

## **Condolences**

Date: 26 September 2006

The Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists is deeply shocked by the loss of eminent personalities in the field of conservation of Nepal and in other fields and foreign friends in a helicopter crash in Gyambla while returning from Ghunsa of Lelep village development committee of Taplejung district on 23 September. We feel that the deaths of close friends and well-wishers of the Forum Dr. Harka Gurung, Dr. Chandra Prasad Gurung, Dr. Tirtha Man Maskey, Narayan Poudel, Sharad Rai, Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Pauli Mustonen, Minister of State for Forests and Soil Conservation Gopal Rai, Acting Secretary of the same ministry Dr. Damodar Parajuli, journalists of Nepal Television Hemraj Bhandari and Sunil Singh and other national and international friends have caused irreparable damage in the field of sustainable development and environment conservation.

We feel sad and worried that the unexpected and tragic demise of eminent personalities who have contributed in the national and international levels will have serious consequences in the field of conservation. The Forum prays for the eternal peace of the souls of all who lost their lives and expresses deep condolences to the bereaved families.

We would like to request your presence at the following venue and date and time for a condolence meeting to pray for the eternal peace of those who lost their lives in the incident and to express condolences to the bereaved families.

### **Condolence meeting**

Date: 28 September, 2006

Place: Maitighar Mandala

Time: 5:30 P.M.

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Chairman

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