



# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Issue no 22, Date : 1st August, 2014

## BEAUTY OF BANDIPUR, TANAHUN



### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- NQ TAX PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO HON'BLE MINISTER FOR TOURISM
- FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH RASTRA BANK
- NATTA URGED TO AMEND THE ACTS AND MORE.....





## NQ TAX PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO HON'BLE MINISTER FOR TOURISM



PRESIDENT MR. D.B LIMBU AND CEO PROF.HARI SARMAH IN SUBMISSION OF NQ TAX PROPOSAL TO HON'BLE MINISTER

elaboration of the reasons why NATTA should be provided with 5% of the total collection of NQ Tax.

Also discussed on the occasion were the agenda of creating provision of issuing TIA Special Entry passes to NATTA Executives besides the amicable solution to be expedited by MOCTCA regarding the Tourist Bus Park in Pokhara.

The other members in the delegation were Treasurer Mr. Narayan Koney, CEO Prof,Hari Sarmah and Mr.Pom Narayan Shrestha, President of NATTA Western Regional Association, Pokhara and the Secretary General Mr. Sanjay Kanta Sigdel.

'PRESIDENT MR.  
D.B LIMBU  
SUBMITTED  
PROPOSAL OF NQ  
TAX TO HON'BLE  
MINISTER FOR  
CULTURE, TOURISM  
AND CIVIL AVIATION  
MR. BHIM ACHARYA'

President Mr. D.B Limbu handed over the NQ Tax Proposal of NATTA to Hon'ble Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Mr. Bhim Acharya on 31st July'14 at his office in MOCTCA late in the afternoon and gave a comprehensive

## NATTA URGED TO AMEND THE ACTS

Minister for Physical Planning & Transport Management Hon'ble Bimalendra Nidhi has been apprised by NATTA about the anomalies regarding the definition of 'Tourist' in Tourism Act & Transport Act and has urged the Minister to do the needful to amend the definition of 'tourist' in Transport Act and consider both domestic and international visitors as tourists.

An official letter to the above effect written to Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation has also been forwarded by the Tourism Industry Division to Ministry of Transport Management in which NATTA has urged to the Govt. to issue permits on adhoc basis to allow red-plated vehicles to provide transport services to tourists and expedite the provi-

sion of registering green-plated vehicles in Kathmandu.





## FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH NEPAL RASTRA BANK

In effort to work towards the completion of our pending works, NATTA delegation visited Mr. Bhisma Dhungel, Director of Foreign Currency Exchange Department of Nepal Rastra Bank to get an update on the new monetary policy. Another milestone added to the hard work of NATTA, is the clause 114 of the new Monetary Policy of NRB which allows the outbound tour operators to remit payment to overseas agents based on the invoice received. Below is the extract of the same:

### आर्थिक वर्ष २०७१/७२ को मौद्रिक नीति

“११४. नेपाली ट्राभल/टुरस कम्पनीहरूले नेपाली नागरिकलाई विदेश भ्रमणका लागि कम्पनी आफैले वा विदेशी एजन्सीसँग सहकार्य गरी विभिन्न टूर प्याकेज सम्बन्धी सेवा बिक्री गरेमा विजक (Invoice) बमोजिम निश्चित रकमसम्म ट्राभल कम्पनीलाई सटही सुविधा दिने व्यवस्था मिलाइने छ।”



नेपाल राष्ट्र बैंक केन्द्रीय कार्यालय  
बालुवाटार, काठमाडौं  
साउन २०७१

## NATTA'S CONCERN ON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES



‘ANOTHER MILESTONE ADDED TO THE HARD WORK OF NATTA AS THE CLAUSE 114 OF THE NEW MONETARY POLICY ‘



Showing the grave concern about the above news published in the Kantipur Daily, NATTA has immediately sent an official letter to the Chief Executive Officer of Lalitpur Sub-Metropolis urging him to man the Tourist Information Centres in the heritage sites and not ignore the responsibility to facilitate the tourists who enter into the heritage site paying fees. The tourists must be provided with enough of information through Tourist Information Centres.





# MEDIA PICK OF THE WEEK



## AND THE WORLD'S BEST CITY IS.....

Thailand's recent political troubles may have worked in Japan's favor when it came to this year's Travel + Leisure awards, with Kyoto knocking Bangkok off its spot at the top of the magazine's world's best cities list.

The Thai capital, which was placed under curfew earlier this year during a military coup, is nowhere to be seen in this year's top 10, voted for by the magazine's readers, despite repeat appearances in the number one spot.

Kyoto, a city on Japan's Honshu island famed for its ancient temples and spring cherry blossoms, was praised by T + L special correspondent Sarah Spagnolo for "an emerging

style scene that's cutting edge."

Second on the list is Charleston, South Carolina, which, according to Spagnolo, improved on its 2013 seventh-place ranking thanks to accessibility, standout hotels (including the Planters Inn) and "a mouthwatering culinary scene where shrimp grits are just the beginning." Several tourism heavyweights, including Rome and Florence, maintain their places in the top 10, while others make the grade after failing to place in 2013.

Siem Reap, the developing resort town near the Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia, New Orleans,

Mexico City and Seville, Spain are all new entries.

### T + L's World's Best Cities 2014

10. New Orleans
9. Mexico City
8. Barcelona
7. Seville, Spain
6. Istanbul
5. Rome
4. Siem Reap, Cambodia
3. Florence, Italy
2. Charleston, South Carolina
1. Kyoto, Japan



### World Airline Awards - Airline of the Year 2014

1. Cathay Pacific
2. Qatar Airways
3. Singapore Airlines
4. Emirates
5. Turkish Airlines
6. ANA All Nippon Airways
7. Garuda Indonesia
8. Asiana Airlines
9. Etihad Airways
10. Lufthansa



4

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 22

[NEWS CAPTURED FROM CNN.COM](http://www.cnn.com)

## GOVT SET TO EARN 45.46 BILLION FROM TOURISM INDUSTRY

The government is set to earn foreign currency worth around Rs 45.46 billion from tourism industry in fiscal year 2013/14. According to Economic Survey 2013/14 released recently, the government earned foreign currencies worth Rs 30.43 billion in the first eight months of 2013/14. If tourist spending increases at the same rate, the earning from tourism industry will touch Rs 45.46 billion.

Total tourism earning had

stood at Rs 30.7 billion in 2011/12. Total earning increased to Rs 34.21 billion in 2012/13.

### Hotels

The number of star hotels in the country has increased to 117 till 2013. Ten new star hotels started operation during the year. Total beds available at start hotels have increased to 9,505. Similarly, number of non-star hotels has increased to 909.

### Mountaineering

The government collected Rs 340.8 million as revenue from different mountain peaks in 2013. It is a rise of Rs 100.8 million compared to revenue mobilization in 2012. Mountaineering expeditions employed 2,874 people over the past three years.



[NEWS CAPTURED FROM MOUNTAINNEWS.COM](http://www.mountainnews.com)



## WORLD TRAVEL AND TOURISM EVENTS ON AUGUST

**1ST AUGUST** [International Conference on Tourism Transport and Technology at the University of Westminster, London](#) London, United Kingdom

**4TH AUGUST** [7th International Colloquium on Tourism & Leisure \(ICTL 2014\)](#) Bangkok, Thailand

**6TH AUGUST** [International Conference on Business, Information, and Cultural Creative Industry](#) Taipei, Taiwan

**7TH AUGUST** [International Conference on Hospitality, Leisure, Sport, and Tourism](#) Taipei, Taiwan

**11TH AUGUST** [2014 Academy of World Business, Marketing and Management Development Conference](#) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**21ST AUGUST** [11th International Postgraduate Research Colloquium](#) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**27TH AUGUST** [3rd International Conference on Accounting, Business and Economics](#) Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia

**29TH AUGUST** [International Conference on Tourism and Development: Growth and Diversity](#) Chiang Mai, Thailand

**29TH AUGUST** [EUMMAS 2014 International Conference on Marketing, Management and Economics](#) Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

## AUGUST 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 22



# TRUE OR FALSE ON FLYING MYTHS

# FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

**True or false?** The seat numbering on aircraft skips rows 13 and 17

**True!** In order to calm superstitious passengers, a number of airlines don't have a row 13 or a row 17 in the seating layout.



**True or false?** The plane will be forced to land immediately if it is struck by lightning or if the engine fails

**False!** Aeroplanes are regularly struck by lightning, but this does not mean they are forced to land. All aeroplanes undergo stringent tests before being allowed to fly and even in the case of an engine failure; an airplane will not necessarily be forced to land immediately.

**True or false?** You cannot take a gun on a plane

**False!** OK, so maybe YOU personally can't take a gun on a plane, but American pilots are permitted to carry guns on flights in and out of Britain. Since September 11th 2001, the US Federal Aviation Administration permits all US pilots be armed in the cockpit in case of an unexpected emergency or terrorist attack.

**True or false?** You get drunk quicker on an aeroplane

**False!** Or more false than true, anyway. According to an old saying, one in the air is like three on the ground. It's your blood alcohol level that determines levels of intoxication and this is not affected in any way by altitude. However, with less oxygen reaching the brain because of the high altitude and the pressurized cabin, it might cause some passengers to feel inebriated.



### Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents

नेपाल एशोसियशन अफ टुर एण्ड ट्राभल एजेन्ट्स

Goma Ganesh, Gairidhara, Naxal

Tel: 977-4419409/ 4418661

Email:

[mediacentre@natta.org.np](mailto:mediacentre@natta.org.np)

Website: [www.natta.org.np](http://www.natta.org.np)

LIKE US ON Facebook:

Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA)  
(Official Page)

**True or false?** Air fares don't vary greatly between days of the week

**False!** The difference in cost between weekend and weekday flights can be quite significant. Looking at historical data the flight experts at [Fly.com](http://Fly.com) suggest that booking flights on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday will usually net you a far better fare.



**True or false?** Overweight passengers must purchase two seats

**True!** For safety reasons, passengers who are severely overweight will have to purchase two seats with certain airlines, but it is rare that these passengers will also have to pay the taxes and fees for both seats.

**True or false?** The recycled air in an aeroplane cabin quickly spreads germs and sickness

**False!** Air recirculates in an aeroplane cabin approximately every three to five minutes. For that reason, some concerned travellers believe that this constantly recycles germs through the air supply and fosters sickness. However, aeroplanes use sophisticated HEPA filters designed to extract 99.5 per cent of germs and viruses from the air, while studies have even shown that the air filters can remove SARS and bird flu germs, potentially making it cleaner than the stuff you breathe on the ground.

**True or false?** Tomato juice tastes better at altitude

**True!** The low pressure in the airplane cabin does affect the taste of food and drink, and much more tomato juice is drunk above the clouds than on the ground!

