



**IAPB COUNCIL OF MEMBERS MEETING**  
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**AGENDA ITEM 1.2E: SOUTH EAST ASIA REGIONAL REPORT**

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### **Significant Achievements**

1. **India.** The 12<sup>th</sup> Five year Plan has doubled the eye health Budget from INR 12,000 million to 24,500 million. The new budget allocation has strongly looked at the emerging causes of blindness beyond cataract blindness.
2. **Myanmar.** Prevention of blindness in Myanmar: Situation Analysis and strategy for Change was conducted in June 2013. Supported by the standard Chartered Bank, the IAPB nominees, Dr Gopal P Pokharl and Dr Rohit Khanna spent close to two weeks for the first-time IAPB survey in Myanmar. The entire report is currently in the IAPB website.

### **Key Opportunities**

1. **India.** One day meeting on **Review of Eye Bank Standards Workshop** is scheduled for September 12, 2013 at Delhi. Attended by the Government and non Government stake holders including the Eye Bank Association of India and the VISION 2020 India, this workshop will look at the current standards of eye bank in India, identify gaps, if any, with the international standards and will provide suitable amendments.
2. **Bhutan.** Situational Analysis meeting, **Bhutan Eye Fact**, is planned on Oct 9, 2013. Organized with cooperation of VISION 2020 Bhutan this one day meeting will bring together all stake holders to understand the current situation in eye care, to identify the gaps and plan a road map to bridge the gaps.
3. **Bhutan.** The South East Asia Region IAPB will participate in the **World Sight Day** will be celebration on October 10, 2013 at Thimpu, Bhutan. Planned to be organized at the city square with Her Royal Highness Princes of Bhutan as the Chief Guest and active participation of honorable Prime Minister, honorable Health Minister and other Government officials, we believe the celebration will deliver the right advocacy for Universal Eye Health.
4. **Indonesia.** IAPB supported national **Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) workshop** is scheduled at Bali on October 28-29, 2013 at Bali. This meeting will deliberate on the ROP current care and future program planning in Indonesia. Sally Crook will announce the SiB support for children eye care in Indonesia in this meeting.
5. **Nepal. Cataract Surgery Outcome** meeting is planned for December 12, 2013 at Kathmandu. Organized by the Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh this one day meeting will bring together all major eye care providers discuss the current outcome of cataract surgery and suggest means to improve the outcome.

6. **Nepal. South East Asia Regional Business Plan, 2014 -2020**, is planned for December 13 and 14 at Kathmandu. In addition to all country chairs we plan to bring in all international NGOs working in the region on a common platform to design a region specific eye care delivery plan till the year 2020. Following the broad consensus the SEAR office will coordinate with each country of the region with periodic video conferencing or in-person meeting to implement the action plans. In-person meeting will be held once every year in different countries of the region.

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