

PREFACE

This volume comprises the results obtained from the Third Botanical Expedition to Eastern Himalaya (Bhutan, Nepal) in 1967 and the Fourth Expedition (Nepal, Sikkim) in 1969 organized by the University of Tokyo. It also includes supplementary remarks to an earlier volume of "The Flora of Eastern Himalaya" published by the university in 1966 and which was based on the data from the botanical expeditions by the University of Tokyo between 1960 and 1964.

Not only was a large number of botanical specimens and seeds collected, but also many photographs and records on plants in their habitats were prepared. Some of the photographs have already been published in a book titled "Photo-Album of Plants of Eastern Himalaya" in 1968. Some plants brought back from Himalaya have flowered in Japan, and critical comparative studies on corresponding taxa in Japan and Himalaya are in progress.

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