



Lincoln University Medal

Lisa Choegyal MNZM

Lincoln University is proudly international in its outlook, with connections and collaborations encircling the globe. One of these connections is with Nepal.

Lincoln's connection with Nepal dates from the 1950's and is one of the university's longest on-going international ties outside of those with Britain and Australia.

For over 30 years of that time, Lincoln University has had an association with Lisa Choegyal of Kathmandu, whose career includes her role as New Zealand Honorary Consul to Nepal.

Through both her consular appointment and her activities as a sustainable tourism specialist, working in adventure tourism, conservation, trekking and mountaineering, Lisa gives unstinting support to Lincoln University and its relationship with Nepal.

Although not an alumna of Lincoln University, Lisa has long been regarded as a key member of the Lincoln University community as it has pursued teaching and research interests with institutions and agencies in Nepal.

Examples of her valued assistance include providing important introductions in Nepal for Lincoln staff as they build relationships around common interests in human capacity development and land-based education.

In particular, Lisa has had a long and productive relationship with staff of Lincoln's Department of Tourism, Sport and Society and the Faculty of Environment, Society and Design. In recent times this has included assisting Lincoln University with staff participation in celebrations around the 70th anniversary of the summiting of Sagarmatha Mount Everest.

In addition to helping Lincoln University academic staff in their associations with Nepal, Lisa has had a valued impact on the flow of Nepali students to Lincoln University, their wellbeing in New Zealand and their re-integration to life in Nepal on their return home.

Lisa co-chairs the Mingma Norbu Sherpa Memorial Scholarship Committee, which sends Nepali masters' degree students to Lincoln in partnership with WWF and the Greater Himalayas Foundation.

Throughout her long association with Lincoln University Lisa Choegyal has contributed meritorious voluntary service and support to the fabric and reputation of Lincoln University, making her a very worthy recipient of the Lincoln University Medal.

Professor Grant Edwards
Vice-Chancellor

Bruce Gemmell
Chancellor