



Message from AIN Chairperson



Dear Representatives of AIN Members
Namaste and Greetings as per your culture and tradition,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who voted for me as a Steering Committee Member. Then, I would like to thank all Steering Committee Members for nominating me unanimously as a Chairperson of AIN. This has come as a pleasant surprise to me.

I am very grateful to all of you for putting your trust and confidence in me. I also take this opportunity to welcome all SC members. I really look forward to work in collaboration and coordination as a team with all of you. We have an impressive list of SC Members and Office bearers which gives me great confidence in this Committee. I also take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the outgoing AIN Chair Mr Achyut Luitel Jee, outgoing Office bearers and SC Members. Let me also thank Reshma Jee, Lucky Jee and Bishal Jee from AIN Secretariat for their valuable support and contribution to AIN.

Moreover, we are living through COVID 19 pandemic. We have some friends, colleagues and near & dear ones, who are infected with COVID 19. Hence, I would like to request all of you to take all possible precaution and safety measures. Besides, if you need any help, please inform AIN Secretariat. We will try our best to respond quickly. Getting vaccines and travel permits or passes can be challenging at the moment.

We encourage you to do your part and rest assured we are there to provide any additional support. I will explore discuss with SC Members and make efforts to contact CCMC and Ministry of Health and Population on how we can access vaccines in order to support our AIN Member staffs to be able to support and actively respond to this pandemic.

There are other ongoing major issues like Social Security Funds, evergreen issues like GA, PA and visas. I assure you, we as AIN SC team, will try our best from our side to support AIN members for such issues.

As an umbrella association of social, development and humanitarian organizations, AIN Members are leading and supporting at the forefront of the pandemic and making significant contributions for COVID Response. This is in addition to our regular development work. I would like to commend all AIN members for the contribution during these challenging times.

The strength and beauty of AIN lies in its form as a network, global roots of origin of AIN members, cultural diversity and country of origin of AIN members' representatives and AIN members' local presence, connections and footprints across Nepal. This makes AIN unique and have its soft power that applied properly can promote causes of AIN. It will be Silver Jubilee of AIN this year in September.

We need to learn from the experiences over the years and exert our presence as AIN as a significant player (network) in development sector in Nepal. Together we are stronger and we can defy the odds that each members have to face alone otherwise. Creating synergy and collaboration, promoting peace, human rights and contributing to SDGs together and being accountable to our beneficiaries, Nepali people and donors is the way forward.

AIN can lead the development discourse, help fight climate changes, disease and poverty. Besides funding, the expertise of AIN members make us uniquely resourceful if we tap it through our working groups. AIN can be as effective and resourceful as its members want it to be and hence, I count on each of you to make AIN even more efficient and useful network.

AIN Secretariat, SC members and Office bearers are there for you for any kind of support, facilitation or help you may need. I will try my best to work with fellow SC members to extend our support to AIN members and help realize AIN objectives.

Once again, thank you all and please stay safe and keep others safe from COVID 19.

Best Regards,

Dr. Sushil Koirala
Chairperson, AIN

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