

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

ROTARACT CLUB OF NEWROAD POKHARA



“A Dream Project of 2016/17 of RAC New road Pokhara & RVCC Rotaract Club New Jersey, USA”

Words have such great power. In fact, words might even move mountains but we were not thinking of that this time. We talked about moving frowns into smiles and that, we did. Thank you DR. Tulsi Maharjan Sir for your ideas, inspiration and encouragement to make the project ICYEP a grand success. We dreamed it together and we make it happen as a team together. Our plans of 2014 January when we first met and dreamed of a project now is all done. Just like the thought of moving mountains, we had thought that project would be an unachievable goal. Who would have imagined that our idea would shape into reality? In fact, we achieved what we had aimed for and more and for that, we are extremely grateful to you. We have attached .doc file in which there are all reports of the youth exchange project for 9 days in Pokhara. We made it happen by an outstanding teamwork and joint efforts of the club members

of Rotaract club of New road Pokhara and some of the outstanding partner club's friend in Nepal. We are quite happy with all that could be accomplished during the short time frame and look forward to continuing the project in the years to come.

Listed below are some pros and cons of the 1st ICYEP program:

1. Friendship

Friendship between the two clubs, cities, countries, culture, ethnicity and many more. Friendship that would have otherwise not been possible.

2. Life Lessons

We learned a lot from our visiting friends about things concerning life such as career, education, goals, mission and we are sure they did too.

3. Service

The supplies we provided might not even last a year but it is the thought that counts. The thought that service is humanity and knowing that people care enough to travel across seas to help someone in need is enough to make anybody happy.

4. International Bond and door opened for future generation:

We did our best to make the visit a meaningful and fruitful one so that we can replicate the similar project on days to come in future. The bonding between the friends of America and friends of Pokhara was great. We are looking forward to work together in future as international sister clubs.

5. Leadership Development

The programs sharpens our leadership skill, cope up with the situation, and handle some of the dilemma that come while working.

The program ended more successfully than we had imagined. However, if we are to continue, these things should be taken into consideration.

Cons: 1. Budgeting

Such a grand project has many financial aspects connected to it and it really took a great homework for club members to work for the budget we required. This was an exchange visit that we had dreamed off so we almost tried not to make any financial burden in Pokhara for 9 days hosting all breakfast, lunch, dinner and transportation as soon as they reached Pokhara and they move to Kathmandu by bus on 14th January. This was all possible by the 52 people who were directly involved in the projects with 29 of our club members who share the financial burden on sharing basis. Thanks to our Sponsoring club RC Pokhara New road, Rtn. Dilip Raj Shrestha and Our PP Sanjib Poudel for cash support. Thanks to all partners, supporting organizations, and club members who helped financially in the ICYEP.

2. Time Management

This was one of the greatest challenges for us. We know that Americans move in a perfect schedule and this time we did a great schedule management as much as possible so that the member resources we had to utilize everyone time as well as manage some time for the projects. All the members arranged their time for 9 days long projects. Some of them were in real hard time of exams and other important stuffs and still were present to make the program outstanding.

3. Transportation within the valley was also a great challenge for us. As most of us in Nepal only own a motorbike, it was also a difficulty for us. At a time

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many of us has to present from one spot to next. Still we did it nicely without any hassle this time. The major part of expense in the project was also transportation cost.

The students that visited us were really nice and wonderful. We tried our best to make them feel like home. The coordination that I saw among the students was great and understanding was awesome. We know it was a bit

difficult for the Rotaractors to cope up with the new environment and culture but we are for sure that it will be a lifetime experience for them. We all work it as a team and the idea and vision that we saw at past finally worked out with the help of our outstanding between members of Rotaract club of New road Pokhara. We are excited to host new team in days to come. We will try to avoid all the shortcoming that we have learned this time and will avoid any possible difficulties that might come while the youth exchange. We don't know either we will travel to other half of the globe or not but we are really happy that we have friends with strong bond and feeling on that side with whom we had the greatest 9 days of life in Pokhara. This project was dreamed for the service to humanitarian work and about 157 students of the school were directly benefited in 4 different school with school supplies and other help.

-Rtr. Sujan Regmi

President 2016/17

Rotaract Club of NewRoad Pokhara



Dear President Rtr. Sujan Regmi,

Congratulations to you and entire team of RAC New Road Pokhara for successfully hosting ICYEP team from New Jersey, USA. It gives me immense pleasure to share in this special e-bulletin of RAC New road.

I acknowledge the restless service rendered by Rotaractors for community development with impactful service project, professional development, program for youths and building international understanding you all come to the exact theme explorer Rotaract and discovered opportunity with Rotary Network and serve community. This youth exchange will certainly be a milestone between two different district 3292 & 7510 and will create a common platform to work, learn and share together. Thank you all for serving humanity. Best of Luck for future endeavours.

-Rtr. Sushil Kumar Karki

District Rotaract Representative

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“International Youth Exchange – Building Peace and Understanding one young at a time.”

RVCC Rotaract club students had a great opportunity to discover new culture, and an opportunity to be a truly global citizen as part of the Youth Exchange program with the Rotaract club of New Road, Pokhara. These Rotaractors were sponsored by the Rotary club of Branchburg and the Asha Project, USA-Nepal.

During my 2014 visit to Nepal to attend my high school friend PDG Dilendra Shrestha’s District Conference in Pokhara, I had an opportunity to meet with the Rotaract club of Newroad Pokhara members and we discussed about starting an exchange program to unlock their true potential to:

Develop lifelong leadership skills; learn about new culture; Building ever lasting friendships with Rotaract students from Nepal and to become a true global citizen. As the world becomes a small global village, people have opportunity to learn about other countries and people through internet. But having a real opportunity to meet, and greet is different experience.

During our 2016 visit, we met again helped to facilitate leadership session and finalize the exchange program. Our Rotaract students had a great time in this first annual exchange and Humanitarian service mission to Nepal. We hope to host the students from Nepal in near future.

-Tulsi R. Maharjan, Ph.D.

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**“Yes! You make it
Happen.”**

We are really proud and pleased to share that our partner Club Rotaract Club of Newroad Pokhara has done a great exemplar work of Inter Club Youth Exchange Program and successfully handle the project. The project included various other humanitarian work and fellowship. The milestone that our Partner Club has created will be a motivation for all other rotaract club in Nepal. We are pleased with the clubs recent community work and leadership skills. We are looking forward for some of the similar outstanding projects ahead. We are always ready for any kind of help required in days to come and take the Rotary movement ahead.

-Tubaraj Bastola

President 2016/17

Rotary Club of Pokhara Newroad



A newly emerging and establishing Rotaract Club of Newroad Pokhara has set new benchmark on best modality of youth exchange organized between districts of USA and Nepal which has build newer and

valuable friendship in-between participating countries.

Youth exchange organized between clubs of district 3292 & 7510 has given an exposure to different cultures ranks as one of the most powerful ways to promote international understanding, knowledge, friendship and peace. This interclub exchange program hosted for about 10 days provided selected amazing youths & volunteers with the opportunity to meet people from countries of contrasting values and lifestyle and to experience Nepali-American cultures, planting the seeds for a lifetime of international bonding.

Doubtlessly this program also has offered numerous benefits to its young participants from United States and the Rotarian & Rotaractors from host Clubs and mentors, as well as to the society of Nepal at large. As their concept of the world expanded, they matured and developed a deeper friendship of themselves.

I would congratulate and extend best wishes to both the clubs to further strengthen the great relationship starting from this youth exchange.

-Rtr. Hari Chandra Satyal

District Rotaract Representative Elect



Fellow Rotaract Leaders,
Warm Rota Greetings!!

Helen Keller once said “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” The same thought resonates in me whenever I look at the Rotaract movement in our District. So, before I get carried away I want to take a moment and Thank all You leaders for serving the Rotaract movement selflessly. It is because of all the hard work that you all have done, the insignia of Rotaract is shining brighter than ever before. Kudos to all of us.

Rotaract Movement for Rotaractors from RI District 3292, is a thrilling experience where youths of different genre come together and not only have fun but also work hand in hand for the betterment of self and of course the community. We have always followed the motto of fellowship through service and today we can really say that the service that has been provided and the fellowship

that has been celebrated has become the identity of the district itself.

Fellow leaders, it gives me nothing but immense pleasure to address you all as you release this bulletin. Special word of thanks to Rotaract Club of New Road Pokhara for taking this initiation. Further, I would also like to congratulate them on the success of the ICYEP which they had with RVCC Rotaract Club from RI District I am sure that the bonds that was created during the ICYEP will grow bigger and stronger in the days that are yet to come and Rotaract Club of New Road Pokhara will excel more in terms of service, fellowship and most importantly professional development.

Before resting my pen I would like to quote Paul P. Harris. In his book My Road to Rotary, he said that “Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built....” I would like to end with the same quote. It is Friendship that has made Rotary Family one of the biggest organizations in the world today. It is Friendship that has made the Rotaract Movement in Our District this strong. So, let us all work on forging more bonds of friendship, let us all explore the opportunity that can be created within our network and most importantly let us all utilize this network of friendship to serve the community more selflessly and effectively.

I extend my best wishes to RaC New Road Pokhara and commend their initiation which materialized this bulletin. I along with Rotaract District Committee commend you on the success of the ICYEP. It was and herculean task to undertake and you guys completed it as champs. We the district Committee look forward to your cooperation and hope to see same level of dedication in the days that are to come.

Thank You!!

With Regards,

Rtr. Suraj Poudel

District Secretary (RY 2016-17)



“Reflection on ICYEP”

Dear President Rtr. Sujan,

First, let me congratulate you and your team for successfully hosting ICYEP teams from the USA. This is very glad news that our district is capable of doing such events and making us proud in International arena. Starting from International Joint Meeting, involvement in various community services, purposeful visits and sightseeing, party, fellowship and get together - what is needed to make this hosting a memorable one for the guests from RAC RVCC. We believe they have their lifetime reminiscences here in Nepal.

We hope this level of hosting makes us to target bigger tasks and make it happen. This definitely have set a big milestone in terms of enhancing international relation and understanding in RID 3292.

Congratulations once again and thank you for making us proud.

-Rtr. Saugat Gautam

Assistant District Rotaract
Representative

Firstly let me congratulate Rotaract Club of Newroad Pokhara for successfully executing the dream project” Interclub Youth Exchange Program” (ICYEP) 2017 , you people prove it, team work lead success. I would also like to Thanks all the supportive hand to make this program a grand success. Nine days & Nine programs, each day a program is a tough job but you people make it possible and created a history in Rotaract. Well Done.

International program is key in Rotaract as being international club, we need to conduct international program to learn the culture, tradition, professional skills and sharpen our knowledge with sharing ideas. This is one of the best International program I have even seen in my Rotaract Career as it covers all the four Avenues of Rotaract.

As a past president of the Club it make me feel so proud of myself that I belong to Rotaract Club of Neworad Pokhara, which is capable of doing such a big international project and the way every member contributed as a team was just amazing. I believe the club is in safe hands.

At last I would like to again congratulate President Sujan Regmi and whole team of Rotaract club of Newroad Pokhara for creating a milestone conducting “Interclub Youth Exchange Program “ (ICYEP) and wish this is just a starting and you will continue such a great project each year. I as Past President of the Club I will always be with you all to suggest, guide and support the way I could.

-Rtr. Sanjib Poudel

Zonal Rotaract Representative
Past President RAC Newroad Pokhara



“Well Done Team New Road Pokhara”



Dear friends from Rotaract Club of Newroad Pokhara

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE GONE AND VISITED YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY OF NEPAL. EVERY DAY WAS FILLED WITH HAPPINESS, FRIENDSHIP, AND ADVENTURE. IT DIDN'T MATTER WHERE WE WENT WHETHER IT WAS A SCHOOL, A TOURIST ATTRACTION, OR EVEN EATING AT A HOST FAMILY'S HOUSE. WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER WITH OUR ROTARACT FAMILY. THE BONDS THAT WERE FORMED, THE CONNECTION THAT WAS MADE, THE FRIENDSHIP THAT WAS ESTABLISH WAS WHAT MADE THE EXPERIENCE ASTONISHING IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. FRIENDSHIP IS SOMETHING WE VALUE A LOT AND WITH OUR FRIENDS IN NEPAL WE MADE MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFE TIME. I SAID THIS MANY TIMES AND I WILL CONTINUE TO SAY IT BECAUSE IT IS TRUE, BUT WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE AND JOY I WILL FEEL TOWARDS YOUR OPEN HEARTS AND HOSPITALITY. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING AND I, ALONG WITH RVCC ROTARACT CLUB, LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU IN JUNE. UNTIL THEN TAKE CARE MY FRIENDS!

RECIPIENT

IN RECOGNITION OF ROTARACT CLUB OF
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PRESENTER

PRESENTED BY RVCC ROTARACT PRESIDENT
MANUEL A. RAMIREZ



“Editorial”

It is my immense pleasure to be an editor of this special ICYEP Newsletter. This issue consists of all the detail information of all the events and program that happened during the 10 days of ICYEP program. This issue also consists of special message from district officials and other dignitaries. This issue is brought as a special edition for Joint Bulletin with international twin club RVCC New Jersey, USA. I am thankful towards all the helping hands throughout the programs. Special thanks to our President **Rtr. Sujan Regmi** who designed such a wonderful event and all fellow Rotaractors who made this program successful without saying day and night. I also would like to thank our twin club members who traveled all the way from New Jersey, USA to make this event happen. Thanks to all the sponsors and helping hands. Thanks to The Baba Foundation Nepal, The Asha Foundation and Rotary Club of Pokhara New road.

Special Thanks to our designer **Mr. Angel Pradhan** for such a wonderful bulletin design and all other designing work.

Kudos friends,

Yours in Rotaract,

Rtr. Ganesh Bhandari

Rotaract Club of Newroad Pokhara

Day 1: Welcome Program to Guests of ICYEP



On the very first day of ICYEP, Rotaract Club of Newroad Pokhara organized welcome program to the members of Rotaract RVCC at 1: 30pm .All of the RAC Newroad members went to Hotel ABC, Lakeside, where 7 of our ICYEP team of Rotaract RVCC

stayed on 5 Jan. President Elect of Rotary Club Of Pokhara Newroad, Rotarian Prem Prasad Sharma welcomed all the guests by handovering Nepali Bhadgaule Topi whereas President Sujan Regmi welcomed them all by delivering welcome speech along with handovering Khada and Mala. After the welcoming session, program was followed by each introduction and interaction sessions. At the end of the program, President inaugurated and handovered the T-shirt of ICYEP which was sponsored by Mero Chitra wears. After taking Group Photos, we went for lunch at Sabhagriha Chowk and then, We along with 7 ICYEP guests went to the first day of 9th Rotaract District Conference which was hosted by RAC Fishtail Pokhara.

After the district conference, our team headed towards our member Pratima Sharma's residence where she hosted the dinner for the guests and members. The first day of ICYEP ended up with Rotaract Dance Party at Lakeside and our members dropped them to the hotel ABC.

Day 2: A Joint International Meeting



Rotaract Club of Newroad Pokhara Hosted a Joint International Meeting of 4 different clubs at Pokhara During 9th Rotaract District Conference. The Meeting was hosted to welcome international Twin club as well as Intra District twin Club known as Triplets Club of Nepal. The Meeting was jointly chaired by President Rtr.Kapil Ghimire RAC Kathmandu Midtown, Rtr.Sujan Regmi ,RAC Newroad Pokhara , Rtr.Mohan Neupane, RAC Tillottma Rupendhei and Rtr.Manuel Ramirez, RVCC Rotaract Club NewJersy USA. The specials guest in the meeting were IPDRR Samir Nepal and DRR Nominee Saugat Gautam and DRR of district

3290 Prabin Gauli. The meeting started with the President collar and Gonggavel handover to respective president by Ser-at-arms and then followed by National Anthem of Nepal and USA. The main aggendas was to congratulate the PP of Kathmandu Midtown Rtr. Saugat Gautam Beingg nominated as DRR for 2018/19 of Rotaract District 3292 Nepal Bhutan. In the meeeeting American rotaractors share their experience in Nepal trip. IPDRR Samir Nepal and DRR of District 3290 Prabin Garg put their few word for the goodwill and share hapiness about the clubs marking their success and joint effort. DRR Nominee Saugat Gautam was fecilitated in the Meeting and he put his thankyou Speech. The meeting was adjurned with Thank you remarks from Rtr.Nisha Panthi ,Joint secretary of RAC Newroad Pokhara. Rtr,Bikram Chettri ,secretary of RAC Tilottama Rupendhei was the secretary for the Joint Meeting. The joint meeting was one of the successful event at the same time of ICYEP and 9th rotaract District Conference. All the 4 presidents were really happy to make a historic joint International Meeting happened in Nepal at Pokhara.

Day 3: ICYEP visitors' visit to the Shivapuri Primary School, Puranchaur, Kaski, Nepal

Depart to SAP Area; we successfully conducted our first community project of ICYEP "Stationary Items Distribution project" in our SAP Shree Shivapuri Primary School, Puranchaur, Kaski, Nepal, with RVCC Rotaract Club, Newjersey. Welcome program organized for the visiting ICYEP Team by Rotaract club of Newroad Pokhara. Kit bags, Daily need stationery items, facilitated all 30 Students of Shivapuri and Hygiene kits and we painted the properties of the school along with desks and benches. Program was Start around 12:00pm and Closed at 1:30pm (one and half-hours) the visiting rotaracts received an overwhelming welcome at the event. The event was followed by fellowship with the locals. Lunch was arranged at the hotel.

Day 4: Pokhara visit (Bindabasini Temple, Gupteshor Cave, Devis Falls, Fulbari Resort)

On 9th Jan, we conducted pokhara visit programme. First of all, we went to bindabasini temple. our guest visited temple and statue of various god. After that we were heading to bagar to catch a bus for Devis Falls and Gupteshor cave. After 1 hour we reached Gupteshor Cave and we visited it, which was really amazing. After that we visited Devis Falls, the view was really awesome. After this we were heading to Fulbari Resort, where our lunch was ready, we took our lunch and we visited resort with Rtn Dil Bandhu Gautam. After this all we were back to pokhara mahendrapool. This trip was really unforgettable. Thank you everyone who help in this trip

Day 5: Asha Pokhari and Hiking to Stupa

Asha Pokhari, a pond of hope, was a project planned months ago in co- ordination with Rtn. Tulsi Maharjan with an initiative of hope, welfare and environment conservation. The program started with fun and relaxing session of boating, which further led to hiking. Everyone had an awesome time hiking up the hill with beautiful panoramic view of the mountain, city and lake all in one.

After a short hike we reached the actual destination where the project was to be accomplished. The friends from RVCC started by painting the wall as per the plan and we helped them complete the other half by giving it a name "ASHA POKHARI". Hand in hand half of

the team members marched further upwards to the Stupa. Everyone fell in love with the 360° view as well as the peaceful

Day 6:**ICYEP visitors' visit to the Prativa H. S. School**

रोट-याक्ट क्लब अफ न्युरोड पोखराको निमन्त्रणामा पोखरा आएका ७ अमेरिकी रोट-याक्टरले बुधबार पालिखेचोक स्थित प्रतिभा माविको भ्रमण गरेका छन् । उक्त अवसरमा उनीहरू विद्यालयमा आयोजित अन्तरक्रिया कार्यक्रममा सहभागी भए । प्रतिभा माविको आयोजना, रोट-याक्ट क्लब अफ न्युरोड र रोटरी क्लब अफ पोखरा न्युरोडको सहआयोजनामा कार्यक्रम भएको हो ।

कार्यक्रममा रोटयाक्ट क्लब अफ न्युजर्सीका रोट-याक्टरले विद्यार्थीसँग अनुभव साटे । अमेरिकी विद्यार्थी म्यानियल रामिरोजले आफ्नो विद्यालयमा हुने गतिविधि, कक्षा कोठाको वातावरण, शिक्षण

तरिकाका बारेमा बताएका थिए । रोट-याक्ट क्लब अफ न्युरोड पोखराका अध्यक्ष सुजन रेग्मीले अमेरिकन विद्यार्थीको स्कूल भ्रमण कार्यक्रम निकै भव्य तथा सफल भएको बताए । उनले आगामी दिनमा पनि आफ्नो क्लबले यस्ता कार्यक्रम अन्य विद्यालयमा पनि गर्ने उल्लेख गरे ।

कार्यक्रम संयोजक जीवन लम्सालले अमेरिका र नेपालका विद्यार्थीबीच अनुभव आदानप्रदान गर्ने उद्देश्यले कार्यक्रम गरिएको बताए । कार्यक्रममा विद्यालयका एकेडेमिक डिन विजय थापा र दश जोड दुई इन्चार्ज किरण सापकोटाले अमेरिकी विद्यार्थीलाई स्वागत गर्न पाउँदा खुसी व्यक्त गरे । उक्त अवसरमा प्रतिभा मावि र अमेरिकी रोट-याक्टरबीच मैत्रीपूर्ण बास्केटबल प्रतियोगिता समेत भएको थियो ।

ICYEP visitors' visit to the Parbat District

White canes, Wheel chair, School Supplies and furniture were distributed at the Welcome program

organized for the visiting ICYEP Team by Ekata Youth Club, Rotaract Club of Parbat, Rotaract club of New road Pokhara, Rotary Club of Parbat and Rotary Club of Pokhara New road where 17 visually disabled students from Shree Shivalaya Higher Secondary School received White canes and Furniture, 1 Physically disabled student from Narayan Higher Secondary School received a wheelchair and 50 Students from Balmadir Primary School received school bags with supplies.

Rotaract Club of New Road Pokhara

The grand program in which many spectators were present was commenced at 4:30pm on 11th Jan. The visiting rotaracts received an overwhelming welcome at the event. The event was followed by fellowship with the locals. Dinner was arranged at the hotel where the boys were accommodated. The women were welcomed at the maternal home of Rtr. Roniya Gurung.

On 12 Jan, the team explored the town and its popular bridges after having breakfast at the maternal

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home of Rtr. Roniya with the companionship of Rtr. Antim Gurung and Rtr. Achyut Tiwari. After admiring the view and appreciating the pleasurable stay, the team departed for Pokhara.

At Pokhara, the team were invited by the charter president of Rotary Club of Pokhara Newroad at Gandaki Boarding School for lunch where they toured the school and interacted with the students

Day 7 & 8: Pumdikot Campfire

The tem moved to Pumdikot for campfire and BBQ party from Pokhara around 5 pm. The team used local bus ride off-road for about 45 min and reached the destination. We had a wonderful BBQ dance party overnight and all the team stayed



in tent. The team woke up at 6:30 am in the morning seeing beautiful sunrise and snow clapped mountains.

Stationary Distribution Program



The team moved for stationary Material Distribution Program at nearby school (Maheshowri Secondary School, Pokhara-25, Pumdu-Bhumdi). The program was hosted By RAC New road and RC New road. The material was managed by RAC RVCC New Jersey. 46 students of primary level were facilitated by School bag kits, daily used stationery items and hygiene kits. The main aim of the project was to motivate the children towards education and its importance. The Program was started from 9 am and end at 10 am. After completion of program, we moved for lunch to Rtr. Suman Baral home. Lunch was so special because there was Rice pudding made by fresh milk of cow. After taking lunch, we moved forward to Pokhara city.

Day 8: Farewell Program to Guests of ICYEP

On the very last day of ICYEP, Rotaract Club of New road Pokhara organized Farewell program to the members of RAC RVCC at 5: 30 pm. All of the RAC New road members went to Mountain Villa, Lakeside for the farewell program. Secretary Roniya Gurung hosted the program. President of both the clubs shared their experience of ICYEP and farewell words and



made a promise to give continuity to the ICYEP project in days to come. Along with it everyone from RVCC shared their experience and words of appreciation. President along with all the active members handover the token of Love to all the guests of ICYEP. The program was followed by Birthday celebration of Marcel Gorka. After having a short photo session, we along with all the guests went for last dinner at Pokhara. Since it was the last day of ICYEP, to enhance the fellowship and memories we all went for clubbing at Busy Bee Lakeside.

Day 9: See Off to Guests of ICYEP

After every welcome, there comes departure and after departure, there comes welcome. On 14 Jan, time to see off the ICYEP guests arrived. Therefore, with a heavy heart we all went to bid the final Goodbyes to the guests who by the time had become our good friends. We wished them a bon voyage and promised to meet again.