



# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## BEAUTY OF POKHARA



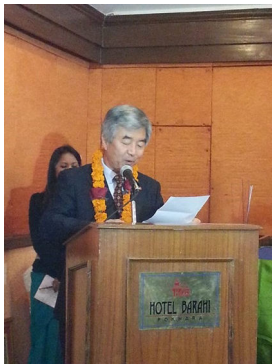
## 20<sup>th</sup> AGM OF NATTA WESTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION



The 20<sup>th</sup> AGM of NATTA Western Regional Association was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Hotel Barahi, Pokhara, Lakeside. The program kicked off with the grand inaugural ceremony. Chief Guest for the program was Ambassador of Republic of Korea His Excellency Choe Yong -Jin.

President of NATTA Western Regional Association Mr. Pom Narayan Shrestha initiated the program with his welcome speech. Various tourism stakeholders such as Tirthunga Tours and Travels, Avia Club Pokhara, Barahi Jungle Lodge, Sunrise Paragliding, Adam Hill were honored with the certificate of appreciation for their significant contributions to uphold tourism in

Pokhara. Adam Hill, a UK national was honored as he had been the first to establish paragliding in Pokhara.



His Excellency Jin, in his commendation speech expressed that Pokhara can be world's most coveted tourism destination and numerous numbers of tourists can visit Pokhara. It requires the infrastructure development. Yearly 30 thousands of Korean Tourists visit Nepal and he hoped this number would

gradually increase.



Felicitors of tourism trade including NATTA President Mr. D.B Limbu, the Guest of Honor expressed their felicitations on the program.

After the inaugural session, the program went through the closed session with the members of the association. Hon. General Secretary Mr. Sanjay Kant Sigdel and Treasurer Mr. Tulsi Ram Pokhrel presented their annual reports. Discussions on the reports were conversed among the members.

## MEETINGS WITH AIRLINES

NATTA President Mr. D.B Limbu and Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa had a series of goodwill meetings with the Country Manager of Airlines as Nepal Airlines, Biman Bangladesh, Jet Airways, Oman Air and Qatar Airways during the last week.

The meetings focused on the issues of deportee cases inter alia mutual cooperation and support for the healthy growth of the industry.

## NATTA IN FITUR 2015



'FITUR which was held in Madrid, Spain had begun on 28<sup>th</sup> January and ended on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015. Participation of Nepal in FITUR is coordinated by NATTA over the years.'

Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents (NATTA) participated in the International Travel Trade Fair, FITUR 2015, in coordination with Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) has concluded successfully.

A total of sixteen travel related companies from Nepalese Travel Industry exhibited their products at the Fair.

Mr. Narayan Prasad Gurung Koney, Treasurer and Coordinator for Nepal's Participation in FITUR and Mr. Ramesh Thapa, Secretary as well as the sub coordinator from NATTA participated to facilitate the participating exhibitors.

# Travel Events for the Month of March



**ITB Berlin**

March 4 - 8  
Messe Berlin exhibition grounds,  
Berlin, Germany



**HOSPITALITY 360**

March 13 - 16  
Singapore Expo Convention and Exhibition Centre,  
Singapore

**Intourmarket 2015**

March 14 - 17  
International exhibition complex «Crocus Expo»,  
pavilion 1, halls № № 1, 2, 3 and 4 Moscow, Russian Federation



**Routes Asia 2015**

March 15 - 17  
Yunnan University,  
Wuhua, Kunming, Yunnan, China, Kunming, Yunnan, Yunan 650223 China

**CRUISE SHIPPING MIAMI**

March 16 - 19  
Miami Beach Convention Center,  
1901 Convention Center Drive Miami, FL FL 33139 United States



**Moscow International MICE Forum 2015**

March 16  
Tishinka Exhibition Centre,  
Tishinskaya sq., 1, Building 1 Moscow, Russian Federation



**MITT**

March 18 - 21  
Expocentre,  
Moscow, Russian Federation



China Conference, Meeting & Incentive Travel Forum  
中国国际会议及奖励旅游论坛

**CHINA CONFERENCE, MEETING & INCENTIVE TRAVEL FORUM**

March 19 - 20  
Hangzhou,



**UITT**

March 25 - 27  
International Exhibition Centre,  
Kyiv, Ukraine



**Hotelex Shanghai**

March 30 - April 2  
Shanghai New International Expo Center,  
Shanghai, China

## Taiwan's TransAsia plane crashes into Keelung River; 31 dead

According to a BBC news, a plane carrying mostly Chinese tourists has crashed into a river in Taiwan, killing at least 31 people. Dramatic video footage emerged showing the TransAsia Airways plane clipping a bridge as it came down shortly after take-off from a Taipei airport.

The plane, carrying 58 people, broke up as it plunged into Taipei's Keelung River. The fuselage was later salvaged by crane. There were 15 survivors pulled from the wreckage, but 12 people remain missing.



Television footage showed some passengers wading clear of the sunken wreckage and a toddler being pulled out alive by rescuers. Emergency teams cut open the plane while it was in the water but were unable to reach the passengers trapped in the front section of the fuselage.

As night fell, a crane was used to lift the wreckage on to the bank. The death toll was expected to rise as rescue teams searched the fuselage and the river for the 12 missing passengers.

"At the moment, things don't look too optimistic," Wu Jun-hong, a Taipei Fire Department official, coordinating the rescue effort, said.

The ATR-72 turbo-prop plane had just taken off from Taipei Songshan Airport and was heading to the Kinmen Islands, just off the coast of the South-Eastern Chinese city of Xiamen.

It is the second TransAsia ATR-72 to crash in seven months, following an accident last July, which killed 48 people and injured 15.

The final communication from the pilots to air traffic control was "Mayday, mayday, engine flame out", according to a recording played on local media. The recording was not immediately verified by aviation officials.

(Source: BBC)

### CAPTURED PHOTOS



People light up 100,000 butter lamps in the shape of the Buddha at Basantapur Durbar Square in the Capital. About 1,000 participants prayed for peace to prevail in the country.



**A moment captured:** Groom takes away the bride in horse led by Tourist at Pokhara, Lakeside

## Weird Coincidences Between Abraham Lincoln And John F. Kennedy

There are some amazingly strange similarities between the two iconic presidents - 'History Mystery'



Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.  
John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.  
John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Lincoln and Kennedy's name each contain seven letters in their name.



Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.  
Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.  
Both Presidents were shot in the head



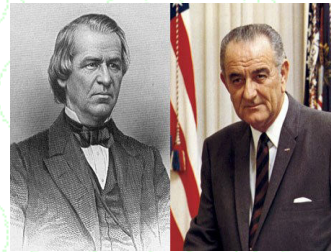
### Now it gets really weird.

Lincoln 's secretary was named Kennedy.  
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Both were assassinated by Southerners.  
Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln , was born in 1808.  
Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln , was born in  
Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in



1839.  
1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.  
Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

### Now hang on to your seat.

Lincoln was shot at the theater named 'Ford.'  
Kennedy was shot in a car called ' Lincoln ' made by 'Ford.'

Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.  
Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

### And here's the kicker...

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe , Maryland  
A week before Kennedy was shot, he was in Marilyn Monroe.

