

## The special visit to Devighat Child Club and scholarship distribution Program by the chairman of Juergen Wahn Foundation for the year 2011/2012

This year the visit to Devighat was different than the other years. The motive is the same but the enthusiasm level was far too different. The Chairman of Juergen Wahn Foundation visited Devighat on 9. September 2011. It was a golden opportunity for the people of Devighat to thank with all their heart to the Chairman of Juergen Wahn Foundation who has been supporting continuously to 28 students through Devighat and Pipaltar Child Club (now merged into one Devighat Child Club) and also funded for their “own” club building in the premise of Shree Shahid Jagat Prakash Jung Shah Sankskrit Secondary School.

Mr. Klaus Schubert, the Chairman of Juergen Wahn Foundation visited Devighat after having small tour to some part of Nepal. A team of 3 including Ms. Anita Chitrakar and Mr. Ramesh Chitrakar with Mr. Klaus Schubert headed towards Devighat in the morning of 09<sup>th</sup> September 2011. A lot of wonderful presents for the students, teachers and volunteers of Devighat working were also brought to Devighat Child Project. The scholarship materials for the students also transported with the little micro bus to Devighat.

Talking of difference in this year’s scholarship distribution program was that it was distributed from the hands of Mr. Klaus Schubert. The scholarship holders felt a lot of joy to receive their gifts from the hands of respected chairperson.



Figure 1: Twenty-eight Scholarship holders after receiving award





Figure 2: Welcome Program in Devighat Bal Club premises

The welcome program took place in front of the Child Club building. In the gate of the school premise, 5 little dressed up girls called “Pancha-kanyas” (five girls), as per Nepali culture, welcomed Mr. Schubert with garlands and in return Mr. Schubert presented them with pencils from Juergen Wahn Foundation.



Figure 3: “Pancha-kanyas” welcoming the chairperson of Juergen Wahn Foundation



Then the Principal of Shree Shahid Jagat Prakash Jung Shah Sanskrit Secondary School, Mr. Hem Nidhi Nepal, the Chairman of the school Mr. Man Bahadur Dongol, the Chairman of Devighat Child Club Mr. Suresh Chitrakar welcomed Mr. Klaus Schubert and Mr. Ramesh Chitrakar and Ms. Anita Chitrakar with flowers, vermillion (red powder) and shawls.



Figure 3: Approaching towards Devighat Child Club Building

Mr. Schubert observed the site of the toilet construction. Then followed the opening of the Devighat Child Club took place by cutting the ribbon from Mr. Schubert.



Figure 4: Opening ceremony of Devighat Child Club building



Mr. Schubert's visit to the classes of the school interacting with the students and teacher was really appreciated by both the students and teachers.



Figure 5: Mr. Schubert visiting class rooms

All the students from the school, scholarship holders from different parts of Devighat, teachers, parents and some locals gathered in the sheltered area. Then the formal program started. Because of the new microphone, presented by Juergen Wahn Foundation, it was very much convenient to reach voice among the group.



Figure 6: Students, parents and teachers participating Opening ceremony

After seating all the distinguished members presented in the occasion, Mr. Dongol welcomed the group. The students performed dances in different songs and some group of students also sang songs. Little girls dancing were a sure sight of delight. The performers were awarded with presents from Germany. Then the Principal of the School, Mr. Nepal, gave his speech. Then Mr. Klaus Schubert gave his speech. He did speak some Nepali sentences which definitely surprised the audiences. The rest of the speech was given in English and was translated into Nepali by a teacher. Then again a series of cultural performances were given by the children followed by the distribution of presents by Mr. Schubert.





Figure 7: Opening ceremony





Figure 8: Chairperson from Devighat Bal Club and Headmaster of school receiving gifts from Germany



As in the previous year, scholarship was given to 29 students. The scholarship award for each student includes the followings:

- Pant/Skirt+Shirt -1 set/student
- Sweater -1 each
- Bag -1 each
- Exercise books-12 each
- Pencils -12 each for juniors and 2 each for seniors
- Erasers -2 each
- Sharpeners -2 each
- Pen -1 each for senior student
- Ink -1 bottle each for senior student

They were handed over to students directly by Mr. Schubert. The scholarship holders looks very lucky receiving awards.



Figure 9: Ganga Kumal receiving scholarship award





Figure 9: Kushal Majhi with his mother receiving scholarship award



Figure 10: Mr. Schubert receiving "Token of Love" from chairperson of Devighat Bal Club





Figure 11: Mr. Schubert meeting the children in Devighat Bal Club





Figure 12: Visiting class room after the program



Lunch packet (cake, cookies, bananas and drink) for the program was sponsored by Juergen Wahn Foundation and distributed to all the participants at the end of the program.

In addition to regular scholarship award, stationary materials, the sound system (an amplifier and a microphone) was presented to the club this year.



Figure 13: Mr. Schubert and Mr. Chitrakar with school teachers at the entrance of Devighat Child Club Building

At the end of the program, ideas were exchanged among representatives and Mr. Schubert for future support. The Devighat Child Club and School are very much thankful to Mr. Schubert and of course to Juergen Wahn Foundation for the Child developing program in Devighat.

Mr. Schubert announced the approval for making toilets in school compound.

By observing the school situation and meeting with school representative, Mr. Schubert had shown interest to mainly three possible projects in future:

1. To complete the remaining construction work of first floor of Devighat child club building: Though this part of construction was not the part of our Project, Juergen Wahn Foundation would like to support and help to complete construction, plastering and painting.

*Task to do:*

Mr. Ramesh Chitrakar/Ms. Situ Chitrakar will work on this issue together with school representatives. The estimation plan and cost proposal will be sent to Juergern Wahn Foundation. Estimated time for project proposal is October 2011.

2. Shree Shahid Jagat Prakash Jung Shah Sankskrit Secondary School requested Juergen Wahn Foundation for computer facility in the school. The students from this school have no opportunity to use computer. The children from Devighat Child Club can also develop their knowledge and skill in using computer with this project.

*Task to do:*

Since this project makes more meaning if it could be run in co-operation with school. There must be an instructor to teach and take care of computers. At the present situation, the school has no infrastructure or place for computer room.

Mr. Ramesh Chitrakar/Ms. Situ Chitrakar will work out on this issue and find out the co-operation possibilities with school. The aim is to get the personnel support as computer instructor, to find the suitable computer room, Juergen Wahn Foundation will support the computer peripherals.

As soon as the proposal is ready, it will be submitted to Juergen Wahn Foundation.

3. To build the new building

This project will be for a long term benefit. Since the condition of the entire classroom is in very poor condition, the new building will be for sure a great support for the school and children. The development in this issue will be informed as the things are progressed.