

# EDITORIAL

After successfully publishing 28 volumes of the Journal of Natural History Museum within the span of last few decades, here is our 29<sup>th</sup> volume. In the due course of time we have received several inputs regarding our former issues and we gained more knowledge on how to bring out the contemporary journals better than past issues. We are so much excited that we promise to continue such encouraging tasks in the future also. Since last issue our journal entered into the online form also, which can be accessed by visiting our website [www.nhmnepal.edu.np](http://www.nhmnepal.edu.np) and get all information therein. Likewise, this issue is also online.

Natural History Museum was established in 1975 under the management of Institute of Science and Technology, Tribhuvan University, with some original objectives for tracing, collecting and preserving the holistic natural artefacts on the subjects of Anthropology, Botany, Geography, Geology, Earth history, Zoology and many more like evolution, environmental issues, biodiversity, and biotechnology along with conducting research into the vast natural history heritage and biodiversity of the country. It has significant contribution in the life of country such as research and University teaching coupled with publications of the research findings in national and international journals, publications, CITES scientific authority for fauna, biodiversity conservation and exhibition and awareness which are the important foci of Natural history museum. NHM also provides identification services on natural objects and rich fauna and flora to user groups especially pest control workers in agriculture, veterinary/human medicine and science teachers.

This issue of Journal of Natural History Museum covers a wide range of significant topics which can be applicable to the future researchers and for the benefits of the society. For around 40 years this journal has defined the state of our science and provided the platform for important researches. Further, it is a vehicle for emerging talent as well. Along the way Journal of Natural History Museum has earned the reputation among many as the flagship journal of natural sciences.

The editorial board of this journal wishes to thank to all the contributors to this issue. Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all our valued reviewers who despite their busy schedules accepted to review papers of this issue.

Thank you  
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