

Preface

Flora of Pan-Himalaya is a series of 50 volumes in 80 books. The volume 19 is exclusively for the Fabaceae (which is the third largest family in the Pan-Himalaya, including six books). The book six of the volume 19 is the first of the Fabaceae in *FLPH*, including 83 species (excluding two questionable species) which belong to 14 genera in five tribes. Of them, six species (*Trigonella gracilis* Benth., *Vicia benthamiana* Ali, *Vicia dichroantha* Diels, *Vicia ternata* Z. D. Xia, *Vicia rigidula* Royle, and *Vicia tibetica* Prain ex C. E. C. Fisch.) are endemic to the Pan-Himalaya.

Trigonella gracilis Benth. is recorded from China here for the first time; distribution information of some species are updated based on the examination of a large quantity of herbarium specimens.

In the present book, 14 specific names are lectotypified, and two new synonyms are proposed. Some taxonomic notes follow the description of species, and related taxonomic problems are discussed.

The scientific names are recognized here with very much attention, based on reliable specimens. Those names, which are based on misidentified specimens or recorded in the Pan-Himalayan regions only based on the literature but not reliable specimens, are removed in the present book.