



## European Level Single Nepalese Dance Competition 2011 successfully organized in Amsterdam

National Unity Nepal based in the Netherlands (NUN-NL) organized "European Level Single Nepalese Dance Competition 2011" on the occasion of Buddha Jayanti (Birth celebration of Lord Buddha) and to promote Nepal Tourism Year 2011 campaign on Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. NUN-NL is a non-profit organization that focuses on diversity in unity, believing in the purification of Nepalese society through recognition of individual talents and applying them in the society building. It is struggling to bring all the Nepalese communities together in on managing the conflicts that divide our society.

The program was jointly inaugurated by Honourable Excellency Mr. Pramesh Kumar Hamal, ambassador for BENELUX countries and Honourable Excellency Mr. Suresh Prasad Pradhan, ambassador for Germany. Honourable Excellency Mr. Mohan Krishna Shrestha, ambassador for France could not join the program because of his very important program there in France on that day. Mr. Jiban Prakash Shrestha represented the embassy of Nepal, France at that program.

Hundreds of Nepalese people, people with Nepalese origin and many people connected with Nepal join the program. In total, 16 participants living in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and France participated in the competition. One of the contestants represented the Bhutanese Community in the Netherlands (BCN).

Every contestant performed Nepalese folk and modern song in the competition. Two jury members with a main jury decided the winners. The first, second and third winners received Euro 700, 500 and 300 cash prize respectively with a trophy and certificate.

Anish Giri, a son of Nepalese father and Russian mother, was felicitated for his achievement with a title of an International Grandmaster in the C Group of the 2009 Corus Chess Tournament in Wijk aan Zee in the Netherlands at the age of 14 years, 7 months and 2 days being the youngest Grandmaster in the world at that time and the 14<sup>th</sup> youngest in chess history at this moment at the dance competition program.

The program was only successful with the support of many Nepalese organizations located in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and France, and business professionals living in the Netherlands.

The dance competition program was the continuation effort of the organizers to promote Nepal and its culture in an International arena after the cycle rally program to promote "Nepal Tourism Year 2011" campaign on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.