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Glimpses of World Environment Day

World Environment Day Celebration

The National Trust for Nature Conservation – Central Zoo organized a fine art workshop and exhibition on 'Nature and Earthquake' jointly with the USAID funded Hariyo Ban Program on the occasion of World Environment Day 2015 at Jawalakhel, Lalitpur. The theme of the World Environment Day for the year 2015 is "Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care."

The Chief Guest, Mr. Shankar Prasad Adhikari, the Secretary of Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation (MoFSC), inaugurating the exhibition highlighted the role of art in creating education and for entertainment too. He also appreciated the efforts as it is a suitable time, just after the disaster to normalize the fear people have in their minds. Mr. Adhikari also distributed the awards and certificates to the winners of annual conservation education program.

Mr. Govinda Gajurel, the Member Secretary of NTNC in his welcome remarks, urged for the establishment of the zoological garden in wide area for the flagship wildlife species.

The art workshop which was held on June 4, 2015 was inaugurated by Ms. Ragini Upadhyay Grela, Chancellor of Nepal Academy of Fine Arts. Ms. Upadhyay highlighted on the human and nature relationship and how it has evolved over the time. She sketched the tree on canvass and interpreted how the nature is important for our survival. The 38 fine arts of the 30 renowned artists were exhibited not only for the invitees but also for the zoo visitors. The fund raised from the sale of the paintings will go partially towards the welfare of Zoo animals and the earthquake victims.

During the program, Mr Tikaram Adhikari, the Director General of the Departments of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC), Ms Judy Oglethorpe, the Chief of Party of Hariyo Ban Program and Ms. Bronwyn Llewellyn, the Environment Officer of USAID made their remarks in the function. Ms. Sarita Jnawali, the Project Manager of the Central Zoo delivered a vote of thanks in the program.

"Plastic bag is banned inside the Central Zoo"

Inter School FOZ Quiz Contest

Wildlife Inter-School FOZ Quiz Contest was organized on 31st March, 2015. A total of 78 FOZ members from 26 different schools participated in the contest which was held in the Zoo. The quiz was focused on wildlife, science and general knowledge. Aaditya Karki, Supriya Aryal and Aruna Pariyar of Bijeshwori Gyan Mandir Sainik Mahavidyalaya School; Shiksha Basnet, Pratik Paudel and Gaurav Bhandari of Creative Academy; Araj Shah, Kabita Rimal and Samjhana Lama of Prithwi Secondary Boarding school bagged first, second and third position respectively. The final round of the wildlife quiz was broadcast in the Nepal Television on "Jada Jada" program



Students participating on Quiz Contest

Climate Change Awareness Program

Global warming is considered as a burning issue and it is being a challenge to the entire world and its scientific society which had affected the nature, life and homes of millions of people. To create awareness about climate change one day training program was organized where a total of 67 FOZ members from 32 different schools participated on 23rd June, 2015. The training was conducted by Dipesh Gurung from Environment Camp for Conservation Awareness (ECCA).

Day with a Vet

Friends of Zoo (FOZ) members got an opportunity to spend a day with the veterinary team on 22nd June, 2015. A total of 67 FOZ members from 33 different schools participated in the program. The talk program was delivered on animal management and treatment, diseases. The practical session was facilitated by vet team Ganesh Koirala, Radha Krishna Gharti and Balkrishna Giri. The demonstration was held in handling and treatment of animals along with the physical examination of animals by taking temperature, heart beat and general checkup.

Bagmati Clean Up Campaign

The Central Zoo staff participated in the 100th week of Bagmati Clean Up Greater campaign along with thousands of people from Sundarjal to Sundarighat on 11th April, 2015. During the program Zoo staff helped to form a human chain of 56 kilometres along the Bagmati riverbanks. The greater campaign kicked off with the singing of the national anthem and oath taking to keep the holy river pure and clean.

Wildlife Week Celebration

On the occasion of 20th Wildlife week (April 14-20, 2015) various activities for the visitors and students such as coloring, drawing talk program was organized. Altogether 22 FOZ members from 14 different schools participated in the poem competition on the topic "Wildlife for Our Future" which was organized in joint collaboration with the Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation (DNPWC). Ms. Shreesha Pandey of Bijeshwori Gyan Mandir Sainik Mahavidyalaya, Kumari Budathoki of Bijeshwori Gyan Mandir Sainik Mahavidyalaya, Doma Tamang of Peace Nepal Academy and Swostik Ghimire of Gyanodaya Bal Batika School bagged first, second, third and consolation prizes respectively. The winners were awarded the prize and certificate on the closing ceremony.



FOZ Students receiving award on Wildlife Week

FOZ Coordinator Interaction Meeting

Annual FOZ Coordinator Interaction Meeting was organized on March 30, 2015 in the Central Zoo. Altogether 31 coordinators from 29 different schools participated in the program. The main objective of the program was to discuss the annual conservation education program of Zoo and get their feedback and suggestion. The FOZ teachers committee was reformed for two years (2015-2017). The member of newly formed committee are Mr. Uttam Tripathi of Lalitpur Secondary Boarding School, Anupama Mukhia of St. Xavier's School, Subash Pradhan of National Pioneer Academy, Shyam Bhakta Maharjan of Shree Bishnu Devi Shiksha Sadan School, Arjun Kumar G.C. of BEBS Academy. The NTNC-Central



Zoo Staff in Bagmati Clean up Camp

Zoo would like to congratulate the newly formed committee and wish them all the luck for their tenure and would like to extend its sincere thanks to outgoing committee for their continuous support and effort in the education program.



FOZ co-ordinators Interaction Meeting

Program for Differently able students

Zoo visit program for the differently able children was organized on 26th March, 2015 and 12th June, 2015. A total of 26 disabled students and teachers from Patan Community based Rehabilitation Organization (Patan CBR) visited the Zoo. Similarly, 50 differently able people from Jawalakhel Ground (Earthquake victims) visited the Zoo. Both groups observed the animals of Zoo and attended talk programs and got information on animals.



Zoo visit by differently able students

FOZ Club Activities

Friends of Zoo Club (FOZC) from different schools participated in the Zoo Clean Up Camp program on 16th June, 2015. Altogether 42 FOZ club members from 5 different schools participated in the cleaning campaign. FOZC members were able to relay message among visitors and school students about the hygiene and sanitation of zoo and Zoo has been a role model in the cleanliness of environment. The DAV school has been awarded the best FOZ club - 2015.



Participants on Talk Program

Rescued Animals

The Central Zoo since long time is playing the vital role in rescuing and rehabilitating the wildlife in and around the valley. In its effort to minimize the conflict with the local people, the Zoo rescued couple of animal and birds in last few months.

The cub of sloth bear (*Melursus ursinus*) was rescued by the forest ranger in April 2015 and was handed to the zoo, the cub with the intense care of the keeper is healthy and is now in animal nursery and will be moved to exhibit very soon. Similarly, the Four horned antelope (*Tetracerus quadricornis*) which was rescued by the Banke National Park in May was handed to Zoo. Likewise, the blue bull (*Boselaphus tragacamelus*) which was rescued by forest staff of Udaypur was brought to the zoo. Common langur baby was also locally rescued.



Blue Bull in New Home



Maruti (Baby Langur)

Few of the species which were locally rescued and brought to the zoo are Red eared slider turtle, Himalayan Griffon, Himalayan palm civet, Chukar partridge and Peacock.

Similarly the common leopard which was rescued from different parts of the Kathmandu valley was rehabilitated in forest after treatment.

Talk program on One World One Health

The talk program on "One World One Health" concept was organized for the Zoo keepers and animal management staff. The objective of the workshop was to aware the keepers about the zoonotic disease and the precautions taken while handling the wild animals, the hygiene and sanitation to be taken while taking care of the animals to further minimize the risk of the dreadful diseases. The talk program was delivered by following resource person Dr Umesh Dahal, veterinarian, Dr. Nabin Rayamajhi specialist in Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Mycology and Dr. Sushil Shakya specialist in general medicine. The Central Zoo extends its sincere thanks to all the resource person for delivering the sessions.

Animals Birth at the Zoo

The few of the animals have given birth to the offspring's these are Civet, Rhesus macaque. Few of the bird species has also hatched during the breeding season like Peach faced love bird, Rose ring parakeet, golden pheasants. The regular birth allows these animals to depict their natural behaviors' also and this keeps the animal healthy and free of stress.



Newly Born Baby under Parental Care

Capacity Enhancement

Staff Visit to Darjeeling Zoo, India

A team of 10 staff from different sections of Central Zoo and 6 staff from the NTNC head office visited the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling Zoo, India from 17th -22nd June, 2015. The main objective of the visit was to learn and explore overall Zoo management. During the visit, interaction program was organized with the staff of Darjeeling Zoo on daily animal information record system and food items provided to the animals living in captivity.

Training and Coaching on Personal Accountability

The training was organized for the zoo staff on Coaching on personal accountability on June 29 and 30, 2015. The topic was based on the GREAT model which taught the staff how to be responsible and more dedicated towards the work and how to work more effectively and efficiently in team. A total of 64 staff attended the training in two groups. The Central Zoo extends its sincere thanks to Mr. Min Ghale for facilitating the training for staff.



Zoo Staff participating on training program