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## Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Horticulture

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### NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Himalayan Pearl Enterprise awarded Trellis Fund grant from Horticulture Innovation Lab**

The Horticulture Innovation Lab is proud to announce that it has awarded a \$2,000 (USD) Trellis Fund grant to Himalayan Pearl Enterprise.

Himalayan Pearl Enterprise will lead a project in Nepal focused on extending vegetable shelf-life and vegetable quality with a cost-effective storage unit, to improve marketing opportunities.

As part of the Trellis Fund process, Himalayan Pearl Enterprise will also work with a U.S. graduate student, who will be selected to provide additional agricultural expertise to achieve the project goals.

“We are pleased to build new relationships with local organizations, with support from our innovative Trellis Fund program,” said Elizabeth Mitcham, director of the Horticulture Innovation Lab at the University of California, Davis. “We believe this model, which links knowledgeable U.S. university students with local, on-the-ground practitioners, can help further extend horticultural expertise to farmers nearby.”

This new project is one of nine Trellis Fund projects that will take place over the course of 6 months in 2017.

The Horticulture Innovation Lab is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development, as part of the U.S. government’s global hunger and food security initiative called Feed the Future. With leadership from UC Davis, the program builds international partnerships for fruit and vegetable research that improves livelihoods in developing countries.

For more information about the Horticulture Innovation Lab and its Trellis Fund, visit <http://horticulture.ucdavis.edu/main/trellis.html>.

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