

The Chief Guest inaugurated the program by watering a plant of *Michelia champaca*. He launched the Fourth National Biodiversity Report on the occasion. He also launched the biodiversity related poetry book and distributed prize to the winner students of poetry contest on biodiversity. In his remarks, Dr. Devkota expressed the need of coordination among all ministries in biodiversity related activities. He committed that the National Planning Commission will provide every possible support in this regard.



Plate 3: Winner students receiving prize from the chief guest (R)

Coordinator of Fourth National Biodiversity Report Coordination Committee Dr. Krishna Chandra Paudel explained the process and methods adopted for the preparation of fourth national report.

Consultant Professor Dr. Ram Prasad Chaudhary debriefed the major contents of fourth national report.

An audio-visual with a length of ten minutes related to absolute biodiversity was visualized on the occasion which was watched by the participants with much enthusiasm.

On the occasion Under Secretary, Mr. Bijaya Raj Paudel expressed vote of thanks.

On the closing remarks, National Focal Point and Chairperson Mr. Surya Prasad Joshi said that the coordination among ministries in biodiversity activities is really a need in the present context. In future, a high emphasis shall be given in coordination role.

On the occasion, leaflets with biodiversity related articles were published and distributed to all participants and general audiences.