dues.

Looking at the use and importance of Information Technology for Business Innovation, Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) Japan offered a two-week course (BIIT 2003) for business executives and senior managers of developing countries to upgrade their abilities in business innovation using IT, under their regular Human Resource Development program for developing countries. The program was held from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2003.

After the selection of the twenty three participants from eleven countries, AOTS delivered a case study on Okaimono Net (On-line Supermarket) prepared by Kenichi Hayashi and Tatsuyuki Negi, Waseda Professor. The on-line discussion continued for couple of months before the participants departed from their home country.

The studies were focused on :

Launching On-line supermarket and dealt on :

- two kinds of Business Model- 'dot-com' and 'clicks-and-mortar'
- Okaimono Net fail to become profitable?

By the time the participants left the country, the final conclusion on Okaimono Net case study was ready. The study was handed over to the participants on the very first day of the lecture in Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC).

The main objectives of this two-week program were to:

- acquaint participants with the strategic use of IT in business and
- to enable participants to establish new management practices using IT effectively

The Key Role players were:

Mr. Kunitoshi Saito	Pre-course Online Coordinator
Professor Tatsuyuki Negoro	Chief Program Coordinator
Mr. Yamamoto	Course Coordinator
Mr. Jun-ichi Ito	Course Assistant
Mr. Masaaki Tanaka	Distance Learning Coordinator

Lectures by different experts were delivered on the following topics:

- Mr. Toshikazu Shoji, JNX Center, Japan Automobile Research Institute on:
  - Japanese Automotive Network Exchange
- Prof. Keiju Matsushima, Masashi University on:
  - The Trends and Perspectives in Management Information Systems

- Prof. Toshio OBI, Waseda University on:
  - Emerging Market for Mobile Internet
- Mr. Masaki Komurasaki, Director, Information Systems and Welfare Division, e-METI on:
  - The trend of Asian and Japanese IT industry and Impact of E-commerce
- Prof. Masahiro Okada, Ph.D. Keio University on:
  - Fundamentals in Strategic Management and the effect of Network Economy
- Ms. Mamiko Narasawa, Business Consultant, ex-president of Ion Visty, Internet supermarket on:
  - Multi-channel Strategies of General Retailers with case study of AEON Shop.com chain.
- Mr. Miyatake, Shinsaibashi Miyatake-Online Umbrella Shop on:
  - Successful E-commerce Business
- Prof. Tatsuyuki Negoro, Waseda University on:
  - Introduction to E-Commerce in Japanese Automobile Industry
  - Information Technology and Corporate Strategy
  - The Information Network "Competition" and "Sharing"

With case study example on Internet Book Store and its comparison between Operation Models and Profit Models, the course comprises of two more case studies of Prof. Masahiro Okada, KEIO

1. Autobytel.com (an Internet car-buying support (ICBS) service firm in US (Web based training discussion))
2. Solectron (Sony outsource production of electronic equipment) (Class Room Discussion)

Panel Discussion by Video Conference System (on line video conference between Tokyo & Korea) with

- Mr. Kim Jae-ho, Representative Director, Global Information Link Co. Ltd, Korea, on Present Condition and Future of Korean IT and study tour to Toyota Motor Corporation—discussed on Manufacturing System
- Omron Corporation— discussed on e-Procurement
- IBM Japan – discussed on Customer Contact Center & Customer Relationship Management

The whole program was designed with the esteemed idea floating on:

- **Business:** Focus on business field rather than general society
- **Innovation:** Discuss change of management and commerce
- **Information Technology:** Focus of the influence of IT, especially the Internet
- **The Trends and Perspective in Management Information Systems:**
  - Market Innovation through Information Network
  - Market Oriented Product Development using Web
  - Reduce Product Development Cycle Time
  - Drops Operation Costs
  - IT for Concurrent Engineering
  - Quality Management
  - Supply Change Management (SCM)

### Achievements from BIIT Program:

#### ⇒ Innovative Knowledge

- ✓ Possibility of business innovations by Information Technology
- ✓ Case studies on the living example of failure & success stories
- ✓ Application of IT at present in Japan
- ✓ Further plan for implementing IT in Japan including e-governance
- ✓ Impact of emerging modern e-Life in Japanese society
- ✓ History & culture of Japan

#### ⇒ Tangible prospects of IT in our countries

- ✓ To what extent the prevailing IT facilities in the home country can be of optimal use
- ✓ Small & medium scale model of e-Business can be translated from the success stories and other examples

#### ⇒ IT as a whole for Planning & Development of our country

- ✓ Share information among the BIIT participants from 11 various countries and continue on-line discussion.
- ✓ Establishing global friendship among the BIIT group as a community in future.

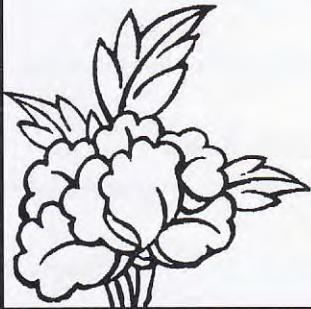
**Conclusion:**

- ⇒ BIIT course had indeed enabled participants to peep into the larger IT horizon.
- ⇒ It made it easier to identify the implication and the present limitation of IT use in the workplace
- ⇒ Can induce others too for optimum use
- ⇒ Necessity to persuade the decision maker to reduce IT facility price for the gross economic benefit of the country

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Time: 5:30 p.m. (Summer) and 5:00 p.m. (Winter)

# CV of Mr. Nagaaki YAMAMOTO



NAME : **Nagaaki Yamamoto**

Date of Birth : 7 October 1928

1952 Graduated from the Faculty of Law, Tokyo University.

1952 Joined Kokusaku Pulp Co., Ltd.

1960 Left Kokusaku Pulp Co., Ltd.

1960 Joined the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS).

1969 Left AOTS.

1970 Counselor, the Japan Society for the Promotion of the Machine Industry.

1970 Left the Japan Society for the Promotion of the Machine Industry.

1970 Joined the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as Industrial Development Officer.

1982 Left UNIDO.

1983 Returned to AOTS as Director General.

1988 Awarded the Anchieta Medal of Merit, by the City Council of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

1992 Decorated with the May Order of Merit, by the President of Argentina for services rendered to the development of Argentine Industry.

1993 Became President of AOTS (July).

1993 Presented with Honorary Citizenship of Dalian City by the People's Government of Dalian City, China, for services rendered to the human resource development of Dalian's industries (October).

1994 Awarded the Friendship Prize, by the State Bureau of Foreign Experts of the People's Republic of China for his contribution to Chinese human resource development.

1994 Awarded the special medal, by the Ministry of Personnel, People's Republic of China.

1995 Awarded the Order of the the Madara Horseman, by the Republic of Bulgaria for his great contribution to the expansion and improvement of Japanese Technical Aid to the Republic of Bulgaria.

1997 Awarded the White Magnolia Honour and White Magnolia Honour Medal by the People's Government of Shanghai City, China, for the cooperation he has extended to the city and his enthusiastic support of Shanghai's recent development.

1998 Resigned from the post of President of AOTS (November).

1998 Became Advisor and Trustee of AOTS (November).

1999 Awarded the Order of SETIA MAHKOTA NENGARA, by the Government of Malaysia for his work in the field of technical cooperation between Malaysia and Japan.

2000 Resigned from the post of Advisor of AOTS (November).

2001 Resigned from the post of Trustee of AOTS (May).

2002 Awarded the Scroll of Recognition, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka.

\* He has been awarded "Sagarmatha Award" by NAAS on Dec. 8, 1995.

# CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

謹啓 時下益々ご清祥のこととお喜び申し上げます 去る6月19日 父  
山本長 昭 急逝の節はご懇篤なご弔詞を賜り  
芳情まことに有難く厚くお礼申し上げます 願うことなら 早い機会に拝顔賜り  
居心地の良い小さなレストランでお食事と父の愛した  
ワインをお召し上がりいただきながら感謝の気持ちをお伝えすべきところ  
略儀ながら書中を以て謹んでご挨拶申し上げます 敬具

2005年7月  
山本長正(喪主)

Dear Sir,

Thank you for presenting your condolences to my father, Nagaaki Yamamoto, who suddenly passed away on June 19 (Sun) 2005. I wish to find a chance to serve you a glass of wine (plus, of course, a special dinner) at some cozy restaurant in Japan (or anywhere in the world) in the near future to express my gratitude.

Cordially yours,  
Masa (Nagamasa) Yamamoto  
July 2005

山本様

長い間お疲れ様でした。

お別れ会はしゃせん。

いつまでも私達と一緒におらけると……信じて  
おりや。此からの活動報告なども定期的に  
送っていただきます。今ほどお喜びのいたれば  
とても嬉しいです。  
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謹啓 時下益々ご清祥の段慶賀の至りに存じます般当協会山本長昭元理事長死去の節はご鄭重なご弔詞を賜り、ご厚情誠に有難く厚くお礼申し上げます 葬儀・告別式は6月24日

東京都国分寺市東福寺に於いて長男山本長正氏を喪主としてしめやかに執り行われました 祭壇には中川経済産業大臣をはじめ内外関係機関や友人 AOTS同窓会等からの供花 と 世界各地から寄せられた多数の弔電が供えられ 杉浦正健・内閣官房副長官 今津 弘・元朝日 新聞論説副主幹・調査研究室長 クラティラク・AOTSスリランカ同窓会 (JASTECA) 前会長から 心のこもった弔辞が述べられましたここに故人の遺徳をたたえ心より哀悼の意を表するとともに故人に寄せられました数々のご支援・ご厚意に心から御礼申し上げます 謹白 2005年7月  
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Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for extending your feeling of condolences to the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Nagaaki Yamamoto, the former President of AOTS. The funeral service was held on 24 June at the Tofukuji Temple in Tokyo by his sun Mr. Nagamasa Yamamoto and the family. The alter was decorated with the flowers offered by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, and the representatives of related organization in Japan and abroad as well as his friends and the AOTS Alumni Societies. Numbers of condolatory telegrams and messages were also presented to the bereaved family. Passionate memorial addresses were given by Mr. Seiken Sugiura, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Hiroshi Imazu, former Director, Center for Research and Analysis of the Asahi Shimbun, and Mr. Bertie Kulatilake, former President of Japan Sri Lanka Technical & Cultural Association (JASTECA). We would like to thank again for your warm words and supports given to our late President, and wish to express our regret over the death of the great man.

May his soul rest in Peace.  
July 2005

The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS)



I was quite stunned when I heard the sad message of the demise of our respected Past President AOTS Japan. Our (Nepal AOTS) real guardian and well-wisher is no more with us to guide and protect. I wish the departed soul may rest in peace in the heaven. Though he is no more with us, but we believe his affection and well-wishes to NAAS will always with us to guide & protect in future.

KUMAR P. KHANAL  
2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT, NAAS.

Late Mr. Yamamoto was more than just a great person and a leader; he was an inspirer and mentor with magnanimity; whose kind support and inspiration for fostering the HRD related training activities in Nepal through AOTS - Japan will be always remembered.

Although Yamamotosan is physically no more in this planet, yet; YTO of NAAS will be always remembered as an inspiration of late Mr. Yamamoto. We pray to almighty; may his soul rest peacefully in heavenly abode.

Kishore Bhattarai  
Executive member  
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Yamamoto jee

You have shown your visionary leadership for human resource development at developing countries through networking the global citizens.

You are, and will be always a messiah of "Continuity" to us.

Dinesh P. Chapagain  
Advisor & former president  
Nepal AOTS Alumni Society

Yamamoto San de I know,

I clearly remember that day, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1999 at YKC, Yokohama. It was the closing ceremony of our program called Program for Nepalese Entrepreneurs (PNEE - in short) and seated next to me was this elderly gentleman to whom I did not know.

Before the closing ceremony started, we were asked to evaluate our program and describe to our coordinators regarding the positive and negative aspects. This gentleman nicely dressed and in thick glasses was from time to time asking many questions and giving many valuable suggestions. It did not strike to me until the certificate distribution ceremony that the gentleman seated next to me was no other than Mr. No Yamamoto himself!

I got to visit Yamamoto San many times later on when he visited Nepal on special occasions. He visited my tissue culture lab on Sept-3, 1998 along with Kubota sensei and appreciated what we have been doing in Nepal. Everytime I met him, he used to ask me about orchids and whether they had started blooming or not. I know that he is not with us anymore but the plants that he saw small are blooming beautifully, keeping my dreams alive. Every year, when the orchids are in full bloom, I will remember and cherish the time he was with us here in Kathmandu enjoying the plants.

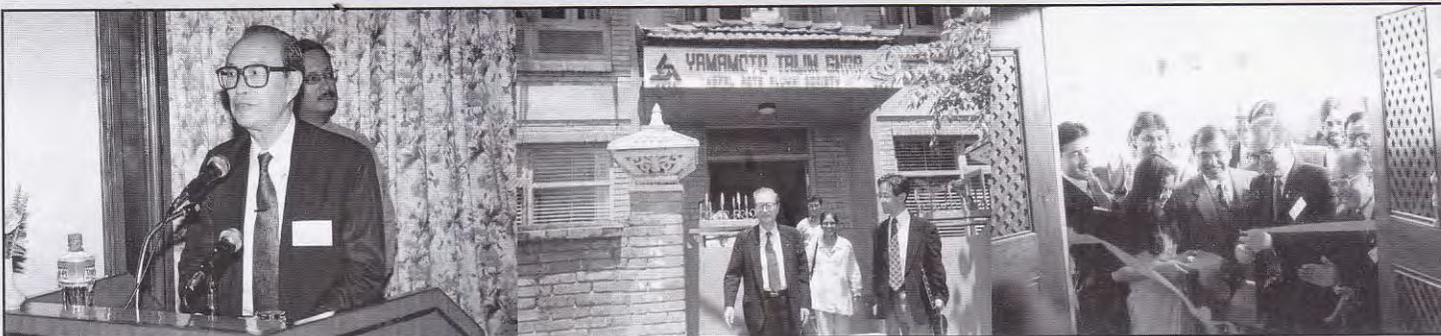
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Yamamoto San will be remembered as a very dedicated person towards HRD of the LDCs. His guidance towards developing and strengthening our Society, NAAS was extremely valued. Thanks to his vision and guidance NAAS as a orphan child of Yamamoto San has with his blessings grown up as a capable institution. Thank you.

M. Bhattarai

Madhusudan BHATTARAI, Advisor, NAAS





With the sad demise of Yamamoto san, NAAS has indeed lost a true friend and well wisher. His vision and commitment strengthened AOTS to what it stands for today. His brainchild - the World Friendship Network - is an excellent example of his creativity and far sightedness. His greatness was matched with equal humbleness. We would like to remember Yamamoto san as a very special friend and a constant source of inspiration to carry on toward the noble goals that NAAS stands for.

I pray that his noble soul rest in eternal peace in the heavenly abode.

*Ramesh M. Singh*

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General Secretary, NAAS

26 June 2005

No one knows where from one came and where will one go. Each one is just a passerby on this earth noticed by few and unnoticed by rest, but very few are noticed by many.

Mr. Nagasaki Yamamoto is one among very few, a saga remembered with due respect and passion in most of the countries. Let us wish for his eternal peace and convey our sincere condolence to the grieved people connected with AOTS by continuing his footsteps ahead ever after.

*Binod Rajbhandari*

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*Asoka Bania*

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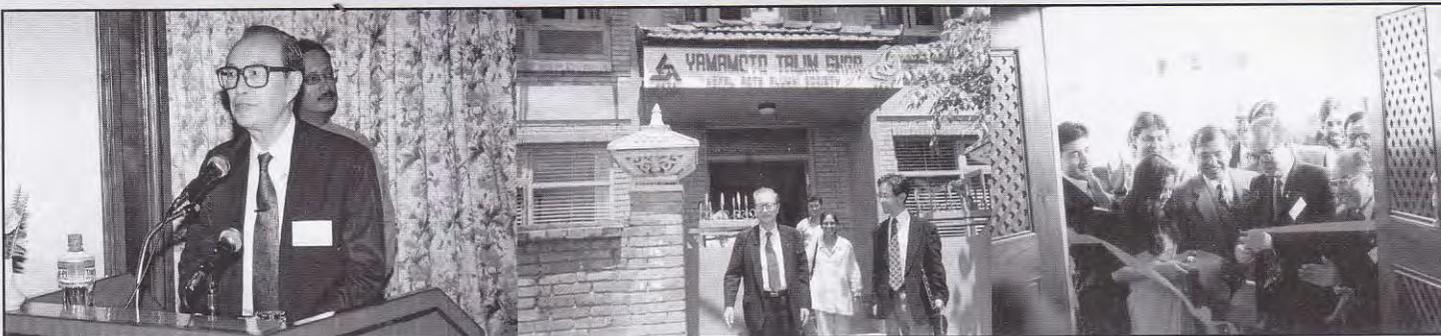
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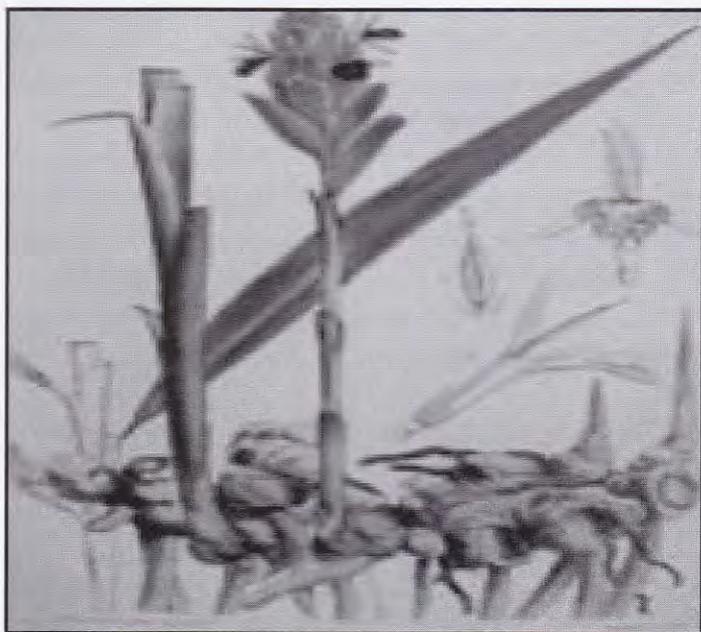
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## Healing Herbs - Ginger

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Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) is used in folk medicine for relief of many ailments, especially nausea, motion sickness, and other gastrointestinal disorders. In particular; ginger is used for morning sickness during the first trimester of pregnancy. It is high in Vitamins A, B complex and C, minerals, calcium, phosphorus, iron, sodium, potassium & magnesium. Ginger rhizomes are also widely used in foods for their medicinal benefits, especially in Asia. For example, Chinese women consume ginger vinegar soup following delivery which provides iron and calcium to the mother.

### Chemical Composition

The major constituents in *Zingiber officinale* are the pungent vanilloids, [6]-gingerol and [6]-paradol. Ginger

contains two other phenolic compounds, shogaols and zingerone in addition to [6]-gingerol. High amounts of iron (54--62 mg/100 g) and calcium (1.0%--1.5%) are found in ginger rhizomes. The antioxidant, antitumor, and anti-inflammatory pharmacologic effects of ginger are mainly due to its pungent constituents (e.g., [6]-gingerol).

### Pharmacology

**Antioxidant Effect:** The antioxidant properties of ginger have been shown in various investigations. The antioxidant activity of *Zingiber officinale* was shown to be as effective as vitamin C in lowering lipid peroxidation in rats by influencing the enzymatic blood level of superoxide dismutase, catalase, and glutathione peroxidase. A number of animal studies have shown that ginger lowers cholesterol levels.

**Anti-tumor Effect:** Ginger is listed among the herbs possessing the highest antitumor activities. The observed evidence from in vitro experiments warrants further investigations into the potential anti-tumor activity of ginger. This antitumor activity was shown to be related to its vanilloids, [6]-gingerol and [6]-paradol. Both compounds were shown to block the epidermal growth factor responsible for cell transformation, thus inhibiting cellular proliferation. Ginger may also produce its antitumor effect by inducing "programmed cell death," also known as apoptosis, in cancer cells. In one study, the cytotoxic effect of [6]-gingerol and [6]-paradol was associated with the induction of apoptosis in human promyelocytic leukemia cells (HL-60). A third mechanism of ginger's antitumor protection is its modification to the

carcinogen-metabolizing enzymes in the liver.

**Anti-inflammatory Effect:** The oleoresin constituents in *Zingiber officinale*, as well as the phenolic substances paradol and shogaol, were shown to possess an inhibitory action on cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) enzymatic activity, a mechanism important in controlling the inflammatory process. Another mechanism of ginger as an anti-inflammatory herb was proposed to relate to inhibitory effects on leukotriene and prostaglandin biosynthesis, both of which are important in the inflammatory process.

**Nausea and Emesis:** Some studies have shown that the use of ginger to prevent postoperative nausea and vomiting in women who have undergone gynecological diagnostic lapa-roscopy was not effective. However, another randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind study involving 60 women who had undergone gynecological surgeries found that the effect of ginger on nausea was similar to that of metoclopramide. Both ginger and metoclopramide significantly lowered the incidence of nausea after surgery compared to the placebo group.

## Precautions

Ginger can enhance the anticoagulant effect of warfarin, leading to an increased risk of bleeding. Ginger use is also contraindicated if the patient suffers from gallstones, due to ginger's cholagogue effect (i.e., it promotes the flow of bile into the intestine).

## The Use of Ginger in Pregnancy

Perhaps ginger is most popular for its antinausea and antiemetic effects in pregnancy. Up to 85% of pregnant women experience nausea in early pregnancy, and some 50% of those with nausea experience vomiting as well. In an extensive review of studies using ginger as an agent to fight morning sickness, it may be beneficial. Although ginger is commonly used for morning sickness during pregnancy, no major safety study on its use has been reported.

## Conclusion

The use of ginger for controlling nausea and vomiting in traditional folk medicine is well documented. It is also used during pregnancy to control morning sickness, but conclusive evidence in the literature concerning the safety of this practice is still lacking. Moreover, an

enhanced anticoagulant effect of warfarin with ginger is a serious drug/herb interaction. The use of ginger under medical supervision in conjunction with chemotherapy or for occasional nausea or motion sickness may produce some benefits, provided the patient is not on anticoagulant medications or pregnant.

Some studies suggest ginger may be beneficial in normalizing blood lipid profiles. The current status for ginger in the U.S. is as a dietary supplement.

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## Open Source

Rabin K. Shrestha

In this present world of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), we are bound to come across some type of software while doing our jobs in our work place or at home. They have indeed made our life much easier and we are constantly hunting for free software. Thanks to internet, it has made this hunt much easier. However, we are not aware of the licensing terms, *open source sounds like it's free*. Here, the word 'free' comes to mean "free as in free speech" and not "free as in free beer". Open source is not *anti-commercial*.

Following are the basic principles of Open Source.

- Can use the software for any purposes
- Can learn how the software is organized by reading the Source Code
- Can share the software with others
- Can modify the software, and share the improved one with others.

### Root Terminology

"Open source" label came into picture in January 1998 when Netscape released it's source code for Navigator as Mozilla. Open-source software has freely available source code, which lets anybody create a new version of the software. Such access to the source code allows anybody to build a package of the software and redistribute or sell it.

Some people have used the term *open source* in reference to any software that has publicly available source code, but not all publicly available source code meets open source standards. The Open Source Definition (OSD), notably, presents an open-source philosophy, and further defines a boundary on the usage, modification and redistribution of open-source software. Software licenses define specific grants or restrictions on usage, modification and redistribution, and several open-source software licenses have qualified within the boundary of the OSD, like the popular GNU General Public License (GPL).

### Open Source Model

In 1997 *Eric S. Raymond* suggested a model for developing Open Source Software (OSS) known as the Bazaar model. In which the development of software is modeled by traditional methodologies to building a *cathedral*, which he described as "a great babbling bazaar of differing agendas and approaches."

In the Cathedral, the roles are clearly defined and the model development takes place in a centralized way. This is an approach for development of Traditional Software Engineering in order to preserve the architectural integrity of a system. However the bazaar model is different, the roles are not clearly defined so Gregorio Robles suggests that software developed using the Bazaar model should exhibit the following patterns:

- **Users should be treated as co-developers.** The users are treated like co-developers and so they should have access to the source code of the software. Furthermore users are encouraged to submit additions to the software, code fixes for the software, bug reports, documentation etc. Having more co-developers increases the rate at which the software evolves. *Linus' law* states that, "Given enough eyeballs all bugs are shallow." This means that if many users view the source code they will eventually find all bugs and suggest how to fix them. Note that some users have advanced programming skills, and furthermore, each user's machine provides an additional testing environment. This new testing environment offers that ability to find and fix a new bug.
- **Early Releases.** The first version of the software should be released as early as possible so as to increase one's chances of finding co-developers early.
- **Frequent Integration.** New code should be integrated as often as possible so as to avoid the overhead of fixing a large number of bugs at the end of the project life cycle. Some Open Source projects have nightly

builds where integration is done automatically on a daily basis.

- **Several Versions.** There should be at least two versions of the software. There should be a buggier version with more features and a more stable version with fewer bugs. The buggy version (also called the development version) is for users who want the advantage of having the latest features. The users can then act as co-developers, reporting bugs and providing bug fixes. The stable version offers the users less bugs or less features.

- **High Modularization.** The general structure of the software should be modular allowing for parallel development.

- **Dynamic decision making structure.** There is a need for a decision making structure, whether formal or informal, that makes strategic decisions depending on changing user requirements and other factors. Most well-known OSS products follow the Bazaar model including Linux, Apache, Netscape, Perl, Source Forge maintains the largest repository of Open Source code and applications available on the Internet.

### Open source vs. closed source

This is the most heated topic in the software market.

Unlike closed source (proprietary development) Open source doesn't charge on individual copies and patent royalty. Some closed source advocates see open source software as damaging to the market of commercial software but this is countered by alternative funding streams such as:

- giving the software for free and instead charge for installation and support
- make the software available as open-source so that people will be more likely to purchase a related product or service you do sell
- cost avoidance/ cost sharing: many developers need a product, so it makes sense to share development costs

Studies about security in open-source software versus closed-source software show that closed-source software have fewer advisories but open-source software usually has less time between flaw discovery and a patch or fix. Advocates of closed source argue that since no one is responsible for open-source software, there is no way to know whether it has been fixed. Open-source advocates argue that since the source code of closed-source software is not available, there is no way to know about bugs that may exist.

The advertisement is split into two main sections. On the left, a black and white photograph shows a woman, a young boy, and a girl smiling and eating a large bowl of noodles. The woman is holding chopsticks, and the boy is eating enthusiastically. On the right, there is a dark background with the 'mayos' logo in a stylized, cursive font. Below the logo, it says 'Instant Noodles'. In the center, there is a stack of three packets of Mayos Instant Noodles. At the bottom right, the text 'Wonderful Mayos Noodles' is written in a white, sans-serif font.



## **Sharing the Learnings of Japanese Style Management**

*Kishor Bhakta Mathema*

*Times change and we must change with them". We have felt that this saying is rightfully extracted in reality by the Japanese companies to increase their competitive power through meticulous implementation of their indigenous style of management, known worldwide by three-word technique *Japanese style management* – the buzz word of today's corporate environment. I would like to share some of the key things learnt during one such programme that I attended under AOTS.*

### **Important features of Japanese enterprises and Japanese style management**

There are several factors which have contributed to the growth of post-war Japanese economy. Some of them could be cited as follows:

- Japanese people's non-discriminatory social standing.
- Unique philanthropic corporate philosophy for guiding vision-mission approach adopted by Japanese companies for establishment and operation of any scale of business.
- Export-oriented industrial structure.
- Customer-is-right attitude
- Practice of guaranteeing lifetime employment
- Complete enforcement of compulsory education hereby achieving a literacy rate of almost 100% in the Japanese companies.
- Strong team spirit and cohesiveness – a sense of ownership and belonging amongst the employees.
- Small group's ongoing activities – implementing a proposal-system for undertaking continuous improvement with the introduction of statistical tools for Total Quality Control and increased productivity. Hence Japanese industries have the highest level of TQC amongst the world.
- Effective human relationship persists by the management within the organization and encouragement for their voluntary involvement for

- the creativity and other innovative exercises.
- Introduction of Total Productive Maintenance (TPM)
- Strong relationship is established between company and their suppliers, and they are highly inspired by win-win concept in transaction.
- Adherence to punctuality and time management
- Adoption of "Do it now" culture

### **HR Management**

People are treated as precious assets in all Japanese companies and utmost care is given for the welfare of employees in every aspect, thus positively affecting their quality of life and work environment. "Good environment", "Good people" and "Good techniques" inspire the HRD philosophy of the company, so that employees are encouraged to work in a creative environment.

The important features of HRD are:

- Share ideas and involve in planning with team members
- Encourage the team members to be innovative and creative
- Avoid bureaucracy
- Don't stick to one strategy
- Change according to the change in the scenario
- Reborn
- Create own initiative ness to act positively
- Think oneself as a customer
- Encouragement for self-development and growth of subordinates

### **Productivity improvement factors**

- Punctuality – "Do it now" culture
- Optimize production
- Quality control
- Preventive maintenance –Reduce down time
- Cost consciousness – Control waste of resources
- House keeping and hygiene – Risk-free work



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## My Experience in Japan

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On being selected by Nepal AOTS Alumni Society (NAAS) and Center of the International Cooperation for Computerization (CICC), Tokyo, Japan for the Open Source Standard Software Development (OSD) course, I was very excited about the training to be held from 9<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005 as well as the trip to Tokyo. It was altogether a trip of 49 days including traveling.

After reaching Narita airport in Tokyo via Bangkok, I took a Limited Express Train to reach Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC) at Senju Azuma where CICC and AOTS had arranged for us (including me and participants from other different countries) for the accommodation. I was

was also arranged at the same center, it was very convenient to attend the orientation classes there. The orientation sessions covered Japanese language classes, guide to life in Japan, few technology and course-related lectures and field visits. These sessions were very interesting and helpful for foreign students like us.

The actual training course on Open Source Standard Software Development started from the second week. Therefore, from the second to the seventh week, we commuted to CICC training center which was located in a nice city called Ochanomizu, some 9 km away from Tokyo Kenshu Center. We were provided the commuter train tickets by CICC to use the Tokyo Metro Subway Train. The training OSD course was conducted by Hitachi Information Academy. Three field trips were arranged during the course – Hitachi CGS, Linux World 2005 Expo and InterOp Expo. At Linux World Expo, we got a good opportunity to see people and new technologies from open source communities. Overall, the training program was quite good.

Apart from the training, we really had a very good time at Tokyo. I especially enjoyed visiting the Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo Disneyland, Kamakura and Odaiba etc. So after my seven-week experience in Tokyo, I feel that a developing nation like Nepal can be more developed only if the government management is well organized. Finally, I should say that my Tokyo experience has been like a dream.



very impressed by the beauty of Tokyo city from the first day itself. Personally, I think people from developing nations should really see this highly developed city. During the first week of our training we had the orientation course at Tokyo Kenshu Center. Since our accommodation

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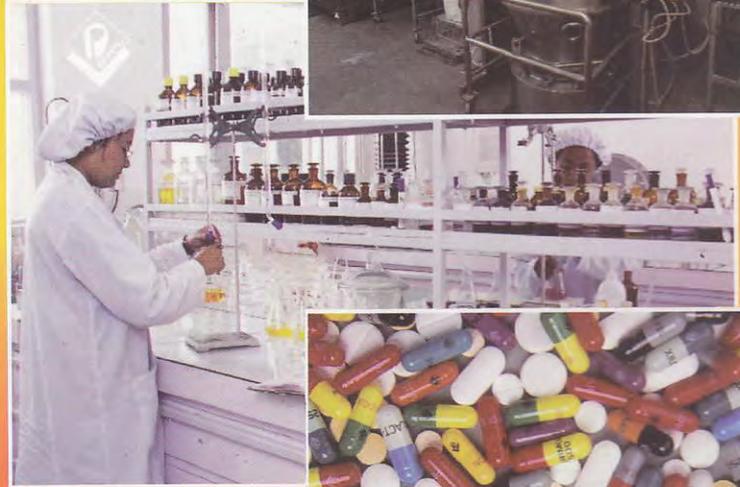
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