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### THE 50th NATTA AGM 7 ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD

(Jan 9, 2014)

The 50th Annual General Meeting of Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents (NATTA) and the election of the new executive committee of NATTA was held on Thursday, the 09th January, 2014 at Hotel Radisson in Kathmandu.

The following contestants have returned the election to form the New Executive Committee for tenure of two years. Out of 421 valid voters, 396 voters cast their votes.

<b>President</b>	Mr. Dal Bahadur Limbu (221 votes)
<b>First Vice President</b>	Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak (200 votes)
<b>Second Vice President</b>	Mr. C.N. Pandey (200 votes)
<b>Secretary General</b>	Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa (232 votes)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr. Narayan Prasad Gurung Koney (196 votes)
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr. Ramesh Thapa (212 votes)
<b>Joint Treasurer</b>	Ms. Jiswan Tuladhar Shrestha (189 votes)

#### **Executive Members (7)**

Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung (243 votes)  
Mr. Yubaraj Subedi (188 votes)  
Mr. Sudhir Kumar Upadhyaya (212 votes)  
Ms. Sabita Bhattarai KC (231 votes)  
Mr. Binay Basnet (219 votes)  
Ms. Kamala Gurung (193 votes)  
Ms. Fu Doma Sherpa (177 votes)

### SAMARTH-NMDP AND DFID DELEGATES CALL ON NATTA SECRETARIAT

(Jan 16, 2014)

A core team comprising of Samarth-NMDP and DFID to prepare a study report on Assessment of the impact and effectiveness of Nepal's destination marketing called on NATTA Secretariat on January 16th to discuss about the given topic and collect NATTA's feedback.



President D.B. Limbu welcomed the team and let the floor attended by NATTA Executives open for interactive discussion. Rabi Jung Pandey, representing New Zealand based TRC and Sumit Baral from IFC, a World Bank Group finally thanked all NATTA Members for their excellent deliberations and hoped that IFC would be in a position to assist the Nepalese private sector in their destination marketing efforts after the publication of the report.



### NATTA IN FITUR – 2014

(Jan 22-26, 2014)

As in the past years, this year too, Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents (NATTA), in conjunction with Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), coordinated the participation of the stakeholders of Nepalese Travel Industry in FITUR held in Madrid (Spain) from 22 through 26th January. A total of sixteen travel related companies exhibited their products under Nepal pavilion. Mrs. Jiswan Tuladhar Shrestha, Joint Treasurer of the association was assigned to coordinate and Mrs. Sabita KC Bhattra, Executive Member was to sub coordinate the participation and perform to facilitate the exhibitors.



### NATTA EASTERN REGION 3rd AGM CONCLUDE

(Jan 25, 2014)

The Eastern Regional Association of NATTA organized its 3rd AGM at its HQ Kakadvitta on 25th January last. The AGM was followed by election of the new executive committee. NATTA President Mr. D.B. Limbu accompanied by 1st VP Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak, Treasurer Mr. Narayan Pd. Koney Gurung, Secretary Mr. Ramesh Thapa and Ms. Kamala Gurung and Ms. Phudoma Sherpa both executive board members of NATTA Central committee participated in the ER NATTA AGM.

### NATTA DELEGATE CALL ON GOVERNOR NEPAL RASTRA BANK

(Feb 24, 2014)



A thirteen member NATTA delegation led by President Mr. DB Limbu called on the Governor of Nepal Central Bank (Nepal Rastra Bank) Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada on Monday, the 24th February 2014 and apprised him of the current problems being faced by ticketing agents in regard to the Bank Guarantee for Foreign Exchange License, the clearance of dollar cheques, Bank commission on exchange of dollar (smaller denominations), high rate of commission on payment by Int'l Credit Cards and setting up of NRB Authorized Exchange Counters

etc. Governor Khatiwada has assured the delegates that he would immediately look into the issues raised by NATTA and take the decision at his earliest possible.



### **NATTA DELEGATION MEETS DG-CAAN, GENERAL MANAGER THAI INT'L AIRWAYS & IGP**

**(Feb 17, Feb 18 2014)**

Previous weeks of February remained hectic for NATTA Executives as they had series of meetings with Inspector General of Police Mr. Upendra Kanta Aryal, Director General of Civil Aviation Authority Nepal Mr. Ratish Chandra Lal Suman, and later General Manager of Thai Int'l Airways.

On 17th February, NATTA delegates met the Inspector General of Police at his office in Nepal Police Headquarter and apprised him of the atmosphere of lawlessness created by transport syndicates in the western region of the country including Jomsom, and several other places in Dhaulagiri region. In reply, IGP Aryal said that he was fully aware of the hooliganism of those transport operators in Mustang as he had already worked in that region as DIG. So, he was immediately going to take action against those disturbing the movement of tourist buses and vehicles. He said that Police Force will never create any hassle shooting action when they are in move.

The NATTA delegation led by President Mr. D.B. Limbu on last Tuesday, the 18th February, 2014, raised a number of issues relating the Nepalese Aviation Industry including the airport. The NATTA grievances included the round-the-clock operation of TIA, guarantee of security to air passengers, elimination of various types of prevailing corruption at the airport, maintenance of air-craft and guarantee of air-safety on the basis of transparent air-safety policies based on the directives of ACAO, hassle-free movement of tourist transport to and from the airport, issuance of CAAN ID to tour operators and high level NATTA Executives, fair management of passengers trolley etc. DG CAAN has assured NATTA that the authority is serious about all the grievances put up by NATTA.

Similarly, the delegation paid a courtesy call to General Manager of Thai Int'l Airways and apprised him of the constant number of arrivals from Thai tourists over the years and suggested him to speak in favor of Nepal tourism to friendly people of Thailand.

### **NRN DELEGATES FROM DENMARK**

**(Feb 24, 2014)**

A four member delegates from NRN Denmark visited NATTA Secretariat on Monday, the 24th February and extended a verbal proposal stating that NRN Denmark was willing to host a promotional Road-show in Copenhagen in the forthcoming days. In response, NATTA President requested the team to put up a written proposal to NATTA for further discussions and necessary preparations for the participation.





### 8TH CONVENTION AND 19TH AGM OF NATTA POKHARA HELD

(Feb 7, 2014)

The newly elected NATTA Executive Committee took part in the 8th Convention and 19th AGM of NATTA Western Regional Association held in Hotel Landmark, Pokhara on 07th February, 2014. The delegation from the NATTA Centre was led by President Mr. D.B. Limbu. Mr. Limbu, the Chief Guest of the program lighted the traditional lamp and inaugurated the

Convention and AGM of NATTA Pokhara. In his inaugural speech President Limbu focused on the current issues of travel fraternity viz., Tourist Bus Park in Kathmandu, the plight of TIA, problems with IATA, Pokhara and Lumbini Airport, Amendment in the NATTA Statute and NQ Tax etc. NATTA CEO Prof Dr Hari Sarmah assisted the NATTA Western Regional Association in conducting the election of the new executive committee. Mr. Pom Narayan Shrestha was unanimously elected as President.

Representatives from NATTA Eastern Regional Association and NATTA Palpa Chapter also participated actively in the aforesaid AGM. The following day in the morning a joint meeting of all the participants was held in the same premises where the participants expressed their views in regard to the solution of the problems they have been facing in their respective regions and chapter.

### NATTA JOINS NEPAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT- 2014

(Feb 24, 2014)

A team from NATTA Executive Board joined the inauguration session of Nepal Economic Summit – 2014 being held at Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza in the afternoon on Monday, the 24th February. The team besides participating in the sessions on Tourism also exchanged views with foreign delegates at the Summit Venue.

### NATTA & TAAI AT THE NES-2014

(Feb 25, 2014)

NATTA President Mr. DB Limbu, Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa, Treasurer Mr. Narayan P. Gurung Koney and CEO Prof Dr Hari Sarmah met Mr. Iqbal Mulla, President of Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) at the Board Room of Hotel Soaltee on Tuesday, the 25th February 2014 and hold discussions on various aspects of mutual co-operation and understanding including the issues of aviation sector and agents problems with IATA BSP link etc. Mr. Iqbal Mulla assured NATTA delegates that TAAI would always be ready to co-operate NATTA in its efforts to reach the greater numbers of Indian Tour operators.



### JOINT BREAKFAST MEETING OF TOURISM STAKEHOLDERS

(Mar 03, 2014)

A joint Breakfast meeting of the leaders of eight tourism related associations including NATTA was held on Monday, 3rd March'14 at Hotel Shankar in the morning under the aegis of Nepal Association of Rafting Agents (NARA). Hosting of Joint Breakfast Meeting by different associations to reflect on the topical issues in tourism industry is a regular phenomenon and the last one was hosted by NATTA.

The Meeting held on Monday focused on forming Tourism Joint Coordination Committee, RIMS and River policy, Tourist Bus Terminal and other topical issues. The Joint coordination Committee formulated under the convenorship of Mr. Ramesh Dhamala, President of TAAN, included all the presidents and General Secretaries different associations. CEO's and ED's were also included in the committee to do the



needful to follow up and give continuation to the efforts of the Joint Coordination Committee.

NARA President Mr. Chandra Bahadur Dahal while welcoming the participants earlier spoke on the importance of such Joint meetings of the tourism stakeholders and welcomed the newly elected President of Nepal Mountaineering Association, Mr. Ang Tshering Sherpa and NMA Secretary General Mr. Pandey in the committee. The

next Tourism Joint meeting coordination Committee's Breakfast Meeting has been slated for 24<sup>th</sup> April'14.

### NATTA HANDS MEMO TO TOURISM MINISTER

(Mar 04, 2014)

A delegation of the NATTA led by its president DB Limbu met with the newly appointed Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Bhim Prasad Acharya on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and submitted a 32- point memorandum related to resolving problems faced by the country's tourism sector. The memorandum includes construction of a terminal for tourist buses, expediting the development of a second international airport, allocating a separate budget for tourism promotion from the tourism service fee and other demands. On the occasion, Acharya assured the delegation that the government was committed to amending the existing Labour Act, prioritizing tourism as a national industry, coordinating with foreign diplomatic missions to promote Nepal's tourism and improving the existing management of the Nepal Tourism Board.





### APJC MEETING HELD

(Mar 03, 2014)

The 12<sup>th</sup> Agency Program Joint Council (APJC) meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to discuss on the issues pertaining to BSP Nepal.

### NATTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES WELCOMED

(Mar 03, 2014)

After the formation of new NATTA Executive, a series of Welcome programs had been hosted.

Nepal Tourism Board hosted a joint reception inviting NATTA, TAAN, NARA, TURGAN, PATA and NATO executives. The program was graced by the august presence of Tourism Secretary Mr. Sushil Ghimire.

Nepal Airlines organized a dinner program to welcome the newly formed NATTA Executive committee which was held at Madhuri Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Similarly another dinner was hosted by Qatar Airways on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Hotel Annapurna in honor of NATTA Board.

### NATTA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

(Mar 02, 2014)

Three travel agencies Nexus Travels and Tours, Scorpio Travels and Tours and Tamakhushi Travels and Tours joined NATTA as members.

NATTA president Mr. D.B Limbu handed over the certificates and other related documents to newly joined members. Board officials welcomed them in NATTA and expressed their best wishes for their active and fruitful participation in NATTA activities.

More than 450 travel companies are associated with NATTA.



WORLD TRAVEL AND TOURISM EVENTS ON MARCH

- ❖ **Routes Asia 2014**->9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia
- ❖ **World Luxury Expo, Jeddah 2014**->14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- ❖ **ILTM Japan-International Luxury Travel Market Japan 2014**->17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Kyoto Japan
- ❖ **GBTA Conference 2014|Mexico City**-> 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014, Mexico City, Mexico
- ❖ **MITT- Moscow International Travel and Tourism Exhibition 2014**-> 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014, Moscow, Russia
- ❖ **GIBTM-Gulf Incentive Business Travel and Meetings Exhibition 2014**->24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- ❖ **Web In Travel (WIT)-Middle East 2014** -> 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- ❖ **ASTA International Destination Expo 2014**->27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico
- ❖ **Gujarat Travel Mart 2014**->27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Mahatma Mandir, Gujarat
- ❖ **Saudi Travel and Tourism and Tourism Investment Market**-> 30<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- ❖ **Airport Cities World Conference and Exhibition 2014**-> 31<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ❖ **HOTELEX Shanghai 2014**-> 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014, Shanghai, China

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