

‘Enhancing Cadastre and Land Registration for Economic Growth in Nepal

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ABSTRACT

Land is valuable resources and property of people where they live, have their livelihood and progress and prosperity depend upon. The cadastral survey and registration of land of the parcel of an owner will provide him property, freedom and facilities that a citizen entitled to have. In Nepal, land property belongs to family and father, mother, son and unmarried daughter will have equal right except woman personal property given by their parent.

The land registration and survey of private land existed in Nepal earlier than 5th century as per the stone inscription of Trust Land offered to Ratneshwar Mahadev, Kathmandu on Sambat 399 Ashsad Shukla 10. Complete and updated land revenue records of Nepal maintained since 1911. Modern cadastral survey and registration of private and other land commenced in 1965 and completed in 1998 of whole of Nepal (41.3% of territory) and maintained which abolished various tenure systems and simple single land tenure and administration system established. Resurvey started 1995, lack of modern technology, political well and sufficient qualified surveyors delayed the progress. Computerization and establishment of LIS is initiated.

Nepal has more than 15% biodiversity of the world which has to be protected perpetually. The remaining 58.7% unsurveyed land covered by forest, pastures, rocks and water bodies are required to survey and register and manage. She also has more than one third of her population below the poverty line and pro-poor legislation and access to land required to formulate and be implemented. Land development, land use zoning and infrastructure development necessitated the digital cadastral maps/data and up to date land records. In the past, every strike/ attacks effected survey works and cadastral and land records. Recently the college of geomatic engineering and land resources management is established to conduct BE level course in Geomatic Eng., in affiliation with Purbanchal University.

The paper briefly described the how the Nepalese cadastre and land registration developed and its present and possible future programmes to tackle these problems and the contribution to be provided by the Nepalese survey community on fulfillment of national and millennium development goals.

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