**COVERING LETTER FOR YOUR MAIL TO ICANN**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*Please find attached my Profile as well as Expression of Interest to work as a volunteer for Generation Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules with specific reference to Neo-Brahmi scripts.*

*With kind regards,*

Balaram Prasain

Nepal

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LETTER OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

**Expression of Interest**

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**Position:** Member, Language Technology Kendra (<http://ltk.org.np>) and Lecturer, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Expression of Interest**:

 I have completed my Ph.D. on 'computational analysis of Nepali morphology' applying finite state technology using Unicode in Devanagari scripts for the processing with special reference to the ***Nepali language***. At the same time, basically I am a linguist and working with Nepali language and I have been involved directly and indirectly in various dictionary development work where Devanagari script is used.

The nature of my work enables me to closely work with ***Nepali*** and with language experts and linguistic communities. My linguistic background will definitely help for porting Nepali languages onto the digital medium.

 In my capacity as ***Linguist***, I have been closely associated with the Indian scripts and particularly Devanagari, Nepali being my language.

As mentioned in the call for volunteers, I would like to volunteer for the integration panel for neo-Brahmi Scripts: Devanagari with special reference to the Nepali language.

SIGNATURE/NAME: Balaram Prasain

October 19, 2014

1. PROFILE

***Please give a short profile of yourself focussing on the following:***

1. ***Linguist, NeLRaLEC (Nepali Language Resources and Localization for Education and Communication) project is referred to as Bhasha Sanchar (in Nepali), 2005-2007***
2. ***Currently , Lecturer, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal and Member, Language Technology Kendra, Lalitpur, PatanDhoka, Nepal.***
3. ***Specialization and Expertise: Software Localization and Natural Language Processing, Computational linguistics***
4. ***PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH***

**Researches**

1. ‘Complex Predicates in Bote’, M.A. Thesis submitted to the Central Department of Linguistc, Tribhuvan University, 1999.
2. Co-researcher of ‘Danuwar Word-list’, Balaram Prasain and Ram Raj Lohani, submitted to the Central Department of Linguistc, Tribhuvan University.
3. Research Assistant of ‘Baram-Nepali-English: A Basic Dictionary’ Project, jointly conducted by the National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities and the Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2004.
4. Research Assistant of ‘Gurung-Nepali-English: A Basic Dictionary’ Project, jointly conducted by the National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities and the Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2004.
5. Research Assistant of ‘Kusunda Language’ Project, jointly conducted by the National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities and the Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2004.
6. Linguist: Bhashasanchar (Nelralec), an EU funded project, ([www.bhashasanchar.org](http://www.bhashasanchar.org))
7. *Researcher* inLinguistic and Ethnographic Documentation of the Baram Language, funded by School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and hosted by Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University. The Project developed Reading materials for grade 1 to 3 for in Baram language in prescribed guidelines by Government of Nepal, Curriculum Development Department.

**Books**

1. Editor, *Contemporary Issues of Nepalese Linguistics*, a book published by the Linguistics Society of Nepal, 2005.
2. Editor, *Series in Nepalese Linguistics*, proceedings of 27th Annual Conference of Linguistics Society of Nepal and 12th Himalayan Languages Symposium, November 26-28, 2006, Kathmandu
3. Co-author, *Byansi (Rang) – Nepali – English Basic Dictionary*, Bohora, Gopal Singh and Balaram Prasain (2008), Lalitpur: Gopal Singh Bohora
4. Co-author, *Notes on Kusunda Grammar (a language isolate of Nepal*), Watters, David E. (2005), Yogendra P. Yadava, Madhav P. Pokharel and Balaram Prasain, Kathmandu: National Foundation for the Development of Indigenous Nationalities.
5. Co-author, Bhadra Kumari Baramu, Tej R. Kansakar, Yogendra P. Yadava, Krishna Prasad Chalise, Dubi Nanda Dhakal & Krishna Poudel (2009) *An Introduction to Baram Culture (In Nepali)*. Kathmandu: Central Department of Linguistics, Linguistic and Ethnographic Documentation of the Baram Language.
6. Co-author, with Tej R. Kansakar, Yogendra P. Yadava, Krishna Prasad Chalise, Dubi Nanda Dhakal & Krishna Poudel (2010) *Baram Nepali Dictionary*. Kathmandu: Central Department of Linguistics, Linguistic and Ethnographic Documentation of the Baram Language.
7. Co-author, with Tej R. Kansakar, Yogendra P. Yadava, Krishna Prasad Chalise, Dubi Nanda Dhakal & Krishna Poudel (2010) *A Grammar of Baram*. Kathmandu: Central Department of Linguistics, Linguistic and Ethnographic Documentation of the Baram Language.
8. Co-author, with Tej R. Kansakar, Yogendra P. Yadava, Krishna Prasad Chalise, Dubi Nanda Dhakal & Krishna Poudel (2009) *Baram Primers (Textbooks)*. Kathmandu: Central Department of Linguistics, Linguistic and Ethnographic Documentation of the Baram Language.

**Consultancy**

1. ‘Mugali-Nepali-English: A Basic Dictionary’ Project, jointly conducted by the National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities and the Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University.
2. ‘Documentation of Danuwar Language’, jointly conducted by the National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities and the Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University.

**Supervision**

1. ‘Sociolinguistic Survey of Tharu Language (Central Nepal)’ Akshey Kumar Chaudhary, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2004.
2. ‘A Sketch Grammar of Saptariya Tharu’Mahesh Kumar Chaudhary, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2005.
3. ‘Nominal Morphology of Bahing Language’, Him Prasad Phuyal, Centra Department of Linguistics,Tribhuvan University, 2006.
4. ‘Nominal Morphology of Byansi Language’, Kisor Rai, Central Department of Linguistics,Tribhuvan University, 2006.
5. 'A Sociolinguistic Study of Done Language as spoken in Baluwa VDC Kavre', Rabindra Prasad Das, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2009
6. 'The Nominal and Verbal Inflections in Done Bhasa [Danuwar]', Padma Timilsina, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2009.
7. 'The Verb Morphology of Byansi Language [spoken in Darchula District], Dhan Bahadur Rokka, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2010.
8. Nominal Morphology in the Baithdeli Language, Krishna Singh Saud, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2013.
9. A Sociolinguistic Study of the Magar Language in Palpa district, Krishna Bahadur Malla, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2014.
10. Tense, Aspect and Modality, Pratigya Regmi, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, 2014.

**Articles**

1. Co-auther of ‘Bote Language’, Bandhu et al., *Gipan*, 1.1, June, 1999, pp. 100-141.
2. ‘NV Complex Predicates in Bote’, *Gipan*, 1.2, November, 1999, pp. 219-232.
3. ‘Complex Predicates in Bote: An Overview’, *Nepalese Linguistics*, Vol.17, Linguistic Society of Nepal, 2000, pp. 6-27.
4. ‘Bote Language: An Introduction’, *Journal of Nepalese Literature, Art and Culture*, Royal Nepal Academy, 2000.
5. ‘Complex Predicates: Evidence from Kumal Causatives’*,* *Nepalese Linguistics*, Vol.18, Linguistic Society of Nepal, 2001, pp. 83-92.
6. ‘Complex Predicates: Evidence from Bote Causatives’, *Themes in Himalayan Languages and Linguistics*, eds, T.R. Kansakar & Mark Turin, University of Heidelberg and Tribhuvan University, 2002.
7. ‘Computational Analysis of Nepali Basic Verbs (Written forms), *Nepalese Linguistics*, Vol.23, Linguistic Society of Nepal, 2008, pp. 262-70.
8. with Tej R. Kansakar, Yogendra P. Yadava, Krishna Prasad Chalise, Dubi Nanda Dhakal & Krishna Poudel (2011). ELDP Data Collection: Some Baram experiences. In: *Proceedings of the Third Students' Conference of Linguistics in India*. (eds) Choudhary, Narayan and Gibu Sabu. 23-34.
9. with Kansakar, Tej R.; Yadava, Yogendra P; Chalise, Krishna Prasad; Dhakal, Dubi Nanda; and Paudel, Krishna. 2009. "Sociolinguistic Situation of the Baram Language". *Nepalese Linguistics.* Vol. 24. 69-78.
10. with Kansakar, Tej R.; Yadava, Yogendra P; Chalise, Krishna Prasad; Dhakal, Dubi Nanda and Paudel, Krishna. 2010. "Data Collection in an Endangered Language: Experiences from the LEDBL Project". *Nepalese Linguistics*. Vol. 25. 10-21.
11. with Kansakar, Tej R.; Yadava, Yogendra P; Chalise, Krishna Prasad; Dhakal, Dubi Nanda and Paudel, Krishna. 2011. "A sociolinguistic study of the Baram language". *Himalayan Linguistics*. Vol. 10. 187-226.
12. 'A computational analysis of Nepali basic nouns: finite state approach, *Nepalese Linguistics*. Vol 25. November 2010. Linguistic Society of Nepal: Kathmandu.
13. Finite state approach to Nepali pronouns, *Nepalese Linguistics*. Vol 25. November 2012. Linguistic Society of Nepal: Kathmandu.
14. Finite state approach to Nepali adjectives, *Nepalese Linguistics*. Vol.26. November 2013. Linguistic Society of Nepal: Kathmandu.

Report

1. Sociolinguistic Survey of Raji, 2013, submitted to Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University.

**Papers Presented**

1. ‘Complex Predicates: Evidence from Bote Causatives’, paper presented at the 5th Himalayan Languages Symposium, Kathmandu, 13-15, September, 1999.
2. ‘Complex Predicates: Evidence from Kumal Causatives’, paper presented at the 21st Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal, 2000.
3. ‘An outline of Baram Phonology: Preliminary Observation’, paper presented at the Silver Jubilee Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal, November 26-27, 2004.
4. ‘Step by Step Interlinearization’, paper presented jointly with T.N. Bhatta, at the Silver Jubilee of Linguistic Society of Nepal, November 26-27, 2004.
5. ‘Nepali Spoken Corpus: An Introduction’, paper presented jointly with Bhim Narayan Regmi, at 26th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal, November 26-27, 2005.
6. ‘Contemporary Nepali Dictionary: a case study of corpus-based lexicography’, paper presented jointly withY. P. Yadava, A Hardie, B.N. Regmi, R.R. Lohani, K.P. Chalise, K.P. Parajuli, K. Poudel, L. Khatiwada, L.N. Pathak, at 27th Annual Conference of Linguistics Society of Nepal and 12th Himalayan Languages Symposium, November 26-28, 2006, Kathmandu
7. ‘Baram Language: a Field Report’, paper jointly presented with Krishna Prasad Chalise at 27th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal and 12th Himalayan Languages Symposium, November 26-28, 2006, Kathmandu
8. ‘Baram Phonoloy; Revisited’, paper jointly presented with Kansakar, T. et al at 28th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal and 12th Himalayan Languages Symposium, November 26-28, 2007, Kathmandu
9. ‘Analysis of Nepali Basic Verbs: A Computational Approach’, paper presented at 28th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal, November 26-28, 2007, Kathmandu
10. ‘Personal Pronoun (Nepali) and Finite State Automaton, a paper presented at 29th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal, November 26-27, 2008, Kathmandu.