

## FL welcomes and bids farewell to Felm-Nepal leadership

### FL News

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The Forward Looking (FL) Tuesday welcomed new leadership of the Felm Nepal. The new leadership of the international partner are **Dr. Juha Lind** and **Dr. Elina Lind**. Earlier last week, the FL bid farewell to the outgoing leadership **Ben Westerling** and **Maria Westerling**.

Former UMN employees, Linds worked as medical doctors in the rural hospital of Ampipal in Gorkha district between 1992 -2000



'We have been very delighted to welcome the new leadership in Nepal and to thank the contribution made by the previous leadership,' FL's chairman **Vijay Kumar Manadhar** said adding, 'We wish all the best blessings as Westerling couple stepped out and the Linds stepped in into Felm-Nepal.'

(Felm Nepal's outgoing leadership Ben and Maria Westerling and The new leadership Dr. Juha and Dr. Elina Lind (left to right). The vice chairman **Mohan Shrestha**, Program Director **Tekraj Pokharel** and other staffs and students jointly welcomed and bid farewell to the distinguished guests.

The incoming scholarship coordinator **Janne Juhaninmäki** and outgoing scholarship coordinator **Anni Takko** were also present during the welcoming event. The FL's works were jointly introduced by the FL staffs to the prominent visitors. 'We are very glad to hear the testimony of former student-turned-staffs. I feel that FL has been able to show way for many persons with disability,' Felm Nepal's new regional director Lind said. He added, 'To be able to show the way in one's life is the most important thing. I would like to thank the FL'.

The FL blind music band played few songs during the welcoming and farewell events.

While the **DEP** (disables empowerment project) works in eight districts across Nepal with livelihood, advocacy and capacity building projects, the scholarship program provides regular financial support to about 400 students with disability countrywide from primary to university level.