

The Honourable Minister's Message

Chairperson of the Second International Horticultural Conference and the president of Nepal Horticulture Society

Mr. Secretary, Foreign Guests, Ladies and gentlemen.

I am glad to be here and present my views at this great event of Second International conference on horticulture.



Nepal being an agrarian country where about more than 50 percent of population is engaged in agriculture. Despite of our priority in agriculture, the present scenario of big gap between import and export of agricultural products in the country is the matter of our concern and interest.

In front of the experts I am not going to express and elaborate the importance of agriculture and horticulture sub-sector in the country. What I want to say that to have substantial change in agriculture of the country, now it is the time to modernize, commercialize, industrialize and diversify the agriculture sector, together with horticulture sub-sector. As I know that the conference has been organized in the presence of foreign experts, their experience and learning is of special importance to us and I wish this conference a grand success. In this conference, I would like you to have a thorough discussion about the achievements in the field of horticulture and the work to be done in the coming days and concrete recommendations to the government of Nepal and whatever development is to be done it should be sustainable and ecological friendly.

Thank you!

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