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NATTA PARTICIPATES IN THE TOURISM EXCHANGE TALK PROGRAM

(12th March 2014)

PATA Nepal Chapter organized a talk program on Nepal-Russia Tourism Exchange Program in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 12th March at NTB auditorium. The chief guest Russian Ambassador for Nepal HE Dr. Sergey Vasilievich Velichkin was the key-note speaker in the program. He said that Russia is always ready to support Nepal Tourism and will continue promoting Nepal amongst Russian people. Present on the occasion were leaders from various Nepalese travel related associations including President and Treasurer of NATTA.

NEPAL PROMOTION IN CHINA

(12th March 2014)

Nepal Tourism Board had convened a meeting of Nepalese Tour Operators including officials from NATTA on 12th March to discuss on the module of promoting Nepal in China in the forthcoming days. All tour operators expressed their positive opinion and urged NTB to host the proposed promotional campaigns to harness the potentiality of the increasing Chinese outbound. They also suggested NTB to subsidize the cost of participation in the upcoming travel fairs in China, viz., WTF (May 9-11, 2014), Beijing Int'l Tourism Expo (BITE – June 27-29, 2014), Int'l Travel Expo (ITE- Hong Kong, June 12-15, 2014). NTB has requested NATTA to produce a proposal to give continuation to and conduct China Sales Mission – 2014 as soon as possible. President Mr. D.B Limbu and CEO Prof Dr. Hari Sarmah spoke on the need of having China Sales Mission and the course of action NTB should follow to accomplish this mission in a fruitful manner.

TRADE MAINSTREAMING WORKSHOP

(12th March 2014)

Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung, Coordinator, NATTA PR & Liaison Committee represented NATTA at a high-level meeting on Trade Mainstreaming on March 12 at Hotel Del Annapurna. The meeting was summoned by the Ministry of Commerce & Supply, Government of Nepal. The meeting, chaired by Secretary of MOCS Mr. Madhav Prasad Regmi, had the participation of government officials and private sector equally. Dr. Ratnakar Adhikary, Executive Director of Enhanced Integrated Framework, Executive Secretariat at WTO, Geneva was the special guest and key speaker. Ms. Jacqueline Groth, Counselor, Head of Development Cooperation, German Embassy, Kathmandu made a presentation on major efforts and initiatives undertaken by development partners for trade mainstreaming in Nepal besides shedding light on the role of donor Facilitator, major constraints and future course of action.



MEETING HELD WITH GDS AND AIR INDIA

(12th March 2014)

A joint meeting was held with all three GDS – Galileo, Amadeus & Abacus as well as with Air India on 12th March 2014. The agenda of the meeting was regarding the ADMs received by our members from Air India due to pricing errors on GDS. For the past few days, NATTA was coordinating with Air India as well as with IATA Delhi & Singapore to manually dispute the ADMs received from Air India. The joint meeting with the GDS and Air India turned out very fruitful and a positive outcome is highly expected.

BSP Nepal has accepted the manual dispute of the ADMs submitted by the members within 30 days of the ADM issue date. Similarly, Air India is investigating further on this matter for which the ADMs are raised. With a timely and continuous follow up with Air India and BSP/IATA, NATTA is optimistic that the ADM issues of our members will be solved.

NATTA DELEGATES MEET DG, DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

(13th March 2014)



A NATTA delegation led by President Mr. DB Limbu met Mr. Sharad Chandra Poudel, Director General of the Department of Immigration (GON) and apprised him of the problem of Deportee faced by the ticketing agents. The delegation suggested ways to the Immigration Chief to take certain actions to minimize the problem. NATTA has been requested to send the details of the problem and the suggested measures to overcome the same in black and white.



MEETING WITH IATA – INTERNATIONAL TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

(13th March, 2014)

On 13th March 2014, NATTA had a meeting with Mr. Gurjit Gill, Regional Training Business Development Manager from IATA Training & Development Institute during his visit to Nepal. Mr. Gill briefed about IATA and the importance of training to stay updated with the fast changing aviation & travel/tourism industry. It was decided that BSP Essentials for Travel Agents, an IATA certificate course to be introduced for travel agents by Zenith Training Institute, the only IATA Authorized Training Centre in Nepal. In order to bring down the cost of the course and at the same time, give value for money to those doing the course, IATA ATC will conduct offline classes with online examination.



NATTA RUES DAMAGE

Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA), in a press statement, has condemned local transporters' association in Ghansa for damaging five vehicles carrying tourists on Tuesday. NATTA says that it had informed about the attack in writing and verbally to the Police Headquarters but nothing positive has transpired. NATTA has urged the government to take appropriate action against such transport syndicates and arrest the hooligans involved in such activities.

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Prayers for Malaysian Airlines MH370

It's been days since the mysterious disappearance of MH370 was reported. With countless theories, confusing reports and no possible leads so far, all we can do is pray. As we wait for news on the fate of Malaysian Airlines flight MH370, we stand united in solidarity to let all affected know that our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with them.



WORLD TRAVEL AND TOURISM EVENTS ON APRIL

- ❖ Horerca Beirut 2014->1st – 4th April 2014, DownTown, Beirut, Lebanon
- ❖ Routes Europe 2014->6th – 8th April 2014, Marseille, France
- ❖ Global Aerospace Summit->7th – 8th April 2014, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- ❖ India International Travel Market 2014-> 15th – 20th April 2014, Kochi, India
- ❖ The Hotel Show Saudi Arabia-> 22nd – 24th April 2014, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- ❖ World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC)->23rd -25th April 2014, Hainan, China
- ❖ World Travel Market Latin America -> 23rd -25th April 2014, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- ❖ 2014 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix->25th -27th April 2014, Sakhir, Bahrain
- ❖ International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM) Africa 2014->28th -30th April 2014, CapeTown, South Africa

Take a Peek on Geography Quiz

1. What is the name of the biggest ocean on Earth? _____
2. By area, what is the biggest state in the USA? _____
3. What is the capital city of Australia? _____
4. Stratus, cumulus, cirrus and nimbus are types of what? _____
5. What is the name of a person who studies Earthquakes? _____
6. In which country would you find the Leaning Tower of Pisa? _____
7. What is the name of the highest mountain on Earth? _____
8. Helsinki is the capital city of which country? _____
9. True or false? The Yangtze is the longest river in the world. _____
10. The terms 'breeze' and 'gale' help describe the speed of what? _____

Score: ____ / 10

1. The Pacific Ocean 2. Alaska 3. Canada 4. Clouds 5. A seismologist 6. Italy 7. Mt Everest 8. Finland 9. False 10. Wind

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