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Shipping Companies And Ships Linked To Us

We are working with 11 shipping companies, and have 281 men and 77 women, a total of 358 crew and staff, under management.

We welcome:

Raju Karki (Princess Cruise)
Prakash Gurung (Princess Cruise)
Sabin Karki (Princess Cruise)
Binod Roka Magar (Princess Cruise)
Prabin Ratna Bajracharya (Princess Cruise)
Subash Thapa (Princess Cruise)
Ganesh Awal (Princess Cruise)
Manjish Timila (CUK)
Men Prasad Gurung (M/V Vidanta Elegant)
Jay Prakash Shrestha (World Dream)
Prakash Lama Tamang (World Dream)

In November, 24 crew rejoined ships. We have another 52 scheduled to go back to work during the next month or so.



RUBY PRINCESS

We publish this month a photograph of RUBY PRINCESS of Princess Cruises.

If you have pictures or postcards of your ship, please send them in to us for future Newsletters.

Recruiting continued this month for Princess Cruises. We had a delay in commencing recruitment for P&O Australia; the details of their demand for hotel crew are now with us and we shall commence this recruitment soon.

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GI (HK) Business

We are providing security services for 24 Hong Kong Clients and have 98 security staffs employed.

Website

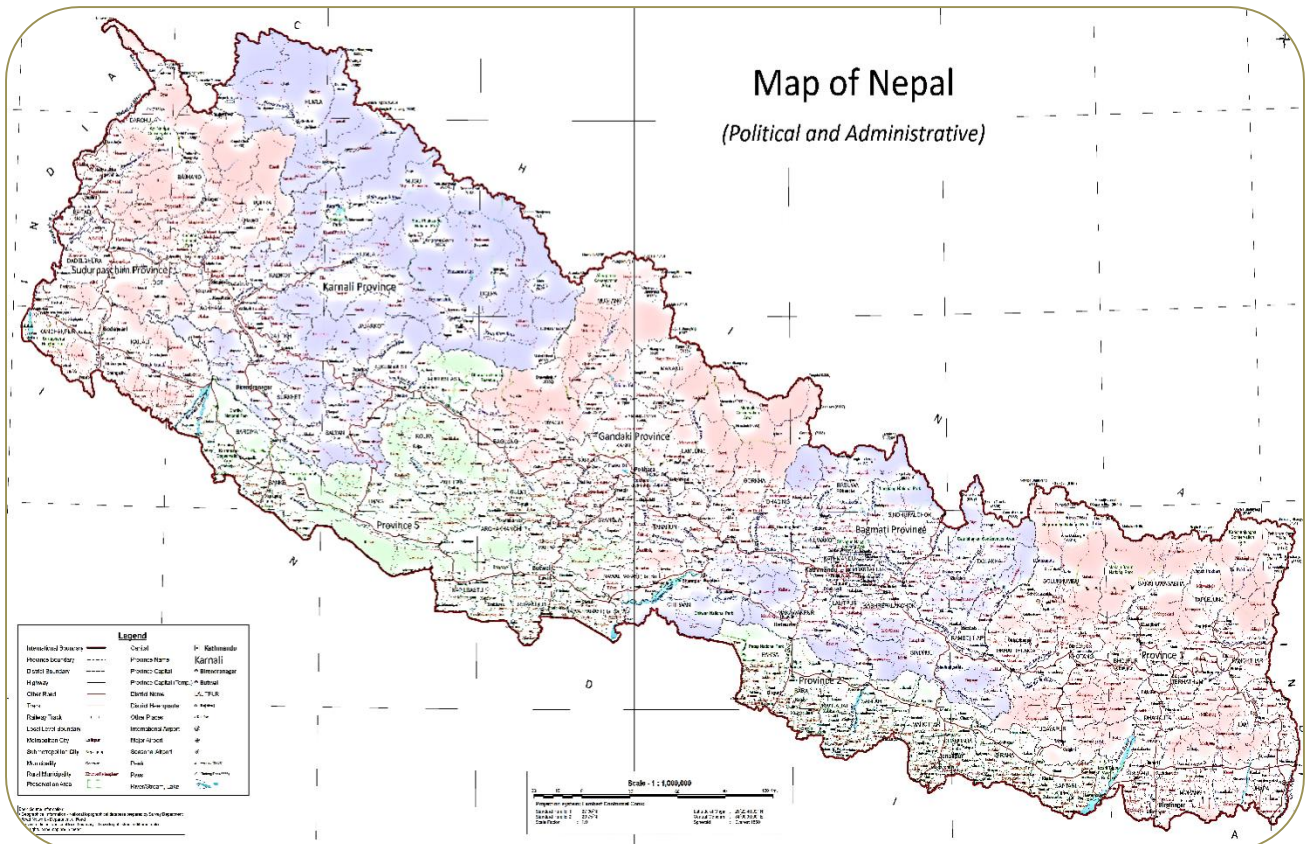
We have revised and reissued our two companies' website. Please check it out at: <https://gurkha.com.hk>

I thank all those concerned in putting the new site together, and in particular would like to thank and congratulate Mr Prem Bishwakarma of our Hong Kong office, who spearheaded the project.

To keep our site and literature up to date, we would be glad to receive photos of you all in training, at work or off duty. Please email Prem any photographs that you'd be happy we use in future at prembk@gurkha.com.hk.

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World Security

The war in Ukraine continues into the winter, with Russia attempting to freeze the Ukrainian people by destroying their electricity and gas infrastructure. Russia is also attempting to blackmail the countries supporting Ukraine by cutting oil, gas and food supplies to them. There is, as before, no sign of any end to this war in the foreseeable future.

An IED exploded in front of a shop in the Beyoğlu district of Istanbul, Turkey, killing six people and injuring 81 others. No group has claimed responsibility; Turkey blamed Kurdish separatists.

Abu Ibrahim al-Hashemi al-Qurashi, leader of Daesh or the Islamic State, killed himself with an explosion rather than allow himself to be taken by US forces in Syria.

ISIS attacks have taken place in the Sinai Peninsula, Somalia, Afghanistan and Nigeria. In Somalia, government forces killed about 150 Al-Shabaab terrorists 200 km from Mogadishu.

Nepal News

Nepal elections: Voting underway across country



Voting in the elections of the House of Representatives and provincial assembly is underway across the country. The voting started at 7am.

Voters have reached polling stations since early morning.

A total of 10,892 polling stations and 22,227 polling centres have been established besides 141 temporary booths for civil servants, security personnel, prisoners and people living in old-age homes to vote.

Approximately 300,000 security personnel, including from Nepal Army, Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and the National Intelligence Department, will be deployed during the elections. They are assisted by 115,000 temporary police recruits, according to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The voting will continue till 5 pm.

Source: [The Kathmandu Post](#)

Glimpses of Chasok Tangnam Festival



People from the Yanthuk Limbu community in eastern Nepal have started celebrating Chasok Tangnam festival. The festival is marked with the first harvest being offered to God Yuma Sammam and other deities and exchanging cordiality with each other.

The festival which is also called Nwagi Puja is considered to be the beginning of social, cultural, religious (worship of nature), family, political and overall way of life for the Limbu community.

During the celebrations, youths and adults from the Yakthung community, dressed in traditional costumes, have fun performing traditional dances including paddy dance, chyabrunng, palam, khayali and hakpare.

People from Dharan-14 gathered in Panchkanya forest located next to the place which is considered the capital of the historic Limbuwan kingdom in Vijaypur to collectively celebrate the festival.

Source: [The Kathmandu Post](#)

Hong Kong News

John Lee signals ‘satisfaction’ with results as first overseas trip as Hong Kong’s leader ends



Hong Kong’s leader said he was “satisfied” with his first overseas trip as chief executive as he spent the last day of the visit on a tour of some of Thailand’s biggest businesses in a bid to attract investment.

Chief Executive John Lee Ka-chiu signalled Hong Kong had entered a new period that had encouraged many to visit, despite the city’s remaining Covid-19 restrictions, as he prepared to leave Bangkok after the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit.

Lee added the string of meetings he had with some of Thailand’s most influential business leaders were “a promotion programme to introduce Hong Kong’s new era”.

He declined to reveal if the meetings had resulted in sealed deals to boost investments, but the CEO of a major Thai company said Lee had invited his company to get involved in building a smart city in the city’s latest development project.

Lee said he told other delegates to the Apec meeting, which ended, that the city was headed towards a full reopening despite the three-day restaurant dine-in ban and regular coronavirus tests faced by inbound travellers.

“They appreciated my thinking and they would like to come to Hong Kong,” he said. “I’m very glad to hear that.”

New language, more possibilities: Hong Kong charity empowers marginalised pupils by providing subsidised Chinese classes



Eight-year-old Hong Kong-born Nepali Keiwanthh Gurung proudly shows a new friend how to write his name in Chinese, as he converses in Cantonese with such confidence and ease that it may be hard to imagine he barely spoke a word of the language not so long ago.

“I got 85 marks in [Primary One],” the Primary Two student said in fluent Cantonese, adding that his results for his school’s Chinese-language examinations were improving.

Explaining how he can now speak the Chinese language with schoolmates and other people in his everyday life, Gurung said he was previously unable to do so until he started taking classes at Integrated Brilliant Education Limited (IBEL) as a Kindergarten Two (K2) student.

Established in 2015, the charity provides after-school tuition and Chinese-language classes for heavily subsidised fees to support the education of underprivileged non-Chinese-speaking (NCS) children.

Gurung is one of 280 students, ranging from K2 to Form Six levels, attending classes run by the organisation.


The charity said it aimed to address the academic difficulties experienced by non-Chinese speakers, whom it describes as being “systemically underserved and educationally marginalised” in terms of language learning opportunities.

“Under Hong Kong’s education system, many NCS students have a curriculum that teaches simpler or easier Chinese,” said Savio Lau Chi-kong, the organisation’s manager for academics and operations.

Source: [South China Morning Post](#)

Conclusion

Christmas will soon be upon us, and on behalf of all at GIMS and BGOS, I send you and your families our warm wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful New Year in 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Collett', written in a cursive style.

Nigel A. Collett
Managing Director