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Prof. Dinesh Kumar Nauriyal
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Subject: Welcoming the Kumaun University as a new full member of the Himalayan University Consortium.

Dear Prof. Nauriyal,

Greetings from Kathmandu! On behalf of the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC)'s Steering Group, I am writing to extend our congratulations to you and the Kumaun University on the approval of a full membership by the General Assembly at the Consortium's Annual Meeting in Kathmandu, 30-31 October 2018.

The Himalayan University Consortium (est. 2007) has its mandate in developing an effective, sustainable network of universities in the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region, in collaboration with academic, research and knowledge generating and exchange institutions both within and outside the region. At the High Level Meeting of the Chairpersons of Higher Education Commissions and Annual Meeting end of last month, forty Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, and Heads of institutions from within and outside the HKH deliberated the HUC Strategy and Action Plan 2025. Fifteen applications for full and associate membership were approved by the General Assembly, bringing the total members to 77.

We warmly welcome the University to join HUC's sixty full members in the HKH region. We believe that this is an important step forward in building a fruitful partnership between the Kumaun University and universities and research institutes and promoting collaboration in research and training for sustainable mountain development, in service of the upstream and downstream communities.

We look forward to bringing our partnership forward.

With best regards,



David Molden,
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