



**Nepal Festival 2008 held 13 September 2008 Darling Harbour
in Sydney
EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE**

After the historical grand success of Nepal Festival 2008 Melbourne on 7 September 2008, Nepali communities again demonstrated their commitments in making Second Nepal Festival 2008 in Sydney a grand success. I am struggling to put this into words how much it meant for every single Nepali and friends of Nepal who were there to be a part of this historical moment for our community and the whole NRN communities.

On behalf of NRN Australia, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone for making the Nepal Festival 2008 Sydney to happen. Organising an event of this magnitude and complexity, of course, requires a lot of logistics, planning, support and volunteers, which we were fortunate to have along with us.

For those who took time out from their busy schedule to get involved and to contribute, we would say “thank you” for your support and understanding.

My special thanks go to Bhoma Limbu & Nabin Ranamagar who made us proud for well co-ordinated cultural programs, Manoj Lama coordinating of live concert and assisting in marketing of the festival, Mahandra Oli for his remarkable contribution in both Melbourne and Sydney Festival, Shyam KC for his hard work in handling and coordinating the financial side.

I wish to thank Bishnu Hamal for marketing, Shamsar S Thapa & Dhruva Raj Subedi for their wonderful arrangement of the overall venue management including security, who together co-ordinated, co-operated and shared the responsibilities assigned to them from the beginning to end to make this festival to happen. Without your vigorous efforts, we could not have staged the Nepal Festival 2008 Sydney so successfully.

I thank Shamim Anwar and Shishir Nepal for managing the NRN Desk.

Similarly my sincere thanks go to Ms. Indra Ban (NRNA ICC Regional Coordinator Oceania), Mr. Deepak Khadka (NRNA ICC Dy Coordinator Oceania), Mr. Shree Napit (ICC Coopted Member) Mr. Mana KC (Advisor NRN Australia), Ramjee Bista (Treasurer NRN Australia) and NRN whole team who together coordinated, cooperated and shared the responsibilities of the entire festival. Without your vigorous efforts, we could not have succeeded in organizing this festival.

My many thanks go to all the volunteers, but it would be unfair if I didn't take name of some of the remarkable performances of Ujeal Dahal, Janak Pandey, Milan KC, Dipak Basaula, Bhim Kharel, Hom Pandey, Shekhar Shrestha, Bhishma Oli, Ramesh Pandey etc. The lists goes on and on and without your technical and tireless work, we could not have staged the Nepal Festival 2008 Sydney successfully.

My special thanks go to all inter- state NRN executive members and the advisers for their vigorous efforts in organising the event.

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NRN Australia is indebted to Pradip Dhakal Pacific College of Technology for providing the venue for artists practice. Similarly NRN Australia is also indebted to Mr. Deepak Khadka Crown Institute of Technology and Business for providing the venue for festival meetings.

I would like to take this moment to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Secretary for Ministry for Tourism & Civil Aviation Mr. Leela Mani Poudyal, Mr. Diwakar Birkam Rana at Nepal Tourism Board and everyone at NTB for huge support and priceless contribution to the festival. It was a wonderful team effort and it came together so perfectly. It was simply beautiful. I guess, 13th of September 2008 will not be easily forgotten in the history of Nepali community in Australia .The cultural items you sent from Nepal lifted the morale of all the performers and were instrumental in making Sydney festival so successful. Thank you for going extra mile to send all those materials to us on time.

I would like to take this moment to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to **The Axe Band** for the wonderful performance and who delivered excellent entertainment to over 22,000 audiences at a single venue.

Finally, I would like to thank D M Hirachan NRNA VP, Mr Bhaban Bhatta, President, NRN Japan, Charka Thapa NRNA ICC member NZ for coming all the way from there to support NRN Australia team.

I would like to take this moment to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Bhabani Oli whose contribution towards the Nepal Festival in terms of securing big sponsors from the Non-Nepali business community and distributing more than 5000 festival flyers at different stations of city rail networks.

Similarly I would like to take this moment to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Tapindra Thapa, Thapa Agency, Sunita KC 4Nations and Embassy of Nepal for sponsoring to a projector for venue at the eleventh hour.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge and thank the rest of the community members and the names, which I have not stated above.

Once again, thank you all for your support. You have truly made a remarkable difference.

Sincerely

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