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BEAUTY OF
NEPAL

NAC CONVENE A JOINT MEETING WITH NATTA



Nepal Airlines Corporation (NAC) convened a joint-meeting with newly elected NATTA Executive Committee on Thursday, 18th February 2016 at Arc Meeting Room of Hotel Annapurna, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu. The meeting was well attended by the Managing Director, Mr. Sugat Ratna Kansakar and other Directors of the corporation including the Corporate Director Mr. Ram Hari Sharma and Commercial Director CA Mr. Janak Raj Kalakheti. The NATTA Executive Committee was accorded a warm welcome by the Managing Director of NAC and other officials present. Speaking on the occasion Managing Director Mr. Kansakar said that it has been a long practiced tradition at NAC to welcome and Greet the new NATTA Executive Committee. It is in this joint meeting that we formulate our future activities to be carried out together for the betterment of the travel fraternity, he said and added that NAC was now set forth to add two additional wide-bodied aircrafts to cater to the demand of the market.

Speaking on behalf of the NATTA Executive team, President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya thanked the NAC for having organized this meeting in honor of his team in the NATTA Board and said that as airlines and travel agents are complimentary to each other it wouldn't benefit either of us if we intend to work in isolation. NATTA has had a wonderful understanding with NAC in the past and it looks forward for better and more productive days ahead by working together in tandem. Mr. Acharya also hinted that NATTA would be requesting the NAC Executives for a separate meeting where NATTA would propose a set of points as MOU.

Chairman of NATTA Aviation Committee Mr. Binay Basnet drew the attention of the NA officials by raising the issues of:

1. Capping – There should not be blocking of capping if there is no mail from IATA regarding any payment default.
2. Authorization to Agents to Re issue and revalidation.
3. Void – Regulate misuses and there should be differences between genuine and intentional misuses.
4. System upgradation.
5. China flight – Priorities for sales mission – NATTA
6. Promotional fare for inbound tourists, group, MART, conferences.
7. Promote Regional conferences, seminars, workshop
8. Group fare – Directly not to corporate houses.

प्रधानमन्त्रीद्वारा उच्चस्तरीय 'राष्ट्रिय पर्यटन परिषद' गठन

सरकारले मुलुकको पर्यटन प्रवर्द्धनमा प्रभावकारी भूमिका बढाउन प्रधानमन्त्रीको अध्यक्षतामा रहेको उच्चस्तरीय 'राष्ट्रिय पर्यटन परिषद' गठन एवं विस्तार गरेको छ । प्रधानमन्त्रीको अध्यक्ष र पर्यटन मन्त्री उपध्यक्षसहित २० वटा मन्त्रालयका मन्त्रीहरू सदस्य रहने परिषदमा पर्यटन क्षेत्रका व्यवसायी एवं संघ संगठनका प्रतिनिधी र लब्ध प्रतिष्ठत व्यक्तिहरू समेटेर आठ सदस्य मनोनित गरिएको हो । परिषदमा लब्धप्रतिष्ठत व्यक्तिहरूमध्येबाट अम्बिकादेवी श्रेष्ठ, लाक्पा सोनाम शेर्पा र भवानी राणालाई मनोनित गरिएको छ । त्यस्तै पर्यटन क्षेत्रका व्यवसायी एवं संघ संगठनहरूबाट चन्द्रप्रसाद रिजाल (अध्यक्ष-टान), मधुसुदन आचार्य (अध्यक्ष-नाटा), बीके श्रेष्ठ (अध्यक्ष-हान), सुमन पाण्डे (अध्यक्ष- पाटा) र बासु त्रिपाठी (पोखरा) परिषदको सदस्य भएका छन् ।



परिषदमा विभिन्न मन्त्रालयका मन्त्रीहरू पदेन सदस्य रहने प्रवधान छ । अर्थ, गृह, उद्योग, स्थानीय विकास, रक्षा, संस्कृति तथा पुनःसंरचना, वातावरण तथा विज्ञान प्रविधि, परराष्ट्र, वन तथा भू-संरक्षण, भौतिक योजना तथा निर्माण, जलस्रोत, श्रम तथा यातायात व्यवस्था, युवा तथा खेलकुद, सूचना तथा सञ्चार, कृषि तथा सहकारी, स्वास्थ्य तथा जनसंख्या, शान्ति तथा पुनर्निर्माण, वाणिज्य तथा आपूर्ति मन्त्री परिषदको पदेन सदस्य रहने व्यवस्था छ । त्यस्तै व्यवस्थापिका संसदको अन्तर्राष्ट्रिसम्बन्ध तथा मानव अधिकार समितिका सभापति, राष्ट्रिय योजना आयोगका उपाध्यक्ष, राष्ट्र बैंकका गभर्नर, नेपाल सरकारका मुख्य सचिव, नेपाल उद्योग बाणिज्य महासंघका अध्यक्ष परिषदमा पदेन सदस्य रहेका छन् । पर्यटन तथा नागरिक उड्डयन मन्त्रालयका सचिव सदस्य सचिव रहने व्यवस्था छ ।

Karki elected AOAN president

The 15th annual general meeting of Airlines Operators Association of Nepal (AOAN) on Friday unanimously elected a 12-member executive committee under the leadership of Pabitra Kumar Karki. Karki is the managing director of Air Dynasty.

Rajendra Bahadur Singh of Simrik Air has been elected 1st vice-president and Norbu Tshering Sherpa of Yeti Airlines has been named as 2nd vice-president of the association. Manoj Karki of Goma Air, Raju Neupane of Manang Air and Rupesh Joshi of Buddha Air are new general secretary, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Executive members include Gopal Bhattarai (Saurya Airlines), Ashish Sherchan (Fishtail Air), AD Rai (Air Kasthamandap), Anil Manandhar (Shree Airlines) and Sudhir Sharma (Simrik Airlines).

The meeting also appointed Bikash SJB Rana (Fishtail Air), Rameshwore Thapa (Simrik Airlines), Birendra Bahadur Basnet (Buddha Air), Dawa J Sherpa (Mountain Heli Services), Ang Tshering Sherpa (Yeti Airlines), Binod Singh Basnyat (Sita Air), Rajendra Shakya (Simrik Airlines), Binod Thakali (Prabhu Helicopter) and Bal Krishna Shrestha (Makalu Air) as a members of the advisory council.

Quick look At Revised Rates of Domestic Airlines

Sector	Current	New
Kathmandu-Bharatpur	Rs 2,150	Rs 1,430
Kathmandu-Pokhara	Rs 2,765	Rs 1,835
Kathmandu-Biratnagar	Rs 3,790	Rs 2,520
Kathmandu-Janakpur	Rs 2,460	Rs 1,635
Kathmandu-Bhairahawa	Rs 3,380	Rs 2,245
Kathmandu-Dhangadhi	Rs 6,355	Rs 4,220
Kathmandu-Nepalgunj	Rs 4,815	Rs 3,200
Kathmandu-Bhadrapur	Rs 4,510	Rs 2,995
Kathmandu-Tumlingtar	Rs 3,380	Rs 2,245
Kathmandu-Simara	Rs 3,380	Rs 1,225
Biratnagar-Tumlingtar	Rs 3,380	Rs 1,360
Mountain flight	Rs 6,150	Rs 4,085



National holidays in China are those festivals designated by the Chinese government that everyone gets to enjoy. Everyone has the right to have the appointed days off work. These holidays fall into two types: those that all citizens enjoy nationwide, and those that some citizens enjoy. The following is the general introduction to Chinese national holidays.

> **New Year's Day**

New Year's Day is a grand occasion for the Chinese people. They celebrate the New Year like people all over the world. Since ancient times, the day has been called 'Yuandan' by the Chinese. 'Yuan' means 'at the beginning'. 'Dan' means 'day', so joined together the words mean 'first day of a year'. For 3,000 years, China has greeted Yuandan with joyous ceremonies.

> **Chinese New Year (Spring Festival)**

Held on the first day of the first lunar month and lasting for two weeks, the Chinese New Year is regarded by the Chinese people as the grandest and most important annual event, similar in many ways to Christmas in predominantly Christian countries. It is an event for the people to celebrate family reunion and is full of rich and colorful activities.



Writing Spring Festival Scrolls

> **Women's Day**

Falling on March 8th, Women's Day is a festival for women worldwide. It is celebrated since 1975 for the purpose of remembering the women's struggle for getting the reasonable right and peace.

> **Qingming Festival**

Its English name is 'Pure Brightness' or 'Tomb-Sweeping Day', from which we can see that it serves as both a solar term and a traditional festival. Falling on April 4th or 5th of the solar calendar, it signifies the fact that the days are becoming warm and bright. It was the custom in ancient China for people to go out on this day and sweep the tombs clean of debris in memory of the departed.

> **May Day**

As a day for the working people worldwide, it was established on May 1st in 1886. In China, all kinds of jubilant assemblies and amusement activities are held in parks, theaters, and on plazas. In the evening, entertainment programs are held on TV, and some model laborers are invited to the evenings.

> **Youth Day**

Youth Day is an event that held for the youngsters over fourteen years old on May 4th. Its purpose is to encourage young people to study hard in order to contribute to the nation. Schools usually organize social events for students or sodalities for students communicating with each other on that day. All the young people are summoned to study from the 'Youth Medal' (Medals rewarded for the model youth) winners and learn their stories.

> **International Nurse Day**

International Nurse Day is set up to commemorate the great contribution made by Florence Nightingale, the forerunner of nursing. In 1912, the International Council of Nurses designated May 12th, the birthday of Nightingale, as International Nurse Day, in order to encourage nurses to learn from her and inherit the glorious tradition of nursing.

Nepal

- Martyrs' Day is on Saturday, 09 January, 2016
- Constitution Day is on Monday, 01 February, 2016
- Basant Panchami is on Friday, 12 February, 2016
- Rashtriya Prajatantra Divas (National Democracy Day) is on Thursday, 18 February, 2016
- Maha Shivaratri is on Monday, 07 March, 2016
- International Women's Day is on Tuesday, 08 March, 2016
- Holi is on Tuesday, 22 March, 2016
- Chaite Dashain is on Thursday, 24 March, 2016
- Navavarsha (New Year's Day) is on Wednesday, 13 April, 2016
- Ram Navami (Birthday of Lord Rama) is on Friday, 15 April, 2016
- Buddha Jayanti (Buddha's Birthday) is on Thursday, 21 April, 2016
- Krishna Janmashtami is on Thursday, 25 August, 2016
- Ghatasthapana is on Saturday, 01 October, 2016
- Fulpati Saptami is on Saturday, 08 October, 2016
- Maha Ashtami is on Sunday, 09 October, 2016
- Maha Navami is on Saturday, 01 October, 2016
- Vijaya Dashami is on Tuesday, 11 October, 2016

Bangladesh

- National Day Bangladesh is on Saturday, 26 March 2016
- Jatir pitar jönmöbarshiki is on Thursday, 17 March 2016
- Shahid Day Bangladesh is on Sunday, 21 February 2016
- New Year's Day is on Friday, 01 January 2016
- Bengali New Year's Day is on Thursday, 14 April 2016
- Buddha Purnima (Vesak) is on Saturday, 21 May 2016
- Shab-e-Barat (Night of Ascension) is on Friday, 03 June 2016
- **Ramadan will begin on Monday, the 6th of June 2016**
- Jumatul Wida / Jumatul Bidah is on Friday, 01 July 2016
- Night of Destiny / Laylat al-Qadr is on Sunday, 03 July 2016
- **Eid-ul-Fitr (Fastbreaking)** starts on Tuesday, 05 July 2016
- National Mourning Day is on Tuesday, 16 August 2016
- Shuba Janmashtami is on Thursday, 25 August 2016
- **Eid-ul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice)** starts on Sunday, 11 September 2016
- **Muharram/Ashura** is on Tuesday, 11 October 2016
- Eid-e-Miladun-Nabi(S) / Birth of the Prophet* is on Monday, 12 December 2016
- Victory Day Bangladesh is on Friday, 16 December 2016
- Christmas Day is on Sunday, 25 December 2016

Japan

- New Year's Day is on Friday, 01 January 2016
- Coming of Age Day is on Monday, 11 January 2016
- National Foundation Day is on Thursday, 11 February 2016
- Shōwa Day is on Friday, 29 April 2016
- Constitution Day is on Tuesday, 03 May 2016
- Greenery Day is on Wednesday, 04 May 2016
- Marine Day is on Monday, 18 July 2016
- Respect for the Aged Day is on Monday, 19 September 2016
- Sports Day is on Monday, 10 October 2016
- Culture Day is on Thursday, 03 November 2016
- Labour Thanksgiving Day is on Wednesday, 23 November 2016
- Emperor's Birthday is on Friday, 23 December 2016

Dubai

- New Year's Day is on Friday, 01 January 2016
- The Prophet's Ascension is on Thursday, 05 May 2016
- Beginning of Ramadan starts on Tuesday, 07 June '16
- Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) is on Friday, 08 July 2016
- Arafat (Haj) Day is on Saturday, 10 September 2016
- **Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)** starts on Sunday, 11 September 2016
- Martyr's Day is on Wednesday, 30 November 2016
- Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year) is on Sunday, 02 October 2016
- UAE National Day is on Friday, 02 December 2016
- The Prophet Muhammad's Birthday is on Monday, 12 December 2016

Singapore

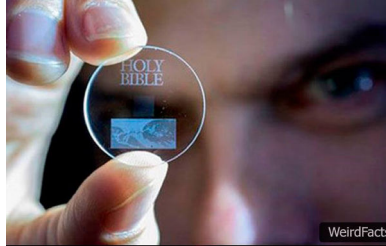
- New Year's Day is on Friday, 01 January 2016
- Chinese New Year is on Monday, 08 February 2016
- Good Friday is on Friday, 25 March 2016
- Labour Day in Singapore is on Sunday, 01 May 2016
- Vesak Day is on Saturday, 21 May 2016
- Hari Raya Puasa (End of Ramadan) is on Tuesday, 26 July 2016
- **National Day Singapore 2016** is on Tuesday, 09 August 2016
- Hari Raya Haji (Feast of the Sacrifice) is on Monday, 12 September 2016
- Deepavali (Hindu Festival of Light) is on Sunday, 30 October 2016
- Christmas Day is on Sunday, 25 December 2016

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

Weird Facts



Loving husband spends 2 years planting thousands of scented flowers for his blind wife to smell and get her out of depression.



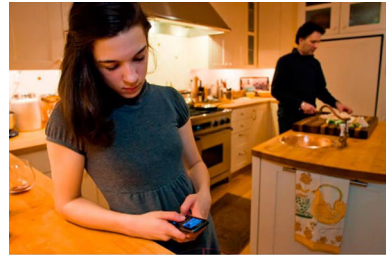
Researchers have created a '5D' disc that can record data in 5 dimensions and keep it safe for billions of years. It can store 360TB of data and can withstand temperatures up to 1000 degrees C.



Being Cold Helps You Lose Weight.



What is wrong with people? A Franciscana dolphin, one of the smallest dolphins in the world has died after tourists dragged it from the sea in hot weather to take selfies with it. Sickening.

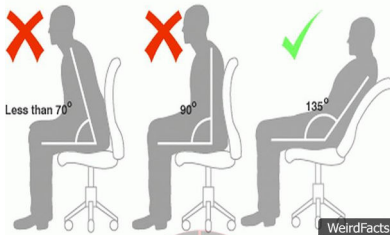


Textaphrenia is the condition when you feel you've heard or felt a new text message vibration when there is no message.



Too much stress and high blood pressure can lead to a condition called "hematidrosis" in which a person sweats blood.

SEATING POSITIONS



Sitting straight upright in your chair is bad for your back. You should instead slouch at an angle of 135 degrees.



There is an area in Canada with less gravity than the rest of the Earth.



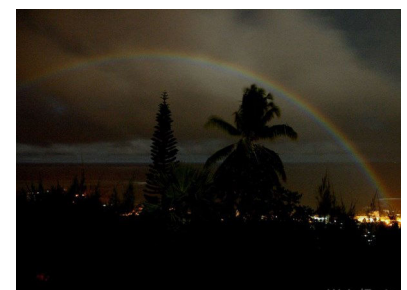
In Finland, PhD graduates get a top hat and sword with their diploma.



A man got struck by lightning 7 times and survived. He later committed suicide when he was rejected by a woman.



Jesus could not have actually been named Jesus because the letter J did not exist until later in history. Earlier versions of the bible referred to Jesus as "Iesus."



Rainbows that appear at night are called "moonbows."

Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents

नेपाल एशोसियेशन अफ टुर एण्ड ट्राभल एजेन्ट्स
Goma Ganesh, Gairidhara, Naxal