



UAP

Making a difference

UAP is continuing to grow business by offering superb products at competitive prices with a level of service that is second to none. Most of the company's products are manufactured to their own specification in China and India, and like many successful companies UAP believes that it has a social responsibility to the wider community.

Managing Director David Jennings has long been researching areas that UAP can invest in that will make a real impact in impoverished areas overseas, and has committed UAP to sponsor the building of five township schools in Nepal over the next five years.

Nepal borders both India and China and has major cultural and commercial influences from both countries. However, the country having been in the grip of civil war for over 15 years, is poor in the extreme. More than half the population of a little over 26 million is unable to read or write, and this lack of education is having a serious impact upon the nation's ability to grow and develop.

UAP has teamed up with North West of England based charity DWCW who raise funds to assist with projects in Nepal, specifically in education and, most significantly,

the recent immunisation program against TB, the number 1 killer in the area.

The location of Nepal bridges the two nations of India and China that supplies UAP, furthermore, Nepal has a long association with Britain, famously embodied in the Brigade of Gurkhas, a universally admired regiment that has seen service in many British conflicts around the globe since 1817 when troops from Nepal first enlisted in the East India Company's forces.

Building schools is a significant project that has real longevity, and UAP has committed to building a school a year for the next five years under the scheme title The UAP-Nepal Community Schools Project.

UAP's David Jennings says that, "We aim to set aside some of our profits for the building of these schools in Nepal. Our goal is for each school to be located in a different Nepalese township, and we aim for each school to educate up to 200 pupils a year. Each school will be run under the The UAP-Nepal Community Schools Project banner. As each school is built we will be providing the funds for desks and other essential school equipment. This project will make a

real difference in the townships in which they are located and have major long term benefits for those communities.

"We have chosen to commit to the school building project for the long term rather than build just a single school and leave it at that."

Each school will be dedicated to the memory of individuals who are important to UAP staff. The first completed school will be dedicated to Philip Jennings, the late brother of David.

"It is extremely satisfying to be able to dedicate schools in memory of people close to UAP staff", continues David.

The completion of the project requires nothing from UAP's customers or suppliers.

David explains, "All we want our customers to do is to continue supporting UAP by buying our products. Not only are they buying great products at great prices, but the warm feeling they get from also supporting this great community project is completely free of charge.

"In the future, once the education level is up to a standard, it is UAP's hope that we

can assess the prospect of building our own manufacturing facility in the regions to provide ongoing employment and allow the people of Nepal to help themselves."

David concludes, "UAP is proud to be able to undertake this project. It has given everyone at UAP and everyone connected with the company a real buzz of excitement and a sense of purpose. Many people want to be able to do something more useful and more purposeful than providing a simple donation of money, the bulk of which everyone realizes, is dissipated by overheads. UAP is lucky to be teamed up with the DWCW as we all now feel a real sense of purpose and every one of our customers and suppliers will be doing their bit in supporting The UAP-Nepal Community Schools Project.

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