

Holland Building Celebrated

In a lively function held on 2nd. May 2006 the recently completed building for rehabilitation of cp children at Dhapakhel was named 'Holland Building' by unveiling a plaque and other festivities. Present at the occasion were all the programs of SGCP like Rehabilitation Center (CPRC), the Special Education Program (SEP) who will also be able to use the building until a proper school is being built and the Home Visit cum Outreach Program including children, parents, donors, good wishers, SGCP Board members and staff. Mr. Co Reijnders and Mrs. Corrie Reijnders from Holland, and Mr. Bob Corazza and Mrs. Frances Corazza from Ireland, who especially visited Nepal for this important event, were the chief guests. Mr. and Mrs. Reijnders represented the 'Stichting "Holland Building" Nepal' in The Netherlands, which is the main sponsor in constructing the building, whereas Mr. and Mrs Corazza represent the key initiators and sponsors of the overall building project.

The function started with unveiling the plaque with the name 'Holland Building' followed by a speech by the President of SGCP Prof. Batuk Prasad Rajbhandari. He explained how the infrastructure for SGCP was conceived and materialized gradually. In his speech he highlighted the contribution of Ben van der Stam, brother of Corrie Reijnders, in setting the SGCP for the cause of cp conditions in Nepal.

Mr. Co Reijnders delivered a speech on behalf of "Stichting "Holland Building" Nepal'/ The Netherlands. His speech is attached. He also presented a gift of five pieces of artwork made by children from the Medemblik primary school, which were inspired by Keith Haring, a reputed artist from Holland. Likewise Mrs. Corrie Reijnders read a message (attached) from Lieske van der Stam, daughter of Ben van der Stam. In her message Lieske mentioned that it is her wish to share her joy of wallpaper artwork with the children of SGCP, which gave our school-children the opportunity to do so.

In the celebration 20 children from Special Education Programme presented a dance show together with six girls from Surya Binayak English School in Bhaktapur. It was a marvelous presentation and everyone enjoyed it.

The program culminated with spreading the message and making a link with heaven: some one hundred balloons with a greeting tag on each were set free by children, parents and visitors, a touching and joyous way to bring the ceremony to an end.

In the occasion Mr. Co and Mrs. Corrie distributed a backpack to each of the children and a gift pack to each of the SGCP staff according to Dutch custom.

Bimal Shresta, manager SGCP

