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### Heidelberg Knowledge Series

Beesants Trading Co in association with Heidelberg, organised the Heidelberg Knowledge Series (HKS) to spread information about offset printing, including on world-class pre-press and post-press facilities. For the purpose, a Print Buyers Meet and a Print Sellers Meet were organised on 2 and 3 February respectively. HKS was facilitated by Guenther Keppler, general manager, Business

Development, Heidelberg, who shared his knowledge on printing and how world-class printing could be made a reality in Nepal. The latest Heidelberg offset printing solution, the first of its kind in Nepal, was commissioned at Maa Tara Press on 3 February—the inauguration was conducted by Verena Graf von Roedern, German ambassador to Nepal.

### New members in MAN

The election of the executive office bearers of Management Association of Nepal was held on 9 February. Janak Raj Shah has been elected as president, Dipak Prasad Upadhyay as first vice president, Asha Adhikary as second vice president, Saroj Kumar Pradhan as secretary general and Chandrakanta Bhandari as treasurer. Other executive members are Avanindra Kumar Shrestha, Ashbin Kumar Pudasaini, Kunj Bihari Kayal, Shanti Laxmi Shakya, Bindra Hada, Keshav Raj Jha, Shailendra Sigdel, Suman Neupane, Sushil Kumar Aryal, Vijay Bahadur Shrestha, Thakur Raj Pandey and Umang Bagaria.

### Skal felicitates members



Skal Club (Association Internationale des Skal Clubs), a professional organisation of

tourism leaders around the world and one which promotes global tourism and friendship, organised a felicitation programme on 19 February. Tokens of appreciation were given by Bhola Bikram Thapa, president, Skal Club Nepal, to guest speakers, Dr Shanker Prasad Sharma and Prabhaker SJB Rana. Tokens of love were given to Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Hotel Radisson, Hotel Yak and Yeti, Hotel Dwarika's and Hotel Shangri-la. A memento was also presented to Earl Wieman, president, Skal Club.

### Seminar of insurance professionals

Nepal Insurance Professionals' Society organised a day-long seminar on "Loss Assessment in the Insurance Sector", on 6 February. Insurance professionals from the claims departments of different insurance companies participated at the seminar. SC Saakha, president, Nepal Insurance Surveyors' Association, Deep P Pandey, CEO, Shikhar Insurance, MK Kapoor, chief manager, Oriental Insurance, and Bhoj R Sharma, board member, Neco Insurance, gave presentations on the occasion.

### Deurali Janta turns 19



Deurali Janta Pharmaceuticals (DJPL) celebrated its 18th anniversary on 29 January. Chandra B Chalise was the special guest of the occasion. Radha Raman Prasad, director, Department of Drug Administration, and

Bhupendra B Thapa, joint secretary, Ministry of Health, were also present at the event. Speaking on the occasion, Hari Bhakta Sharma, executive director, DJPL, presented statistics about Nepal lagging behind in various sectors internationally; he stated that Nepalis should forge ahead in much the same manner that DJPL went about establishing itself in the international market. The company has been awarded ISO 14001 and ISO 9001 certificates by Det Norske Veritas and WHO-GMP certificate by the World Health Organisation.

### Munal starts operations

Munal Saving and Credit Co-operative, a financial institution established by leading industrialists and business people of Pokhara, started its operations on 16 January. The cooperative with its head office located at Sabhagriha Chowk, Pokhara-8, was inaugurated by Ganesh B Shrestha, chairperson, Laxmi House, Pokhara. It collected a total deposit of Rs 11.4 million on the inaugural day. The general meeting of the cooperative elected an 11-member executive committee under the chairmanship of Bir B Gurung.



### NRB governor at SEACEN conference

Deependra Bahadur Chhetri, governor of Nepal Rastra Bank, participated at the 44th SEACEN Governors' Conference and 28th Meeting of SEACEN Board of Governors, held by Bank of Negara (Malaysia) from 6-11 February. The governors of central banks of Malaysia, the Philippines, Cambodia, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, South Korea, Mongolia, Indonesia, Fiji, Brunei, Vietnam and Singapore also participated at the conference. The major agenda of the conference was the present global financial crisis. The governors also described the economic situation of their respective countries.

### Paul Friedberg in Nepal



Paul Friedberg, a landscape architect and one of the faculties of Columbia University, USA, made a visit to Nepal to oversee the design aspects of the Central Park and Premium Apartment project launched by Clean Developers; the project offers residential apartments in an environment-friendly setting. At a talk programme organised by Clean Developers, Friedberg said that "architecture should emphasise on environmental and cultural values, and must dignify the tradition".

### AGM of Nepal Rugmark Foundation

Nepal Rugmark Foundation held its 12th AGM on 22 February. Govind P Adhikari, general secretary, Rugmark International, inaugurated the event. On

the occasion, top carpet exporters were felicitated, and SLC graduates from Rugmark centres were presented letters of appreciation.