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Photo: Coins of Nepal

Coins are a piece of currency usually metallic and in the shape of disc, used as an exchanging medium. From the era of Malla Kings, Nepal also started to use coin in the 13th century. There was a decimal system of coinage in Nepal in 1903 where 100paise is equal to one rupee. The first paper money was introduced for the first time in Nepal in October 1945 in the form of Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 100. The modern coin of Nepal contained date as per Bikram Sambat era. Nepalese coins are called as sukua, mohar and paisa.

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NATTA Western Regional Association to Seoul/Busan

10th June, 2016



NATTA Western Regional Association Executives and members have left the capital for South Korea on a promotional tour on 8th June 2016.

A 20 member delegation team have reached Seoul where they will be attending the international travel fair Korea World Travel Fair (KOTFA) in Seoul and will organize a B2B and Press Meet in conjunction with the Embassy of Nepal in Korea and the office of Nepalese Consul.

A similar program will also be organized in Busan, a commercially very important city in South Korea. NATTA President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya, 1st V. P Mr. C.N Pandey, 2nd V.P Mr. D.K Sharma and Secretary Mr. Sudhir Kumar Upadhyay had bided adieu to the team at TIA.

Meeting with NATTA Printing & Publicity Committee

9th June, 2016



A meeting on NATTA Printing & Publicity Committee was held at NATTA Secretariat on 9th June 2016 to reflect on the publication of NATTA's Revised Membership Directory (2016-2018). The discussion was held on how to make the Directory more attractive and useful by reviewing appealing, its contents. The meeting also discussed on collecting resources to publish the Directory on time.

Chairman for the Committee Mr. Laxman Lamsal presided the meeting. Advisor to the committee Mr. Varun Mehta and Co-chairman Mr. Ghanashyam Ghimire were also present in the meeting.

Indo Nepal Bilateral Tourism Expansion II Workshop Meeting

6th June, 2016



Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NICCI) organized a meeting to prepare recommendations for the Second Joint Meeting on Indo-Nepal Bilateral Tourism Expansion & Promotion on 6th June 2016 at Hotel Annapurna.

NATTA President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya and Secretary General Mr. Bhim Prasad Panta participated in the meeting. President Acharya raised some pertinent points concerning the domestic fares, Boarder facilitation, Int'l fare, Casino intervention by the govt. etc. which are quite sensitive issues in bilateral tourism expansion.

The actual workshop was held on 9th June at the same hotel where the NCCI President handed over the recommendations to Tourism Secretary Mr. Prem Kr. Rai.

Meeting with NATTA Membership Committee

6th June, 2016



The first meeting of the Membership Committee was held at NATTA Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by Chairperson to the Committee, Mrs. Sabita Bhattarai K.C. The meeting discussed on revising the criteria to obtain membership of NATTA.

Controlling Syndicate In Transportation Sector

6th June, 2016



All is not well with Nepal's transportation sector. The government, transport entrepreneurs and their employees are responsible for the mess seen in the country's transportation sector. Although the transport entrepreneurs have been providing services to the needy commuters by operating buses, trucks and other vehicles across

the country, they have, however, prevented healthy growth of the transportation sector by not allowing new comers to operate similar services. They also resort to illegal practices and often tend not to abide by the rules. A news report the other day had it that the local bus entrepreneurs in Rasuwa district were not allowing the tourist buses to move ahead from Ghattrekhola-Timbure section of the road and forcing the tourists to ride their buses which are not comfortable. Mostly, Chinese tourists who enter Nepal through Rasuwa Gadhi travel via this route, but the local bus entrepreneurs do not allow the tourist buses to carry them. Due to this illegal syndicate system being practised by the transport entrepreneurs in Rasuwa, the tourists must undergo an ordeal, sending a negative message about Nepal's transportation facilities to the tourists wishing to visit Nepal. The Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA), the umbrella organisation of tour operators, has expressed serious concern over the syndicate practice of the transportation entrepreneurs in the district and demanded an immediate end to the illegal practice.

Indeed, the illegal syndicate system in the transportation sector has been in practice not only in Rasuwa but also across the country. As a result, regular commuters as well as tourists have to face difficulties while travelling to their destinations. The pilgrims to Muktinath and other religious sites also suffer from the syndicate system as the local transport entrepreneurs do not allow the entry of vehicles reserved by the pilgrims and other visitors to the area. Moreover, the tendency of discouraging the entry of new entrepreneurs who want to operate comfortable transportation services prevails all over the country. Though, according to the law of the land, syndicates of any sort are illegal, the government has been unable to fully implement this. Consequently, we often get to hear or read about the inconveniences caused by this illegal practice to the commuters. It is indeed intriguing as to why the government in Nepal has never been able to stop the transport entrepreneurs from violating the laws and traffic rules. The recent case in which the transport entrepreneurs organised a chakkajam across the nation to oppose the reform measures introduced by the traffic police with the good intention of controlling road accidents is a testimony to this. Everyone should follow the rules, and the government should be strong enough to punish anyone who violates them on a regular basis. If the government takes strong action against the transport entrepreneurs who disobey the law and traffic rules, the mess prevalent in the country's transportation sector will surely be brought under control. However, the people and the political parties should cooperate with the government in cracking down on the law violators.

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