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It is indeed a matter of immense pleasure for me to present the Seventeenth issue of "Nepalese Journal on Geoinformatics" on the Sixty-First Anniversary of Survey Department. Let me take a moment on this special occasion of the Sixty-First Anniversary, to congratulate entire staff of the Department and extend sincere thanks to those who have contributed, in the past in different capacities for the betterment of the Department. I invite everyone concerned to join this glorious celebration of the anniversary.



I feel proud to mention that Survey Department, as the only National Mapping Organization of Nepal, has been tremendously contributing in the sector of land administration and management of the country by providing essential maps and geoinformation products which are also crucial for the infrastructure development and international boundary management. I presented a brief overview of the evolution of the Department in the sixteenth issue of this journal that was published on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Department.

After assuming the office of the Director General, I have been trying to invest all my energy in the endeavours aimed at strengthening the Department, its staff and the profession as a whole. My colleagues, especially Deputy Director General Mr. Suresh Man Shrestha, Deputy Director General Mr. Niraj Manandhar, Deputy Director General Mohammad Sabir Hussain and Deputy Director General Mr. Prakash Joshi, including entire staff of the Department from their respective positions, have been together with me in every efforts taken to enhance the Department. While acknowledging the tremendous contributions of my predecessors, I made a commitment last year to follow the footprints left by my predecessors and work harder to propell the Department towards better position. This commitment has been and will be the guideline i will follow in every effort I undertake. In the mean time, let me also accept the fact that despite the best efforts from everyone from respective sides, we are yet to see the Depatment at its best. However, I am confident that we will be successful in showing the tangible results if we continue our efforts sincerely in the days to come.

Some initiatives taken this year have the potential to leave a historic legacy of the Department. Initiatives taken by the department to scale the Mt. Everest has drawn attention of the international community . We consider this initiative to be not only a matter of pride for our profession but also an opportunity to enhance our capacity to cope with the challenges that has come alongside. There were apprehensions about the existence of the Department in the new organizational restructuring but we succeeded to retain the Department with even wider scope. Devolution of cadastral survey remains due for some years to come. We will keep on making our best efforts to ensure respectful professional identity at each of the government level; federal, provincial and local. For the first time in history of the Department, we have come out in the media to put forward our

side of story in the controversies surrounding the issue of border management. The higher authorities instructed us to handle the case based sensitization of the technicalities related with the Nepal India boundary.

We are firm in our belief that without the foresightedness, dedication and devotion of our respected predecessors, this department would not have come to this level. As an attempt to recognizing and appreciate their invaluable contribution, we wish to felicitate the predecessors on special occasions. Previous year, on the special occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Department, we felicitated the former Director Generals and Deputy Director Generals. This year, on the special occasion of the sixty first anniversary, we have decided to felicitate those who have contributed to the Department as the Chief Survey Officer or equivalent. We will keep on felicitating everyone who has served the department in different capacities in the upcoming occasions too. Similarly, we will also felicitate the colleagues having served for more than twenty five years in the Department.

Finally, let me express my sincere appreciation to the fellow colleagues, the members of Advisory Council, and entire team of the Editorial Board for their invaluable contribution in this issue. Deputy Director General Mr. Suresh Man Shrestha, the Editor-in-Chief, and Chief Survey Officer Mr. Ram Kumar Sapkota, member of the Editorial Board, deserve special thanks for their tireless efforts in bringing this issue in the stipulated time. More importantly, I extend sincere gratitude to all the authors for their resourceful professional contribution. I would expect such kind of support and professional contribution in the upcoming issues too. At the same time, I encourage fellow colleagues from the Department to contribute to the journal by providing quality articles.

I am confident that you will find this journal a 'to be read' one.

Enjoy Reading!

Thank you!

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