



Organizing committee of International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists

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Support letter

Dear Organizers,

Historical sources indicate that the Mongols of Central Asia began domesticating five types of animals during the Neolithic period, around 8,000 years ago.

Mongolian nomads have preserved their rangeland by migrating between different locations throughout the four seasons, adapting to varying climates.

Even when winter temperatures drop to -30 to -40 degrees Celsius, summer temperatures rise to 30 to 40 degrees Celsius, rain becomes scarce causing droughts, or heavy snow makes forage scarce, nomads have continued tending their herds in the rangeland. On the other hand, Mongolian animal husbandry is a nomadic tradition and cultural heritage.

It is very important that the United Nations General Assembly is leading the process of declaring 2026 as the "International year of Rangelands and Pastoralists" in view of the important role of rangeland. In support of this initiative, Mongolian National Federation of Pasture User Groups, Professional Association of Pasture Specialists and Practitioners, and the Government of Mongolia proposed to declare 2026 as the "International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists".

Nomadic animal husbandry methods effectively utilize and conserve dry land. With thousands of years of traditional experience, Mongolian nomadic culture has become the primary strategic approach for the sustainable management of deserts and arid regions.

Changes in Mongolia's culture, politics and socio-economy have significantly impacted traditional systems of animal husbandry and rangeland use, as well as their ability to adapt and overcome challenges.

We will join efforts to facilitate the establishment of a significant platform in Mongolia, aimed at promoting pastures and pastoralism on a global stage.

Yours sincerely,

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