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**51ST ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
16TH JANUARY 2015**



"Together We Can Achieve"

Invitation

On behalf of **Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents (NATTA)**,
President Mr. D.B. Limbu and Executive Board Members request the pleasure of
your company at the Inaugural Ceremony of the

51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Friday, 16th January 2015 at Radisson Hotel, Lazimpat

Time : 9:00 AM

Programme to be followed by High-Tea

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NATTA MEETS SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR

A five-member delegation of Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA) comprising of Mr. D.B Limbu, Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa, Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah, all from NATTA Central Region including Mr. Pom Narayan Shrestha, President of NATTA Western Regional Association (Pokhara) and Mr. Bijay Gurung from NATTA Pokhara called on the office of the Ambassador of South Korea, RaviBhawan on 7th January 2015.



The prime mission of the visit was to exchange goodwill and inform HE about the successful participation of NATTA Secretary at a training program held recently in Seoul. President of NATTA Pokhara requested HE to visit Pokhara and encourage the travel trade entrepreneurs by kindly inaugurating the upcoming 20th AGM of the Association in Pokhara on 31st January 2015. HE accepted the invitation and thanked the NATTA fraternity for the same.

MEETING WITH DG, INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT

NATTA held talks with Director General Mr. Chudamani Sharma and Director of the Department Mr. Gopal Ghimire in regard to VAT issues on transport on 5th Jan 2015 at IRD Office, Lazimpat. It has been agreed that NATTA and NATO will cooperate IRD in making the VAT more effective in the days to come. The major issue discussed was waiving of outstanding VAT amount for the F/Y 2069-70 that have not been billed.

The meeting also agreed to organize an Orientation Program on VAT latest by 3rd Feb as a joint venture of NATTA, NATO and IRD. The NATTA delegation was headed by 2nd V.P / Coordinator Special Tax and Revenue Subcommittee Mr. CN Pandey along with Mr. Ashok Pokhrel (President, NATO), Mr. MadhuSudan Acharya, Mr. Bishwesh Shrestha and Mr. G.N Shakya.



MEETING WITH DG, MOCTCA

President D.B Limbu and Treasurer Mr. Narayan Prasad Gurung Koney attended the meeting with DG of Tourism Department, MOCTCA, Mr. Tulsi Prasad Gautam in regard to the amendments required in Tourist Vehicle and Act.

Some of the other raised suggestions were the registration of small diesel run vehicles in green plate, tourist vehicles and Taxi's number plate to be in English etc.



NATTA in coordination with NTB is coordinating the annual fair TTF (Travel and Tourism Fair) Mumbai, India's biggest travel show is going to be held from 4th—6th February'15. Coordinator for TTF, Mumbai is NATTA 1st Vice President Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak.

*For Registration, please contact NATTA Secretariat
Deadline for Registration: 15th Jan 2015
(Priority to Participants is on the basis of
"First Come First Serve")*

NATTA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

NATTA welcomes seven members as new NATTA Member. President D.B Limbu handed over the certificates with related documents. Executive Board Members also expressed their best wishes to the newly joined members. The members were honored in the 48th Board meeting held at NATTA Secretariat. Members are:

- Purple Holidays Pvt. Ltd.
- Travelicious Nepal Tours & Travel Pvt. Ltd.
- Prestige Nepal Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- Tourism Management Travel & Trekking Pvt. Ltd.
- Art Summit Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- Scenic Himalayan Holidays Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
- Vistas Himalaya Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.





Joint Tourism Coordination Committee (JTCC - Nepal)

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Committee Members

Trekking Agencies' Association of Nepal (TAAN)
Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents (NATTA)
Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN)
Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA)
Nepal Association of Rafting Agents (NARA)
PATA-Nepal
Society of Travel & Tour Operators Nepal (SOTTO-Nepal)
Nepal Association of Tour Operators (NATO)
Himalayan Rescue Association (HRA)
Expedition Operators Association (EOAN)
Village Tourism Promotion Forum (VITOP) Nepal
Thamel Tourism Development Council (TTDC)
Restaurant & Bar Association Nepal (REBAN)
Paryatan Sewa Sangh
Pokhara Tourism Council
Association of Kathmandu Tour Operators
Tourist Bus Association of Nepal
Garung Tourism Entrepreneurs' Association
Nepal Magar Tourism Society
Nepal National Mountaineering Guide Association (NNMGA)
Ganesh Himal Tourism Development Committee (GHTDC)
Dharche Manaslu Tourism Development Committee
Nepal Tourist Vehicle Association (NTVA)
Nepal Canyoning Association (NCA)
Gorkha Tourism
Tourist Guide Association of Nepal (THIRGAN)
Trekking Guide Association of Nepal
Incredible Far Western Development Campaign
Tatopani Tourism Vehicle Entrepreneur Association
Taxi Ryabasyi Samiti
Nepal Private Tourist Vehicle Association
Buddhist Peoples' Right Forum, Nepal
National Tourism Entrepreneur's Association of Nepal (NEAT-Nepal)
Nepal Rastriya Paryatan Hebesahi Sangathan
Tourism Sector Committee - United Maoist
National Tourism Entrepreneurs' Organization (NCEO - Maoist)
Tourism Sector Committee (CPN-UNL)

जेटीसीसीको निर्णय

सयुक्त पर्यटन समन्वय समिति (जेटीसीसी) ले यही पौष २० गते आफ्ना सम्पूर्ण सदस्यहरूको उपस्थितिमा एउटा बैठक बसी नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्डको पुनसंरचना र त्यहाँ भएका भ्रष्टाचारको छानवीनका लागि गरेको सफल आन्दोलनको सिंहावलोकन गर्दै हालै संस्कृति, पर्यटन तथा नागरिक उड्डयन मन्त्रालयले नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्डको व्यवस्थापन समितिमा रिक्त भएका तीनवटा पदमा सस्थागत प्रतिनिधि पठाइनु पर्छ र छनौट समितिमा पनि जेटीसीसी कै तर्फबाट चयन हुनु पर्दछ भन्ने जेटीसीसीका पूर्व मांगहरूलाई लत्याएर एकलौटी तरिकाले छनौट समिति गठन गरेकोमा जेटीसीसी गम्भिर क्षोभ प्रकट गर्दछ।

जेटीसीसीको आन्दोलनको सफल अवतरण पश्चात् नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्डको पुनसंरचनाका लागि प्रतिवेदन तयार गर्न नेपाल सरकारका सह-सचिवको संयोजकत्वमा गठित नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्ड पुनसंरचना समितिको प्रतिवेदनमा समेत बोर्डमा रिक्त हुन जाने पदहरूमा जेटीसीसीको सिफारिसमा सस्थागत प्रतिनिधित्व हुनु पर्नेमा जोड दिइएको छ।

संस्कृति, पर्यटन तथा नागरिक उड्डयन मन्त्रालयले नीजि क्षेत्रको आवाज बुलन्द गर्ने जेटीसीसीको मांगलाई यसरी लत्याउन खोजेमा आगामी दिनहरूमा यस संस्थाबाट सरोकारका मन्त्रालय विरुद्ध हाम्रो असहयोग रहने छ र पुनः आन्दोलन पनि हुन सक्ने चेतावनी समेत जेटीसीसीको सो बैठकले दिएको छ।

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FEBRUARY 2015 TRAVEL EVENTS CALENDAR



ENTER 2015
3rd February 2015 - 6th February 2015

Travel Technology Europe 2015
25th February 2015 - 26th February 2015



Travel & Tourism Fair (TTF) & OTM - Mumbai 2015
4th February 2015 - 6th February 2015

The Telegraph Outdoor Adventure Travel Show 2015
12th February 2015 - 15th February 2015



San Francisco Travel & Adventure Show 2015
7th February 2015 - 8th February 2015

BIT - International Tourism Exchange 2015
12th February 2015 - 14th February 2015



Travel & Tourism Fair (TTF) & OTM - New Delhi 2015
10th February 2015 - 12th February 2015

Middle East Luxury Travel Show (MELTS) 2015
15th February 2015 - 18th February 2015



Go West Summit 2015
10th February 2015 - 13th February 2015

Los Angeles Travel & Adventure Show 2015
21st February 2015 - 22nd February 2015



Hamburg Aviation Conference 2015
10th February 2015 - 12th February 2015

AIME 2015
24th February 2015 - 25th February 2015



IBTM Arabia 2015
10th February 2015 - 12th February 2015

IATA Legal Symposium 2015
25th February 2015 - 27th February 2015



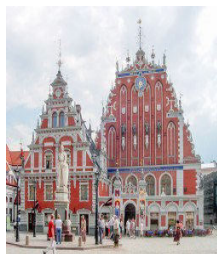
Africa Hotel Expansion Summit 2015
12th February 2015 - 13th February 2015

Business Travel Show 2015
25th February 2015 - 26th February 2015



ABTA REVEALS DESTINATIONS TO WATCH FOR 2015

Riga, Latvia, is among the destinations to watch this year



ABTA has released its Travel Trends 2015 Report, developed in association with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. The report reveals that consumer confidence is slowly returning to the holiday market with more consumers planning to spend more on their holidays in 2015 than those looking to cut back. This growth is being led by more affluent holidaymakers with value for money and a desire to maximize holiday experiences dominating the rest of the market.

Key Trends identified in ABTA's Travel Trends Report 2015 include news affluent consumers are breaking away from the cautious optimism that has dominated the market for the last couple of years.

Seeking value for money, holidaymakers are maximizing their expenditure and leisure time combining elements such as events, shows or experiences with their holiday as well as taking multi-centre holidays; challenge holidays and activity holidays.

Living like a local is a key trend across all age groups as people are looking for more authentic holiday experiences and many holiday companies are now offering people the chance to enjoy hidden gems alongside traditional tourist attractions.

ABTA has identified its 'Destinations to watch' for 2015, a mixture of long and short haul destinations that are expected to capture the public's imagination in 2015. The destinations are (in alphabetical order):

- Austria
- Botswana
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Japan
- Latvia
- La Gomera, (Spain)
- Norway
- Pacific Coast (USA)
- Singapore
- The Netherlands
- The Peloponnese (Greece)

KATHMANDU VALLEY TO GO PLASTIC-FREE FROM APRIL

The government is all set to declare Kathmandu Valley plastic bag-free area from the New Year's Day (1st Baishakh, 2072 BS or April 14). The Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment has made the preparations for this purpose under the provision of Environment Protection Act-2053 BS, Ministry sources said.

Prior to this, the Environment Protection Committee under the Legislature-Parliament, on August 17, had directed the government to make necessary preparations for the same.

CAPTURED PHOTOS



A woman feeding pigeons as children enjoy playing with the birds near Boudhanath Stupa, Kathmandu, on Wednesday. Boudhanath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is popular for Buddhist holy rituals and a major tourist destination.



China (Harbin) International Ice and Snow Festival



Bukhansan Peak in South Korea

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TRAVEL FUN QUOTES



Travel Quotes by famous big names...

“The worst thing about being a tourist is having other tourists recognize you as a tourist “

“When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money”

“Travel becomes a strategy for accumulating photographs”

“Two great talkers will not travel far together.”

“Kilometers are shorter than miles. Save gas, take your next trip in kilometers”

“Airplane travel is nature’s way of making you look like your passport photo”

“Our happiest moments as tourists always seem to come when we stumble upon one thing while in pursuit of something else”



“The first condition of understanding a foreign country is to smell it”

“People don’t take trips. . .trips take people.”

“You define a good flight by negatives: you didn’t get hijacked, you didn’t crash, you didn’t throw up, you weren’t late, you weren’t nauseated by the food. So you are grateful.”

“Adventure, yeah. I guess that’s what you call it when everybody comes back alive”

“When you travel, remember that a foreign country is not designed to make you comfortable. It is designed to make its own people comfortable.”

Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents

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