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Happy New Year
2015



JTCC MEETING HELD IN NATTA



President Mr. D.B. Limbu, also the Coordinator of Joint Tourism Co-ordination Committee, a congregation of about fifty tourism related associations in Kathmandu, called a joint meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 24th December at NATTA Secretariat and discussed on the agenda of the two contradictory provisions in Tourism Act and in Transport Act in regard to the definition of 'tourism'. The meeting also focused on nominations of new members in the Nepal Tourism Board, & discussed about the possibility of Tourist Bus Terminal in Kathmandu.



Presidents of various associations participated and delivered on the issues. It was also agreed that all associations under JTCC will identify their problems and issues in their respective associations and will submit the same to the Coordinator as JTCC is planning to submit a memorandum of JTCC Grievances in the near future.

PRESENTATION ON MOUNTAINEERING IN NTB

Nepal Tourism Board, celebrating its 16th Anniversary held a presentation on the burning issue of commercialization of mountaineering by Mr. David Durkan, the author of "Penguins on Everest" dated on 24th December, at Auditorium Hall, NTB. Mr. Durkan spoke on how commercialization has turned climbing Everest into a product to be bought and sold like any other commodity and not an adventure activity anymore. Also raising the issue, whether is mountaineering a challenge for the intrepid explorer or just a fun activity for moneyed pleasure seekers, the followed program gave a tribute to climbers who recently died in an avalanche on Everest.

President Mr. D.B Limbu and 1st Vice President Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak., represented NATTA in the program.



PLACES TO TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR



<p>Season's Best Agra TheGoldCoast,AUS Jaipur Kerala Myanmar Oman Singapore</p>		<p>Cruises Asia Australia & New Zealand Caribbean Singapore</p>		<p>05</p>
	<p>Special Events Jaipur Kite Festival Bikaner Festival Dubai Shopping Festival Christchurch Buskers Gujarat Kite Festival Carnival of Blacks & Whites, Colombia Jaipur Literature Fest</p>		<p>Off Season's Special Beijing Coonor Dalhousie Hong Kong Kasauli Manali Malaga, Spain Oporto, Portugal Rome</p>	<p>Festivals Red Sea Jazz Festival Ice Lantern, China Lohri Festival 6 Day Cycle Race, GER Makar Sakranti Magh Bihu Assam La Tamborrada, Spain Hot Air Ballooning Fest</p>
<p>Adventure Scuba Diving Andamans Gulmarg Outback, Australia Skiing Aspen, USA Desert Safari,Jaisalmer Kemmanagundi-Trekking Lake Taupo,NZ Sharm el Sheikh</p>		<p>Pilgrimage Bodhgaya Borobudur, Indonesia Chidambaram Dambulla, Sri Lanka Mecca, Saudi Arabia Somnath temple Sabarimala Shirdi Temple of Dawn, BK</p>	<p>Beach Barbados Cancun, Mexico Chandipur, Orissa Tarkarli Diu Great Ocean Rd, AUS Krabi, Thailand Visakhapatnam</p>	
<p>Honeymoon Bali Langkawi Fiji Goa Kovalam Udaipur Egypt Shimla</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Hill Stations Cameron Highlands Darjeeling Interlaken, Switzerland Mashobra Munnar Mount Abu Vienna, Austria Yelagiri</p>		<p>Luxury Palace on Wheels Samode Palace The Racha, Phuket Taj Cape Town Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur Raas Jodhpur</p>
	<p>Heritage Ajanta & Ellora AngkorWat, Cambodia Cairo Fes, Morocco Hassan Hyderabad Mamallapuram Vietnam</p>		<p>Wildlife Chilka Lake, Orissa Galapagos Islands Gir Forest Reserve Kanha Kaziranga Bandipur Serengeti, Tanzania Yosemite, USA</p>	
<p>Spa & Wellness Taj Green Cove Resort, Kovalam Six Senses, Maldives Leela Kempinski, Goa Bab Al Shams, Dubai Amarvilas, Agra Maradiva Resort & Spa</p>		<p>Offbeat Araku Valley Cheju Island Dadra & Nagar Haveli Kurseong Kanchipuram Nha Trang, Vietnam Mirik Tioman Island</p>		<p>31</p>

MEDIA PICK OF THE WEEK

HUGE INDOOR MOVIE PARK OPENS IN WUHAN

Wanda Movie Park to include six cinematic attractions, including a 5D experience



A major new cinematic attraction has opened in the central Chinese city of Wuhan. Developed by Dalian Wanda Group, the Wanda Movie Park is being billed as the “world’s only indoor movie theme park”, and includes six film-based attractions – a 4D cinema, 5D cinema, flight theatre, immersive theatre, interactive theatre and

space theatre.

All rides at the park are original creations that have developed in partnership with special effects teams. For example, visitors to the ‘Hubei in the Air’ attraction can experience a simulation of a flight over Hubei province, while ‘Ultimate Energy’ is a 5D cinematic experience that integrates 3D projections with live actors, props, stunts and special effects. There is also a ‘Journey to the West’ ride, based on the legendary Chinese story of the Monkey King. The Wanda Movie Park cost CNY3.5 billion (US\$569 million) to develop and is one of two major new cultural attractions in Wuhan, along with the Han Show Theatre – a new show that celebrates the history of Han Chinese culture.

The Wanda Movie Park and Han Show Theatre are located at opposite ends of the Wuhan Central Cultural District – a major CNY50bn development project in downtown Wuhan.

CAPTURED PHOTOS



Domestic and foreign tourists enjoy paragliding in Pokhara. Lately Pokhara has been gaining popularity for Paragliding and Ultralight flight.



People enjoy artificial snowfall at United World Trade Center, Kathmandu on the occasion of Christmas.

11TH CHITWAN ELEPHANT FESTIVAL 2014

The 11th edition of Chitwan Elephant Festival is scheduled to be held from December 26-30 in Sauraha, Chitwan National Park.

The festival was started in 2004 as an international elephant race and since then it has been celebrated as a festival. It is aimed at promoting tourism and spreading awareness about wildlife preservation.

Situated in the lush tropical plains of southern Nepal, Sauraha attracts safari goers with its rich wildlife and thick jungles. There are 51 elephants owned by hoteliers and cooperatives in Sauraha.

This festival is covering the events as Elephant Calf Foot Ball, Elephant Beauty Contest, Elephant Picnic, International Elephant Race and many more attraction events.

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26th - 30th December 2014
Sauraha, Chitwan, Nepal

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FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

DID YOU KNOW !



New Year' is one of the favorite celebration days for many people. Parties aside, the impending New Year typically brings hope for a more prosperous and happy 365 days. There are also some fun facts associated with the celebration. Here they are:

- The first New Year was celebrated 4,000 years by the ancient Babylonians.
- Traditionally, it was thought that people could alter the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. It has, therefore, become important to celebrate first day of the New Year in the company of family and friends.
- Celebrating New Year on January 1 is purely arbitrary, as neither it has agricultural significance nor astronomical. Many countries still celebrate it in spring, the season of rebirth of new crops.
- The Romans began a tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve, by giving one another branches from sacred trees, for good fortune. The gift phenomenon is prevalent from those times, till date.
- More vehicles are stolen on New Year's Day than any other holiday, statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau revealed.
- The top three places to celebrate New Year's Eve are Las Vegas, Disney World and of course, New York City. Internationally, one of the biggest celebrations is in Sydney, Australia. More than 80,000 fireworks are set off from Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- Time Square New Year's Eve Ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. Back then, a 700-pound ball embellished with 25-watt bulbs made of iron and wood was dropped. Now, however, it weighs 11,875 pounds, is 12 feet in diameter and is adorned with 2,668 Waterford crystals.
- It's good luck to eat foods like black eyed peas, ham and cabbage because it is thought they bring prosperity. But if you want to have a happy new year, don't eat lobster or chicken. Lobsters can move backward and chickens can scratch in reverse, so it is thought these foods could bring a reversal of fortune.
- The top 10 resolutions are usually to lose weight, eat more healthily, exercise more, stop smoking, stick to a budget, save money, get more organized, be more patient, find a better job and to just be a better person over all.
- Many cultures believe that anything given or taken on New Year, in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle".
- The Spanish ritual on New Year's eve is to eat twelve grapes at midnight. The tradition is meant to secure twelve happy months in the coming year.
- Noisemaking and fireworks on New Year's Eve is believed to have originated in ancient times, when noise and fire were thought to dispel evil spirits and bring good luck.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015!

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