

The President/Convener Message

The 2nd International Conference on Horticulture on the theme of “Advancing Horticulture in Changing Climate and Biodiversity” was jointly organized by Nepal Horticulture Society, National Centre of Potato, Vegetables and Spices Crop Development and National Centre of Fruit development on April 3-4, 2023 (20-21 Chaitra 2079 BS) at Godavary Village Resort in Lalitpur. The Nepal Horticulture Society feels very proud to have the conference successful in terms of the quality and participation in the conference.



I express my gratitude to the Honorable Dr. Bedu Ram Bhusal, Chief Guest and Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development for inaugurating the conference and for giving encouraging remarks. I also extend sincere thanks to Dr. Govinda Prasad Sharma, respected secretary of MoALD for valuable remarks in the inaugural session.

I highly appreciate the financial support of NCPVSCD, AFU, IAAS, UGC, NARC, FANSEP, IUCN, IRRI-Nepal, HICAST etc. and private sectors to organize the conference and to publish the abstract book and the Proceedings.

I also being the convener of the conference organizing committee, would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the Advisory Committee members, members of the organizing committee, chairperson and members of the Resource Mobilization and Finance Management committee, chairperson and members of the technical and publication committee, Publicity Committee and Logistic/Event management committee for their continued support to organize the conference successfully. Special thanks are also extended to all paper contributors of Nepal and foreign countries: Pakistan, Bangladesh, SriLanka and Bhutan, posters presenters, chairpersons and the rapporteurs of the sessions, the guests and the participants of the conference. I would like to extend my special thanks to Dr. Chiranjivi Regmi and Dr. Shanta Karki for their contribution to finalize the NHS Resolution. The contributions of the Editor in Chief Dr. Puspa Raj Poudel, other editorial board members and Mr. Sanjay Dhimal to make the proceedings in this shape are highly appreciated.

Lastly, I hope this proceedings will be very useful to horticulture researcher, planners, development workers, students and many others who are involved in this sector.

All the Best. Thank You!

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President

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