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IJE was born after registration of the not-for-profit organization, Progressive Sustainable Developers Nepal (PSD-Nepal), with seven members. I was nominated President of the organization, and that responsibility made me start working hard to promote IJE. During the first few months, I managed all the aspects of IJE; however, many authors, reviewers and board members subsequently joined, and, within a very short time, IJE had academic relationships with experts (authors, reviewers, members and advisers) in about 40 countries. IJE receives the majority of its papers from abroad, indicating that it can publish high-quality papers from researchers around the globe.

The journal has already received its first impact factor and is widely indexed. This may be one of the reasons that it receives papers from many countries.

My commitment as Editor-in-Chief of the journal is to publish high-quality articles related to the environment, to encourage submissions from national and international researchers and to disseminate research activities for all. My experience of working as editor, reviewer and author in more than 60 national and international journals, as Chief, Research and Training at Environment Professionals' Training and Research Institute and as President of PSD-Nepal help me to make progress. I would like to make IJE a venue and a platform for all academics around the globe. Therefore, I heartily welcome interested individuals at all levels to join IJE and make it go further and faster. I am sure that if we unite, we can stand on our own. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of the authors, reviewers, editors and members of PSD-Nepal. I hope that the readership finds this issue informative. The editorial board will be pleased to receive valuable suggestions and feedback to improve forthcoming issues.

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