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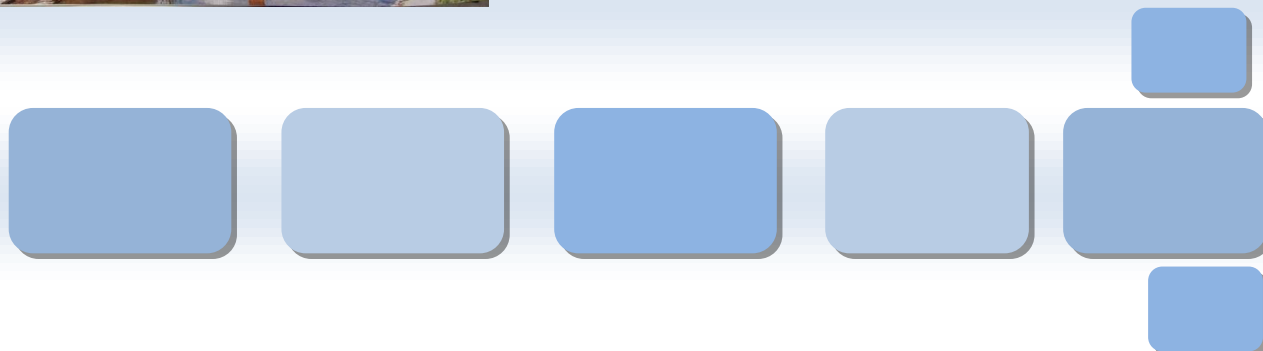


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MEETING WITH DG, CAAN

NATTA Secretary Dhakhwa and CEO Prof. the office of Director Authority of Nepal Chandra Lal Suman 2014 and discussed imposing Airport Mr. Suman explained and programs of CAAN facilities for the Tribhuvan International Airport and other airports in the country. Facilitation of the passengers being one of the major objectives, CAAN is soon introducing its programs to the public which also includes extension, upgrading and building other necessary infrastructures.



General Ms. Mihika Hari Sarmah called on General, Civil Aviation (CAAN) Mr. Ratish Tuesday, the 20th May, about the reasons of Development Tax. DG elaborately the plans to improve the available passengers at the

NATTA SUBMITTED A LETTER OF GRIEVANCE TO SECRETARY, URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Quoting the urgency of having a Tourist Bus Terminal in the capital city which has already become a long overdue, NATTA President Mr. D.B. Limbu has forwarded a humble letter of grievance to Mr. Kishore Thapa, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development.

NEPAL PROMOTIONAL FAIR IN COPENHAGEN

NRNA Denmark is going to organize a Nepal Promotion Fair in the capital city of Denmark, Copenhagen next month this year. An invitation letter signed by Mr. Dipak Sapkota, President of NRNA, Denmark has been received by NATTA Secretariat which says local hospitality and accommodation will be arranged for delegates going on behalf of NATTA. For exhibitors, however, the fees including registration and stall will be NRS. 30000/- only. NATTA Secretariat has already circulated this information to its members and the response received so far from the participants seem to be quite encouraging. NATTA wishes the proposed Fair a resounding success!

PP PRESENTATION AT NATTA

(May 22, 2014)

NATTA Secretary General Mrs. Mihika Dhakhwa made a power point presentation on NATTA's share of NQ Tax at the secretariat in



the presence of NATTA Advisory Board. The Advisory Board Members commented very positively on the contents of the presentation and greatly appreciated NATTA's effort in exploring sustainable and legitimate source of resources for the association. Mr. Mahesh Rai, Prof. Dr. Ramesh Kunwar and Mr. S.R Thapaliya also spoke on the occasion.



NATTA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE RELAY HUNGER STRIKE

Pressing the Government of Nepal to address the genuine demands of the private sector tourism entrepreneurs (JTCC) which has the participation of more than 35 tourism related associations based in Kathmandu including those from Pokhara, Chitwan, Kakadvitta, Dhangadhi and Palpa, the JTCC has launched Relay Hunger Strike effective from last Jestha 1st. The first phase of relay hunger strike begins at 7 am and continues till 7pm and the second phase continues from 7 pm to 7 am every day. The participation of the fraternity members has been very much encouraging.



From NATTA the following members, executive members and office bearing executives have participated:

Jestha1 (Thursday) 7pm-7am:

Mr. D.B Limbu

Jestha2 (Friday) 7am-7pm:

Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney

Jestha2 (Friday) 7pm-7am:

Mr. Sudhir Upadhyay

Jestha3 (Saturday) 7am-7pm:

Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung

Jestha3 (Saturday) 7pm-7am:

NATTA Western Regional Pokhara Team

Jestha4 (Sunday) 7am-7pm:

Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney

Jestha4 (Sunday) 7pm-7am:

Mr. Hem Raj Bastola (Tara)

Jestha5 (Monday) 7am-7pm:

Mr. Binay Basnet

Jestha5 (Monday) 7pm-7am:

Mr. Ramesh Thapa

Jestha6 (Tuesday) 7am-7pm:

Mr. Yagya Murti Acharya

Jestha6 (Tuesday) 7pm-7am:

Mr. Yubraj Subedi

Jestha7 (Wednesday) 7am-7pm:

Mrs. Jiswan Tuladhar Shrestha and

Ms. Kamla Gurung

Jestha7 (Wednesday) 7pm-7am:

Chitwan Entrepreneurs Team

Jestha8 (Thursday) 7pm-7am:

Ms. Phu Doma Sherpa and

Ms. Shradha Chhetri

Jestha8 (Thursday) 7pm-7am:

Mr. Gautam Manandhar

Jestha9 (Friday) 7am-7pm:

Ms. Urmila Maharjan and

Ms. Sanjita Neupane

Jestha9 (Friday) 7pm-7am:

Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak

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पर्यटकीय पूर्वाधार निर्माणलाई प्राथमिकता

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सरकारले पर्यटनलाई अर्थतन्त्रको प्रमुख मेरुदण्ड भने पनि व्यवहारमा लागू हुन सकेको छैन। सरकारले तीन वर्षअगाडि नै नेपालको पर्यटन क्षेत्रलाई प्राथमिकताप्राप्त उद्योगको मान्यता दिने घोषणा गरेको हो तर त्यो अहिले पनि भाषणमा मात्र सीमित छ। पर्यटन क्षेत्रलाई राष्ट्रिय प्राथमिकता प्राप्त उद्योगको मान्यता दिने र पर्यटनका भौतिक संरचना निर्माणमा आगामी बजेटले विशेष जोड दिनुपर्छ।

नेपालको पर्यटन प्रवर्द्धन र विकास गर्ने महत्त्वपूर्ण माध्यम पर्यटकीय नयाँ गन्तव्यको विकास गर्ने र राष्ट्रिय ध्वजावाहक नेपाल वायुसेवा निगमका लागि जहाज थप गर्नुमा जोड दिनुपर्छ। जबसम्म निगमले जहाज पर्याप्त

मात्रामा सञ्चालन गर्ने र अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय स्तरबाट पर्यटक भित्र्याउने काम गर्न सक्दैन तबसम्म पर्यटन क्षेत्रले जतिसुकै ठूला भाषण गरे पनि पर्यटन प्रवर्द्धन र विकास सम्भव छैन।

सरकारले नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्डमार्फत नेपालको पर्यटन प्रवर्द्धन र विकास गर्ने मूल उद्देश्य राखेको छ। तर, अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय क्षेत्रबाट आउने पर्यटकलाई प्राथमिकता दिन सकेको छैन। जबसम्म विदेशबाट आउने पर्यटक अकर्षण गर्ने योजना

मेला र महोत्सव गर्ने, यसका लागि आवश्यक पूर्वाधार निर्माण गर्ने योजना पनि अगाडि सार्नुपर्ने अवस्था छ।

पर्यटकीय सवारीसाधन आयात गर्दा लाग्ने भन्सार दर सहज र सरल हुनुपर्छ। साना पर्यटकीय सवारीसाधन आयात गर्दा सरकारी स्तरबाट कुनै पनि सुविधा दिइएको छैन। यसलाई प्राथमिकतामा पार्न पनि बजेटमा नै सम्बोधन गर्नुपर्छ। नेपालमा अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय विमानस्थल एउटै

पनि सार्थक बनाउनुपर्छ।

पर्यटकीय प्याकेज बनाउनमा पनि विशेष जोड दिनुपर्छ। अबको पर्यटन भनेकै नयाँ पर्यटकीय गन्तव्य, सम्पदा, ट्रेकिङ रुटलगायतलाई जोड दिनुपर्छ। नयाँ गन्तव्यको विषयमा नाट्टाले नै योजना बनाएर सरकारसमक्ष पेस पनि गरेको छ।

नयाँ गन्तव्यको रूपमा पाल्पाको रानीमहल, पश्चिमका पदयात्रा गन्तव्य र पूर्वको चिया बगानका क्षेत्रसहितका पर्यटकीय गन्तव्यलाई समेट्नुपर्छ। काठमाडौँ आइपुगेका पर्यटक उपत्यकाबाट बाहिर जान असहज व्यवस्था छ। यसलाई सहज गर्न पर्यटक टर्मिनल बनाउनु आवश्यक छ। नाट्टाले पर्यटन बोर्डमार्फत मागेको पर्यटक सेवा शुल्कको निश्चित प्रतिशत पर्यटन प्रवर्द्धनमा खर्च गर्न पाउने अधिकार गरिनुपर्छ। पर्यटनको ब्रान्डिङ पूर्वाधार निर्माण, नयाँ गन्तव्यको प्रवर्द्धन र अनुसन्धानमा निजी क्षेत्रका पर्यटन व्यवसायीलाई सक्रियताका साथ अगाडि बढाउन पनि व्यवसायीका माग सम्बोधन हुनुपर्छ।

लिम्बु नेपाल एसोसिएसन अफ टुरिज्म एन्ड टुर एजेन्स (नाट्टा) का अध्यक्ष हुन्।

सरकारले तीन वर्षअगाडि नै नेपालको पर्यटन क्षेत्रलाई प्राथमिकताप्राप्त उद्योगको मान्यता दिने घोषणा गरेको हो तर त्यो अहिले पनि भाषणमा मात्र सीमित छ।

हुँदैन तबसम्म पर्यटकको वृद्धिदर उकालो लाग्न सक्दैन। यसका लागि पनि सरकारले विशेष ध्यान दिनुपर्छ।

अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय पर्यटन प्रवर्द्धन गर्न निजी क्षेत्रलाई साथमा लिने तथा नेपालमै अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय पर्यटन

मात्र हुँदा पर्यटक आकर्षित गराउन आवश्यक पहिलो पूर्वाधार नै नभएको अवस्था छ। यसका लागि अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय विमानस्थल निर्माण कार्यलाई प्राथमिकता दिनुपर्छ। क्षेत्रीय अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय विमानस्थल निर्माणका लागि भएका प्रयासलाई

SAFE IN THAILAND

Thai Airways flights are operating normally with almost full load factor.

notice, army announced.

Situation Update: Thailand Political Developments

Businesses and public services are adjusting their operating hours to comply with the curfew.

Issued at Bangkok at 19.00 hrs. (GMT+7) on 22 May 2014

At 17.00 hours today, Thai military has taken control of the country to prevent further loss of life and prevent the conflict from further escalating. The move came after talks between representatives of opposing sides and top officials failed to reach a common ground, according to local media reports.

All airports in Thailand remain open, and air passengers with arrival and departure flights scheduled during the curfew can travel to and from the airports at any time as usual. However, Tourists with arrival and departure flights during the curfew are advised to prepare all travel documents when travelling to and from the airports.

A nationwide curfew has been announced from 22.00 – 05.00 hours with effective from today, and martial law to remain in effect until further

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) is closely monitoring the situation, and will be providing more updates as soon as there are further developments. (Source: Agencies)





EVENTS OCCURRED
ON THE MONTH OF
MAY

INTERNATIONAL
EVENTS

WORLD TRAVEL AND TOURISM EVENTS ON MAY

- ❖ WTM AFRICA 2014 - World Travel Market Africa
2014, May 2 - 3 | Cape Town, South Africa
- ❖ AHIC 2014 - The Arabian Hotel Investment Conference
2014, May 4 - 5 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- ❖ ATM 2014 - Arabian Travel Market
2014, May 5 - 8 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- ❖ FIT Cuba 2014 - 34ª Feria Internacional de Turismo
2014, May 6 - 10 | La Habana, Cuba
- ❖ EXPOVACACIONES 2014 - 35ª edición de Expovacaciones
2014, May 9 - 11 | Bilbao, Spain
- ❖ INDABA 2014 - Africa's Top Travel Show
2014, May 10 - 13 | Durban, South Africa
- ❖ World Investment Forum 2014
2014, May 18 - 21 | The Cloister in Sea Island, Georgia
- ❖ IMEX 2014 - The Worldwide Exhibition for incentive travel, meetings and events
2014, May 20 - 22 | Frankfurt, Germany

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ANSWER THE ASIAN QUIZ

In what Asian country can be found the world's coldest capital city in January?

- 1 Bermuda 2 France
3 USA 4 Mongolia

The Andaman Islands lie east of India in which great bay?

- 1 Carpentaria 2 Bay of Bengal
3 Arabian Gulf 4 Persian Gulf

Which territory in the Northern part of the Indian sub-continent is claimed by both India and Pakistan and has been partitioned since 1947?

- 1 Kashmir 2 Assam
3 Nepal 4 Bhutan

In 1939, Siam was renamed...?

- 1 Thailand 2 Sri Lanka
3 Bermuda 4 Vietnam

What Asian country is surrounded by China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand?

- 1 Bhutan 2 South Korea
3 Laos 4 Bangladesh

What was the former name of Bangladesh?

- 1 North Pakistan 2 East Pakistan
3 West Pakistan 4 South Pakistan

What is the main religion in Bangladesh?

- 1 Buddhist 2 Hindu
3 Muslim 4 Christian

Which is the only Southeast Asian country never ruled by a European power?

- 1 Laos 2 Cambodia
3 Vietnam 4 Thailand

What heavy wood is Burma's main timber export?

- 1 Maple 2 Mahogany
3 Teak 4 Oak

What southern Asian nation has the Wand River joining the Ping River at Tak?

- 1 Laos 2 Vietnam
3 Thailand 4 Cambodia

Which country are you in if you've just reached the joining of the Wang and Ping rivers at Tak?

- 1 Sri Lanka 2 Thailand
3 China 4 Japan

What Asian city is the world's most densely populated?

- 1 Hong Kong 2 Tokyo
3 Calcutta 4 Singapore

For any queries, information, please feel free to contact us,

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