



# Laxmi Wood Craft Udyog



**1st Buffalo's Bone & Horn Button Factory in Nepal**

**Manufacturer & Exporter**

ESTD. 1982

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**BUTTON - PALACE**

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Maharajgunj, Kathmandu, (NEPAL)

**NEPALESE, HANDMADE, BUFFALO'S HORN & BONE UNIQUE BUTTONS, WOODEN CHOPSTICKS, THIMBLES AND MODERN CARVING ETC.**

*Ref.*

*Date: 5 November' 2007*

To  
Mr. Georg Kell  
Executive Director,  
Global Compact,

Dear Sir,

I am honored to become a member of Global Compact in Nepal. I trust that you have received our 2005 reports on the implementation of Global Compact principles.

Please find enclosed the COP Report of 2006/2007. In case you need further information, I would be happy to provide you with details.

Thanking you!

Sincerely,

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## **COP REPORT-2006-2007**

In 2006 and 2007, Nepal had to face big political disturbances, which affected many industries, trade and other businesses. Laxmi Wood Craft Udhyog was among one – we were compelled to close down our Udhyog for the period of 2 months, which has affected our business until today.

Despite difficulties, our enthusiasm and interest to facilitate the Global Compact Principles has remained the same as before. We conducted a few of the following activities:

- a. In our previous report, we had mentioned to open up a Handicraft Institute. We constructed buildings, upgraded the facilities, prepared curriculum course etc; but because we were forced to close down our Udhyog for 2 months, we are unable to start the "Laxmi Button and Handicraft Institute". Soon as the Udhyog is in a position to open up the Institute, we will make a public announcement through advertisements to provide training to produce skillful manpower.



- b. Supported and joined hands with other Industries to form a greater force by participating on the rallies, seminars and mass protests conducted by all entrepreneurs, industries, professionals etc.





Laxmi Sharma -giving a speech



Laxmi Sharma in the Mass

- c. We have focused more on dying our product with natural products such as tea, henna, potash, onion peel etc
- d. We strongly support the voice against the child labour. Also please be noted that there is no caste and sex discrimination in our industry. On humanitarian ground LWCU partially supports and sponsors education for the staff children who have been working with the company for over a decade.

- e. With Population Service in Nepal (PSI-Nepal), we organized at LWCU the "Health Awareness, Family Planning and Treatment Camp" to educate our staff members, particularly workers.
- f. LWCU supported the "Blood Donate Campaign", bearing in mind that this campaign was not only for the social welfare but also for our workers to get blood during emergencies.
- g. LWCU is not against the Trade Union. However, the Maoists political wing instigated, forced and threatened our workers to join them in their political events, although majority of our workers expressed unwillingness to join them. We approached the Human Rights Organization, Nepal Government and United Nations Office – Kathmandu to provide all the members of Laxmi Wood Craft Udhyog for protection.

PS:

LWCU is still are at the learning stage of implementing the principles of Global Compact. We would be happy to receive suggestions and guidance from the expertise to follow the Global Compact Principles. Your advice would be invaluable to us.