

## Skill Centre in Nepal

We met Dr Jagannath in 2008 in Mumbai World Congress of IHPBA. However, at that time, we did not have any interaction. But that congress generated great interest on HPB surgery. After that we met him in AHPBA 2011 in Melbourne, Australia where we had some interaction and he was very keen on helping us to develop HPB surgery in Nepal. Thereafter, we had several meetings in India in various IHPBA Indian Chapter meetings. In 2014 in Mumbai in IHPBA INDIA meeting, it was decided that IHPBA outreach program will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal. Thus in October 2014, IHPBA outreach program was held in Kathmandu which generated more interest in HPB surgery amongst Nepalese surgeons. Besides one and a half day of didactic lectures, we had basic laparoscopic surgery workshop as well. The surgical residents and the surgeons had a great benefit from that course.

In April 2016, I had the opportunity to present the host country's perspective of IHPBA outreach program in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Having a skill centre in Nepal would benefit all the Nepalese surgeons who cannot go overseas for such training. Skill centre will uplift the surgical practice in Nepal. Also, it will help us to incorporate the training modules for various types of surgical skills into our curriculum. When Dr Jagannath proposed to establish the skill centre in Nepal, I discussed the proposal amongst the office bearers of Institute of Medicine. It was taken as a great step towards the development of medical education in Nepal.

Institute of Medicine, being the premier institute in Nepal, will provide all the necessary space for the establishment of skill centre. As proposed by Dr Jagannath before, it would be great if we have the necessary construction from IHPBA including the training materials. We are keen on doing whatever is necessary to establish the skill centre.



Faculties of IHPBA Outreach Program in Kathmandu, Nepal, October 2014



Residents in Laparoscopic hands-on workshop during IHPBA Outreach Program in Kathmandu Nepal, October 2014

