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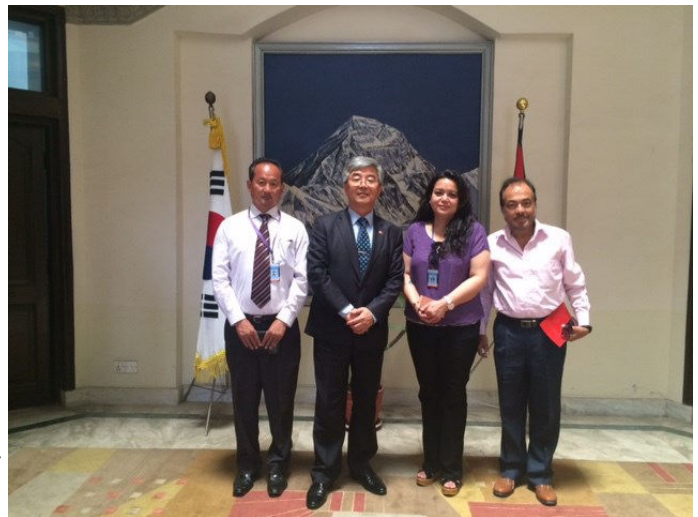
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NEWS OF NATTA

NATTA MEETS AMBASSADORS

Meet with Ambassador of Korea

NATTA officials met the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea HE Mr. Chee Yong-Jin on 2nd June, 2015 and thanked him along with the friendly people and Government of the Republic of Korea for the great gesture shown towards the devastations caused in Nepal due to the great earthquake. The NATTA team led by President D.B. Limbu apprised HE Mr. Yong-Jin about the efforts of TRC to revive tourism in the country and sought his suggestions. HE informed that most Koreans visit Nepal for trekking and in the year 2014 approximately 24 thousand Koreans had gone for trekking in the Annapurna and Everest region. He suggested the NATTA delegates to invite Korean operators after the monsoon for a fam trip of Nepal so that they can see for themselves the reality. He appreciated the efforts of TRC to revive the tourism sector and assured that after things get back better, he will do the needful to pursue the Govt. of the Republic of Korea to bring in some relaxation in their travel advisory. The NATTA delegates included Secy. Gen. Mihika Dhakhwa and CEO Hari Sarmah.



Visit to Thai Embassy in Nepal

The NATTA delegation led by President Mr. D. B. Limbu met with H.E. Mr. Vutti Vuttisant, Ambassador of Thailand on 4th June 2015 at the Royal Thai Embassy in Bansburi, Kathmandu. The discussion was mainly centered on the tips on how to revive tourism of Nepal in the aftermath of the disastrous earthquake. Mr. Chakraphan Yuwari, Counsellor, Thai Embassy, also gave an insight on what the Thai tourists look for in Nepal. NATTA Secretary General, Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa highlighted



on the official statistics which shows more than 40,000 Thai tourists visiting Nepal in a year and out of which 83% come by road to visit Lumbini through India. Despite having daily direct flights connecting Bangkok with Kathmandu, it is unfortunate that Nepal tourism has not been able to entice Thai tourists through Kathmandu. Also, present in the meeting was NATTA CEO, Dr. Hari Sarmah and Minister Counsellor of Thai Embassy, Mr. Ek-att Thitaram.

MEETING WITH NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICIALS



NATTA Delegates at CAAN

Nepal (CAAN) Mr. Sanjiv Gautam at his office on Wednesday, the 03rd June, 2015.

delegates also discussed about the Airport Development and Facilitation to the Air Passengers.

It has been learnt from him that the authority has already started expediting the possibilities of providing some relief by cutting down the above fees. DG CAAN also suggested NATTA delegates to talk to concerned authorities in regard to the exorbitant price of the air fuel supplied by NOC.

A three-member NATTA delegation led by President D.B. Limbu called on the newly appointed Director General of Civil Aviation Authority of

the agenda of minimizing the parking, landing and navigation fees for the international airlines operating to and from Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) especially in the wake of the last April 25 earthquake. The

NATTA Delegates meet Managing Director of NAC

NATTA has congratulated the newly appointed Managing Director of Nepal Airlines Corporation Mr. Sugat Ratna Kansakar by calling on his office on 1st June and held discussions on issues like extending the 'buy two get one free' scheme for all the NA operating sectors in view to encourage visitors to Nepal. NATTA also informed MD

Kansakar that NATTA is planning to host a mega fam trip for operators and journalists sometime before the advent of post-monsoon season and requested NA to cooperate.

The meeting concluded agreeing that the national flag carrier should be protected by the state as the state carrier is the real backbone of



nation's tourism. The stronger the national flag carrier, the better would be the scope of tourism in the country.

NATTA at TRC

A meeting of Tourism Recovery Committee held on 04th June '15 at Nepal Tourism Board was participated in by President D.B. Limbu, Secretary General Mihika Dhakhwa and CEO Prof. Hari Sarmah. The meeting chaired by DG of Tourism Department reflected on three basic points, viz. reduction on the landing, parking and navigation fees for the international airlines at the airport, rebate on aircraft fuel and incentive for passengers on National Flag Carrier, NAC. NATTA suggested the TRC to plan for a mega fam trip for foreign tour operators and journalists sometime in the third week of September crossing the monsoon. Moreover, NATTA also suggested the Committee to keep on mailing the decisions of TRC meeting to the associations of the stakeholders to bridge the information gap. Present in the meeting were the DDG of DOT, DG of CAAN, MD and Marketing Director of NAC, President of TAAN, NATO and representatives from NTB. Other issues discussed in the meeting included, proper branding for timely dissemination through international media, expediting the possibilities of reducing the entry fees for tourists in the national parks and restricted areas, opening up entry points in the Nepal-Tibet (China) border to facilitate the visitors to Mansarovar-Kailash, waiving Visa fees for a short term period etc.

Visit of Heritage Sites



Journalist Association of Tourism – Nepal (JAT) in association with Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) had organized a day tour visit to heritage sites of Kathmandu on 1st June 2015. The main mission of this visit was to get actual damages information of all heritage sites. The visiting team was comprised of Journalists and media persons, NTB Board members and staffs, DG of Department of Archeology, Presidents of different Associations and Tourism Entrepreneurs. NTB premises was the assembly point. Visit started from NTB at 7:30 am and reached Swoyambhu and then Bouddhanath, Pashupatinath and Bhaktapur.

After the survey the damages that came into notice was 30% damage in Swoyambhunath, 15% in Pashupatinath and 25% in Bhaktapur Durbar Square and no damage was found in Boudhanath Stupa.



A meeting held with the major travel trade members of Tours and Travel to focus on the recovery of the current tourism scenario today, 5th June 2015 at NATTA Secretariat.

On Photo:

Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa, Treasurer Mr. Narayan Pd. Gurung Koney along with travel trade members in discussion on recovery of tourism.

*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. Bhola 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. Bishnu Basnet	(Serene Travels)	11,000/-
20. Mr. Laxman Chhetri & His Family		10,600/-
21. Mr. Shyam Raj Thapaliya	(Osho World Travel)	10,000/-
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/-
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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/-
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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. Anik Kumar Thapa	(Trips Out)	5,000/-
101. Mr. Suresh Nakarmi	(Shakti Travel)	3,500/-
102. Mr. Raju Shahi	(Nature Express)	3,000/-
103. Mr. Madan Acharya	(Loyal Travel)	3,000/-
104. Mr. Ram Shrestha	(Indra Travel)	3,000/-
105. Mr. Ram Ghale	(Liberty Holiday)	3,000/-
106. Mr. Narayan Prasad Pokhrel	(Fishtail Travel)	3,000/-
107. Mr. Suresh K.C	(Infinity Tours)	2,500/-
108. Mr. Khem R. Niroula	(Scenic Adventure Tours)	2,100/-
109. Mr. Pawan Tuladhar	(Rising Travels)	2,000/-
110. Mr. Raja Shakya	(Confidence Travels)	2,000/-
111. Mr. Mukunda Pd. Sharma	(Synergy Travels)	2,000/-
112. Dr. Hari Sarmah	NATTA	2,000/-
113. Mr. P.P. Rauniyar	(Him-Hans Travels)	1,500/-
114. Mrs. Dibya Prabha Shahi	(Diana Travels)	1,500/-
115. Mr. Laxman Tiwari	(Muskan Travel)	1,500/-
116. Mr. Binod Raj Poudyal	(Bon Travel)	1,500/-
117. Mr. Raju Dhakal	(Sea Links Travels)	1,500/-
118. Ms. Shradha Chhetri	NATTA	1,500/-
119. Ms. Sanjita Neupane	NATTA	1,500/-
120. Ms. Saraswoti Paudel	NATTA	1,100/-
121. Mr. Shree H. Subedi	(Vistas Himalaya)	1,005/-
122. Mr. Lekha Nath Bhandari	(Ample Travel)	1,000/-

Let's
unite in this
humanitarian
cause.

Total Fund Collected: Rs. 12, 96,499/-

Nepal for Tourists – Nothing to Fear!

On 25th April 2015 a powerful earthquake of magnitude 7.9 struck the central region of Nepal in the Gorkha district just north of the main highway between Kathmandu and Pokhara. The earthquake was followed by a number of severe aftershocks that were felt as far away as India, Bangladesh, and Tibet.



The earthquake triggered an avalanche on Mount Everest in the famous trekking regions of Manaslu and Langtang. Langtang village itself bore the brunt of the catastrophe, with the entire village completely buried by the avalanche as it descended from the Langtang slopes thousands of feet above.

However, while the earthquake has shaken the land of Nepal, it has been unable to shake the courage, strength, and spirit of its people. The Kathmandu Valley is alive and kicking and striving to get back on its feet. Relief is slowly reaching the earthquake-affected villages, with local government and various NGO's and INGO's joining forces in an effort to bring life back to normal. Heritage sites like Swayambhu, the three Durbar Squares, and many other ancient settlements and monuments will not be fully reconstructed for some time, but the locals together with local authorities have at least initiated plans for their renovation. In time, all of these magnificent structures will be repaired and brought back to life.

Despite damage to historical and cultural monuments, Nepal is still able to welcome tourists with open arms. Roads and air transport links remain intact across the country; the majority of hotels and restaurants are already back in operation; and apart from the regions of Manaslu and Langtang, most trekking areas have escaped widespread damage. Tourism is one of the mainstays of the Nepalese economy, and Nepal will certainly need the income that tourism brings as it attempts to recover from this disaster.

Other than the highly affected areas of Manaslu and Langtang, trekking in most other regions can be undertaken at any time; Manaslu will start by end of September and probably Langtang too. Pokhara is very safe, and still captivates with its magnificent mountain views and serene lakes. Chitwan and Bardia also escaped widespread damage, and are thus ready to showcase their abundance of natural life. The birthplace of the Buddha, Lumbini, did not incur much damage and is thankfully all set to welcome visitors back to its sacred soil.

Have you ever travelled to Nepal? Start making plans! October and November are Nepal's peak season for tourism, and are of course the best time of year to come and visit. Walk the beautiful trails in the shadow of the most magnificent mountains on earth as you help the Nepalese people reset their course on the path to prosperity. And consider this: how good you will feel knowing that you were among the first to show the rest of the world that Nepal is once again a safe place to visit and explore; that there is nothing to fear and everything to be gained by witnessing first-hand the indomitable spirit of its people as they set about constructing a new identity, a new architecture, a new legacy on top of the still living and breathing vestiges of the old identity, the old architecture, and the old legacy. Nepal is now embarking upon the most fascinating period in all of its ancient history, and you could be right there to see it happen.

So come on: start thinking RIGHT NOW about the most important adventure you'll ever undertake. Start planning your trip. Trust us. We promise you it'll be the greatest thing you'll ever do in your life.

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Happy faces of students in school as it reopened after more than a month.



Happy faces of victims of Earthquake as they receive relief materials.



Happy faces of Children at their camp.



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