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At this moment where Nepal has surfaced as a sensitive geopolitical center for global powers, the Kathmandu School of Law (KSL), a reputed law college in Nepal, is proud to bring Nepal's first comprehensive Journal focusing on Asian Affairs in the international arena. It comprises six major parts entitled '**Editorial Note**', '**Research Articles**', '**Essay**', '**Advisor's Opinion**', '**Book Review**', and '**AJIA Dialogue**'.

It aims to create space for intellectual discourse, debate, and dialogue with both inductive and deductive analysis of International Relations and express Nepal's voice in the regional and global academic arena through intensive research, debate, dialogue, discourse, publication, and dissemination of new knowledge. In addition, it focuses on oriental philosophical approaches at the center and Western philosophical approaches at its periphery. Thus, the Journal connects the World's academics, professors, researchers, think tanks, scholars, policymakers, diplomats, and even promising students of International Relations. The scope of AJIA is not limited to experts in Asian affairs but also in becoming relevant to readers with a practical interest in the region.

Seventeen renowned professors and experts from six countries are on the advisory board of this Journal. Similarly, thirteen young scholars and academics from five countries are involved in the Editorial Board. Moreover, diligent students studying at Kathmandu School of Law are on the Assistant-editorial board. Thus, this Journal has brought three generations together for academic co-operation in the knowledge-generating process. In doing so, it is believed that the knowledge transfer process will be easier in the days to come.

In the first issue of this Journal, eighteen research articles (five from Nepal, two from China, eight from India, and three from Bangladesh) were submitted. Out of eighteen, four papers from Nepal, two from India, two from China, and two from Bangladesh are selected for publication. Based on our rigorous review process, we could not accept the rest of the submitted articles for this issue. At the same time, we have maintained our level best to maintain the quality and originality of the Journal.

We are grateful to Prof. Dr. Yubaraj Sangroula, Executive Director, Kathmandu School of Law, for involving us in this journey of preparing the first issue of this Journal. Likewise, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our distinguished advisors for their regular advice and guidance. At the same time, we are equally grateful to all the authors from the national and international level for providing their invaluable research-based articles in believing our sincere academic efforts. Furthermore, this publication would have been impossible without the support of national and international thematic experts, requested based on an assessment of their research and publication, who have contributed to its Double-Blind Peer Review (DBPR). As Editor-in-Chief, I would also like to thank all the editorial board members for their needful contribution. On top

of that, I would like to thank all the Assistant Editors for their serious effort and also to volunteers for their contribution. We equally appreciate the NepJOL Department of Tribhuvan University, Nepal, for uploading our Journal articles on Nepal Journal Online (nepjol.info). Last but not the least, all stakeholders, who supported augmenting our Global Call for Papers and collecting research articles, are appreciated on behalf of the Journal team. We have a firm belief that this Journal will be a milestone in Nepali academia, especially in the field of International and Asian affairs to promote Nepal's national interest through deeper cooperation with our international partners.

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Editor-in-Chief