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Patrons:  
Dr. Tej Bahadur KC  
and Dhruva Joshy

Professor Dr. Rainer Horn  
Chair, IUSS Presidential Election Standing Committee

Advisors:  
Dr. K.B. Karki  
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Dear Prof. Dr. Rainer Horn,

As the Chairman of ESAFS 2027, I am writing to support the Nomination of Prof. Renfang Shen for the position of the President-elect (2025/2026) of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS).

President:  
Dr. K.R. Adhikari

Prof. Renfang Shen, Chair of ESAFS 2015, Director General of ISSCAS, and former president of Soil Science Society of China (2012-2020) is an appropriate candidate for IUSS Presidency Election. With his outstanding leadership in 12<sup>th</sup> ESAFS held in Nanjing, the conference was a success with over 300 delegates from 21 countries and regions. Seventy-eight thematic papers and 100 posters were presented during the conference. Also, Prof. Shen has consistently participated in the ESAFS conferences since the 10th assembly in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 2011, and subsequently in Indonesia (2013), Thailand (2017), Taipei (2019), as a society representative.

Vice President:  
Durga Pd. Dawadi

Prof. Shen is a leading soil scientist on the international stage in promoting sustainable soil management. His research experiences in the areas of soil improvement, soil acidification prevention, productivity improvement, and soil pollution remediation made his key role in addressing the challenges of sustainable soil management in China, and developed best management practices that have been adopted in national policies.

General Secretary:  
Dr. S.P. Vista

In summary, Prof. Renfang Shen is an appropriate candidate to be nominated for the position of IUSS President. Nepalese Society of Soil Science and I wholeheartedly support for his presidency.

Secretary:  
Balram Rijal

Sincerely,

Treasurer:  
Dr. Sabina Devkota

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Prof. Keshav Raj Adhikari, PhD  
President of Nepalese Society of Soil Science  
Fmr Dean of Inst. Agr. & Anim. Sci., Tribhuvan University  
Currently, Executive Acad. Director and Principal at Nepal Polytechnic Institute under Eastern University