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SPECIAL ISSUE OF 52ND AGM & ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



52ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE HELD

The 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) & the Election of NATTA's new Executive Committee was held on Sunday, the 17th January, 2016 at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu. The Chief Guest of the Inaugural Session was Mr. Dinesh Thapaliya, Secretary of Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoCTCA).

Speaking at the session, Mr. Thapaliya secretary said that his ministry has already prepared final procurement and business plan and will forward it to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) very soon. Mr. Thapaliya, who is also the chairman of the national flag carrier, said that the ministry was also coming up with two-year work plan for strengthening NAC within 10 days. "We are in the process of making a detailed work plan for each month for the next two year with an objective to provide effective services," Thapaliya said. The ministry has been working to acquire at least two wide-body aircraft and two narrow-body aircraft for international flights, and four Twin Otters for domestic operation, according to Thapaliya.

He also said that the ministry would initiate campaign to improve seven aspects -- service and facilities, security, information and communications, cleanliness, organizational management, coordination, and increasing tourist numbers and their length of stay - for development and promotion of tourism.

Similarly, Mr. DB Limbu, president of NATTA, urged the government to make necessary arrangement for providing 5 percent of Tourist Service Fee (TSF) collected from foreign tourists to NATTA for tourism development and promotion. At present, NTB has been collecting TSF of Rs 1,000 from tourists departing from Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA). Mr. Limbu also said the government should put construction of tourist bus terminal in priority. He also urged the government to introduce penalty system for travel and tour agents which do not renew their businesses in time. "Cancellation of registration by Department of Tourism (DoT) alone does not prevent tour and travel agencies from continuing their operation as they are also registered with other government agencies," he added.

Deepak Raj Joshi, CEO of Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), said NTB was working to attract more Chinese tourists to Nepal. "We are devising marketing strategies accordingly," he added.

Mrs. Yankila Sherpa former Tourism State Minister focused on the importance of religious and cultural tourism specially in the context of post earthquake era.

Other speakers on the occasion were Mr. Dipendra Purush Dhakal, former Tourism Secretary & Former Governor of Nepal Rastriya Bank, Mrs. Ambica Shrestha, Former President of NATTA. Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak, st VP of NATTA voted thanks to the Chief Guest, other Guests and the august audience.

MADHU SUDAN ACHARYA ELECTED NATTA PRESIDENT

Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya has been elected as the president of Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA). Mr. Acharya received 191 votes out of total 432 votes cast during the 52nd Annual General Meeting of NATTA held on Sunday. All candidates fielded by Acharya won the election.

Mr. C N Pandey, Mr. DK Sharma, Mr. Bhim Prasad Pant, Mr. Sudhir Upadhyaya, Mr. Chitra Gurung and Mrs. Sabita Bhattarai KC are the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, General Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer and Joint Treasurer, respectively, in the new executive committee. Similarly, Mr. Yubaraj Subedi, Mr. Laxman Lamsal, Mr. Ram Kumar Barakoti, Mr. Ghanashyam Ghimire, Mr. Binay Basnet, Mr. Hari Bhakta Shrestha, Mr. Barun Mehta and Ms. Shital Kumari Sharma Poudel have been elected as executive members.

At the certification program after the election, newly elected President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya said, "There is a division among NATTA members at present. So our first priority will be to unite all the members. We will be working together for the betterment of the tourism industry. We will strongly lobby with the concerned government agencies on agendas raised by the current team."



Newly Elected President Mr. Madhusudan Acharya cutting the cake. Mr. D.B Limbu, Immediate Past President and Mr. C.N Pandey, 1st Vice President together.

Country Manager of Galileo, Mr. Shahed Moinuddin and his team congratulating newly Elected President Mr. Madhusudan Acharya at NATTA Secretariat.



JAT accorded honor to the new Committee at NATTA Secretariat



Mr. Mohiuddin Helal, Convenor & CEO of Asian Tourism Fair, Bangladesh called on NATTA Secretariat on 22nd Jan 2016 and met President Mr. Madhusudan Acharya and 1st VP Mr. C.N Pandey and informed about the upcoming 5th Asian Tourism Fair going to be held in Dhaka from Sep.29 -Oct.01, 2016.

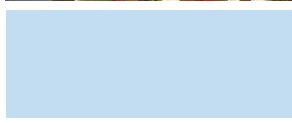
Medical Equipments Donated to HRA

Medical and Communication equipment were donated by the Australian Embassy to the Himalayan Rescue Association Nepal for Manang and Pheriche Aid-post. The equipment will be used at Manang and Pheriche Aid -post as elsewhere during emergency situation in the mountain.

Mr. Binay Basnet, Executive Member of NATTA attended the event which was held on 22nd January 2016 at the premises of HRA.



SNAPS OF 52ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



SNAPS OF ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

