



# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## BEAUTY OF KIRTIPUR



**Participate in WTF with NATTA**

NATTA in coordination with NTB is organizing one of the Leading Fair, World Travel Fair 2015, Shanghai, China to be held from 7th May till 10th May. Coordinator for WTF, Shanghai is NATTA Executive Member Ms. Kamla Gurung.

For Registration, please contact NATTA Secretariat

**Deadline for Registration: 15th April 2015**

*(Priority to Participants is on the basis of "First Come First Serve")*



# Celebration of 42nd Anniversary of NATHM



NATHM (Nepal Academy of Tourism & Hotel Management) celebrated its 42nd Anniversary on 27th March 2015, at its premises located at Rabi Bhawan, Kathmandu.

On the occasion, it was declared that NATHM would soon be starting its newly built hotel with all services required. The hotel will also serve as a platform for NATHM students to complete their internship.

NATTA President Mr. D.B Limbu is one of the Board members of NATHM.



President Limbu also attended the program organized by NATHM MHM 3rd Batch Students on the Theme of

*Opportunities and Challenges in Hospitality Education* on 29th March 2015 in NATHM.

## 19th & 20th AGM of Thamel Tourism Development Council



The 19th and 20th Annual General Meeting of Thamel Tourism Development Council (TTDC) was held on 29th March 2015 at Hotel Malla. Chief Guest in the Inaugural Ceremony was Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey. Various dignitaries including Tourism Secretary, Suresh Man Shrestha, Former Chairs of the Council, the acting Chief of NTB Nandini Thapa, Head of Road Divisional Office, media personalities participated in the meeting.

The AGM of TTDC unanimously elected the Chairman of TTDC, Mr. Ram Sharan Thapaliya and his team for the second term consecutively.

## Tourist Journalism Forum AGM

The first Annual General Meeting of the Nepal Tourism Journalists Forum concluded on 30th March 2015 at Hotel Manang. Inaugurating the AGM of TjF Hon. Minister for Finance Dr. Ram Sharan Mahat as the Chief Guest focused on the importance of fair journalism to promote tourism domestic & international both. Hon. Minister in his



deliberation also stressed the need to place high emphasis on developing physical infrastructure for the promotion of tourism as it serves for national prosperity. NATTA President and JTCC Coordinator Mr. DB Limbu and TAAN President Mr. Ramesh Dhamala highlighted that the tourism sector has already suffered much in the absence of tourist bus terminal in tourism hub of Kathmandu and other major urban centres. The annual general meeting of the Forum elected a 15-member new working committee with Mr. Shiva Adhikari as the Chair. RSS editor Mr. Bikash Lohani has been nominated the vice-chairperson of the Forum.

### NOTICE TO ALL IATA ACCREDITED AGENTS

#### **Pay your IATA BSP Link Fees through NATTA**

As the payment deadline for BSP Link fees (Jan - Jun 2015) is coming soon, we request all our valued IATA accredited members to pay the fees through NATTA by sending the payment in NPR to NATTA Secretariat by 15th April 2015.

If you require any further information, kindly contact NATTA Secretariat.

### Joint Meeting on Inadmissible Passengers

A joint-meeting of the NATTA Aviation Sub-Committee and a few major ticketing agents dealing with ticketing of the labor traffic to GCC & Malaysia was held Thursday, 2nd April '15 at NATTA Secretariat to reflect on the possibilities of finding a win-win solution to the longstanding problem of inadmissible air passengers which has been unnecessarily causing a heavy financial taxation on the part of agents issuing the tickets. Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa told the meeting that NATTA called on the Director of the Immigration Dept and with his support NATTA was also able to collect relevant data in regard to the accurate number of entry refused cases from the Gulf countries and Malaysia during the last eight months. It showed that an average of 92 Nepalese passengers was sent back by the immigration of the disembarked destinations as inadmissible passengers. Having said that she also explained that NATTA had undertaken this fact-finding survey at the behest of BARN in one of the last meetings held at the meeting hall of NAC.

NATTA's objective had been to stand by the agents who receive the ADM for such cases by paying off the bills quoted by the airlines as airfare of the returnee from a basket fund proposed to be created with a very nominal amount from the sale of tickets. In fact, NATTA floated this idea of creating a basket fund on the insurance model so that no agent would ever get penalized simply for issuing ticket to passengers.

The meeting though couldn't draw any positive conclusion to the above proposition the issue has been left to the agents to decide and suggest NATTA the way forward to eliminate the problem.

### NATTA meet Tourist Vehicles Associations

NATTA held a meeting with the Presidents and representatives of various Tourist Vehicles associations on 02nd April at NATTA Secretariat. The main agenda of the meeting was to review the existing rates of tourist vehicles used by the tour operators for transportation including site-seeing. The review was deemed necessary in the wake of the deflating cost of petroleum products. After a long and vigorous discussion on the issue it has been finally agreed to form a committee to go minutely into the pros and cons of the issue and suggest NATTA a scientific rate.

The committee comprises of the following officials:

- Mr. Narayan P. Gurung Koney; Coordinator, NATTA Tour & Transport
- Mr. Sange Lama, Advisor, Nepal Tourist Vehicles Association (NTVA)
- Mr. Gyanendra Giri, Nepal Private Tourist Vehicles Association (NPTVA)
- Mr. Hansa Raj, Nepal Tourist Service
- Mr. Achyut Guragain, Former Secy. Gen of NATTA

## CAPTURED SNAP



Medical students and doctors in celebration. Dr KC ended his strike on the 12 day following the government assurance to meet his demands.



Garden of Dreams at KaiserMahal, Kathmandu



Youths queue up in front of the Japanese Embassy in Kathmandu for student visa. Japan has been attracting a lot of Nepali students in recent times.



Tourism entrepreneurs during a conference organized by Hotel Association of Nepal on potential of tourism in Nepal.

# पर्यटन बोर्डमा ७९ करोड भ्रष्टाचार

डिल्ली आचार्य / राजधानी  
काठमाडौं, १९ चैत

अख्तियार दुरुपयोग अनुसन्धान आयोगले नेपाल पर्यटन बोर्डमा ७९ करोड रुपैयाँभन्दा बढीको भ्रष्टाचार भएको ठहर गर्दै सरकारका दुई सचिवसहित ५२ जनाविरुद्ध विशेष अदालतमा मुद्दा दर्ता गर्ने भएको छ। पदीय जिम्मेवारीविपरीत करोडौं रकम हिनामिना गरेको भन्दै अख्तियारले पर्यटन बोर्डका तत्कालीन पदाधिकारी तथा सरोकारवालाविरुद्ध मुद्दा दर्ताको तयारी पूरा गरेको हो।

मुद्दा बोकेर अख्तियार विहीवार विशेष अदालत पुगे पनि समय अभावका कारण दर्ता हुन सकेन। अख्तियारका अनुसार शुक्रवार उनीहरूविरुद्ध मुद्दा दर्ता हुनेछ। अख्तियारले बोर्डको भ्रष्टाचारमा संलग्न भएको भन्दै सरकारका दुई वर्तमान सचिव, बोर्डका पूर्वअध्यक्ष, बोर्डका काम प्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकृत, पूर्वकार्यकारी अधिकृत, कर्मचारीलगायत विरुद्ध मुद्दा दर्ता गर्दै छ।

अख्तियार स्रोतका अनुसार बोर्डका काम प्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकृत सुभाष निरौलाले मात्रै ३३ करोड रुपैयाँ भ्रष्टाचार गरेको दावी मुद्दामा लिइएको छ। आर्थिक अनियमितताको अभियोगमा व्यवस्थापिका संसद्को सार्वजनिक लेखा समितिको निर्देशनअनुसार हाल निलम्बनमा रहेका निरौलासँगै अख्तियारले

वन सचिव शरदचन्द्र पौडेल र कानून सुधार आयोगका सचिव रञ्जनकृष्ण अर्याल, पूर्वपर्यटन सचिव तथा पर्यटन बोर्डका अध्यक्ष सुशील धिमिरेविरुद्ध मुद्दा दायर गर्ने भएको छ। त्यसैगरी, बोर्डका पूर्वप्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकृत प्रचण्डमान श्रेष्ठ, स्थानीय विकास मन्त्रालयका सहसचिव पूर्णचन्द्र भट्टराई, अर्थ मन्त्रालयका सहसचिव डिल्ली शिवाकोटी, बोर्डका कर्मचारी

## दुई सचिवसहित ५२ विरुद्ध मुद्दा दर्ता गर्ने अख्तियारको तयारी

अर्चना केशीलगायतविरुद्ध मुद्दा दर्ता गर्ने तयारी गरेको छ।

५ सय २० पृष्ठको अभियोगपत्र लिएर अख्तियार विहीवार विशेष अदालत पुगे पनि मुद्दा दर्ता भने भएको छैन। अख्तियारका अनुसार बोर्डको बेरुजु, आर्थिक अनुशासनमा चरम लापरवाही, मनपरी रकम विनियोजन, कर्मचारी भर्नालगायतमा चरम भ्रष्टाचार देखिएकाले यी पदाधिकारीविरुद्ध मुद्दा दायर गर्न लागिएको हो। अख्तियारले दायर गर्न लागेको यो सुडान घोटाला प्रकरणपछिको सबैभन्दा ठूलो

भ्रष्टाचार मुद्दा हो। अख्तियारका अनुसार वन सचिव पौडेललाई पूर्वप्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकृत श्रेष्ठको पालामा पर्यटन महाशाखा प्रमुखको हैसियतमा भ्रष्टाचारमा संलग्न भएको देखाइएको छ।

त्यसैगरी, स्थानीय विकास मन्त्रालयका सहसचिव भट्टराई बोर्डको प्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकृत छनोट समितिको संयोजक, बोर्डभित्रको भ्रष्टाचार छानविन समितिको संयोजकलगायतको हैसियतमा रहेका आर्थिक अनियमिततामा संलग्न भएको अभियोग लगाइएको छ। कानून सुधार आयोगका सचिव अर्याललाई पर्यटन मन्त्रालयका तत्कालीन सहसचिव, सीईओ छनोट समिति सदस्यलगायतको पदीय हैसियतको दुरुपयोग गरी भ्रष्टाचारमा संलग्न भएको अभियोग लगाइएको छ।

भ्रष्टाचारमा मुछिएका निरौलालाई संसद्को सार्वजनिक लेखा समितिले गत ५ कात्तिकमा निलम्बन गर्न सरकारलाई निर्देशन दिँदै कारबाही थाल्न अख्तियारलाई सुझाव दिएको थियो। अख्तियारले संसद्को सार्वजनिक लेखा समिति, बोर्डमा भएको भ्रष्टाचारवारे छानविन गर्न यसअघि बनेका समितिलगायतको प्रतिवेदन र अख्तियारको आन्तरिक अनुसन्धानबाट बोर्डमा ७९ करोडभन्दा बढी भ्रष्टाचार देखिएको भन्दै सो रकमबराबरको चिगो असुलको मागसहित मुद्दा तयार गर्न लागेको हो।



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**HOTEL SHOW SAUDI ARABIA**



**2015**  
May 3 - 5

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Jeddah  
Centre for Forums and Events,  
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Website: [www.thehotelshowsaudi Arabia.com](http://www.thehotelshowsaudi Arabia.com)

**Arabian Travel Market 2015**

May 4 - 7



Dubai World Trade Centre,  
Sheik Zayed Road, Con-  
vention Gate Dubai, United Arab  
Emirates

Website: [www.arabiantravelmarket.com](http://www.arabiantravelmarket.com)

**World Travel Fair 2015**

May 8 - 10

Shanghai Exhibition



Center,  
No. 1000 Yan'an Zhong  
Road, Jing'an Dis-  
trict Shanghai, China

Website:  
[www.worldtravelfair.com.cn](http://www.worldtravelfair.com.cn)

**IndoMICE 2015**

May 12 - 13

The Stones Hotel,  
Legian in Bali Bali, Indonesia

Website: [www.indomice.co](http://www.indomice.co)



**International MICE &  
Corporate Travel Destina-**

**tions Fair (IMDEF) Expo 2015**

May 14 - 17

Jakarta Convention Centre,  
Jakarta, Indonesia

Website: [www.wpcitra.co.id](http://www.wpcitra.co.id)

**IMEX FRANKFURT 2015**

May 19 - 20

Halle 8,  
Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage  
1 Frankfurt, 60327 Germany  
Website: [www.imex-frankfurt.com](http://www.imex-frankfurt.com)



**ASIA PACIFIC HOTEL INVESTMENT  
CONFERENCE (APHIC) 2015**

May 19 - 20

Dusit Thani Bangkok,  
Bangkok, Thailand  
Website:  
[www.questevent.com](http://www.questevent.com)



**Boutique and Lifestyle  
Hotel Summit 2015**

May 20 - 21

The Montcalm,  
London, Marble Arch London, United  
Kingdom  
Website:  
[www.boutiquehotelsummit.com](http://www.boutiquehotelsummit.com)



**Hotel Management Thailand Summit 2015**

May 21

Unnamed Venue,  
Bangkok, Thailand  
Website:  
[www.questevent.com](http://www.questevent.com)

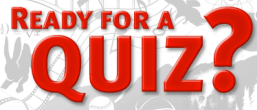


**CMT CHINA 2015**

May 29 - 31

Nanjing International  
Expo Center,  
Nanjing, China  
Website: [www.cmt-china.com.cn](http://www.cmt-china.com.cn)





1) In which country would you find the original Legoland?

2) What is the Spanish name for a Bullfighter?

3) Which member of the Royal family favoured the holiday island of Mustique?

4) What does ?Costa Brava? mean? (White Sand, Sunny Coast, Wealthy Coast, Rugged Coast, Disco, Coast of Discos)

5) If you were reading Le Figaro with your morning breakfast, where would you be?

6) In Israel you will find shops shut during the Sabbath, when is this?

7) For which musical festival held in July is the town of Bayreuth in Germany famous?

8) Near which Egyptian city would you visit the Colossi of Memnon?

9) Which city was once known as Byzantium and later as Constantinople?

10) What is the name given to a lover of all things French?

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