

Message from the Respected Secretary Dr. Govinda Prasad Sharma

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

Chief Guest, honorable Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Foreign Delegates, Distinguished Guests on the dais, Participants, Ladies and gentlemen.



I am very pleased to be with you in this great event of Second International conference on horticulture.

I am also very happy to know that the conference is going to have discussion on changing climate and biodiversity, a very important common issue of the countries. In this fiscal year we have also celebrated Biodiversity Year. Biodiversity and Climate change have been important part of our policy, plan and program as they are much related to the livelihood of the people of the country. The negative impact of climate change has drastically affected the agriculture production in our country and low level of local biodiversity utilization is also a great concern as our dependence on imported varieties for commercial agriculture production of main stream agriculture program. Realizing this, our vision on horticulture must be addressed adequately to solve the emerging issues of climate change, biodiversity conservation and utilization and sustainable production. I hope papers are there for thorough discussion to come up with answers to the issues related to our objectives.

Saying this, I am thankful to Nepal horticulture Society for joining hands with NCPVSD and NCFD to organize this international conference. On behalf of MoALD, I will be always ready and open for any kind of supports, within the limits of our capacity.

I am especially thankful to our distinguished guests from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan for being with us in this conference. The information and experiences you will share in this conference will be of big help for appropriate policy formulation and technical adoption in Nepal. My thanks are due to all those who contributed for the organization of this international conference, directly and indirectly. I wish a grand success of the conference and expect to receive concise and constructive suggestions to the MoALD for implementation.

Thank you!