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## **NATTA enews**

### **UNDP called on NATTA**



Mr. Nick Maddock, Advisor on Livelihoods & Employment and Ms. Gium Kim, Employment & Inclusive Growth Analyst, Poverty & Inclusion Unit, from UNDP Nepal visited NATTA Secretariat today afternoon, 10th February '17 and held discussions with NATTA President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya on various projects in the pipeline of UNDP with the focal aim of developing local economy of

certain destinations in all the five zones of Nepal. This time UNDP is planning to develop the gateways to certain destinations to promote religious/pilgrimage tourism. It was said that the Program would also include skill development of the locals to attract the tourists/travelers. President Mr. Madhusudan Acharya, Secy. Gen. Mr. Bhim Prasad Panta, Executive Member Mr. Ghanasyam Ghimire and Mr. Varun Mehta and CEO Prof. Hari Sarmah answered the queries raised by the UNDP officials. And UNDP officials were also assured that NATTA would be more than happy to assist UNDP in executing UNDP's local development programs.

Also present on the meeting was Chief, Info & Communication Ms. Shradha Chhetri.

## **NATTA joined 69th National Day of Democratic Socialist Republic of Srilanka**



On an invitation from HE Ambassador W.S. Perera, President & CEO of NATTA participated in the 69th National Day Celebration of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka held on 6th February at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Durbar Marg.

Rt. Hon'ble Vice President of Nepal Mr. Nanda Kishore Pun 'Pasang' graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Hon'ble Speaker Ansari Gharti as Special Guest. In her welcome speech, Sri Lankan Ambassador Perera focussed on the age old friendship of Nepal & Sri Lanka and also envisaged the importance of the Sacred Garden of Lumbini in the minds of Sri Lankan Buddhists. Thousands of Buddhist visitors frequent the holy Birth place of Lord Buddha, the Apostle of Peace every year. Now since the accessibility is becoming easier and direct due to the operation of Himalaya Airlines, the pilgrimage tourism from Sri Lanka is sure to take a soaring trend, the ambassador affirmed.

NATTA President Mr. Madhusudan Acharya and CEO Prof. Hari Sarmah jointly offered a bouquet and congratulated HE Perera on behalf of Nepal Association of Tour & Travel Agents. Ambassador Perera was also apprised of NATTA's planning to visit Sri Lanka in the near future with a mission to promote Nepal tourism. The grand National Day Celebration of Sri Lanka was attended by Ambassadors of various countries, high-level bureaucrats, journalists and distinguished local personalities.

## **Lutheran World Federation at NATTA**



Dr. Subash Gurung, coordinator, Sustainable Livelihood Development, Department of World Service at the Kathmandu office of The Lutheran World Federation Nepal called on the Secretariat of NATTA along with two of his colleagues from the office, Ms. Shreya Thapa and Mr. Diwakar and held discussions with NATTA President Mr. M.S. Acharya, Treasurer Mr. C.B. Gurung and CEO Prof.

H. Sarmah on Heritage focused activities of the federation in Kathmandu Valley and quite a number of earthquake affected districts of Nepal. The Lutheran World Federation Nepal is keen on exploring areas to work in tandem with NATTA particularly in the perspective of developing tourism in the country. The Lutheran World Federation was founded in 1984 in Geneva and now it is spread to almost 23 countries. The Federation mainly concentrates on issues of Disaster, Livelihood of people and Peace and Justice.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**BTTF - 2017**

**Bangladesh Travel &  
Tourism Fair**

April 20 - 22  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

**MATTA Fair - 2017**

**Malaysian Association of Tour &  
Travel Agents**

March 17- 19  
Kualalumpur, Malaysia

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