

Solung Primary School

**Project Monitoring Report
Submitted**

**To
Koge Nord Rotary Klub, Club No. 10266, District 1480, Denmark**



Project : Construction of Solung School (Shree Jana Chetana Primary School)

Purpose : Monitoring

Date : April 11 to 12, 2008

Location : Solung, Beni V.D.C. Ward no: 7, Solukhumbu, Nepal

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Background

The Pre-primary School in Solung Village was built in 1997 by a group of Japanese tourists who passed by. The reason of building this school was that there was no school nearby and small kids had no alternative to have the school education. There is one secondary school in Junbesi, one Lower secondary school in Ringmu and one Primary School in Beni, Solung village locates in between. The distance between these schools and Solung village is quite far. Only grown up children can go to the school. So, very good hearted Japanese understood this problem and built the school.

Ever since Late Hillary founded the Himalayan Trust has been providing one teacher salary and supplies with sufficient exercise book and Education Ministry providing one teacher salary. There are two teachers now.

The school has been working very well since its set-up. The teachers are capable and sincere. The students are energetic and attentive. All in all there is a very good, friendly, respectful and happy atmosphere. Around 31 students are getting benefit from this school. But after a number of years in action the school is in need of some repair, and some deficiencies are showing up.

But as the school has no income sources itself and no funds are supplied, the school is dependent on the goodwill of charitable organizations, and that is why the school approached Køge Nord Rotary Klub through Rotary Club of Kathmandu for the extension of Playground, one more building and a toilet, which are underway



Progress of the Solung School progress

In Solung there was not much discussion about the underway project as school was off due to the election and Chairman of the school Mr. Gyalzen Sherpa was on trek. I have checked the project, which is under construction, in detail.

Solung School new building construction has mostly been completed. Inside decoration is also on the verge of completion. Now chairs and other furniture are being made. For the construction, all the none local



material were bought in Katmandu and transported until Bandhar by truck and porter had carried them to Solung two months ago. To buy and transport all these materials, all the three contractors Mr. Gyalzen Sherpa, Pasang Sherpa and Sanu Shrestha been to Katmandu. These 3 are the major contractors of the whole construction project

New building is very beautifully constructed and decorated inside. It has got nice wall ceiling and roof ceiling. There is a small problem, maybe it will be big problem in the monsoon, is that there is very short roof to the left side brim and rain may hit on the wall and wash out the color of the building as well as it may ruin the inside ceiling. I suggested them to solve the problem if it is possible.

Construction of play ground was already completed in autumn but still some minor things are remaining to be done which will be done after the rest construction is completed.



Wall behind the new building is properly done. It is as high as new building brim but I think it is not high enough as children easily reach on the roof from the wall. So either there should be wall higher than the roof or some bar should be made to stop small kids going to the roof

Toilet

Toilet construction hasn't started yet, they have plan to go for the toilet construction as soon as the inside decoration of new building is completed. However, they have cut very nice and quality stone for the toilet but they are yet to be transported. All non-local materials like cement, iron rod and tin roof have also already been brought, only sand to be carried out. Old existing toilet's roof has taken out but toilet itself has not been demolished. There are some stone from the old toilet which can be re-used



for the new toilet. According to the contractor, new cut stone will be used for the outside wall and stone from old toilet will be used for the inside the wall. They have a plan to go for the toilet construction as soon as interior decoration of the new building is completed.

Net and iron rod for the play ground

They have bought 2.5m long Iron pole 28 pieces for the play ground to stop the ball going out from the ground. They are tube in shape and can be joined each piece. They also bought nylon net. Nylon net and iron pole will be fixed when all the construction is completed



Village development Committee (VDC) support

Solung Village has got some different projects from VDC. Projects are for repairing the existing drinking water supply, Trail renovation, and school furniture repairing. Total allocation is 182.000Rs. Out of this amount Rs25.000 will be spent for the new furniture of the school, Rs.82.000 for trail renovation and Rs.55.000 is for renovation of the existing drinking water supply. This project hasn't started yet. Project will start as soon as all the people of the Solung village attend the village meeting to decide on how project be executed.

Expected time of the project completion

Contractors, workers and villagers have the same view that the whole construction will be completed within May 2008, especially contractors have targeted to complete during May. Solung people are very much eager to see the new building being inaugurated in due time.