

# Editorial

*This is the third issue of the Journal of the Nepal Dental Association and with which I have been presented as the chief editor. May I here take an opportunity to commit myself in the spirit of professional ethics and in the path of true journalism. The first healthy information, I am able to convey is the association's new executive committee's election on a unanimous vote. The country in the field of dentistry once again observed the same healthy phenomenon of unanimity as in the past.*

*Recent development in dentistry in Nepal have been most encouraging, also there has been a remarkable increase in the number of dental professionals in Nepal, oral health services with modern facilities and exchange of information. We now see new dental schools and colleges with enthusiastic students and trainees hoping for better future. However, rather a deflating note is that, Nepal still continues to lag behind by international standards and professional commitment in many instances. This sets us a collective goal; that of making a greater efforts to accelerate our progress and development in our chosen profession.*

*We now have working committees for a Dental Act and draft proposal for Dental Council and also three dental members representing in the Nepal Medical Council. However, we need to have greater representation and strong voice in the NMC in order to put our future goals and aims in the national health agenda, in the correct perspectives.*

*While accepting the need of dental council and the presence of NMC as national level bodies, we have the responsibilities towards them, all members of the NDA must work in concert and concentrate on the primary aim of making the association an umbrella organization under which everyone benefits. A unity of purpose towards achieving this goal is absolutely crucial.*

*Differences of individual interest and activities at cross-purposes are bound to surface from time to time but these are natural hazards in an overall game plan, which can be overcome with exchange of opinion, greater interaction and an identical feeling of professional fraternity.*

*As we proceed inexorably into the new millenium, we see other new organizations and new areas of thought and practices. All of these; regardless of different backgrounds, disciplines and purposes must be made a parcel of a unified body to act in a focal point. Personal and vested interest must not become stumbling blocks in the path of development in the noble profession of dentistry, overcoming of which will be contributory to the overall success of national health services.*

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