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Editorial

Dear Readers,

This issue contains aid that is all needed and climate change getting priority. Wettest monsoon spell after three years in Kathmandu valley. However, monsoon showers decline the production of fruits and vegetables in neighbouring countries soared their prices. Dendrochronology training for young researchers adds a taste to the conservation and extracting climatic information. Also, community forests, much worthy!

Enjoy reading!

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Community forest users' groups rewarded

Representatives of three community forest users' groups of Dolakha Gorkha and Chitwan has been rewarded with US\$ 95,000 (approximately Rs 6.8 million) for reducing emissions in the atmosphere causing climate change through enhancement of carbon stocks and sustainable management of forests.

June 16

The Kathmandu Post

DFID assistance focus climate change

The Department for International Development (DFID) announced an investment of £331 million (around Rs 38.72 billion) in Nepal for the next four years (2011-2015). The assistance will focus mainly on four areas—inclusive wealth creation, governance and security, climate change and disaster risk reduction and human development.

June 17

The Kathmandu Post

Climate change training workshop begins

A five-day workshop on tree growth and climate effects modeling kicked off at Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) with a view to training young scientists on the methods of extracting climatic information from tree rings. The number of tree rings helps determine the age of the tree, whereas its width helps analyze the climatic condition. Every tree forms single ring of wood each year and the extraction of the portion of wood from the trees and its analysis offer broader understanding of the climatic condition of the past and help predict the future scenario.

June 28

The Himalayan Times

Monsoon triggers fruit, veggie price rise

Monsoon showers coupled with a significant decline in production in neighboring India and China have jacked up the prices of fruits and vegetables in Kathmandu. Prices of popular fruits like apple, banana, pomegranate, mango, watermelon, sweet orange, pineapple and pear and vegetables like potato and tomato have gone up over the last week.

June 28

The Kathmandu Post

Valley rain exceeds normal count in June

The wettest month of June with rainfall 284 mm (millimeter) recorded in the valley for the past three years. It was 142.1 mm for June 2010 and 126.4 mm for the same period in 2009. The highest record for a single day this month is 40.8 mm of rainfall on 16th of June. Meteorologists attribute this surge in rainfall to the early arrival of monsoon to some extent.

June 30

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November, 2011

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