

## **Khara N Timsina: Bio**

Mr. Khara Timsina is the Executive Director of the Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh (BCAP).

He is also a cofounder of the organization and served as its first Vice President, and its second President before becoming the Executive Director in 2017.

He came to the US in 2009 and was first resettled in New York City. He worked for IOM there and once he moved to Pittsburgh he briefly worked as a fruit cutter at Giant Eagle Food Manufacturing site in Cranberry Township and then as a lead at BNY Mellon from 2010-2016.

Back in the refugee camp, he started volunteering in teaching in August of 1992 and then co-started school in one of the eight refugee camps in November the same year. He continued teaching for another 16 years, both refugee kids as well as those outside the camp while pursuing his B.Ed. and M.Ed. degrees from Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Mr. Timsina considers translating a book from Nepali into English for the whole 8 refugee camp schools as his most satisfactory contribution to the Bhutanese students in the camps.

He was born in Bhutan and grew up there obtaining a diploma in Agriculture but became a victim of ethnic cleansing and eventually forced to leave his country in the summer of 1992.

Mr. Timsina was one of the 8 refugee leaders nationwide to be recognized by President Obama in 2016 for his contributions in supporting a more welcoming America, locally in Allegheny County.

In the February of 2020 he represented the whole Bhutanese refugee diaspora spread out in 8 different countries at the World Summit of the United Peace Federation in Seoul, South Korea.