

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between

the Federation of Nepalese Journalists, Nepal and the Motherland Nepal, USA

The Federation of Nepalese Journalists, Nepal and Motherland Nepal, USA have signed the agreement of setting up an endowment fund with the objective of development of professional journalism in Nepal with following criteria:

1. With the financial support of the Motherland Nepal and the management of the Federation of Nepalese Journalists, an endowment fund worth NRs 10,00,000 (Nepalese rupee ten hundred thousand only) will be set up. The fund will be named FNJ-Motherland Nepal Journalism Trust. Prize amount will be collected from the interest of the endowment amount, and distributed annual basis. FNJ will be responsible to organize the formal ceremony in order to distribute the prize.
2. FNJ will coordinate to form an executive committee encompassing representative from the Motherland Nepal and subject experts in order to manage the endowment fund.
3. At present, interests obtained from the fund will be used to provide **GENDER EQUALITY JOURNALISM PRIZE** at the national and the regional level each being gender sensitive. The eligibility for the prize would be defined by the Evaluation Committee formed by the Executive Committee of the endowment fund. The subject area of the prize would be research based write up on gender equality, issues of the engaging men and boys for the gender equality, advocacy journalism for the gender equality and other journalistic activities in order to support to attain gender equality that covered in the print, broadcast and online media. This area would be broadened in the agreement of both parties along with the broadening of the fund.
4. FNJ will open a bank account to operate the endowment fund that will be deposited by the Motherland Nepal. An operating procedure of the fund will be prepared with the agreement of both the organizations.
5. The source of income and expenses details of the fund will be made transparent. During the operation of the fund in case of dispute by one of the organizations, efforts will be made to come into an agreement by holding meetings. If failed to come into an agreement, the decision of the general assembly of the FNJ will be final.

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