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"In the welcome address, Bhupendra Ghimire, Chairperson, President of Volunteer Initiative Nepal (ViN), emphasized the organization's history and vision, highlighting its key programs and the vital role the Community Learning Center (CLC) will play in fostering local development. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to Taiwan Aid for their unwavering support to Okhaldhunga and acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the labor workers and staff who made the construction of the multipurpose hall possible. To ensure transparency, Mr. Ghimire also shared the total costs of the project and outlined future plans for the CLC's continued impact in the community."

Inauguration Ceremony of the Multipurpose Hall at Naratika Community Learning Center, Nishankhe, Okhaldhunga

On December 14, 2024, the Naratika Community Learning Center (CLC) in Nishankhe, Okhaldhunga, witnessed a significant milestone with the grand inauguration of its newly constructed Multipurpose Hall. The event, attended by over 150 guests, was a vibrant celebration of community progress, supported by generous donors including Taiwan Aid, Friends of VIN Netherlands, USA, and We Help Nepal.



The inauguration ceremony commenced with a moving start of the national anthem, followed by a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony. The event was hosted and MC'ed by Dinesh Khatiwada, who guided attendees through the proceedings with fluency and enthusiasm. The program's chief guest, Honorable Mr. Ram Hari Khatiwada, a Member of the State Affairs and Good Governance Committee, expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the development projects that have positively impacted the local community.

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Shanti Ram Khatiwada, Vice President of ViN, emphasized the importance of the CLC in enriching the lives of residents. He spoke about the facility's diverse offerings, including computer education, library resources, children's rooms, and training spaces, all designed to promote community development across generations. He thanked Taiwan Aid for their ongoing support.

Various community representatives, including youth, women, and local leaders, also expressed their gratitude and underlined the significant benefits brought by the CLC. Bibek Rana Magar, a representative from the Youth Clubs, highlighted how over 350 young people have gained computer skills through the CLC. Unisha Katwal, representing the Children's Club, shared the positive impact of the center's programs on children's education, confidence, and skills development. Radha Niraula, a Women's Representative, thanked ViN for its programs empowering women and addressing critical issues like domestic violence, illiteracy, and discrimination.



The ceremony was also followed by cultural performances from local school students, showcasing vibrant dances, dramas, and songs, which highlighted the cultural richness of the region.



Taiwan Aid's representative, Mr. Antonio, expressed his gratitude for being part of the event, repeating Taiwan Aid's commitment to rural community development in Nepal.

The event concluded with a letter of appreciation presented to Taiwan Aid's representative by the chief guest, Hon. Ram Hari Khatiwada. The ceremony ended with a closing speech from Mr. Bhupendra Ghimire, followed by a community lunch, which allowed guests to socialize and reflect on the significance of this achievement for the future of the Naratika community. This multipurpose hall stands as a light of progress for the community, offering a space for education, training, and various community activities. The support of Taiwan Aid, alongside the efforts of ViN, promises continued growth and development for the people of Nishankhe and beyond.