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American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng) - 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.

Distribution of Re-furbished Personal Computers and Pledges for Support

With the initiative and help from its members in the greater Chicago area, American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEng) has recently obtained some used Personal Computers (PCs) from Siemens. These PCs range in speed from about 1 GHz to 2.8 GHz, and have RAM anywhere from 256 MB to 2GB. None has a hard drive, and some may have other minor parts missing and/or not functioning.

ASNEng members and friends in Chicago area plan to fix these computers in voluntary basis and distribute them to any Nepalese student, friend of Nepal, or anyone else who can benefit from this offer. We have informed this to people of Nepali origin. There have been already some requests to obtain the computers. We are collecting the information from any interested and qualified individual to receive the computers.

So far, we are also able to obtain pledges for donation of funds from six individuals for the purchase of hard drives and 6 to 7 hard drives have also been similarly obtained from donation. Therefore we will be able to refurbish about 10-12 PCs in the next 1-2 weeks. We still need pledges for another 15–20 hard drives and additional pledges for the purchase of a few operating system and applications.

Once refurbished, we believe that these computers will be sufficiently suitable for personal home use for the next couple of years -- comparable to even the most recent ones in terms of performance. We are also considering offering the recipients of the PCs with a free limited technical assistance for a period of up to 3 to 6 months after distribution.

We like to request individuals to contact us with their pledges and help make this effort a successful endeavor. Interested individuals with the pledges are requested to contact any of the following volunteers by email for further details on how to get the computer.

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