## Foreword

We mongolians have many things to be proud about and to hold dear. We are very fortunate to be Mongolian and to have our admirable history, motherland, and liberty. This is our wondrous destiny. And at its core lies the Mongolian intangible heritage, which is unique in the world. This is a heritage that has been developed and maintained by the Mongolian people over many centuries.

With esteem and great consciousness, we discharge our duty to preserve, conserve, and respect the Mongolian intangible cultural heritage and to bequeath it to future generations. This is our historical obligation.

Launching this book, after research and analysis, is of great importance to the task of preserving this inheritance. This book is one "stream" that flows into a "river" of the intellectual powers.

It is an honour for me to thank all of you who made contributions to launch this book, particularly Ph.D, Professor N.Urtnasan who devoted all his long-standing efforts to publish this book.

Mongolians say that the history written on white paper with black ink and an honest man's travels are both dear.

It is certain that the publication of this book can invoke popular enthusiasm of respect and pride for the Mongolian intangible cultural heritage.

It seems to me that an essential quality of being human is to do what one can do and say what one knows. This is an unwritten law which controls human beings.

May the learned people, who devote themselves to the cause of the Mongolian intangible cultural heritage, live long. This is my benediction to them.

In my view, the Mongolian intangible cultural heritage is protected by laws and regulations and also by the book. It evokes admiration and a reverence in my heart. A good book always satisfies one's intellectual thirst. This is the law of life that all impetuous enthusiasm and systematic thought can associate with good results forever.

May a sense of well-being prevail over all the world.

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