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Participative and sustainable projects

FROM THE STREETS TO THE HALLS OF POWER

Last September, thousands of young Nepalis took to the streets demanding an end to corruption and misrule. What began as peaceful protest turned deadly when security forces opened fire on unarmed protesters, killing 76 people. Public outrage mounted, and Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli eventually resigned under pressure.

Six months later, that anger shaped the country's political landscape. On March 5, Nepalis delivered a landslide victory to the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP): a young, anti-establishment party founded just three years ago. The older, dominant parties that had traded power for decades were swept aside, and even Oli himself was defeated on his own home ground.

The man now leading Nepal is 35-year-old Balendra Shah, widely known as Balen. Sworn in on March 27 - he is among the youngest leaders to hold the office and represents a sharp break from traditional leadership. His cabinet reflects that shift: professionals and reform-minded figures replacing career politicians. A Harvard-trained development economist leads Finance; a postgraduate nurse heads Health and an education reform advisor who helped drive school transformation initiatives in Kathmandu Metropolitan oversees Education. Perhaps most striking is the appointment of Sudan Gurung as Home Minister, a young activist who was himself in the streets during last September's protests and now oversees the investigation into those killings. Within 24 hours of taking office, the new government ordered the arrest of both Oli and his former home minister.



Nepal has seen moments of hope before, only to watch them fade. Whether this one endures remains uncertain. But for a generation that marched, risked and demanded change, this feels like a real beginning.

ANOTHER WAY OF GIVING

**Thank you to our generous donors ...
But have you thought of donating stocks?**

Donating shares to charities represents a definite tax advantage for the donor. Instead of first selling your shares and then donating the proceeds, you directly transfer the shares to us. We thus receive the full value and you, the donor, do not have to pay the capital gains tax. In addition, you receive a receipt for a tax credit for the total value.

A telling example

	Sale of shares followed by monetary donation to CQN	Direct share donation to CQN
Fair Market Value (FMV)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Initial cost of shares	\$2,000	\$2,000
Capital gains (FMV minus cost)	\$8,000	\$8,000
Taxable gains	\$4,000 (50%)	\$0
Taxes payable on gains (43,7% of 4000\$)	-\$1,748	\$0 (exempted)
Receipt for charitable donation	\$10,000	\$10,000
Tax credit (43,7 %)	\$4,370	\$4,370
Net fiscal advantage for your donation (tax credit - capital gains tax)	\$2,622	\$4,370

Therefore, the increase in value of your shares since you acquired them is exempt of taxes, which means you don't have to pay the capital gains tax.

How do you donate shares?

It's easy to donate shares. All you need to do is ask CQN for a Securities Transfer Form. Fill it out and transfer it to your broker to authorize the transfer. You will receive an income tax receipt from CQN corresponding to the market value of your shares at the time of closure of stock markets, the day that the stocks are deposited in Collaboration Québec Népal's account.

Is there a minimal amount to respect when donating shares?

No, not really. Anyone who has invested in a securities portfolio can transfer shares to a charitable organization.

Reference: Canadian cancer society

INVITATION TO CQN'S 2025-2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to participate in CQN's 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting

MONDAY May 25 2026 from 6pm to 8pm

Pavillon Abiti-Price
ROOM 1128
Université Laval
2405 rue de la Terrasse
Québec, Qc G1V 0A6

Learn about the work accomplished in 2025-2026, plans for 2026-2027, and take part in the election of board administrators.

There are available positions on the board of directors. If you're interested in joining the board contact us at à quebnep@gmail.com.

Become a CQN volunteer

If you have fundraising, administration and accounting, or graphic arts skills, or simply want to offer your time to help, please contact us at quebnep@gmail.com