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BEAUTY OF BALTHALI VILLAGE



Balthali village is 40kms south-east of Kathmandu valley beyond Panauti. It offers a sunrise in the east, speculating Himalayan range of Manaslu, Langtang & Everest in the north, innumerable rice terraces in the west & huge bodied green forest of Mahabharata range in the South. This place is perfect for nature lovers and bird watchers and relaxation of mind. One of the most important factors of this spot is that it is warm in the winter & cool in the summer. The area of Balthali is cover of various flora, colorful rhododendron forest, and magnolia & Sal trees.



NATIONAL TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN

Representing NATTA, Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa attended the Working Committee meeting of National Tourism Strategic Plan 2015-2024 held at the Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation on 25th February 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with regard to the implementation of the strategic plan.

Similarly, on the same day, Ms. Dhakhwa also attended a web-based TIS form sharing & finalization meeting of Policy Planning & Evaluation Division of MoCTCA. During the meeting, a presentation was made on web-based tourism information system and feedback was taken on the possible national monitoring and evaluation guideline.



HEADLINES

- National Tourism Strategic Plan
- Meet with the Ambassador of Kazakhstan
- Meeting with BARN

MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF KAZAKASTHAN



President D.B Limbu and Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa had a special meet with H.E. Bulat Sarsenbayev, Ambassador, The Republic of Kazakhstan, based in New Delhi.

The delegation meet was with regard to the possibility in promotion of tourism of both the countries.

MEETING WITH BARN

NATTA delegates had a meeting today, on 27th February 2015 with the Chairman of BARN, Mr. Saroj Kasaju, along with the representatives of various airlines in Nepal. The meeting was to discuss on finding an amicable solution to

the deportee problem that the travel agencies are facing. On behalf of NATTA, President Mr. D. B. Limbu, Secretary General, Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa and Treasurer Mr. Narayan Pd. Gurung Koney were present in the meeting.

Exotic World Festivals

2015 Calendar March



23 February - 2 March

BHUTAN, Punakha, Tsechu and Drubchen Festival - a magnificent and kaleidoscopic festival held in a spectacular location in the Himalayas, with hundreds of locals gathering to see the monks dressed in vivid robes performing masked ritual prayers and dances. Tsechu is a religious celebration in honor of Padmasambhava, the great Nyingmapa scholar who was born from a lotus flower.

1 - 14 March (Same dates every year)

JAPAN, Omizutori (Water-Drawing Festival) - at the Todai-ji temple in Nara - 1,200 year old Buddhist ceremonies that the priests draw up the divine water which is believed to have healing powers. It is especially spectacular on the last night (13th), full of huge, blazing torches and noise-making monks.

5 March (15th day of the Chinese New Year)

CHINA, Spring Lantern Festival, nationwide, celebrating the last day of the Chinese New Year Holiday. Also known as *Yuanxiao* or *Shangyuan* Festival.

Lanterns - many of strange design and colour - are lit and carried all over China. People all ages enjoy not just watching lanterns but fireworks, folk dancing, eating *yuanxiao*, rice dumpling balls stuffed with varied fillings and also the opportunity of young boys and girls to have a fun together as it regarded as Chinese Valentine's day!

5 March-7 March 2015

NEPAL & INDIA, Holi, Festival of Colour. The ultimate in psychedelic festivals without the drugs, everyone throwing coloured water, powder or paint over everyone else, including you. It's an iridescent madhouse. Especially spectacular Holi are held in Jaipur, Mathura, Braj Bhoomi and Sri Krishna in India and Kathmandu in Nepal.

6 March TBC First Friday

MEXICO, *Noche de Brujas* (Night of the Witches), Cerro Mono Blanco, Catemaco - a mob of shamans, healers and witches from all over the country gather for a extensive ceremony based on witchcraft tradition.

20 or 21 March, 22 or 23 Sept.(same date every year) TBC

MEXICO, Kukulcan Snake God in Chichen Itza (Yucatan) - see the snake shadow appear during the first equinox in this spectacular Mayan pyramid complex, plus varied entertainments. A couple of days before and after too.

20 - 24 March 2014 TBA for 2015

MEXICO, *Cumbre Tajin* (Tajin Summit) in Veracruz. A unique mind, body and soul celebration in the spiritually correct Tajin park. A mass of alternative therapies as well as art, music, dance and adventure sports.

22 - 28 March

ARGENTINA, Buenos Aires, CITA, International Tango conference - the world's most important tango event and the longest running tango meeting in the country. The sexiest dance on earth, live, where it belongs as Tango was declared as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

Late March to early April (Dates are depending on weather and location)

JAPAN, *Sakura Matsuri* or *Hanami* Cherry Blossom time especially in Tokyo's Ueno park or Aoyama cemetery as all over Japan pink and white cherry trees herald springtime and just about every Japanese person, especially office workers, gets totally blotto on beer and saké under the trees.

21 March-9 March 2016

INDONESIA, Bali, *Nyepi Day* (Day of Silence). During the Balinese New Year a lively celebration occurs, with traditional music, dance and a grand procession, followed by 24 hours of total silence. *Everything* is closed, even the international airport.

31 March - 5 April

INDONESIA, Bali Spirit Festival, Ubud, Bali - an annual celebration of yoga, healing arts, live music and dance with workshops in the peaceful island of Bali. One of world's leading yoga/lifestyle events.



A 238 meter long golden dragon led a parade in Macau



Youths participate in a protest rally demanding the authority book the culprit involved in acid attack at Kathmandu.



A view at the time of sunset from Langtang , Nepal



People walk with umbrella at Patan Durbar Square.

सेवाको १ बर्ष सफलतामा ल्याण्डमार्क फरेष्टपार्क चितवन



ल्याण्डमार्क फरेष्टपार्क चितवनले आज सेवाको एक बर्ष पुरा गरेको छ । पोखरालाई जस्तै चितवनलाई पनि एक उत्कृष्ट पर्यटकीय नगरीको रूपमा स्थापित गराउने हेतुको साथ सम्राट ग्रुप अफ कम्पनिले चितवनमा आज भन्दा १ बर्ष अघि सेवा सुरु गरि हजारौंको सख्यामा आन्तरिक र बाह्य पर्यटकहरु भित्र्याउन सफल ल्याण्डमार्क फरेष्टपार्क चितवनले आज आफ्नो पहिलो बार्षिकत्सव विविध कार्यक्रमहरुको साथ मनाउँदै छ ।

स्थापना काल देखि नै ल्याण्डमार्क फरेष्टपार्क चितवनले आफ्ना पर्यटकहरुलाई उच्च स्तरिय सेवा प्रदान गरी आजको यो समय सम्म हजारौं सख्यामा आन्तरिक र बाह्य पर्यटकहरुलाई चितवन भित्र्याई त्यस ठाउँको कला सँस्कृतिलाई जर्गेना गर्दै राष्ट्रिय र अर्न्तराष्ट्रिय रूपमा समेत प्रचार प्रसार गरी त्यहाँका स्थानीय मनिसहरुको आर्थिक बृद्धि समेत भएको विश्वास सम्राट ग्रुप अफ कम्पनिले लिएको छ । अबै धेरै भन्दा धेरै पर्यटकहरुलाई भित्र्याई चितवनलाई एक उत्कृष्ट पर्यटक गन्तव्यको रूपमा स्थापित गराउने हेतुले होटल ल्याण्डमार्क पोखरा सञ्चालन भएको ७ बर्ष पछि ल्याण्डमार्क फरेष्टपार्क चितवनको स्थापना भएको थियो । बेला बेलामा पर्यटकहरुलाई विविध थारु सँस्कृतिको बारेमा समेत जानकारी दिई उनीहरुलाई नै त्यस सँस्कृतिको बारेमा बुझ्ने अवसर समेत दिई आईरहेको छ ।

चितवनको बागमारामा डेढ बिगामा फैलिएको ल्याण्डमार्क फरेष्टपार्क चितवनको जम्मा ५१ ओटा कोठाहरुमा ३ ओटा सुईट कोठाहरु र ४९ कोठा डिलक्स कोठाहरु रहेको छ । त्यसै गरी पाचतारे होटलको जस्तै सेवा सुबिधाहरु रहेको यस रिसोर्टमा २०० भन्दा बढी अट्ने हल, फौडी पोखरी र अन्य आधुनिक सुबिधाहरु समेत रहेको छ ।

आज पहिलो बार्षिकउत्सव मनाउँदै गर्दा सम्राट ग्रुप अफ कम्पनिको कार्यकारी प्रमुख सी. एन. पाण्डे ज्यु भन्नुहुन्छ “यो रिसोर्ट स्थापना गरी आन्तरिक र बाह्य पर्यटकहरुलाई उच्च स्तरिय सेवा प्रदान गर्दै स्थानीय रूपमा रोजगारीको सृजना र बाताबरणीय पर्यावरणमा समेत योगदान दिने लक्ष्य छ र ल्याण्डमार्ककै चेन को रूपमा लुम्बिनी र काठमाडौंमा समेत स्तरीय होटल स्थापना गर्ने सोचको साथ गृहकार्य गरिरहेका छौ ”



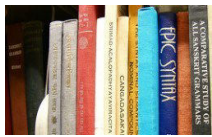
Sun 1st Mar, 2015
World Compliment Day



Mon 2nd Mar, 2015
Fun Facts About Names Day



Tue 3rd Mar, 2015
Unique Names Day



Wed 4th Mar, 2015
Grammar Day



Thu 5th Mar, 2015
Name Tag Day



Fri 6th Mar, 2015
Employee Appreciation Day



Sat 7th Mar, 2015
Be Heard Day



Sun 8th Mar, 2015
Women's Day



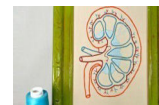
Mon 9th Mar, 2015
False Teeth Day



Tue 10th Mar, 2015
Pack Your Lunch Day



Wed 11th Mar, 2015
No Smoking Day



Thu 12th Mar, 2015
World Kidney Day



Fri 13th Mar, 2015
Earmuffs Day



Sat 14th Mar, 2015
International Ask a Question Day



Sun 15th Mar, 2015
True Confessions Day



Mon 16th Mar, 2015
Freedom Of Information Day



Tue 17th Mar, 2015
Submarine Day



Wed 18th Mar, 2015
Awkward Moments Day



Thu 19th Mar, 2015
Clerk's Day



Fri 20th Mar, 2015
International Day of Happiness



Sat 21st Mar, 2015
Memory Day



Sun 22nd Mar, 2015
Goof Off Day



Mon 23rd Mar, 2015
Melba Toast Day



Tue 24th Mar, 2015
Chocolate Covered Raisins Day



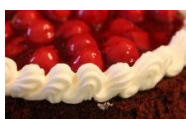
Wed 25th Mar, 2015
Waffles Day



Thu 26th Mar, 2015
Spinach Day



Fri 27th Mar, 2015
Quirky Country Music Song Tiles Day



Sat 28th Mar, 2015
Black Forest Cake Day



Sun 29th Mar, 2015
Niagara Falls Runs Dry Day



Mon 30th Mar, 2015
Take A Walk In The Park Day

Tue 31st Mar, 2015, World Backup Day



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