



NATTA INHOUSE NEWSLETTER

Issue No: 8, Date: 25th April 2014, Friday

NEPAL ASSOCIATION OF TOUR AND TRAVEL AGENTS

नेपाल एशोसियेशन अफ टुर एण्ड टाभल एजेन्ट्स

www.natta.org.np



**OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND FRIENDS
OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON 2014 EVEREST
AVALANCHE.**

MAY THEIR SOUL REST IN PEACE!!!

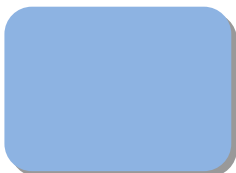
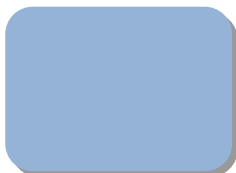
-NATTA



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- NATTA IN SUPPORT OF JOINT TOURISM COORDINATION COMMITTEE
- THANKING THE MEMBERS FOR PARTICIPATION

AND MORE.....



JTCC SUBMITS MEMORANDUM TO TOURISM MINISTER

Joint Tourism Coordination Committee (JTCC), a forum of 19 travel trade associations, on Tuesday, April 22nd handed over a four-point memorandum to the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Bhim Acharya, drawing the attention of the government toward pressing issues of the Nepali tourism industry. NATTA President, 2nd vice president, Treasurer were present while handling the memo to minister.



Later in the day, JTCC organized a press meet in Kathmandu to inform media persons about its demands. As a short-term measure to bring about reforms in Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), the associations have asked the government to appoint private sector representatives in the board of NTB on their recommendations. For the long-term solution, the associations asked the government to study report of a taskforce constituted by the tourism minister of the government formed after the people's movement of 2006 and restructure NTB accordingly. The associations have called on the government to launch comprehensive study on plans, programs and expenditure made over the past five years by a team comprising of private sector representatives and auditing experts. The associations also have urged the government to stop National Tourism Fair that NTB is organizing in the near future.



Also regarding the CEO selection process, it is being protracted. "The candidate is removed from the responsibility until the CEO selection process is finalized", the memorandum states. JTCC has said that it won't cooperate with NTB until necessary action is taken in its demands.

The supporting 19 associations are:

TREKKING AGENCIES ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL (TAAN), NEPAL ASSOCIATION OF TOUR AND TRAVEL AGENTS (NATTA), HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL (HAAN), NEPAL MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION (NMA), NEPAL ASSOCIATION OF RAFTING AGENTS (NARA), PATA NEPAL CHAPTER, NEPAL ASSOCIATION OF TOUR OPERATOR (NATO), HIMALAYAN RESCUE ASSOCIATION (HRA), EXPEDITIONS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NEPAL (EOA NEPAL), VILLAGE TOURISM PROMOTION FORUM-NEPAL (VITOF), THAMEL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TTDC), ASSOCIATION FOR TOURISM, POKHARA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, ASSOCIATION OF KAILASH TOUR AND OPERATORS, TOURIST BUS ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL, NEPAL TOURIST VEHICLES ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL TOURISM ENTREPRENEURS ASSOCIATION OF NEPAL (NEAT NEPAL), NEPAL NATIONAL TOURISM ENTREPRENEURS ORGANIZATIONS AND UCPN MAOIST TOURISM SECTOR COMMITTEE



NATTA IN SUPPORT OF JTCC

NATTA jointly with other travel trade organizations have decided not to get involved in any national and international programmes organised by the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), accusing NTB officials of engaging in massive irregularities of funds collected from tourists.



At a Press Meet on Tuesday, the Joint Tourism Coordination Committee disclosed that NTB's amended Financial Bylaws have authorised its chief to spend Rs 10 million at a time for tourism promotion inside the country.

NTB, which has been assigned to promote Nepal's tourism in the national and international arenas, has been stumbling along without its head since the then CEO Prachanda Man Shrestha's tenure expired on October 31, 2011.

The private sector has urged the government to immediately implement a report on NTB's restructuring submitted by a government-led team. The private sector has asked the government to immediately appoint a new NTB CEO through a competitive process.

NATTA FORMS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

More NATTA Subcommittee Coordinators have submitted the list of their respective committees as below:

NATTA SUB-COMMITTEES

Aviation Sub Committee

Mrs. Mihika Dhakhwa

Coordinator

Mr. Ganesh Bahadur Pandey, *Sitara Travels Pvt. Ltd.*

Member

Mrs. Renu Bajracharya, *Suruchi Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.*

„

Mr. Prakash Shrestha, *Open Sky Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.*

„

Mr. Kumar Thapaliya, *Precious Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd.*

„

Media and Publicity Committee

Mr. Ramesh Thapa

Coordinator

Mr. Min Bahadur Khatri, *Pigeon Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd.*

Member

Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung, *Evergreen Tours International P. Ltd.*

„

Ms. Yubika Bhandari, *Shashi's Holidays Int'l Travel & Tours P. Ltd.*

„

Mr. Pankaj Pradhananga, *Four Season Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.*

„



NATTA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

NATTA welcomes two members Layaku Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd and Expert Asian Tours & Travel as NATTA Member. President D.B Limbu handed over the certificates with related documents. Executive Board Members also expressed their best wishes to the newly joined members.

The members were honored in the 13th Board meeting held at NATTA Secretariat.



2014 MOUNT EVEREST AVALANCHE

On Mount Everest near Everest Base Camp killed sixteen Nepalese guides. As of 20 April, thirteen bodies had been recovered. The search for the three remaining bodies was called off due to the difficulty and risk of retrieving them. Some Sherpa guides were angered by the meagre compensation offered by the government to families of the victims and threatened a "strong protest" or strike.

On 21 April, eight of the dead were ceremoniously driven through Kathmandu before being cremated in a Buddhist religious ceremony.^[2] On 22 April, the Sherpas announced that they would not climb on the mountain during the 2014 season as a mark of respect.^[15]

On 23 April, the Nepalese government announced that it would give an additional 500,000 Nepali Rs. (approx. US\$5,100) to the families of the dead climbers. Discovery, which cancelled Ogwyn's planned BASE jump shortly after the avalanche struck, announced it would broadcast a documentary about the tragedy. Entitled Everest Avalanche Tragedy, the 90-minute programme will be shown on 4 May. The company also said it would make a donation to the American Himalayan Foundation Sherpa Family Fund, a charity set up to support the families of those who died in the avalanche.

--Taken from Wikipedia

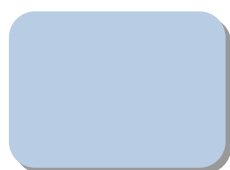


THANKING THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION

NATTA President along with the Executive Board Members sincerely thanks their valued members for their participation on NATTA 1st Interactive Program of 2014.

A1 EXCURSION TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 ALLIED ADVENTURE TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 ALTURISM TRAVELS (P) LTD
 ARROW TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 BALAJI TOURS & TRAVELS
 BOCHI BOCHI TRAVELS
 CONFIDENCE TRAVEL SERVICES (P) LTD
 DANFE TRAVEL CENTER (P) LTD
 DESTINATION NEPAL TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 DIYO PRASHANTI TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 E-TOUR CHANNEL .COM (P) LTD
 EXODUS TRAVEL & TOURS NEPAL (P) LTD
 GANDAKI TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 GORKHA VISION TRAVEL & TOURS (P) LTD
 INDRA TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 JHARANA NEPAL TRAVEL & TOURS (P) LTD
 KOSHI TOURS & TRAVEL (P) LTD
 LIBERAL TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 MAGNIFICENT TRAVELS & TOURS(P) LTD
 MEGABYTE TRAVEL & TOURS (P) LTD
 NEEL TRAVELS
 NEWA TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 PARAGON TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 PRECIOUS TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 RAINBOW ADVENTURE TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 RAMA TOURS NEPAL (P) LTD
 ROMANTIC TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 SAMRAT TOURS & TRAVEL (P) LTD
 SINCER TRAVELS (P) LTD
 SOLUTION TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 SUCCESS TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 SUNSHINE LHASA KATHMANDU TRAVELS (P) LTD
 TRAIL BLAZER TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 TREASURE TOURS NEPAL (P) LTD
 UNITED TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 VILLAGE TRAVEL & TOURS (P) LTD
 WORLD WAYS TOURS & TRAVEL (P) LTD

ABHA TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 ALPINE TRAVEL SERVICES (P) LTD
 AMPLE TRAVELS (P) LTD
 ASIAN ADVENTURE TRAVELS&TOURS(P) LTD
 BENCHMARK TOURS & TRAVELS
 CLASSIC HIMALAYAN TRAVEL & TOURS
 D.K TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 DESIRENEPAL TREKSTRAVELS&TOURS(P) LTD
 DHAULAGARI ADV. TRAVELS(P) LTD
 EAST TRAVELS NEPAL (P) LTD
 EVEREST MIRACLE TRAVELS &TOURS(P) LTD
 FAST INT'L TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD.
 GAP ADVENTURE PROGRAMMED(P) LTD
 HIMAL REISEN (P) LTD
 JET EXPRESS TOURS & WORLD TRANS(P) LTD
 JOMSOM TRAVELS (P) LTD
 LEISURE WORLD TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 LOYAL TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 MALI TRAVELS & TOURS(P) LTD
 MOON SUN TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 NEPAL TRAVEL DE SOCIETY (P) LTD
 P & Y TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 PEACE TRAVEL & TOURS (P) LTD
 PUPIL TRAVEL & TOURS (P) LTD
 RAINBOW SAFARI TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 RED CARPET TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 RUPAKOT TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 SEE NEPAL TRAVEL & ADV. (P) LTD
 SKY PASS TRAVEL & TOURS (P) LTD
 SPECIALIZED TOURS & TRAVELS (P) LTD
 SUNRISE INT'L TRAVELS (p) LTD
 SUNSHINE TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 TRAVEL LIGHT (P) LTD
 TYPICAL NEPAL TRAVELS (p) LTD
 UNITY TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 WORLD TRADE TRAVELS & TOURS (P) LTD
 ZENITHEXPERIENCE TRAVELS SERVICESP.LTD



युरोपबाट जहाज बढे, भाडा घटेन

■ सतीश पोखरेल

सन्धन- प्रायः छुट्टी मनाउन निश्चयपूर्वक पत्रकार संगीता मगरद्वारा यसपालि इन्टर होमिडिमा केटाकेटी शिपार बिन्दुमा पुग्न। दुई साता सामो बिडाका बेला मान्छेको उक्तको रोझाइमा परेन। 'सामो दुई, महिना टिकट र समय अभावले नेपाल गइएन', उनले भनिन्। चार जना परिवारसहित नेपाल जाँदा हवाई भाडा मात्र बरिब २ हजार २ सय पाउन्ड सामो भएकाले नेपाल अग्रे कति पर सार्नेको उनले बताइन्।

सन् २००९ डिसेम्बरमा पइर बेलाबाट उक्का सृजन राई हवाई टिकटको मुल्य सुन्ने बित्तिकै नेपाल जान तयार भए। एकपटक नेपाल गएर फर्कदा ३ हजार पाउन्ड बित्तिकै आफ्नो भएकाले अतिथिमा घर जान बाट आएको छैन, उनले भने, छिमेकी देश भारत जाँदा निकै सस्तो छ। नेपालको लागि एयरलाइन्स पठाउन छैनन्, टिकट पनि निकै महँगो छ।

बेलापनामा अग्रिम करिब डेढ लाख नेपाली रोझा अनुमान छ।

युरोप र अमेरिकाबाट नेपाल जाने विदेशी एयरलाइन्सको संख्या पनि बढेको छ। युरोप डेढ लाख रहेको अनुमान छ। बेलापनामा अग्रिममा इन्टर होमिडि, जुलाई, अगस्टमा ५ सार्वा सामो समय भ्याइसक, अस्टोवर, नोवेम्बरमा पुनै, तिहार ७



डिसेम्बरमा क्रिसमस पर्व पने भएकाले यस बेला यात्रुहरूको उल्लेख्य बढि हुन्छ। यात्रु संख्या बढ्दै बढ्दै गइरहेको छ। एयरलाइन्सहरू पनि बढेका छन्। भाडा भने कोहीले नपढेको यात्रुहरूको गुनासो छ। सामान्यतया नेपाल जान अफ सिजनमा २ सय २० पाउन्डदेखि सुरु र सिड सिजनमा १ हजार पाउन्डसम्म बाढा लाग्छ। जबकि सन्धनबाट भारत जान दैनिक १ हजार २ सय ५५ फ्लाइट छ। भाडा पनि नेपालसम्म करिब २५

दैनिक दुई, जेट दुई, टर्किश दैनिक एक, ओमान साताको तीन दिन र इतिहासको दैनिक दुई फ्लाइट छ। टर्किशले मात्रै दिन नगरे तयारी गरेको व्यवस्थापना बताउँछन्।

ती एयरलाइन्सले विमान विमानस्थलको रनवेको कारण दुना बोर्ड नान सन्धेन। यसले गर्दा यात्रु गर्दै सधाराख हुन्छन्। भाडा पनि उच्च रहन्छ। त्यसो त विमान अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय विमानस्थलको प्राक्कनमा दुना जेट विमान उडान र अवतरणका लागि लायक नभएको

पछिल्लो प्रतिवेदनले देखाएको छ। हवाई उडानमा ३९ वर्षको अनुभव बंगालेका नेपाल एयरलाइन्सका तत्कालीन प्रिन्सिपल एक्सिक्युटिभ सन्धन-नेपाल आउवाट ज्यारे कम्पनर लाग्छ। विरोधपरी खाडी टर्मिनट आइन्टकाट

गोत (वेस्टी बिन्ड), लायकम र सीडा उडान गर्दा इन्धन धेरै खान्छन् भएकाले यात्रु र अग्रिम कम भए ज्योतिरक पाठा बन्दा करणले दुना बोर्ड काढमाइ उडान असम्भव देखिन्छ।

बन्ने टुमलअनगत सन्धनमा सन्धनविषय कम्पनी टुमल कम्पनीको प्रबन्ध निर्देशक विराज भुज अपरेटिभ कम्प हार्ड, ह्यान्डलिङ पार्स वरी, इन्धन मूल्य महँगोबन्दा कारणले भाडा महँगो भएको बताउँछन्।

युरोपियन एयरलाइन्स आफै घाटाका चरित्रहरूको उनीहरू नेपालको सिजनमा साबै छान आकृति रुट बिस्तार गर्ने माथिल्लिमा नहिँडा भाडा घटने सम्भावना उनी कम देख्छन्।

एयरलाइन्सहरूका लागि नेपाल रुट बिन्ड डेसिडेसन लाभमा बढी हुने गतान्ध। भएकाले पनि भाडा बढी भएको उनको धारणा छ। नैसर्गिक स्वतन्त्रता नहिँडा अरुने फाइदा सिद्धको छ। भन्नु। टुमल कम्पनीले माथिक करिब १ हजार २ सय यात्रुलाई उडाइरहेको छ।

Published on Kantipur

Five new int'l carriers set to enter Nepali skies



SANGAM PRASAIN
KATHMANDU, APRIL 7

At least five new international airlines plan to connect Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) by this year.

Emirates, the largest Middle East airline, plans to operate one flight per week with its wide-body aircraft on the Kathmandu sector from October, travel agencies said. The airline, ranked among the top 10 carriers worldwide in terms of passenger kilometres in 2012, is holding discussions with a Nepali travel agency to appoint a general sales agent.

Myanmar's national flag bearer, Myanmar Airways International, plans to start Nepal operations by September.

According to the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (Caan), Malaysia-based low cost carrier Malindo Air has applied to connect Nepal. Malindo is a joint-venture between Malaysia-based National Aerospace and Defence Industries and Indonesia-based Lion Air.

"Dhaka-based Nova Air has

also been inquiring about necessary procedures with the Caan to fly into Nepal," said Subash Jha, manager at Caan's flight schedule and permission section.

Bhutan's first private carrier, Tashi Air, is also set to enter the Nepali skies and the government is all set to revise the air service agreement (ASA) with Bhutan.

TIA statistics show 29 international carriers flew 3.14 million passengers in and out of TIA last year. As new international carriers seek to enter Nepal, those already operating here are also increasing their frequency to cater to the increased travel demand. Carriers from China have already increased their flight frequency following a recent revision of the ASA. Currently, three Chinese airlines—Air China, China Eastern and China Southern—operate scheduled flights to Nepal. TIA statistics show traveller movement on Chinese carriers jumped by a significant 28 percent to 187,570 in 2013. The three Chinese airlines received 40,950 more fliers in span of one year.

According to Caan, Air China

Cabinet nod to revise ASA

KATHMANDU: The Cabinet has given the go-ahead to the ministry to revise the ASA with Bhutan following its request as its first private airline Tashi Air (also known as Bhutan Airlines) plans to connect Nepal. Nepal and Bhutan signed the ASA in February 2004, allowing Bhutan's national flag carrier-Druk Air to operate seven flights per week between Paro and Kathmandu. The agreement allows only "single designation" and the government plans to provide multiple designation and increasing flight

has been allowed to operate seven flights per week (four flights on Kathmandu-Chengdu and three on Kathmandu-Lhasa-Chengdu sectors). China Southern and China Eastern each have been given seven flights per week on Kathmandu-Guangzhou and Kathmandu-Kunming sectors,

frequency between the two countries. After Bhutan, Nepal plans to revise the ASAs with Qatar and Pakistan and sign new ASAs with South Africa and Australia. "Signing an ASA with Australia has become a need as there has been a dramatic rise in Nepali traveller movement to Australia while tourist arrivals to Nepal from Australia have also increased," said Pramod Nepal, under-secretary at the ministry. "Besides, trade with Australia has also increased in recent years." (PR)

respectively. Meanwhile, China Southern has been considering increasing flight frequency to double daily on the Kathmandu-Guangzhou sector, Caan said, adding China's Sichuan Airlines has also expressed interest to connect Nepal in the near future. On Feb 24, Nepal and China

signed a revised bilateral ASA, permitting the operation of 56 flights per week with any type of aircraft on a reciprocal basis. Under the old ASA, Chinese airlines were allowed to operate 14 flights weekly. Before the ASA, the three Chinese carriers were issued temporary operating permits, allowing them to operate an additional 14 flights per week.

Malaysia-based Malaysia Airlines has also applied for 21 flights per week from the current 14 weekly flights. Malaysia Airlines, which entered Nepal in September 2012, flew 96,999 travellers in 2013.

Dubai-based budget carrier Fly Dubai is also considering increasing its flight frequency to double daily from the existing eight flights per week. "Increased Nepali travellers, particularly migrant workers, to Malaysia and Middle East sectors has encouraged international carriers to raise frequency," said Shyam Raj Thapaliya, managing director of Osho World Travel Nepal. "The number of tourists is also growing (except for the European countries)."

Published on The Kathmandu Post





FOR THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER
INTERNATIONAL
EVENTS

October 2014

- 1st [2014 Global Business Conference](#) Dubrovnik, Croatia (Hrvatska)
- 5th [5th CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE IN REGIONAL SCIENCE-CERS](#) Košice, Slovakia
- 7th [2nd International Conference on Hospitality & Tourism Management - 2014](#) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 16th [Second Conference of the Economic Development Network. Public Policy for Innovation and Development](#) Mexico City, Mexico
- 23rd [TuriTec: TOURISM and ICT Conference](#) Málaga, Spain
- 24th [7th International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development](#) New York, United States of America
- 28th [International Conference for Academic Disciplines \(Rome 2014\)](#) Rome, Italy

T

R

A

V

E

L

E

V

E

N

T

S



Interesting Facts That Will Make You Want To Travel

- Travel can help improve your problem-solving skills.
- One out of eight jobs in the U.S. depends on travel and tourism.
- Taking a vacation can lower your risk of heart disease.
- Studies show that money spent on travel makes you happier than money spent on material goods.
- Benefits of travel are almost immediate. After only a day or two, 89% of people experience significant drops in stress.
- Travel has been shown to help aid those suffering from depression.
- And travel has been shown to promote overall brain health.
- Couples who travel together have reported increased feelings of intimacy.
- The U.S. is the only developed country in the world without a single legally required paid vacation day or holiday.
- Austrian citizens are said to have the most vacation time of any country. Austria guarantees workers a legal minimum of 22 paid vacation days and 13 paid holidays each year.
- Travel can make you more creative and smarter.
- France is the most visited country in the world.
- And the most visited city in the world, as of 2013 data, is Bangkok.
- Honolulu is the only place in the U.S. that has a royal palace.
- Russia produces the most oxygen in the world.
- With more than 3 million lakes, Canada has the most lakes in the world.
- Mongolia is the least densely populated place in the world. There are four people per square mile.
- Monaco is smaller than Central Park in New York City.
- Papua New Guinea has the largest number of languages spoken.
- Canada has the most educated population in the world, with 50% of the population being educated at the post-secondary level.
- The U.S. has the largest number of citizens behind bars.
- Hartsfield-Jackson Airport in Atlanta is the world's busiest airport.
- There are 61,000 people in the air over the U.S. at any given time on any given day.
- That's probably because 1/3 of the world's airports are located in the U.S.
- The San Alfonso del Mar resort in Chile has the world's largest swimming pool. It holds 66 million gallons.
- Las Vegas, Nevada has the most hotel rooms of any city in the world.
- The shortest airline flight available for purchase lasts two minutes and runs from the Scottish island of Westray to Papa Westray.
- And the longest flight in the world is from Sydney to Dallas. It lasts around 16 hours and covers approximately 8,500 miles.
- The largest hotel in the world is the Izmailovo Hotel in Russia. It could accommodate over 7,500 guests.
- The most expensive hotel room in the world costs \$83,200 a night at the Royal Penthouse Suite in Geneva at Hotel President Wilson.

For any queries, information please feel free to contact us.

Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents

नेपाल एसोसियेशन अफ टुर एण्ड टाभल एजेन्ट्स

Goma Ganesh, Gairidhara, Naxal

Tel: 977-1-4419409/4418661

Email: mediacentre@natta.org.np

Website: www.natta.org.np



Inhouse Newsletter No.8