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American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr) - a non-profit organization - aims at providing a platform for Nepalese, and their friends, in engineering and closely related scientific and technical areas to come together, exchange ideas, and support each other for their and the larger society's common good. The Society also strives at promoting engineering and technological advancement in Nepal.

American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr) Successfully Organizes First Nepali "Mela" In Chicago

ASNEngr - Chicago Team organized a Nepali Mela - the first of its kind - in Chicago on Saturday August 29th, 2009. Organized with the main aim of promoting the Society, the Mela helped not only to bring all Nepalese from Chicago-land area but also brought forth the rich Nepalese culture and tradition.

Approximately 300 people participated in the Mela. They came from greater Chicago area and beyond. Various activities were arranged for both kids and adults to enjoy. Notable ones were Nepali style "Ping" (swing), authentic Nepali delicacies such as Shell/Malpuwa roti, mo-mo, Nepali music and dances. Several people came in traditional Nepali dress, Daura-surawal, Neplai *Topi* and Sari. Everyone enjoyed it mainly because they got an opportunity to experience the Nepali culture - so far away from Nepal.

The program began with US and Nepali national anthems. A professional Tibetan Band setup the system for presenting Live Nepali songs and music by many talented Nepalese as well as Bhutanese children and adults. The music and dance program entertained the crowd immensely. There was also poetry reading program. The Mela concluded with a Bingo game and group dance.

Two Nepali Restaurants in Chicago - Mt. Everest Restaurant and Himalayan Restaurant, were there to serve Nepali food. The Ladies Club of Chicago provided delicious Nepali Tea to everybody. There were stalls for Pasmina Shawl, women's jewellery, snacks, Nepali owned travel agency and other. ASNEngr team had their own stall for Sel-Roti, Malpuwa, Watermelon, Souvenirs etc. Kids and adults enjoyed the popular Nepali "Ping" (swing) the most. Several Engineers, Technologist, and Scientists came forward to join the engineering society by formally becoming its member.

ASNEngr team organized a raffle program in the Mela with a first prize of a Computer, second prize a Printer, and the third prize a Chicago Mela T-Shirt. Several sponsors from local businesses financially supported the program. Led by Ankur Sharma, an active member of ASNEngr, numerous volunteers, both adults and children, helped organize the Mela. These volunteers worked tirelessly together for more than a month for the successful conclusion of the Mela

Some Mela Photos

