



## **Dil Bahadur Gurung, Ph.D.**

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**Dil Bahadur Gurung** has been appointed as a member of the National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal (GON) on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018. He is an expert in the field of plant breeding and genetics with extensive experience in agricultural research and development in Nepal. He has more than thirty years working experience in the field of agriculture R&D initiating his career as a Plant Protection Officer (PPO) in Government of Nepal in 1983, and worked at Agriculture farm in Marpha, Mustang.

He later (**samayojan**) joined Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC) when it was formally incepted in 1990. During his tenure at NARC, he served as a senior scientist, station chief, coordinator (National Maize Research Program), and Executive Director of NARC. He provided scientific leadership in the implementation of research and development in the agricultural sector and brought significant changes in the NARC research system.

A number of high yielding improved crop varieties including hybrid maize varieties were developed and released for different agro-ecological zones. During his tenure, hybrid maize program received a national priority and the program was strengthened with required resources. The contribution of improved crop varieties was reflected in national production and productivity of crops.

He did his best to reform entire NARC research system. Some offices were upgraded to Disciplinary Divisions and to a regional level office in Far-western region. New research stations in the fishery, high hill agriculture and national commodity research programs in buffaloes, cattle, and in coffee were created and established. Similarly, a Mountain Agriculture Research Institute (MARI) was created at Guthichaur in Jumla for mountain agriculture research.

Dr Gurung was an External Evaluation Team Member for Heat Stress Tolerant Maize for South Asia / Bureau of Food Security (BFS) of USAID and evaluated the performance of the Heat Tolerant Maize for South Asia. He worked as Agriculture expert in Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Nepal of the United Nations for Earthquake Emergency Program in agriculture. He provided technical assistance to the Emergency Program on the programming, planning and implementation of emergency agricultural activities in the most affected earthquake hit districts.

Dr Gurung is associated with many professional societies and he has published a number of his research articles in workshop proceedings and national and international peer-reviewed indexed journals.

He holds a Ph.D. degree in plant breeding from Central Luzon State University, Nueva Ecija, Philippines in 2006 whereas he obtained his Master's degree in Genetics and plant breeding from Chandra Sekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology from Kanpur, UP, India in 1996. He graduated his BSc in Agriculture from IAAS, Rampur of Tribhuvan University in 2081. He was born in Shree Manjang, Lamjung, Nepal.