

## **Report on APA grant on Yubraj Aryal's Project on "Philosophy in an Uneven World"**

Yubraj Aryal, October 13, 2010

In the last summer I visited Nepal and had a several meetings with our societies' executive members. In one meeting, we had APA project for web hosting as one of the agendas to be discussed in the Society's regular meetings. We prepared the initial draft of the contents to be placed in the website obtaining the web domain for three years. We had to change some policies and regulations of the Society before we host a webpage for the Society so as to reflect the changes in our web page. Upon my arrival in Nepal, we made many changes such as SPLS is incorporated in Institute of Advance Communication, Education and Research (IACER) and a new president—Dr Arun Gupto— was appointed. Now the IACER owned ownership of the SPLS and its publication. Our website reflects these changes. And, slowly we were trying to incorporate more and more contents in the website. Now the following website, as per our requirement, has been created <http://www.thesocietyforphilosophyandliterarystudies.com>.

Despite we have significant readership of our journal and growing number of society's members, we did not have a website for the publication of such magnitude and society of growing membership. Now we have it with the APA financial support.

I have exciting experiences to work in this project to promote the philosophical activities in the uneven world like Nepal. I met several Nepali philosophers, writers and literary scholars in my visit to Nepal. They were very happy with my works to give exposure to our society through the website of our one. I particularly felt the project like webhosting in an uneven community is essentially great thing to carry out. It is the means through which these communities get a chance to work and expose with other communities—the urgency and need that new globalism presses to them. The interesting moment that I always recall in mind is everyone in my communities was trying to reach out other communities outside Nepal. I was given so many books by Nepali writers at the time of my visit saying " Yubraj, take my book

to America and ask your professors to introduce my book with their students.” In such frantic need to reach out other communities to be defined oneself is what I want to describe as a pressure that we everyone have in the global village today. This project, in a sense, was significant in its objective and has achieved its objective greatly. I realized this project brings some communities in Nepal from invisibility to visibility, absent to presence in the global front, and gives a sense of interconnectedness, a key element to bring different communities under harmonious coexistence and mutual understanding. Pleasure all around!!

**Activities:**

- 1) I held a meeting with the SPLS executive members and discussed about the project in order to find their advice to carry out the project
- 2) I myself as a secretary of the SPLS develop the contents in consistence with the SPSIS executive members
- 3) I subscribed the web domain for three years
- 4) I hired a designer to upload and design the domain
- 5) The work is still in-progress.

**The fund obtained from APA: \$600**

**The Costs:**

Web domain \$100 for three years

Designing \$200

Remaining fund with SPLS to be used in future: \$300

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Total: \$600

