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Dear Members,

A very warm greetings in the month of our festivities and grandeur from the entire Executive Committee!

This month has proved to be a landmark in the history of our Society in the essence that we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nepal Ophthalmic Society. The process has been ongoing since my predecessor Past Honorary Secretary Dr Subhasish Nag who initiated the discussions with Nepal Ophthalmic Society, in tandem with Dr Rajesh Majumdar Chowdhury. The discussions continued, but the designations had changed, and ultimately this month we were able to sign the memorandum.

This memorandum will benefit our members on the academic front as well as to develop a strong network of fellow-feelings with the adjoining nations for the benefit of our fraternity.

This is a Memorandum of Understanding between Nepal Ophthalmic Society (NOS) and Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal (OSWB) signed by the appropriate authorities after endorsement by the respective Executive Committees. It is expected to be followed every year from the year 2023 and there may be changes as deemed appropriate for logistical reasons upon agreement by both Societies. This agreement will go a long way in further strengthening the bonds of friendship and camaraderie through academic and cultural exchanges between the members of the two Societies, particularly the young ophthalmologists of our Societies. At least one joint symposium of both the Societies will be held every year. The meeting will be organized alternately in both the countries of Nepal and India by the respective associations. Preferably there will be a joint symposium focused on one sub-specialty in each year. It will be ideally organized during the Annual Conferences of the Societies so that there is maximum scope of scientific and cultural exchange between visiting and host members and the financial burden of organizing a separate meeting will be lessened.

Members of the visiting country will be welcomed by the host Society in a befitting manner and all help for visa and accommodation, transport etc. for the visit will be extended. All the visiting delegates attending the conference will be provided free registration by the hosts, which will include kit, entry to scientific meetings and the trade exhibition, all food coupons and any cultural meeting etc. included in the conference. The President of the visiting Society will also be provided with suitable accommodation by the hosts in a befitting manner in any hotel nearer the venue and transport for the conference. Any further issue will be sorted out by both the Societies through dialogue and discussion.

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Back in our home ground turf, celebration of the World Sight Day was organized by our members along with the entire Howrah Police force. This year theme was Love Your Eyes at workplace, so an initiative was taken to serve the protectors of the society. An eye check-up camp was organized for the police force and their family members. Many dignitaries attended the program to encourage our endeavour, namely Mr. Praveen Kumar Tripathi, IAS, Howrah City Police, Dr. Siddhartha Niyogi, Director of Health Services, Ms. Alakananda Bhowal IPS, DCP HQ, Sri K. Sabari Rajkumar (IPS), DCP Central, Mr. Arup Kumar Mukherjee, ACP AP, Dr Kishalay Dutta, CMOH, Howrah, Dr. Subhasish Nag, Past Hony. Secretary OSWB, Mrs. Nibedita Pal Talukdar, ACP HQ, Mr. Ram Kumar Mandal, ACP Central 2, Dr Debashis Das, Deputy Director Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Sibashis Das, Deputy CMOH 2, Dr. Gautam Mondal, Director Maternal and Child Health Welfare, members of OSWB and reputed members like Dr. Sunil Surana, Dr. R. K. Ghosh, Dr. Somen Ghosh, and paediatrician Dr. Vijay Kejriwal was present. A mobile eye unit with a team of 6 members was present from Susrut Eye Hospital under able guidance of our President Dr. Ratish Chandra Paul. It was a fulfilling experience throughout the day.

Reverting to the districts, on World Sight Day on 12th October, 2023, Midnapore Rotary Eye Hospital organized one awareness seminar on "Prevention of Myopia and Its Progression" with the school teachers in association with Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal. The idea of the seminar with the local school teachers was to make them aware because they are the prime educators of the younger and future generations. The Programme was held on 12th October 2023, from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Total 43 teachers were attended. Myopia and its prevention of progression was discussed by Dr Indranil Deb, Dr Suman Das, Dr Tathagata De. The Chairman Mr. Madan Mohan Maity, the administrator and the other members of the hospital were present to encourage the Programme. This program was coordinated by Dr Indranil Deb.

Back home and abroad, the flag of fraternity and academic excellence flies higher and higher.

Long Live OSWB.

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