

NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



ENEWS OF NATTA

Tourism Recovery Committee (TRC) Meeting

Representatives of associations on NATTA attended a couple of meetings of Tourism Recovery Committee (TRC) held in Tourism department. The meeting is led and coordinated by Director General of Tourism Department, Similarly, the member secretary of TRC is the Administrative Chief of NTB, Mr. Ramesh Kumar Adhikari. Members in the Committee are representing the private sector such as NATTA, TAAN, NMA, NATO, SOTTO & PATA Nepal Chapter as well as the various related government bodies such as archeological department, CAAN, Nepal Airlines, Immigration department, Nepal Tourism Board and more. The main objective of the committee is to propose strategies on rehabilitation and recovery of tourism in Nepal. Several Meetings have already been held to this effect and fund is being collected from various domestic and international tourism entrepreneurs, organizations, donors as well as other well wishers to contribute in the Tourism Recovery Fund.

Thanking the Contributors

We would like to thank all the contributors for their support.

Your generous contributions to NATTA Relief Fund may be deposited to Sunrise Bank under the account 'Nepal Assoc.Tour & T.A.' (Relief F) No.00210250772011, SWIFT Code: SRBLNPKA or it may be directly deposited at NATTA Accounts Department during the working days and hours. Or, your single phone call to NATTA to this effect would enable us to reach our helping hand to come to your office and collect your contribution.

Meeting with DG of Immigration

A meeting was held with the Director General of Immigration Department Mr. Kedar Neupane on Wednesday, the 20th of May 2015. As a part of tourism recovery plan, NATTA requested to grant free visa to tourists willing to travel to Nepal till the end of 2015. The gratis visa may send a positive message to the world on Nepal's eagerness to revive the tourism industry after the earthquake.

Meeting with BARN

On 20th May 2015, a meeting was held between NATTA & BARN at Hotel Annapurna. Representing NATTA, Secretary General, Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa, Treasurer, Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney & Executive Member, Mr. Binay Basnet were present in the meeting. The meeting discussed mainly on the strategies on how to revive the aviation sector together with tourism which has been badly hit by the disastrous earthquake of last month. At the moment, the airlines have reduced the number of flights to Kathmandu due to less number of passengers travelling. Among the proposed strategies were to request the government for concession on landing, parking & navigation fees at TIA as well as discount on the aircraft fuel prices for a certain period of time so that the airlines are also able to come up with special airfares for revival of tourism.

Meeting with CAAN

Meeting with officiating DG of CAAN Mr. Mahendra Singh Rawal was held today on 22nd May 2015. NATTA Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa and Treasurer Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney attended the meeting.



NATTA has set up a Relief Fund to support the victims of recent Earthquake disaster. Request you to kindly contribute generously by sending cash/cheque to NATTA Secretariat.

Below are the lists of Contributors who have so far supported in the Relief Fund for the Earthquake Victims:

1. Hogg Robinson Group (HRG)		2,50,000/-
2. Hongkong Judiciary Registered Interpreters		1,35,000/-
3. Mr. Ram Shrestha	(Harvest Moon Travel)	51,000/-
4. Sahara Samuha Nepal (SSN)		50,000/-
5. Mr. Parasar Prasai	(Universal Tours)	25,000/-
6. Mr. Peter Ko	(Arniko International)	20,000/-
7. Mr. Mahendra R. Paudel 'Henny'	(Global Asia)	16,000/-
8. Mr. B.K Shrestha	(Himalayan Travels)	15,575/-
9. Mr. C.N. Pandey	(Samrat Tours)	15,555/-
10. Mr. M.P. Rai	(Broadway Travel)	15,101/-
11. Mr. Bholu Bikram Thapa	(President Travel)	15,000/-
12. Mr. D.B. Limbu	(Fast Int'l Travel)	15,000/-
13. Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa	(Zenith Experience)	15,000/-
14. Mr. Navaraj Ghimire	(Annapurna Travel)	15,000/-
15. Mr. Srawan Rana	(Jaya Travel)	15,000/-
16. Mr. Gopal Man Singh Rajbanshi	(Altruism Travels)	15,000/-
17. Mr. Sarbottam Lal Shrestha	(Peace Int'l Travel)	15,000/-
18. Mr. K.P Sharma	(Wonderland Travel)	15,000/-
19. Mr. Shyam Raj Thapaliya	(Osho World Travel)	11,000/-
20. Mr. Bishnu Basnet	(Serene Travels)	11,000/-
21. Mr. Laxman Chhetri & His Family		10,600/-
22. Mr. Joy Dewan	(Zenith Travel)	10,000/-
23. Mr. Shambhu Pokhrel	(SunShine Lhasa Kathmandu)	10,000/-
24. Mr. Krishna Regmi	(Typical Nepal Travel)	10,000/-
25. Mr. Roshan Babu Thulung	(Air Corridor Travels)	10,000/-
26. Mr. Bal Bahadur Tamang	(Sky Highway Travel)	10,000/-
27. Mr. Ramesh Luintel	(Euro Asia Travel)	10,000/-
28. Mr. Bijay Rai	(Axis Holidays Nepal)	10,000/-
29. Mr. Bikram Pandey	(Himalayan Expedition)	10,000/-
30. Mr. Megh Giri	(Jayanti Travels)	10,000/-
31. Mr. Shikher Prasai	(Natraj Tours)	10,000/-
32. Mr. Sachin Khagdi	(Specialize Travel)	10,000/-
33. Mr. Suraj Lamichhane	(Sita World Travel Nepal)	10,000/-
34. Mr. Ram K. Barakoti	(Nepal Social Tours)	10,000/-
35. Mr. Punya Paudel	(Losar Tours)	10,000/-
36. Mr. Ujjwal Aryal	(Fewa Tours)	10,000/-
37. Mr. Gunja Bahadur Ranjit	(Rainbow Travel)	10,000/-
38. Mr. Narayan Neupane	(Appointment Travel)	10,000/-
39. Mr. Bharat Malla	(Seven Peaks)	10,000/-
40. Mr. Ramesh Rajbhandari	(Zen Travels)	10,000/-
41. Mr. Prakash K.C	(Prayas Travels)	10,000/-
42. Mr. Govinda Dahal	(Green Horizon Tours)	10,000/-
43. Mr. Suman Karki		7,500/-
44. Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak	(Blue Bird Travel)	7,000/-
45. Mr. Raghu Raj Rawal	(Exotic Adventure)	7,000/-
46. Mr. Pom Narayan Shrestha	(Open Heart Travel)	6,000/-
47. Mr. Megh Bahadur Khatri	(Sumegh Travels)	5,555/-
48. Mr. Sanjay Bajimaya	(Nepa Travel)	5,555/-
49. Mr. Rishi Ram Dhamala	(Rupakot Tours)	5,500/-
50. Mr. Lok Prasad Silwal	(Travel Link Service)	5,100/-
51. Mr. Sangay Gurung	(Explore Nepal Richa Tours)	5,100/-
52. Mr. Bharat Jung Pandey	(Everest Miracle)	5,100/-
53. Mr. Bhupal Magar	(Tamakhani Travel)	5,050/-
54. Ms. Phudoma Sherpa	(Debonair Travel)	5,003/-
55. Mr. Min Bdr. Khatri	(Pigeon Travel)	5,000/-
56. Mr. Chitra Bdr. Gurung	(Evergreen Travel)	5,000/-

57. Mr. Gautam Manandhar	(Sunrise Int'l)	5,000/-
58. Mr. Sushil Panta	(Gorkha Int'l)	5,000/-
59. Mr. Suresh Amgain	(Trail Blazer Travels)	5,000/-
60. Ms. Rashmi Tamot	(Ajanta Voyage)	5,000/-
61. Mr. Sumed Shakya	(Jatak Travel)	5,000/-
62. Mr. Rabi Nath Paudel	(Saiyu Travel)	5,000/-
63. Mr. Ram Kaji Gurung Koney	(Gandaki Travels)	5,000/-
64. Mr. Arjun Prasad Sharma	(Shiva Travels)	5,000/-
65. Mr. Bharat Kumar Basnet	(The Explore Nepal)	5,000/-
66. ABACUS Nepal		5,000/-
67. Mr. Rabindra Bajracharya	(Global Holidays)	5,000/-
68. Mr. Narayan Gurung Koney	(Cheerful Holiday)	5,000/-
69. Mr. Ramesh Thapa	(Moon Sun Travel)	5,000/-
70. Mr. Hari Man Lama	(Incentive Tours)	5,000/-
71. Mr. Bikash Gauchan	Leisure World)	5,000/-
72. Mr. Bhim Prasad Panta	(Magnificent Travel)	5,000/-
73. Mr. Binay Basnet	(Koshi Tours)	5,000/-
74. Ms. Kamla Gurung	(Travel Light)	5,000/-
75. Mr. Yadu Lamichhane	(Asiatic Travel)	5,000/-
76. Mr. Shantosh Pyakurel	(Budget Travel)	5,000/-
77. Mr. Mahendra Man Shrestha	(Namaste Travel)	5,000/-
78. Mrs. Gayatri Kansakar	(Nepal Kamaz)	5,000/-
79. Mr. Nilendra Mali	(Mali Travel)	5,000/-
80. Mr. Gautam Lal Shrestha	(Peace Travel)	5,000/-
81. Mr. Prithvi Shrestha	(Nepal Kaze Travel)	5,000/-
82. Mr. Keshab Shrestha	(Solution Travel)	5000/-
83. Mr. Golman Gurung	(Deurali Travel)	5000/-
84. Mr. Krishna Gyawali	(Union International Travel)	5000/-
85. Mr. Prakash Singh Karki	(Paragon Travel)	5,000/-
86. Mr. Bhupendra Pradhan	(Vista Travel)	5000/-
87. Mr. Jay Ram	(Flight Connection)	5000/-
88. Mrs. Laxmi Gurung	(Swastik Travel)	5,000/-
89. Mr. Sonam Tapke Gurung	(Experience Nepal)	5,000/-
90. Mr. Raj Kumar Shrestha	(Adventure Specialist Travel)	5,000/-
91. Mr. Zimba Zangbu Sherpa	(Khumbi-ila Voyage)	5,000/-
92. Mr. Khem Pangen	(Sky Bridge Tours)	5,000/-
93. Mr. Ang Tshering Sherpa	(Asian Trekking)	5,000/-
94. Mr. Shibesh Shrestha	(C & K Travel)	5,000/-
95. Mr. Prabin K.C.	(Seagull Travel)	5,000/-
96. Mr. Hari Bol Thapa	(Travel Net)	5,000/-
97. Mr. Bhakta Bahadur Malla	(Alpine Travel Service)	5,000/-
98. Mr. Thakur Prasad Bhatta	(Jumbo Adventure)	5,000/-
99. Mr. Narendra Bhatta	(Heritage Tours & Travels)	5,000/-
100. Mr. Raju Shahi	(Nature Express)	3,000/-
101. Mr. Madan Acharya	(Loyal Travel)	3,000/-
102. Mr. Ram Shrestha	(Indra Travel)	3,000/-
103. Mr. Ram Ghale	(Liberty Holiday)	3,000/-
104. Mr. Narayan Prasad Pokhrel	(Fishtail Travel)	3,000/-
105. Mr. Khem R. Niroula	(Scenic Adventure Tours)	2,100/-
106. Mr. Pawan Tuladhar	(Rising Travels)	2,000/-
107. Mr. Raja Shakya	(Confidence Travels)	2,000/-
108. Mr. Mukunda Pd. Sharma	(Synergy Travels)	2,000/-
109. Dr. Hari Sarmah	NATTA	2,000/-
110. Mr. P.P. Rauniyar	(Him-Hans Travels)	1,500/-
111. Mrs. Dibya Prabha Shahi	(Diana Travels)	1,500/-
112. Mr. Laxman Tiwari	(Muskan Travel)	1,500/-
113. Mr. Binod Raj Poudyal	(Bon Travel)	1,500/-
114. Mr. Raju Dhakal	(Sea Links Travels)	1,500/-
115. Ms. Shradha Chhetri	NATTA	1,500/-
116. Ms. Sanjita Neupane	NATTA	1,500/-
117. Ms. Urmila Maharjan	NATTA	1,101/-
118. Ms. Saraswoti Paudel	NATTA	1,100/-
119. Mr. Lekha Nath Bhandari	(Ample Travel)	1,000/-

Total Fund Collected: Rs. 12, 89,095/-

**Let's
unite in this
humanitarian
cause.**



' Nepal - A Safe Destination '

Nepal government and travel trade organizations have appealed tourists around the world to visit Nepal and help Nepalese people to overcome their sufferings. The major earthquake that hit the country on 25 April and May 12 have destroyed most of the heritage sites of Nepal, mainly heritage sites of Kathmandu valley.

A release issued by spokesperson Mohan Krishna Sapkota of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoCTCA) states: "The Government used its resources to assess the condition of major tourism products of Nepal including Pokhara, Lumbini, Palpa, Chitwan, Bardiya and Suklaphanta wildlife safari and beautiful lakes. Nepalese tourism products and destinations are safe and intact. Of all trekking sites and routes of Nepal, Everest Trekking Route (Popularly known as Khumbu Trekking) and Annapurna Trekking Circuit are safe. These routes have least or no impact of quake. "

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation has prepared Tourism Recovery Action Plan to bring the tourism industry back on track at the earliest. The action plan includes immediate, mid-term and long term reconstruction, relief and package program for the tourism industry. Travel and tourism industry has suffered a lot after devastating earthquake of April 25 and May 12. The earthquake caused loss of Rs 5 billion to the tourism sector.

According to secretary of MoCTCA Suresh Man Shrestha, the action plan has been prepared to rebuild and rehabilitate cultural heritage sites, tourist areas and trekking trails damaged by the earthquake and several aftershocks. The government plans reconstruction of damaged cultural heritages, trekking routes, hotels and homestay facilities.

A consultation meeting on Tourism Recovery held recently by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation in coordination with Nepal Tourism Board outlined post quake situation of travel and tourism in the country. The Tourism Recovery Committee (TRC), formed under the chairmanship of Tulsi Prasad Gautam, Director General at the Department of Tourism (DoT) has identified short- and long-term works for speedy recovery of the tourism industry.

A total of 137 important cultural and historical heritage buildings and monuments have been completely damaged and 444 monuments and heritage sites suffered partial damage in the earthquake as stated by the Department of Archaeology, Nepal. Most of the UNESCO World Heritage sites and popular tourist attractions, some dating more than 1,700 years, reduced to piles of rubble including Dharahara tower of Kathmandu.

Similarly, quake destroyed hundreds of hotels and trails in major trekking routes of the Himalayan country specially in along Manaslu, Langtang and Everest region. According to UNESCO's preliminary assessment on the ground, the monuments and sites within the Kathmandu Valley World Heritage property, as well as several other cultural and natural heritage sites located in the area, have been heavily affected. In particular, Durbar Squares of Patan, Hanuman Dhoka (Kathmandu) and Bhaktapur are almost fully destroyed.

Nepal's natural heritage, in particular the World Heritage site of Sagarmatha National Park, including Mount Everest, has also been severely affected by the earthquake. Minimal impact has been found to the World heritage site of Lumbini, the Birthplace of the Lord Buddha (1997), and Chitwan National Park (1984).

The cultural heritage of the Kathmandu Valley is composed of seven groups of monuments and buildings representing a broad range of historical and artistic achievements for which the Kathmandu Valley is world famous. The seven monuments and sites include the Durbar Squares of Hanuman Dhoka (Kathmandu), Patan and Bhaktapur, the Buddhist Stupas of Swayambhu and Bouddhanath and the Hindu temples of Pashupati and Changu Narayan.

Nepal is Still Beautiful

