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Letter of Intent

To,
Dr. Pema Gyamtsho
Director General
International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
Khumaltar, Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Nepal

Subject: Letter of Intent to Host the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) Secretariat

Dear Dr. Gyamtsho,

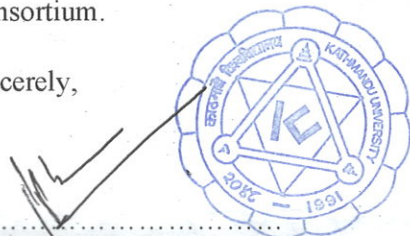
Kathmandu University (KU), under the guidance of our Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Achyut Wagle, hereby expresses its intent to host the HUC Secretariat, succeeding the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). Through the Nepal Technology Innovation Center (NTIC), KU is uniquely positioned to advance HUC's mission of promoting mountain focused research, education, and knowledge dissemination across the Hindu Kush Himalaya region.

Our commitment encompasses the following key areas:

- **Hosting and Operations:** KU, through NTIC, will manage HUC's coordination, administration, and scientific direction, ensuring the continued vitality of its network.
- **Asset Management:** We will responsibly oversee HUC's assets, including intellectual property, digital platforms, databases, and financial resources, ensuring a seamless and transparent transition.
- **Governance and Collaboration:** KU will establish robust governance structures, including an advisory council, and foster collaborative research with ICIMOD in critical areas such as climate change and socio-ecological systems. A joint symposium is planned to further these efforts.
- **Sustainability and Ethics:** In partnership with HUC member institutions and ICIMOD, KU/NTIC will secure sustainable funding and uphold principles of open-access data, while maintaining confidentiality and scientific integrity.

We acknowledge and deeply appreciate ICIMOD's exemplary leadership of HUC since 2007. Kathmandu University is dedicated to building upon this legacy, ensuring the continued growth and impact of the Consortium.

Sincerely,



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