

Project Update: January 2010

Third phase or booster project entitled "**Conservation Based Networking and Library Establishment Project to Strengthen Rhino Conservation Program**" was approved in December 2009 and activities started then.

- 1. Public Interaction:** With the approval of the project, meetings were held with buffer zone user groups, teachers, forest user groups, cooperative organizations and other local partners to brief out the project objectives and activities. Altogether two meetings were held in December 2009.
- 2. Radio Programme:** To continue the previously launched radio programme, a dialogue was made with the administrator and presenter to build a common understanding. A new schedule was fixed, 8:30 AM on Tuesday. In future, the radio slot will give high priority to the objectives of booster project. It covers biodiversity, environment, tourism, local efforts and emerging issues. It also shares the activities report and advertises coming activities.
- 3. Magazine Publication:** The magazine entitled *Our Environment* was published and displayed on 10 conservation notice boards which were established in schools, the buffer zone user group office, and forest user group office by the previous project.

Some questions are also asked to motivate students in conservation. The project has encouraged students to write essays on local conservation issues. Top answers from the essays will get a chance of an award.

- 4. Poster Publication:** Rhino conservation posters were printed and distributed to buffer zone user groups, forest user groups, college and other areas.
- 5. Regular Field Visit:** To monitor our project impact at local level, we visit the project site twice a month. In December 2009, we interacted with buffer zone people, students, teacher and forest user groups.

For more information: www.rhinonepal.org/past.php