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• **The Education Centre – our last construction unit to be finalized**

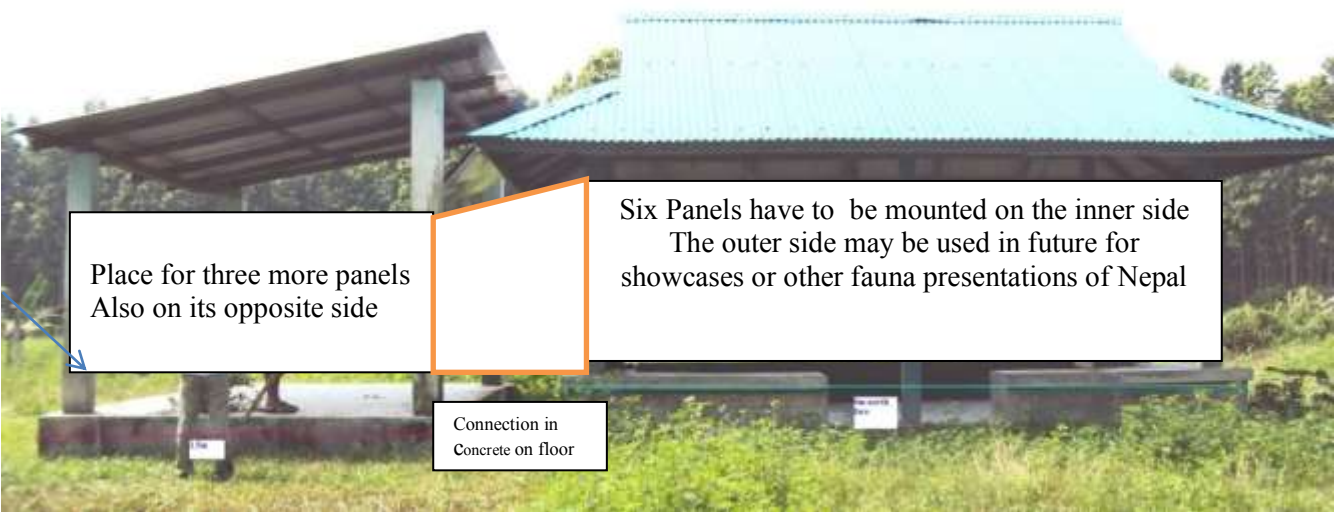
As described briefly in already and previous newsletter the existing former picnic shelter shall be converted into an Education Centre.

So far we did not get any funding and for the urgent needs we present here again our ideas of what still must be done and financed.

- 1) Some amendments must be done in the construction of the former picnic shelter to allow its use in an adequate form for education and information purposes



Conversion of Picnic Shelter into EDUCATION CENTRE
We will mount 22 panels of approx. 100 x 100 cm on turtles of Nepal on the inner side and on the outer side painting walls for kids or/and other animals from Nepal



Place for three more panels
Also on its opposite side

Connection in
Concrete on floor

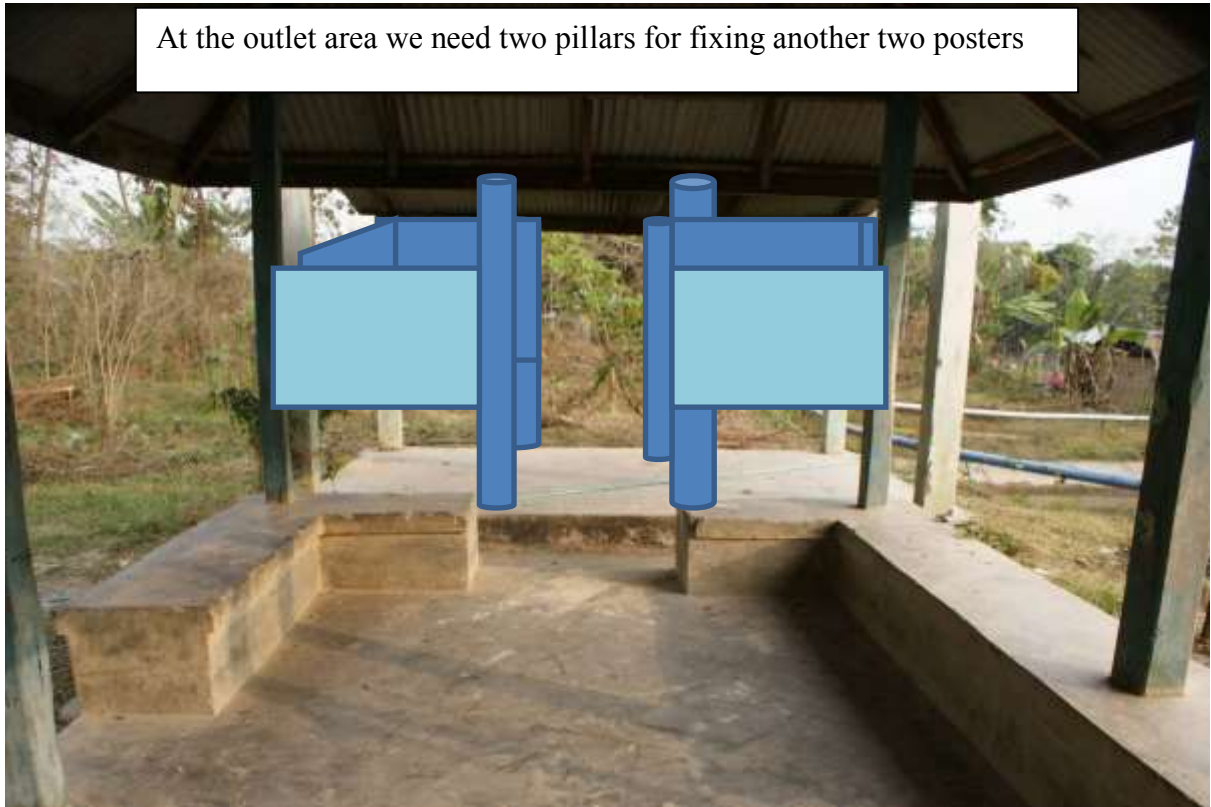
Six Panels have to be mounted on the inner side
The outer side may be used in future for
showcases or other fauna presentations of Nepal

The existing concrete walls should be useful serving as sitting benches. Between the two construction units should be a pathway connection at same level. And a ramp being constructed at the outlet area also to allow handicapped people the proper use.



The whole inner entrance side should also be used for video projections

At the outlet area we need two pillars for fixing another two posters

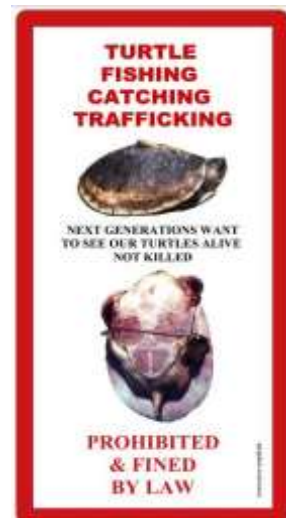


2) Outdoor poster stands



This poster stand is roof covered and made of galvanized tubes and tins to prevent corrosion by time.

They are already in use for several years at ARCO-Spain (www.arco-spain.org) and installed for the “Interpretation Centre of the Herpetofauna of Almeria province” in S-Spain and also for the various turtle species being kept here at Arc. We show them here just as specimen how they can be built. We also will try to use them for the road signs:



- **A new Lead Keeper & TRCC Representative**

At the beginning of 2016 we gained Mr. Tapil Prakash Rai as new lead keeper and TRCC representative.

We wish Mr. Tapil Prakash Rai a cordial welcome and are looking forward to having chosen the right person to stay and lead the TRCC and to develop with sustainability the Conservation Issues as our main target for the survival of turtle species in Nepal.

Mr. Tapil brought the necessary qualifications and great emphasis for our offered job. His academic qualifications are master degrees, Bachelor degree amongst other like intermediate degrees, Diplomas etc.:

Master's Degree in Environmental Science (Freshwater Resources, with Thesis entitled "Study on Ecological Factors of Mai Pokhari Lake so as To Identify the Reasons of Water Level Fluctuations" from TU in 2015.



Master's Degree (Tourism Management) defending Thesis from NIT/IGNOU, Jawlakhel, Kathamandu in 2015.

Mr. Tapil participated in many environmental courses and ecotourism management, too.

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• A Volunteer's Day at the Turtle Rescue & Conservation Centre

The dawn of brand new year bestowed with an awesome endowment. I had a Skype interview with ARCO-Nepal's President Prof. Dr. Hermann Schleich on 3rd January 2016, Sunday. Though, had some experience of working with national scientists and INGOs, it was quite a wonderful feeling. The two main driving forces to function in ARCO-Nepal were to work (and learn) with an international reputed scientist and myself seeking a suitable platform to perform. The opportunity entrusted furnished me with all the energy to function the best.

Turtle Rescue and Conservation Centre (TRCC) is a joint venture program of ARCO-Nepal and Sukhani Martyr's Memorial Foundation (SUMMEF) with a MOU signing on 22nd April, 2012 by concerning representative heads. The financial and technical assistance is done by ARCO-Nepal and the project is implemented in Martyr's Memorial Park, Budoholi, Saniarjun Municipality-9 (Jhapa, Nepal). An axiom "Action speaks harder" always had a major impact in life.

Likewise, from the opening day as per the instructions, different activities were carried out in order to realize the objectives of TRCC (ARCO-Nepal). The direct involvement of students from the related faculty (Zoology and Environment) was going on mind from the initial. As such planning and creation of suitable environment for the program took place accordingly. The best thing about working with youth is they are inquisitive and dynamic. It can be supposed that studying in Bachelor's degree is the transitional phase from amateur to the capable level; precisely a moulding phase.



Group photo of the participants on our volunteers day

Likewise, Martyr's Memorial Park Management Committee with limited staffs has lots of responsibilities to work upon and thus TRCC requires more attention from ARCO-Nepal side. Auspiciously, a "TRCC Volunteer's Day" strike the mind. Consultation with Prof. Khambu Rai about the concept was done. At the same time, a frequent conversation with students about the volunteering program and their involvement in it was emphasized. Miserably due to the untimely demise of late Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of Nepal; it was a public holiday on 27th Magh 2072 i.e.10th February 2016, Wednesday. In order to best utilize the situation, I persuaded the Park Management Committee to act on the first ever TRCC Volunteer's Day. The media persons were as well invited to participate in the endeavour and play their role. Although the preparation time was brief, program took place efficiently and summarized it to be worthwhile by the participants.



"Turtle food collecting group"



"Sanitation group"

About Program

The volunteer program took place within the TRCC compound from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm i.e. 3 hours duration. The participants were ARCO-Nepal and SUMMEFF Staffs, Mechi Multiple Campus Lecturers and B.Sc. Students, Media persons and Visitors.

Anchoring of program was done by Park Secretary Mr. Ramesh Bhattarai and a welcome speech as well as the explanation of the program was made by the author. A well-known media person Mr. Indrajit Mukhiya (MD of Aagan FM 89.6 MHz and NTV Jhapa reporter) was invited as a special guest and he offered a short speech. Similarly, Environmental science lecturer of Mechi Multiple Campus Mr. Diwas Dahal gave a guest speech.

The chairing of the volunteer program was done by Park Management's President Mr. Birkha Pradhan.

For the efficiency of the program, three groups were formed; Group I: Sanitation of TRCC led by Mr. Tapil, Group II: Digging of a Pit for Degradable Waste led by Mr. Birkha and Group III: Collection of Turtle Foods led by Mr. Diwas.

The participants' names were filled in the TRCC visitor's book and a group photo was taken as a reference. Vigorous engagement of the students was phenomenal leading to a grand success of the program. With a heartfelt appreciation, TRCC gifted students with 'Thanksgiving' card. Finally, the chairman concluded volunteer program along with a tea-biscuit treat.

Tapil Prakash Rai
TRCC Representative

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