

Editorial¹

Contemporary Research: An Interdisciplinary Academic Journal (CRAIAJ), a peer reviewed online and print journal has been extending its horizon in terms of its reachability to global audience. The journal provides immediate **open access** to its content on principles that making research freely available to the public for a greater global exchange of knowledge. The content of the articles has been displayed in Nepal Journals Online www.nepjol.info in addition to the journal's own webpage www.craiaj.com with assigning Digital Object Identifier (**DOI**). Print version of the journal can also be subscribed. We are working on enhancing the quality of the journal, follow the globally accepted good journal practices, receive reputed publishing license, and list the journal into world's prestigious indexes/ databases.

It is the duty of the motivated team to upgrade the quality of the journal with hard work and honesty, also to attract reputed editors. Our Editorial Office has been dedicated to formulate job description of each member in the editorial team to enhance team work for quality journal and for establishing the system of good journal practices. We are trying our best to make the team functional and energetic by making it most inclusive also to avoid conscious as well as unconscious biasness in making journal decisions. We are learning from established journals about raising the fund for upgrading journal quality into a prestigious one. Our Editorial Office will remain active throughout the year work instantly on acknowledging the submission, initial decision, sending article to the reviewers, communicating comments with the author, uploading revisions, final decision and so on. We plan to prepare and publish reports on turnaround times (submission, first decision, peer review, revision, and final decision of acceptance), submission information (number of submission, type of submission, subject area), author information (geography, gender, repeated authors), and quality information (number of acceptance/ rejection, type of topics accepted/ rejected). If the flows of quality articles keep increasing into our system we plan to publish two issues annually.

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Although CRAIAJ gets published annually, we encourage authors for submission throughout the year. Article processing in efficient and timely manner to maintain healthy copyflow is the most important factor for the journal's reputation. So we plan to categorize articles into three types: completing the copyflow process of the articles within one month for the articles that are well organized needing not much revision, the process taking up to two months, and taking longer time. Upon the acceptance of the manuscript the author receives acceptance letter. We plan to make assessment of the copyflow of each article for solving problems that appear at different stages like submission, initial decision, peer review, revision, final decision, and entire communication.

The importance of academic and scholarly research are multi-faceted— playing significant role in the formation of knowledge, generating discourse on local issues and relating them to global ones, exploring and preserving locally generated knowledge and solutions for sustaining and developing indigenous practices, and at the same time can be the key to solving local as well as global problems. The research articles in this issue of CRAIAJ are included from the area of identity issues, consumer behavior, forestry and forest governance, ethnographic studies, career research, and literature. It is expected that the arguments made by the researchers will generate further discourse among the academic community. They will also prove fruitful resources for the future investigators.

This year we organized a national level conference *Academia Industry Dialogue: Agenda Setting for the Academy and Identifying Research Priority Area in the Far Western Province of Nepal*. The conference was encouraging and lively sharing among researchers (students and faculty), industrialists, and academic leadership from different universities in Nepal. Last year we organized Research Methodology Training and SPSS Training for Data Analysis to researchers in this region. In the future also, we plan to remain in touch with authors, encouraging them from pre submission to post publication stages. Our future priority area for research must include issues related to social economic managerial problems, development, travel and tourism, art and literature, culture, life style and every day, history, innovation and change related to Far Western province of Nepal at local and regional level also by relating them with community at large at global level. We encourage researchers round the world to share significant discussion and findings of their research on local or global issues to the academic community through the platform CRAIAJ provides.

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Our efforts in the previous issue of CRAIAJ, in October last year, was praised and encouraged by academic community. Based on the precious suggestions from the well wishers, we have improved the quality of this issue, and we promise to keep on upgrading it to meet the established international journals including the criteria for the topmost qualities listed by Nepali journals online (www.nepjol.info) developed by International Networks for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), based in the UK, to renowned and established indexed journals. Guidelines, checklists, notices, model manuscript, ethical policy documents and related information for submitting articles can be downloaded from the journal website www.craiaj.com. The next issue of CRAIAJ will be published in October 2022. Researchers are requested to upload their papers to the website or send them through e-mail or through nepjol submission system to CRAIAJ by the end of August 2022. Comments, suggestions, and feedback are always welcome; and that can be participated through e-mail to the editor or leaving the message to the website.

If anyone is willing to take part in our publishing system as Editor or Reviewer, please let us know. Let's all work together and establish this journal system into a trusted and reputed platform.

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