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#### NATTA-HAN JOINT MEETING

At the behest of NATTA Executive Committee, Hotel Association Nepal (HAN) called a joint meeting of the office bearing executives of both the associations on Tuesday, the 19th August, 2014. HAN Executives were led by President Mr. B.K. Shrestha and NATTA Executives were led by President Mr. D.B. Limbu. The agenda

discussed were (a) provision of special room rates for the local tour operators (b) joint promotional campaigns (c) Consolidating NTB and (d) regular joint meetings with NATTA and HAN Executives. NATTA was represented by Secretary Mr. Ramesh Thapa, NATTA Hotel Coordinator Mr. Sudhir Kumar Upadhyaya, Executive Member Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung and CEO Prof. Hari Sarmah.



#### JAPANESE ENVOY AT NATTA SECRETARIAT

Mr. Tomohiro Koyama, Researcher/Advisor at the Embassy of Japan in Nepal called on NATTA Secretariat on Wednesday, the 20th August last and held discussions with President Mr. D.B. Limbu regarding the current tourism scenario of Nepal including the products preferred by the visitors. He said that he was going to produce an article on Nepal's Tourism to be published in Japanese language. Also present in the meeting were NATTA Secretary Mr. Ramesh Thapa and CEO Prof. Hari Sarmah.

#### NATTA ORGANISES CLOSE SESSION OF IATA

NATTA has convened a Close Door Session on IATA Remittance Cycle on Tuesday, the 2nd September, corresponding to 17th Bhadra, 2071 at 1.30 p.m. at Hotel Radisson. All IATA accredited NATTA members have been sent email message to the above effect with humble request to kindly attend the session.

#### NATTA QUIZ

We are organizing Quiz Competition on the occasion of World Tourism Day 2014. Please turn to Page No. 6 to compete. Send us the correct answers at our email address mediacentre@natta.org.np. The quiz will start from today i.e 22nd August and will last till 12th September. The name of the winner will be published on the 19th September Issue of this newsletter. Prize will be given at the 5th NATTA Special Program-2014 i.e on 26th September at Hotel Annapurna. You may be a lucky winner to win an attractive gift hamper.

#### NATTA DELEGATES MEET AOAN

A delegation of NATTA comprising of Secretary Mr. Ramesh Thapa, President NATTA Eastern Regional Association Mr. Hem Raj Bastola (Tara ), NATTA Executive Members Mr. Binay Basnet, Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung visited the Secretariat of Airlines Owner's Association Nepal (AOAN) on 21st August last and discussed various issues pertaining to problems faced by agents. Some of the major issues discussed were granting ticket stock only to government registered ticketing agents, sale of air-tickets only through travel agents, no discrimination in commission, the provision of full refund in case of cancellation, at least six months prior information to agents regarding any hike in the ticket rates etc. AOAN has signaled affirmatively on the agendas discussed and has agreed to have joint meetings on regular basis. AOAN officials present in the meeting were General Secretary Mr. Suman Pandey, Executive Director Mr. K.K. Barma and Treasurer Mr. Rupesh Joshi.





# MEDIA PICK OF THE WEEK

#### EVERY SIX FOREIGN TOURISTS GENERATE ONE JOB: SURVEY

Nepal-Every six foreign tourists create one job in Nepal, a new survey carried out by the Tourism Ministry on Thursday revealed, thanks to the whooping number of tourist's arrival in the Himalayan nation.

Tourism Employment Survey 2014, the first ever survey of the tourism industry carried out in the country showed that 797,616 tourist arrivals in Nepal led to jobs for 138,148 persons.

"The proportion of tourist visits and job opportunity created suggests that one job was generated from every six foreign tourist visits over a year's period," the survey reads.

The trekking sector was the largest employer in the tourism industry followed by tourist standard hotels, travel agencies, star hotels and international airlines. The survey has it that 1,636 trekking agencies provided 50,004 jobs, 625 tourist standard hotels provided jobs to 26,808 people, 2,112 travel agencies offered job opportunity to 25,238 people and 105 star-rated hotels employed 13,459 persons.

The survey conducted between May and June, was based on 192 tourism establishments in 10 districts.

However, it is lower than the estimate of the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) which states that the entry of one tourist into a particular country provides employment to 12 people. The figure revealed by the survey is also lower than the employment figure estimated by the Economic Survey 2013 which states that the tourism industry has generated 178,000 direct jobs.

According to the survey, women's engagement in the tourism industry was nominal. Around 20 percent of the employees were female while 78 percent had secondary or a higher level of education. Almost 47 percent had completed intermediate level of education.

The survey also found 24 percent employees as seasonal worker while 76 percent regular ones and most of the employees in the industry were young.

Regarding salary, 37 percent of the workers earned Rs 10,000 to Rs 20,000 per month while another 37 percent made Rs 20,000 per month. Similarly, 226 home-stay establishments employed 2,738 people, 49 rafting companies employed 735 people and 60 paragliding and ultra-light companies employed 440 persons.

Data was collected from 192 tourism establishments located in various districts.

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The ACC U-16 Premier League champion Nepali cricket team upon their arrival at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu on Thursday.



Workers renovating the roof of a temple at Basantapur in Kathmandu on Wednesday.

### PLACES TO TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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#### MONTH of SEPTEMBER



Season's Best Bali Coor **Shimlag** Shillong Spain New York Italy Scotland

#### Cruises Asia Alaska Mediterranean

Caribbean



#### Special Events

Mooncake Festival Labor Day, USA Grape Throwing Festival Onam Harvest Festival Stuttgart Beer Festival Balboa Music Festival King's Cup Elephant Polo





#### Off Season's Best

Vietnam Cuba Cambodia Dubai Dharamshala Kerala Sweden New Zealand Ootv

#### **Festivals**

Ladakh Festival Old Town Autumn **Festival** Ganesh Chaturthi Oktoberfest, Munich Fiesta San Miguel Johannesburg Arts Alive Festival

#### Adventure

Mashobra Coonoor, Tamil Nadu Shivgiri Jasper, Canada Black Forest, Germany Kuranda, Australia Peru Yellowstone, USA Parwanoo

#### Pilgrimage

Amritsar Dwarkadish Borobudur Wat Arun, Bangkok Shirdi Samarkand, Uzbekistan Temple of Heaven, China Chidambaram



#### Beach Ibiza

Hikkaduwa Langkawi, Malaysia Mamallapuram San Diego, USA Krabi, Thailand Gopalpur On Sea Vishakhapatnam Tranquebar



#### **Honeymoon**

Bhutan Santorini, Greece Kalimpong, West Bengal Coonoor Shimla Paris, France Switzerland Turkey Darjeeling



#### Hill Stations

Salzburg, Austria Dalhousie, Himachal Genting Highlands Kurseong, West Bengal Lima, Peru <u>Panchgani</u> Pithoragarh <u>Palampur</u> Yelagiri



#### **Luxury**

Ananda in the Himalayas, Rishikesh Schloss Fuschl, Salzburg Lake Palace, Udaipur Leela Kempinski, Goa W Retreat Koh Samui Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur

Orange County, Coorg



#### Heritage

Ajanta Caves **Bhopal** Chichen Itza, Mexico Great Wall China Machu Pichu, Peru Petra, Jordon Prague, Czech Republic Istanbul Sofia



#### Wildlife

Augrabies Falls, SA Smoky Mountains Kruger, SA Mudumalai Serengeti, Tanzania Wayanad, Kerala Shenandoah, USA **Bandipur** 



#### Spa & Wellness

Amar Vilas, Agra Ritz Carlton, Sanya Angasana Resort, Bangalore Banyan Tree, Phuket Leela Kempinski, <u>Kovalam</u> Park Hyatt Resort, Goa



#### Offbeat

Chiang Mai, Thailand Croatia Mashobra, Himachal Iceland Mirik, Bengal The Outback, Australia Valley of Flowers Yelagiri Theog





#### Getaways from Chennai Yercaud Chandigarh Lansdowne Kasauli

Kolkata Bakkhali Digha Bangalore Gokarna Bheemeshwari





#### Mumbai <u>Amboli</u> Khandala **Pune** Panchgani Mahabaleshwar



# AND WIN GIFTS Take the Quiz

Be a part of Quiz and win a chance to win a gift hamper on 5th NATTA Special Program-2014.

Send us the answers to the given questions at mediacentre@natta.org.np before next issue i.e by Thursday, 28th August'14. You may be the lucky winner!





#### Lufthansa is the official airways of which country?

1 UK 2 Ukraine 3 Germany 4 France

#### Where is the headquarters of Oman Air?

1 Jabrin 2 saiq

3 Jalan Bani Bu Hassan 4 Muscat



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#### John F Kennedy lies in which International Airport?

1 Dublin, Eire 2 New York, USA 3 Montreal, Canada 4 Washington, USA



Name the Landmark.

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#### What leaf appears on the Canadian flag?

1 Maple leaf 2 Hawthorn leaf 3 Oak Leaf 4 Holly Leaf



#### Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents

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#### How many stars appear on the flag of Australia?

1 Ten 2 Six 3 Four 4 Two

#### What is the main religion in Bangladesh?

1 Buddhist 2 Hindu 3 Muslim 4 Christian

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

1 Carpentaria2 Bay of Bengal3 Arabian Gulf4 Persian Gulf