

NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



ENEWS OF NATTA

NATTA IN SOUTH ASIAN TOURISM FEDERATION



Coinciding with Bangladesh International Tourism Fair-2015, 21-23rd May, a very special meeting was held in Dhaka in the presence of the participating country members to give a final shape to the concept of forming South Asian Tourism Federation.

In order to develop tourism in South Asian Countries (SAARC) this committee named "South Asian Tourism Federation" was formed. Names of the committee will be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' SAARC Secretariat and will comply with recommendations and this committee will work for the speedy development of tourism in the region.

On last 22nd May this committee was declared in a meeting held at a Hotel in Dhaka. The meeting was arranged by Bangladesh International Hotel Association and was participated by the representatives from India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan and Bangladesh. The meeting was presided over by Mr. H.M. Hakim Ali, President, Bangladesh International Hotel Association.

Members present in the meeting unanimously nominated Mr. H. M. Hakim Ali of Bangladesh as Chairman, Vice-Chairman Mr. D.B. Limbu, President of Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents (NATTA), General Secretary, Mr. Sonom Darjee, Executive Director of Bhutanese Association of Tour Operators' Executive Director and Finance Secretary Sangita Rana, General Secretary of Bhutan's Hotel & Restaurant Association, India has agreed to take over as Vice President.

Bangladesh Inbound Tour Operators Association's President Mr. Rezaul Ekram was also made Convener of the Federation to form with immediate effect. CEO NATTA Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah will however be in the Committee as one of the founder members.

NOTICE TO IATA ACCREDITED AGENTS

This is to inform all IATA Accredited Agents that the IATA Payment date for the period of 1st - 15th May 2015 has been deferred till 8th June 2015.

NATTA Participated in Bangladesh International Tourism Fair

The Inaugural Ceremony of 5th Bangladesh Tourism Fair (BITF) - 2015 was held at Bangabandhu International Conference (BICC), Dhaka on May 21st 2015, Thursday. Mr. Rahsed Khan Menon, MP, Honourable Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. Mr. Ratan Bhowmik, Honorable Minister for Tourism Government of Tripura, India graced the ceremony as Guest of Honor. Mr. Khurshed Alam Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism was also remain present as special guest at the ceremony. Mr. H.M Hakim Ali, Chairman, Bangladesh Foundation for Tourism Development (BFTD) presided over the ceremony.

All the dignitaries present were greeted by NATTA by offering Special Khada with the print of NATTA Logo.

D.B Limbu, President of NATTA apprised the gathering of the recent Nepal Earthquake and thanked the people and the Govt. of Bangladesh for their meaningful cooperation and support and also emphasized on the need of the formation of South Asian Tourism Federation. Had there been such a federation of tourism stakeholders strategies to position Nepal in the tourism mp would have gone rapidly, he said in the Inaugural Ceremony. Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah presented a paper on importance of establishing a regional form on tourism in a



seminar held the following day in Dhaka.



Meet with ILO

NATTA had a meeting with the delegates of ILO on 24th May'15 at NATTA Secretariat. The meeting basically focused on the scenario of the laborers who suffered on the massive 25th April Earthquake. As a result of the devastating scope of the earthquake, it has been estimated that more than four million workers may have been affected. ILO will contribute its expertise to estimate job losses, recovery needs of enterprises and other employment issues to ensure sustainable recovery. There is a need to replenish assets and skills of small and medium enterprises



in sectors such as tourism and other services. Throughout, the ILO will be advocating for fair wages, decent and safe working conditions and the empowerment of disadvantaged groups.

NATTA 2nd V.P Mr. C.N Pandey, Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa, Secretary Mr. Ramesh Thapa and Treasurer Mr. Narayan P. Gurung Koney were present at the meeting and expressed their perspectives on it.

NATTA Meet Hon'ble Minister for Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation



NATTA Executive Committee led by President D.B Limbu met the newly appointed Hon'ble Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation on Thursday, the 28th May'15 at his office in Singhadurbar. NATTA Delegates congratulated and expressed their best wishes to the Minister for a successful tenure of office. NATTA President on behalf of the association presented a twenty-eight point letter of Grievances to Hon'ble Minister and requested the minister to address NATTA Grievances for the betterment of tourism that has deteriorated to a great extent due to the disastrous April 25 Earthquake.



President Limbu focused on the need of waiving visa fees for the tourists, relaxation of Landing, Parking and navigation fee for the Int'l Airlines at TIA, creating provision of soft loan for the tourism stakeholders and dissemination of positive message about Nepal through international media etc.

NATTA Delegation consisted of 2nd VP Mr. C.N Pandey, Secretary Mr. Ramesh Thapa, Treasurer Mr. Narayan P. Gurung Koney, Jt. Treasurer Ms. Jiswan Tuladhar Shrestha, Executive Member Mr. Sudhir Kr. Upadhyay and CEO Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah.

NATTA Called on British Embassy

A three- member NATTA Delegation met Mr. John Rankin, the acting ambassador of the UK at British Embassy last Thursday, the 28th May '15 at his office in Lainchaur. The delegation was led by NATTA President Mr. D.B. Limbu. Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa and CEO Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah were in the delegation. The acting ambassador of Britain was apprised of the current scenario of tourism in the country in the aftermath of the disastrous earthquake of April 25. NATTA President expressed thanks and gratitude on behalf of Nepalese Tourism fraternity for all support and cooperation extended to Nepal as relief for the earthquake victims by the friendly people and the Government of Britain. Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa focused on the number of British nationals coming to Nepal as visitors. In 2012 the figure of the arrivals from Britain stood at a little more than 41 thousand and the figure squeezed down to 35 thousand in 2013. The NATTA delegates envisaged on British support in rebuilding the country's tourism and also requested that the embassy could help us a lot by bringing in some relaxation in the travel advisory and by disseminating positive messages to the British nationals. Mr. Rankin emphasized on massive marketing and development of contacts with their British counterpart. He also said that in case of any important event in Nepal being organized by NATTA, the British Embassy in Nepal would be more than happy to bridge contacts with British travel companies. CEO Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah on behalf of NATTA thanked His Excellency for his very kind gesture and citing John Milton's Paradise Lost told him that Nepal has though been rocked by the M 7.9 r.s., her people are determined to get back to normalcy with the support and co-operation of Nepal's friends especially UK.



Everest Day Marked

A rally was conducted in the ceremony of eighth International Everest day. This rally was started from Tourism Board after a short ceremony of putting Garland in Statues of first Everest climbers Tenjing Norgay Sherpa and Edmund Hillary. Starting from Tourism board rally went to Padhmodaya Modh, Putalisadak, Kamaladi, Ghantaghar, Ratna Park and back to the place where it started. Tourism minister KripaSur Shepa, Secretary Suresh Man Shrestha, officers of tourism ministry, and many national and international mountain climbers had participated in the rally. NATTA Officials also participated in the event to mark Everest Day.



International Everest Day is celebrated in Nepal from 2008 A.D. Tourism ministry said that, a huge ceremony was conducted previous year but this year due to effect of devastating earthquake only a simple program could be organized.

Meet with Annapurna Post

A meeting was convened by Annapurna Post Daily on 25th May'15 at Hotel Annapurna to discuss on how to revive the tourism industry that has come down to almost a standstill due to the recent April 25 earthquake. Tourism Minister, Mr. Kripasur Sherpa, President of NATTA, Mr. D.B Limbu, President of TAAN,

Mr. Ramesh Dhamala, Nepal Chairman of PATA, Mr. Suman Pandey spoke on the occasion.

Meeting went for about an hour and the details of the meeting was published in Annapurna Post of 26th May'15.

(Can be viewed at Media Pick of the Week ,Page.7)



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.



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:

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Only 10^{out} of 75

Districts are affected.



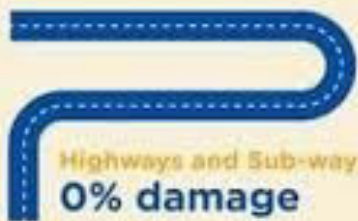
Only 1^{out} of 10
National Parks
is affected



AIRPORTS
INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL
0% damage



Only 3^{out} of 8 UNESCO
World Heritage Sites
have around 40% damages



Highways and Sub-ways
0% damage



Only 2^{out} of 35
Trekking Routes are affected

Communication is perfect



Hospitals and Clinics
are safe and in operation.
No viral diseases.



90% HOTELS
SAFE



100% Hotels

In popular destinations like
Pokhara, Chitwan, Lumbini, Banskali,
Bharu, Annapurna Region, Everest
Region etc. are safe and in full operation.

We Lost Homes , Not Hope



...and the sun will RISE AGAIN



WE WILL RISE AGAIN

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