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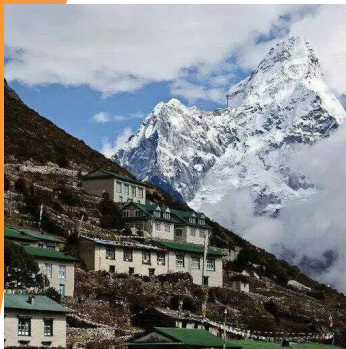


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Continuation of NATTA Relief Program: Latest Visit to Lele



Beautiful Nepal



In Continuation to the Relief Program by NATTA for Earthquake Victims, This time NATTA Team has visited to Lele, Lalitpur with 115 sacks of rice which was distributed in different wards of Lele VDC.

NATTA has been conducting relief programs right from the very week of the M 7.9 Earthquake that hit on 25th April last.



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Meeting of JTCC

A meeting of Joint Tourism Coordination Committee (JTCC) collected a sum of Rs. 5,75,000/- from various members. The meeting has decided to contribute the above amount in PM's Relief Fund for the relief of the Earthquake victims. It has also decided to meet the

Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister with a memorandum and will soon write a letter to N T B seeking transparency in its activities.

JTCC will soon have its own Secretariat. A committee has been

formed to expedite the setting up of JTCC Secretariat.

The meeting was chaired by NATTA President and JTCC Coordinator Mr. D.B Limbu.



In distribution of sacks of rice to the victims at Parbat



In distribution of tarpaulins to the victims at Okhaldhunga

NATTA calls on HE the Ambassador of the F.R Germany

A three member NATTA delegation led by President D.B Limbu called on His Excellency Mr. Matthias Meyer, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany at his office in the German Embassy, Gyaneshwor on 9th June'15 in the morning. President Limbu thanked the friendly people and the government of Germany for all

the valuable co-operation and support in the form of relief that Nepal has received during the recent crisis raised by M7.9 richter scale earthquake in Nepal. The NATTA delegates explained to Ambassador Meyer that not much of the tourism has been hit. Places like Chitwan, Bandipur, Pokhara, Lumbini, Eastern and Far Western Region. So, potential visitors from Germany and other European nations do not need to cancel their autumn itinerary in Nepal.

HE the ambassador suggested that if nothing goes wrong during the upcoming monsoon, tourism in Nepal will recover speedily starting from Oct / Nov. His Excellency also envisaged that NATTA should endeavor to invite journals and operators so that they can see Nepal for themselves and encourage their nations to visit Nepal.

Also in the meeting were Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa and CEO Prof. Dr. Hari Sarmah.



Round Table Meeting of NCC

Nepal Chamber of Commerce's (NCC) round table meeting was held on 7th June 2015 at Hotel Soaltee on the topic *Private sectors role and responsibility for tourism revival*.

Chief Guest for the program was Minister. for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Mr. Kripasur Sherpa.

Mr. D. B. Limbu, President of Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents along with Director General of Department of Tourism, DG of CAAN, General Manager of NAC, officials from Nepal Government, representatives of Airlines and tourism related association attended the meeting. President of NCC Mr. Rajesh Kaji Shrestha opened the floor for discussion by giving a

welcome speech. Participants gave their views on the topic respectively. Meeting concluded with the speech given by Chief Guest.

The outcome of the meeting seemed meaningful in terms of delivering individuals idea and to convey private sector's aspects in regards to revival of tourism in Nepal to Minister and concern government authorities.



NMA Observes World Environment Day

Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA) observed World Environment Day in the location International Mountaineer's Memorial Park, Kankani of Nuwakot District on 5th June 2015. The

Program was honored by Hon. Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Mr. Kripasur Sherpa and followed by inaugural of the memorial monument of first Nepalese women to climb Mt. Everest, Late. Mrs. Pasang Lahmu Sherpa and the green plantation.

President, Mr. D.B Limbu, of NATTA, Director General of Tourism Department, Mr. Tulsi Prasad Gautam, Officiating CEO, Mr. Ramesh Adhikari, were the participants among other invitees.



*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/-
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6. Mr. Peter Ko	(Arniko International)	20,000/-
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9. Mr. C.N. Pandey	(Samrat Tours)	15,555/-
10. Mr. M.P. Rai	(Broadway Travel)	15,101/-
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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/-
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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/-
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38. Mr. Narayan Neupane	(Appointment Travel)	10,000/-
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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/-
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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/-
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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/-
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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/-

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unite in this
humanitarian
cause.

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



Hear it from the horse's mouth: Travel and tourism in Nepal is now up and running

Want to help Nepal? Visit and spend money. Tour operators and travel agents worldwide should encourage clients to select Nepal as a travel destination of choice. Nepal's hospitality is up and running and can be enjoyed for a bargain.

General life in Kathmandu is slowly coming back to normal. Schools were reopened as of May 31. It shows the confidence and resilience in getting back to regular life in the valley.

After a month of dreadful earthquake, tourism has been one of the hardest hit industries in the country. However, various stakeholders are working relentlessly for its recovery and to regain the confidence of the target market.

As per the latest update by the Nepal Archeology Department, it is planning to officially reopen some of the UNESCO Heritage sites in the valley for visitors starting from the June 15, 2015. However, Kathmandu Durbar square and ChanguNarayan will take a little longer to welcome the visitors.

Similarly, the most of tourist category hotels in Kathmandu valley are back to operation. The hotel association of Nepal is carrying out structural assessment of the hotels and issuing GREEN or RED stickers. A few hotels which got RED are working to on restoring properties to meet the safety standards.

Talking to eTN, Ms. Janet Fitzner, General Manager of Hotel Radisson in Kathmandu, highlighted the safety assessment and preparedness practices done by her hotel. She is skeptical about the impact by negative travel advisories issued against Nepal and hopes that it will be relaxed soon as life is coming back to normal in the valley. She herself feels safe and looks forward to welcoming leisure tourists and trekking groups in numbers soon.

Fortunately, other major tourist destinations - Pokhara, Chitwan, Bandipur and Lumbini - were unaffected by the earthquake; the hotels and places of interest are very much open there. However, the occupancy level is significantly low, enabling the visitors to enjoy super personalized services.

The government is coordinating an assessment of trekking routes (Everest region and Annapurna region). However, the recent reports from the trekkers returning back from these regions clearly show that trekking in the Annapurna and Everest regions are safe.

Mr. Marc Kessler from Germany was trekking in Annapurna on April 25 when the earthquake struck. But he chose to continue with his dream adventure. After the successful completion of his trek, he explored places like Pokhara, Lumbini and Chitwan.

eTN met him in Boudhanath on May 31, and he was happy over not cutting his trip short.

He had all praise for Nepal and the Nepalese hospitality industry which did not turn him down even in such hard times.

Guess what he was already planning? He wants to return back to Nepal in the near future!

He confidently encourages people to travel to Nepal as he finds no reason to cancel if one is planning a trip post monsoon.

Adventures in Nepal



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