



America-Nepal Friendship Society, Inc.

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New York (June 23, 2006). Dr. Tara Niraula, the President of America Nepal Friendship Society (ANFS) will be among the five distinguished honorees at the South Asian Heritage event being hosted by the Comptroller of the City of New York in association with the Asia Society, the Federation of Indian Associations of NY/NJ/CT, and the Jackson Heights Merchants Association.

Dr. Niraula is being honored for his leadership in developing and strengthening the Nepali Diaspora living in the greater New York area as well as his work in pursuit of the ANFS mission to foster healthy and mutually beneficial relationships between the peoples of the United States and Nepal through education, collaboration and cultural exchange. His tireless campaign to the protection of rights of immigrants as well as his contributions to make this great and diverse city of over 8 million people stronger will also be the main highlights of the evening.

Other honorees will include: Dr. Avtar Singh Josen, retired Police Surgeon of the New York City Medical Division; Daljit Dhaliwal, International Journalist and anchor of the PBS series “Wide Angle”; Father Francis Maurice, Parochial Vicar of Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Roman Catholic Church; and Dr. Uma Mysorekar, President of the Hindu Temple Society of North America.

The event will be held at the **Surrogate’s Court at 31 Chambers Street** (between Broadway and Center Street) in Downtown **Manhattan on June 28th, 2006 between the hours of 5:00pm and 7:30pm**. We particularly encourage all local Nepali community members, friends of Nepal as well as the other South Asians to participate in the event.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Office of Special Events for the Comptroller of the City of New York at (212) 669-4466 or email at eventsrsvp@comptroller.nyc.gov. Any one wishing to attend the event needs to contact the Comptroller’s office to be admitted.

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