

Celebrating 93rd International Cooperative Day **Co-operative - an effective means for disaster management : Dr. Mahat**

The concept of cooperation is a cooperative – expressed by Finance Minister Dr. Ram Sharan Mahat as the chief guest during the celebration program of 93rd International Cooperative Day of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), 21st United Nations International Cooperative Day, and 22nd National Cooperative Federation Day, organized by National Cooperative Federation of Nepal (NCF/N) dated July 04, 2015 on its own conference hall. Dr. Mahat further added that the contribution of cooperative sector in the disaster management has been very significant and this sector is still a viable partnership to mobilize local resources and manpower for the reconstruction phase of the nation.



The program was chaired by the chairperson of NCF/N and constituent assembly member Keshav Prasad Badal and stated that economic development without cooperative is not justifiable and sustainable.

The Chief Secretary of Nepal Government Leela Mani Paudyal delivered his speech as the guest of the program and stated that cooperatives are inevitable to stop the brain drain of Nepalese youth. He also opined that collective farming with the means of modern technologies is very important for the production of youth entrepreneurship.

Former governor and vice-chairperson of National Planning Commission Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwoda provided his views as the guest of the program on "Cooperative for Disaster

Management" and said that cooperatives are more effective in disaster management in comparison to the NGOs and INGOs. Cooperatives could play a role of local bodies in this situation. He further added there is a need of joining reconstruction and rehabilitation to the livelihood issues of the disaster affected people, and for these tasks cooperatives are the





dynamic sector. The role of cooperatives must be included in the "ordinance of disaster management" as the loss of cooperative sector was not yet included in the PDNA.

The advisor of NCF/N and former minister Ganesh Shah explicated that the need of modern technology is very important thus the cooperative should be technology friendly. The program also distributed excellent cooperative awards to Milk Production Cooperative



Union, Makwanpur. In the same way excellent business awards were handover to Shree Lali Gurans Multipurpose Cooperative, Lalitpur, Shree Nepal Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Jhapa, Gramin Saving and Credit Cooperative Society, Bardhaghat, Kasturi Multipurpose Cooperative Socitey, Jajarkot, Mahila Jagaran Saving and Credit Cooperative Society, Makwanpur. Numbers of computers were also handover to different district level cooperative unions to enhance the managerial tasks. Senior Vice-Chairperson of NCF/N Minraj Kandel delivered the welcome speech whereas vote of thanks was given by board member Rabindra K.C.