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1. To grasp from a broad perspective the present situation of the issue on natural destruction in the Himalayas, and to work out appropriate measures to avoid a crisis for both the present and the future.
2. For mountaineering parties, trekking parties and tourists in the Himalayas to have enough morals and methods not to join indiscriminate felling of trees, but to keep such conduct to a minimum.
3. To formulate the Himalayas Conservation Act.

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AN APPEAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE IN THE HIMALAYAS

The Himalayas have greatly contributed to the development of the alpine culture. They are the symbol of mountains and nature as a whole, not only to the world's alpinists or lovers of nature, but also to every human being on the earth. The beauties of Himalayan nature are the property of all human beings, and we are to protect their existence for the next generation. The beautiful nature is the most wonderful product of the earth.

However, nature in those countries which share the Mountains has been destroyed year by year. It is already apparent that the Himalayas will face a crisis if the damage is to be left as it is. The age of Himalayas will come in which they will be a single great base for sight-seeing and mountain-climbing. In order to secure the coming of such age, conservationist movements have to be started immediately for the Himalaya Mountains.

The members of the JWAF have been very much concerned about the issue of natural protection, and the Federation has developed various activities with the purpose. When we observe the Himalayas today, we strongly feel the necessity for the JWAF to make utmost efforts to work on the issue, while making the best use of learnings and experiences acquired through our domestic conservationist movements in the past. The issue should be treated with deep interest, by alpine clubs, lovers of nature--inside or outside Japan,-- the related countries, the United Nations, and the like. We here introduce our appeal for cooperation to such related organizations and considerate individuals.