

## B & B Mouth-Piece

Despite episodic hiccups and controversies, the private sector has made deep inroads in into the medical education and health care arena of the entire nation. From the numbers of bed availability to graduating doctors to paramedical personnel in various categories, the private sector contribution over the past several decades has been nothing short of phenomenal. And these are achievements to be proud of.

There is much more to be done however, and more of our fellow citizens can stand to benefit if the spirit of Private-Public partnership has a chance to take off. Technologies are very expensive and get outdated quickly. Expertise available at the super specialty level is limited with a constant tug-o-war at play between competing institutions for the limited manpower. Until such time when abundant expertise becomes locally available, judicious help from neighboring countries for service provision, training and education will be a need that must be honored. Co-operation from authorities at all levels is mandatory for this type of

partnership to work. Then there are other issues – Complex and often interminable regulations with authorities functioning from a position of mistrust, never almost in a facilitatory capacity. Then there are conflicting approaches from one authority to another. It is our sincere hope that these boundaries of mistrust are broken once and for all and that we can march ahead in unison to better the health of our peoples.

The B & B hospital has played a pioneering role in the private health care sector of Nepal. No authorities have ever had the time or interest to ask us what our problems and challenges are. Within our limitations our commitments to provide affordable better care are undeterred. We are in the process of introducing and upgrading services in cardiology and cancer care specifically and other existing specialties in general. We are also continuing our post graduate training in different specialties under the FCPS umbrella. We look forward to co-operation with all the sectors of our societies to do better and more for our fellow citizens.

