

## Exhibition Press Release

# Smiling State

March 23, 2008 - April 10, 2008

(Kathmandu, March 16, 2008) Gallery32@Dent Inn is pleased to announce it's next exhibition, "Smiling State", a photographic exhibition by Pushpa K.C. The exhibition is on view from March 23, 2008 through April 10, 2008.

Presently, our country is going through many changes. Though most of us are not sure about the results, we are all hopeful for the best. We hope that the "New Nepal" everyone dreams about would come true in the coming days.

We have always seen the political leaders give heated speeches, protest in the streets and show their cunning sides. Very little have we seen them in their lighter moments. In this exhibition, Gallery 32 @ Dent Inn has collected those rare moments from the lenses of Pushpa K.C., where our leaders are seen smiling and sharing their lighter moments of life.

Pushpa has been exposed to many faces of the politicians in his photojournalism career. His interest diverted him to capture these light moments within the heated political moments. Pushpa, who loves to take pictures of nature, started his photographic career from 1995 after completing his basic photography training. He is involved with various national weeklies as a photojournalist since then. He is presently working with "Jana Aastha National Weekly", a French magazine called "En...Vies" and other photographic projects.

His photographic journey includes work with Save the Children (SC)-UK (presently known as SC-Norway) as a Consultant-Photographer. His assignment with SC was to photo-document ongoing activities of SC-UK projects implemented in different parts of the country. Story collections and photographs taken by him was published in different publications of SC and was also exhibited in the national level advocacy event – The Journey of SoVAA projects titled "Our Voice-Our Emotion" in Kathmandu. His photographs can also be viewed in branches of Standard Chartered Bank.

His recent exhibition was held in Strasbourg, France titled "Scenes of Nepal". He has also exhibited his photographs in various other exhibitions in past years.

We wish that after the election, the leaders would be seen smiling more than protesting on the streets. We also hope that the Nepalese people will be able to smile like their leaders in these pictures. We wish for a "Smiling State"!

### **Inauguration**

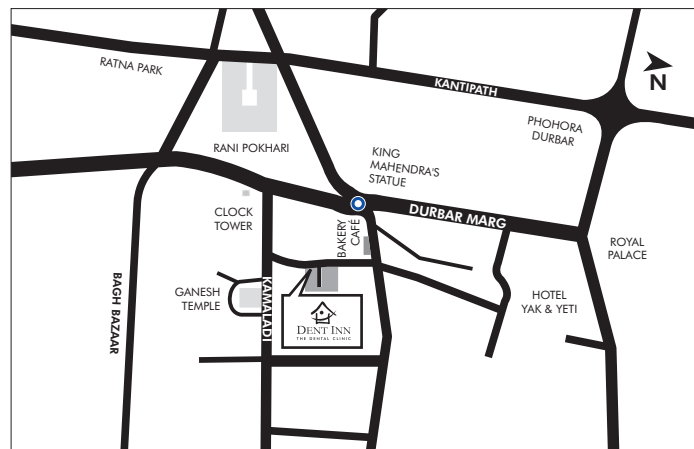
The exhibition will be inaugurated at 5PM on Sunday, March 23, 2008 by respected guests Madan Krishna Shrestha and Hari Bansha Acharya.

### **Visitor Information**

The exhibition will remain open from March 23, 2008 through April 10, 2008. Gallery will remain open from 10AM - 6PM everyday except on Saturdays and holidays. Admission is free.

### **Directions**

Gallery is located at Heritage Plaza II at Kamaladi. Detail direction is mapped below. Further directions can be available on **phone 4241942**.



### **Gallery 32@Dent Inn**

Gallery 32 was started in 2006 as an effort of Dr.Prabigya Shiwakoti, a dentist and Shivendra Patrabansh, an architect who had immense interest in art and literature. Gallery 32 has been working with photographers, artists, poets and writers in bringing together different kinds of shows to its visitors. Housed inside a lounge of the dental clinic, the gallery offers a unique environment different to the other galleries. Gallery 32 believes that initiating galleries in places like clinics promotes art to the people otherwise oblivious to art.

**For further information and artist interviews please contact,**

Our curators **Prabigya** and **Shivendra** at phone **4241942** or email to **info@dent-inn.com**.

More information is also available on our website **www.dent-inn.com/gallery32**.