FOREWORD

It is with pleasure, I wish to congratulate the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), particularly its team of professionals and staff involved in conducting the census of population 2001 and in bringing out the "Population Monograph of Nepal" (in two volumes) on the analysis of the results of the said census 2001.

These volumes contain several topics related to population and its social and economic aspects. Those interrelationships are analysed comprehensively and patterns and trends are established. I hope, these publications would prove of great help to all those who want a thorough knowledge of the socio-economic and demographic situation of the country. On this occasion, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those agencies and individuals, particularly the general people of the country without whose cooperation the census 2001 would not have been possible.

Any valuable comments from the readers would help in improving the future census.

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