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NATTA DELEGATE MEET NAC COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR WITH SPECIFIC AGENDA



A NATTA Delegation led by President Mr. D.B Limbu met Commercial Director of Nepal Airlines Mr. Ram Hari Sharma to

apprise him of the problems faced by agents in regard to dealings with Nepal Airlines. The summary of the discussion has been as below:

Deportee: The agents are always slapped with ADMs in the case of deportee which has become a big financial burden to the agents. As the deportee case arises without the mistake of the agents, it is unfair for the agents to take up this financial burden solely. Therefore NATTA informed that it has chalked out a short-term and long-term planning on eliminating the deportee issue for which NATTA is continuously lobbying at the concerned government bodies as well as at the diplomatic level. At the same time, NATTA requested NAC to bring forth this issue in upcoming BARN meeting in hope of

expediting the process of finding an amicable solution.

Commission: NATTA has requested the airlines to provide gross fares to the agents. NAC being our national flag carrier and the Chairman in BARN, NATTA seeks the support of NAC in bringing up the agenda of gross fare to be given in the market in the upcoming BARN meeting. Looking at the market scenario and various issues faced by the agents, it would be preferable to work on gross fare rather than nett fare and if NAC pushes this agenda for the benefit of the agents, it will certainly be implemented by all airlines.

Full Automation system in booking: NAC being our national flag carrier, our priority goes to promoting and selling NAC. Therefore, NATTA requested for full automation in booking system so that agents are free to sell seats instantly as and when required.

Reissue & revalidate authority: In this time and age when all office systems are automated, the requirement to personally visit NAC office for reissue/revalidate makes it inconvenient and costly for the agents. NATTA reminded that this issue was brought up in the recent past and once again has requested





NAC to activate the system to allow the agents to reissue and revalidate the tickets without having the need to visit the NAC office.

RA Capping: NATTA requested NAC for expediting the process of opening the capping for the agent once payment is received by BSP. The delay in opening the capping also discourages the agents to promote NAC.

Domestic Services: The agents are very keen on promoting domestic sector of NAC. Therefore, NATTA requested NAC to allow

domestic ticketing through online system so that it is easier for the agents to promote and sell domestic sectors. In this competitive market, if NAC lags behind in providing prompt and efficient services, it will be difficult for the agents to promote their services no matter how much we wish to.

Fare Filing: The airfare from Kathmandu at high season increases to exorbitant amount which has been affecting the consumers. NATTA requested NAC to introduce fare filing system

for all airlines in which a ceiling price is fixed as per the sector. There should be a mechanism in which the airlines should have floor and ceiling price so that the airfares are constantly monitored. NATTA is always ready to work jointly in order to implement this system at the soonest.

NATTA has also submitted a letter urging the NA commercial director to address the problems cited above at his earliest possible.

NATTA SECRETARIAT VISITED BY IFC WORLD BANK GROUP



Mr. Shaun Mann, Senior Tourism Specialist along with his country companions Mr. Taneem Ahad and Mr. Sumit Baral called on NATTA Secretariat on 21st July and has discussions with President, Secretary

General, Treasurer and CEO. The discussion was held mainly on the problems faced by the association in expanding its activities in other touristic centres like Pokhara, Chitwan and Lumbini. Mr. Shaun Mann expressed about his positive findings in tourism potentials and assured NATTA that he would look into the possibilities of assisting NATTA in whatever way possible in the days to come.

NATTA also handed over a copy of the proposal to World Bank representative designed recently by the association for NQ Tax.





MEETINGS OF NATTA SUB-COMMITTEES

NATTA STATUTE AMENDMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Fourth consecutive meeting of the NATTA Statute Amendment Sub-Committee was held on 21st July '14 under the coordinatorship of First VP Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak at NATTA Secretariat. The prime objective of the sub-committee has been to amend the statute of the association in keeping with the changed context of the socio-political scenario of the country and to make it more topical and befitting in the light of increasing number of members in the association. The committee comprises of eight NATTA members with sound legal and academic background including the Legal Advisor of the association. The amended Statute of the association will be put up in the forthcoming AGM of the association for the approval of the general body of NATTA.

NATTA TAX/VAT AND REVENUE SUB-COMMITTEE

The meeting of the above committee held on 21st July 2014 at NATTA Secretariat has decided to pressurize the concerned bodies in the Internal Revenue Dep't of GON to form Tax Clearance Committee the soonest possible. The committee also resolved to write an urgent letter to the DG, IRD to organize an Orientation Meeting with the NATTA members as assured earlier by the department and request all NATTA member companies to depute either the MD or the main person of the company to participate in the meeting. The rule of the IRD envisages the deduction of 15% TDS in all services but the rule seems to be silent about the services like ticketing and transport, as such, such contradictory points needs to be addressed in the proposed meeting, the meeting resolved. Finally, the meeting also

resolved to meet the Hon'ble Finance Minister in the near future with the issues like TDS, VAT and TAX.

NATTA TOUR AND TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

The meeting of the NATTA Tour & Transport Committee held on last 20th July at NATTA Secretariat focused on the current problems of the tour operators providing services to their foreign clients (tourists) on private red-plated vehicles. But the inadequacy of the number of vehicles with tourism number plates in the country is compelling the operators to use vehicles with red number plates.

If, on the one hand, the Transport Act of the government is creating a stumbling block to provide transport services to tourists on private vehicles on the plea that the green-plates are meant for tourism transport service, on the other, the Tourism Act ascertains the domestic travelers as tourists besides the foreign tourists. These discrepancies in the Acts have contradicted the smooth run of tourist transport services.

The meeting has therefore urged the concerned authorities of the government to either issue special permit to the operators to run their private vehicles in the services of the tourists or let the registration of green-plate vehicles be made regular in Kathmandu and other tourist hubs. There is no provision of registration for green-number plate for the vehicles in Kathmandu. Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney, the coordinator of the committee on 24th July '14 has already met the Actg. Secretary of Tourism, Chief of the Tourism Industry Division and finally the Transport Secretary and handed over the letter of demand raised by his committee.





MEDIA PICK OF THE WEEK

Just how safe is it to fly these days?

For white knuckle fliers, the air disasters in the past week alone are enough to make them swear off flying forever.



More travelers have perished in plane crashes over the past week than did during all of 2013. Despite that, air travel remains one of the safest forms of travel, so there's little reason for consumers to ground their trips, experts say.

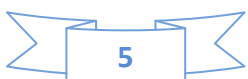
So far this year, 11 incidents have resulted in 644 fatalities, according to Aviation Safety Network data on flights carrying more than 14 passengers. Chief among them is last week's Malaysia Airlines MH17 crash, which killed 298 people. On Wednesday, 47 travelers died when TransAsia Airways flight 222 crashed.



That tally makes 2014 the deadliest year since 2010, when there were 32 crashes resulting in 943 casualties, and well above the 10-year average

of 376 fatalities. (Figures do not include Air Algerie #AH5017, which went missing Thursday and believed to be crashed in Mali with 110 passengers and six crew.)

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PLACES TO TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



MONTH OF AUGUST



Season's Best

Mahabaleshwar
Moscow
Beijing
Kasauli
Leh
Valley of Flowers
Montreal
Lisbon, Portugal
Dublin

Cruises

Scandinavia & Russia
Mediterranean
Asia
Alaska
Caribbean



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Special Events

Friendship Day
Independence Day
IND
La Tomatina Spain
Navroz
Burning Man, USA
Notting Hill Carnival
Long Beach Jazz Fest
Sziget Festival



Off Season's Best

Puducherry
New Zealand
South Africa
Ramgarh
Pokhara
Orlando
Goa
Kerala

Festivals

Fringe Festival
Berlin Beer Festival
Salzburg Festival
Onam Kerala
Ghost Festival, Taiwan
Raksha Bandhan India
Janmashtami Festival
Eid ul Fitr



Adventure

Algonquin Park
Panchgani
Zanskar
Bishkek
Inner
Hebrides
Svalbard
Sarahan
BR Hills

Pilgrimage

Tirupati
Dharamshala
Meenakshi Temple
Cologne Cathedral
Shirdi
Angkor Wat, Cambodia
Borobudur Temple
Hampi

Beach

Ibiza, Spain
Canary Islands
Cancun, Mexico
Bali, Indonesia
Ganapatipule
Mahabalipuram
Alibag, Maharashtra
Mykonos, Greece
Kovalam

Interlaken, Switzerland



Honeymoon

Tahiti, French
Polynesia
Acapulco, Mexico
Munnar
Maldives
Coorg, Karnataka
Italy
Vienna
Srinagar

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Hill Stations

Khandala
Ooty
Yercaud, Tamil Nadu
Amboli, Maharashtra
Nainital
Chiang Mai, Thailand
Pahalgam
Stockholm, Sweden
Heidelberg, Germany



Luxury

Four Seasons, Budapest
Taj - Kovalam, Kerala
The Venetian Macao Resort, Macau
Marmara, Bodrum, Turkey
Oberoi Udaivilas
Beau Rivage, Geneva



Heritage

Krakow, Poland
Rome, Italy
St Petersburg, Russia
Cappadocia, Turkey
Samarkand
Forbidden City
Beijing
Dubrovnik, Croatia
Bucharest, Romania
Bratislava



Wildlife

Glacier National Park
Dandeli, Karnataka
Ngorongoro, Tanzania
Denali, Alaska
Addo Elephant Park, SA
Jasper, Canada
Kabini
Sarawak, Malaysia
Serengeti



Spa & Health

Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland
Ananda in the Himalayas
Oberoi Wildflower, Shimla
Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Maldives
Bulgari Resort, Bali
JW Marriot, Phuket

Offbeat

Araku Valley
Chopta
Papua New Guinea
Cordoba, Argentina
Capri, Italy
Theog, Himachal
Faroe Island
Tarkarli





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