

# EDITORIAL

Science has developed at ever increasing pace since the beginning of the century, so that the gap between the advanced and backward countries has widened more & more. We can only bridge the gap by adopting rigorous measures and by putting forward our up most effort into the development of Science. For this, we have to set out priorities for further excellence in Science. We need to keep abreast at the forefront of science in established & emergent fields. It is clear that the country retains the potential to excel in a wide range of fields provided that we can keep the best young scientists working in the subject, with sufficient support from S&T related government institutions.

The scientific work is driven largely by national initiations: money for research; competition for funding; an emphasis on innovation; and, most important, a powerful open and innovative scientific culture fostered in our laboratories, especially our universities. So, Nepal should embark on a planned programme of investment in S&T and R&D should be directed in the mission oriented areas.

We are presenting the 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of 'Scientific World' to our respected readers. This period has been a struggling but a fruitful period. We would not be in position to publish this journal continuously without the active participation and cooperation of our scientific community. In this elapsed time span, we are observing more contributions, participations and cooperation in abundant measure. We are thankful, for this, to our scientific community, contributors and reviewers.

We will make conscious effort to enhance the attractiveness and accessibility of materials to our respected readers. As usual, we welcome contributions, comments, suggestions and criticisms from our respected readers.

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