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## FeNCAA to celebrate International Everest Day on 29 May in all capital cities of Australia with a simple slogan "Let's Preserve Mount Everest"

Federation of Nepalese Community Associations of Australia (FeNCAA) and its member organisations in association with other community organisations are celebrating the International Everest Day on 29 May 2022 in all eight state/territory capital cities of Australia.

International Everest Day is celebrated on May 29 every year in the memory of the first successful attempt to reach the summit of Mount Everest by human being. New Zealand's Sir Edmund Hillary and Nepal's Tenzing Norgay Sherpa successfully climbed Mount Everest on May 29, 1953. Following the passing of Sir Edmund Hillary in 2008, Nepal decided to observe the day as International Everest Day which is celebrated in Nepal and many other countries, largely by mountaineers and Nepalese diaspora.

FeNCAA, which is a national coordinating body of Nepalese community organisations representing people of Nepalese origin residing in Australia, has taken initiative to celebrate the International Everest Day every year from now onwards in all capital and non-capital cities of Australia. The theme of this year's celebration is to promote the preservation of socio-climatic atmosphere of Mt Everest for our current and future generation to come with a simple slogan "Let's Preserve Mount Everest".

This year's event will be attended by the members of the Nepalese community, the Embassy of Nepal in Australia, the offices of Nepalese Consulate Generals, political leaders of Australia and Nepal, Nepalese journalists, Australia based embassies and their consulate offices, Australia Himalaya Foundation, Fred Hollow Foundation, Everest summiteers from Australia and Nepal and many non-Nepalese community organisations.

The International Everest Day will be celebrated with group walk in the morning followed by experience sharing by Everest summiteers, speeches by invited distinguished guests and barbeque. FeNCAA is also hosting a webinar on the social and environmental impact on Mt Everest at 6:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on 29 May. Environmental experts, scientists and a government minster from Nepal will be addressing at the webinar. All are welcome to attend the webinar using the Zoom meeting ID: 820 6109 3007 and Passcode: 280612.

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