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Sano Paila (A Little Step)

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Birgunj, March 10, 2016 / Falgun 27, 2072. Sano Paila through its Youth Community Services Center (YCSC) announces the launch of *"Engagement Through Partnership: Students As Partners in Community Building"* - a year-long grassroots initiative to engage students and provide platforms for young minds to contribute in community building. The objective is to reach out to undergraduate students in 8 districts of central Tarai-Madhesh region of Nepal (Parsa, Bara, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Dhanusha, Siraha and Saptari and generate awareness regarding ownership and sense of belonging in community development.

As part of the initiative, Sano Paila will organize interaction sessions, trainings, field works, and recruitment sessions that will build avenues for experiential learning; for effective community service; for process-oriented approaches to self and community development; a social outlet for personal growth and socializing; whereby considering the free-time, energy, drive, and frustration of local youths to be resources rather than obstacles. Over 100 youths from the region will be selected to undergo a vigorous internship and training build interconnections, collaboration, and positive change through the forum, youth and students clubs, information centres, social activities, seminars, mentorships, advocacy, peer-education, and awareness programs.

Specifically targeted will be the information gap, education gap, and generation gap that exist between youth and society. "For the development of the youth and our communities the initiative will integrate and bridge the gaps, and transform youth energy into windows of dynamic enterprise and growth: education and social activities, including employment, will be achieved," Kanchan Jha, CEO & Founder of Sano Paila said amidst a program to kick off the event in Birgunj.

The event saw participation from over 60 undergraduate students from Birgunj Sub-Metropolitan city's colleges: MB Kedia Dental College, National Academy, Birgunj Institute of Technology, Hari Khetan Multiple Campus, and Thakur Ram Multiple Campus. Consulate General of India, Anju Ranjan was the Chief Guest for the event, and Mr. Chandra Kishore Jha, renowned freelancer, was the Guest of Honor. The State Daily and Narayani FM are the media partners for the event series of Sano Paila .

Addressing the mass of students in the event, CG Anju Ranjan said, " I commend Sano Paila, 'A little step', for taking a big leap. A good community is one that uplifts poor people in the society. Young people's readiness is the icon of Sano Paila's "I-Can" Virus. If you can, the government can." Ramesh Kr. Sahani from Birgunj Institute of Technology shared, "We learned a lot from the program, I request the organization to reach out to other rural areas in the other districts too. As a student I pledge to apply all the things I learned here. "

YCSC is a forum to facilitate connections between the youth and the community, providing a credible, effective, rewarding avenue for community service for the youths. The key focus of the YCSC is to improve the social and economic conditions of at-risk youth, and as a result, the community. Over the years, we have developed a strong network of over 1000 Local

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Youth Volunteers (LYVs) who are mobilized at the grassroots-level to disseminate information on drug and crime issues, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, and peace-building initiatives among other youths in the community.

Sano Paila (A Little Step), established in 2006, is a member-based, non-governmental, non-partisan organization working towards community development in the socially marginalized and impoverished regions of rural Nepal. We empower better opportunities to improve social, health, education, economic, cultural and environmental conditions of the vulnerable and underprivileged communities, integrate these communities into the life of the nation to contribute fully for the sustainable development of Nepal.

Committed to redefining the development sector, we take a bottom-up approach to inclusive development, thereby reducing poverty and injustice. We have a track record of diagnosing the most complex problems at grassroots level, conceiving innovative models to solve those problems, and effectively implementing programs by employing diverse and inclusive implementation teams. Since our establishment, we have tackled a number of complex issues (issues often ignored by the government, private sector, and state security system) including: human trafficking & child abuse, drug addiction treatment, youth development, access to education, income-generation, and health improvement. Our projects are diverse and target to improving the lives of rural communities and bring positive change.