Kathmandu University’s Centre for Buddhist Studies at Rangjung Yeshe Institute

**Course Description**

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| Schedule:           | Master class 2: Mon and Wed 7:45pm - 8:45pm NPT (Online)  
ALI (Assisted Language Instructors) classes:  
   - MC 2 ALI 3: Tues and Thursday 7:45pm - 8:45pm NPT (Online)  
   - MC 2 ALI 4: Tues and Thursday 7:00am - 8:00am NPT (Online)  
Boost classes:  
   - Boost Class 2: Mon 7:00am - 8:00am NPT (Online)  
   - Boost Class 3: Mon 5:00pm - 6:00pm NPT (Online) |
| Required text(s)    | Ramailo Nepali I by Pavitra Paudyal and Andy Krakower. Available in the NLAN 101 class Team or/and at the RYI office |
| Optional Readings   | |
| Prerequisites:      | None |

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This course introduces students to basic colloquial Nepali vocabulary and grammar, with an emphasis on gaining oral proficiency in colloquial language. Classes will cover the basic grammar of spoken Nepali complemented with a wide selection of useful colloquial vocabulary. Students will be required to memorize vocabulary and sentence structures, complete written homework assignments and will be quizzed weekly on the material covered in class.

The learning process is facilitated by means of three types of classes: Master Classes, Assistant Language Instructor (ALI) classes and Boost Classes.

The aim of the master class is to introduce grammar topics, to address questions, and to discuss grammatical principles. Furthermore, these classes provide opportunities for role-playing and learning games.
The second type of class is the assistant language instructor class, where students have the opportunity for one-on-one conversations with a native speaker. In addition to having conversations about various topics of the student’s choice, handouts are provided to encourage the student to practice structures recently covered in class. In these handouts, example sentences illustrate the various usages and combinations of this complex language and facilitate the growth of vocabulary.

Boost classes are guided by boost class instructors where students will get the opportunity to practice grammar and vocabulary, they learned in class with special methods such as drills, dramatic dialogs, games etc.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Students learn common grammatical structures and basic vocabulary in support of gaining basic oral proficiency in spoken Nepali, including being able to introduce themselves, express their needs for various common items and services, discuss their feelings and inquire about others, and speak of past events and activities (see weekly topics list below).
- Students will learn to read, write and pronounce Nepali in the devanāgarī script, at an introductory level.
- At the end of the course, students will be capable of having simple conversations with Nepali speakers on a variety of topics.