



Project Proposal

July 2010

Fire Engines for Kathmandu



For Kathmandu Fire Brigade, Kathmandu Metropolitan City

Himalayan Project is a Danish NGO established in 1998 with the objectives to work with education and school reconstruction in Solukhumbu District, but also to support Nepal with what we can do. To achieve those goals Himalayan Project has an extensive cooperation with Rotary Clubs in Denmark, Germany and Nepal.

Aabenraa Kommune, a municipality in Southern Denmark, is in a process of rationalizing and reconstructing their emergency force, and in that process they are planning to pension off 24 fire engines. Himalayan Project approached the City Mayor and Fire Chief asking them to donate some of those machines for Nepal, and immediately they were ready to give that idea a high priority. The final decision on the process and which engines to put out will be during this July, and the process has to be completed within coming August.

Rotary Club of Kathmandu has given promise to support this project with all means, and Skivehus Rotary Klub in Denmark is ready to go into the project if an advance interest by Kathmandu Metropolitan City can be given. On June, 11 rotarian Bishnu Subedi, Rotary Club of Kathmandu, and rotarian Kurt Lomborg, Skivehus Rotary Klub, did visit Aabenraa Fire Station having a very open and fruitful meeting with Fire Chief Preben Christensen. There were an extensive discussion on which engines was available and could be useful for Kathmandu. But also on how Aabenraa Fire Brigade and Kathmandu Fire Brigade could cooperate in future on all issues around Emergency Service.

From Aabenraa Fire Brigade we had an advance accord that they were ready to hand over 3 pioneer Mercedes Benz 608 from 1971 with full equipment, pump and 1.000 liter water tank. It is comparatively small engines, which can be loaded in a container without too big efforts, and even though they are almost 40 years old, they are extremely well-preserved and have only run less than fifty thousand kilometers. The truck itself is a well known model worldwide, not too complicated in construction and spare parts. Beside those engines, several other similar or bigger trucks were offered, as well as other equipment and clothing.

Conclusion: Aabenraa Fire Brigade and Aabenraa Kommune are ready to donate firefighting equipment to Kathmandu Fire Brigade through Himalayan Project, Skivehus Rotary Klub and Rotary Club of Kathmandu. The equipment itself and the transportation to Kathmandu will be covered by above donors. But all involved parts in the delivery process wishes to have an advance statement from Kathmandu Metropolitan City, that there is a high demand and an extensive goodwill to receive this donation, and that there will be done all possible efforts that the equipments can be received without obstacles. We need to have this advance statement before end of July, so that Aabenraa can start deciding and describing the engines they want to donate. This description will be forwarded to Kathmandu Metropolitan City, so a final statement can be given and the project can be initiated from our side before end of August, where Aabenraa Fire Brigade have announced, that the engines shall be out of the Fire Station.



Mercedes Benz 608

In the hope of a fruitful cooperation

Yours sincerely
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