## **Editorial**

It is our immense pleasure to announce that the *Journal of Population and Development* (*Peer-Reviewed*) has been published by the Department of Population Studies, Patan Multiple Campus, Lalitpur for the first time. It is an interdisciplinary, intellectual and research journal which is published annually. The main purpose of this journal is to provide regular forum for the publication of research articles concerning the population and development studies. The specific goal of this journal is to explore the knowledge, values and skills among individuals and communities. One of the salient features of this publication also makes an effort to include articles on contemporary issues related to population and development of the nation which contribute to intellectual, scientific as well as the world wide knowledge.

This journal offers articles from responsible, qualified and experienced scholars in the related sector. By providing a forum for scholarly discourse on population and development issues enhancing human capabilities and well-being, it attempts to build creativity, analytical and logical-reasoning skills of the authors, writers and scholars. In addition, it also encourages to raise the issues which lead to local, provincial and national as well as worldwide challenging problems in various contexts. Our ultimate goal is to provide quality-based contemporary research articles to our valued readers.

This journal supports those readers who are pursuing knowledge of population and development studies. Furthermore, they learn the skills to operate computer application related to different demographic software, research activities, human development, population policies and theories, population and data management, gender, population projection, women empowerment etc. The knowledge, ideas and views of the research articles are mainly concerned with the individual authors whereas the editorial board does not directly reflect any own ideas and perceptions related to the articles.

The Department of Population Studies expresses valuable thanks to the experts of peer-reviewed committee, advisory board for their innumerable inspirations, valuable suggestions, continuous encouragement, critical comments and remarks to be published of this journal. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the contributors for providing research articles and to all the faculty members of this department. We always heartily accept constructive comments, valuable suggestions and remarks from our respected readers.

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