



# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Issue no 20, Date : 18th July, 2014



## BEAUTY OF RARA MUGU, KARNALI



Rara Lake (Rara taal) is the biggest lake of Nepal. It lies in Rara Village Development Committee, Mugu District, Karnali Zone in Western Nepal and falls under the Rara National Park. The lake is also known as Mahendra Daha, named after the late king Mahendra (of Nepal)



## INSIDE



NATTA DELEGATES MEET CEO OF YETI



INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON NTB ISSUES HELD



## NATTA DELEGATES MEET CEO OF YETI

17<sup>th</sup>  
JULY

A four-member NATTA delegation comprising of Mr. Ramesh Thapa (Secretary), Mr. Yubaraj Subedi (Coordinator NATTA Domestic Aviation Sub-Committee), Mr. Binay Basnet (Executive Member) and Mr. Hem Raj Bastola (President, NATTA Eastern Regional Association) called on the office of Mr. Umesh Rai, CEO of Yeti Airlines on Thursday, the 17th June and apprised him of the problems faced by domestic ticketing agents. After having heard the complaints put up by the delegates, Mr. Umesh Rai responded very positively and said that he would leave no stone unturned to ease the situation and do all his best to facilitate the agents. He, however, also suggested the NATTA delegation to have a similar meeting with Airlines" Owners Association of Nepal (AOAN) to find out a sustainable solution to the ticketing problems.



## INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON NTB ISSUES HELD

16<sup>th</sup>  
JULY



NATTA organized an interactive discussion program on "Restructuring Nepal Tourism Board" at Naxal Banquet on 16th July, 2014 in the afternoon. The program was attended by NATTA Senior Members including Past President Mrs. Ambica Shrestha, Mr. Ram Kaji Koney, NATTA Advisor Mr. B.K. Shrestha, Dr. Ramesh Kunwar and Mr. Shyam Raj Thapaliya, Past CEO of NTB & NATTA Hony. Life Member Mr. Prachanda Man Shrestha, Tourism Veterans Mr. Yogendra Shakya and Mr. Prakash Shrestha. Also present on the occasion were the members

of NTB Restructuring Committee formed by GON to recommend Suggestions to the Govt.

NATTA President Mr. D.B. Limbu welcomed the participants at the discussion program and said that it was the right time to ponder over the necessary changes in the NTB Act and Regulation.

*(Remaining News on Page.3)*





## INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON NTB ISSUES HELD....

Mr. Prachanda Man Shrestha breaking the ice of the discussion program focused on State Accountability towards NTB and scope of the private sector. He said that the management and policy formulation should be segregated from each other and CEO alone should not remain the linking agent. While suggesting for the restructuring of NTB we must also see that the proposed suggestions go compatible with the upcoming federal system of the state.

Mr. Dipak Mahat, one of the senior members of the NTB Restructuring Committee speaking to the audience suggested that the Board be chaired by the private sector and the proposed council be headed by the line Minister. The current situation of confusion in the NTB Management must come to an end and transparency be established by bringing about changes in the existing NTB Act and Regulation.

Mr. Yogendra Shakya, a tourism veteran and the past coordinator for Nepal Tourism Year 2011 envisaged the point that the ownership of the private sector should be distinct. NATTA, HAN and TAAN should be prepared to undertake the disputed ownership of the Board.

Mr. Lekhanath Bhandari, MD of Ample Travels too expressed that the need of the change in NTB is long overdue and its structure must be changed.

Mr. Mahendra Poudyal "Henny", MD of Global Asia Tours & Travel suggested that the term of CEO should be two years and subject to his performance a term of another two years may be added. He also opined that liaison officers should be appointed by NTB to work for promotion in all Nepalese Embassies abroad.

Mr. Ram Kaji Koney Past President of NATTA and also NATTA Advisor supported the proposed idea of forming a council and said that the council should meet on quarterly basis to review the NTB activities.

Mrs. Ambica Shrestha, one of the senior most members of NATTA and Past President of NATTA said that the basis of representation of private sector in NTB should be 'revenue' generated by the associations.



And on that basis, NATTA, HAN and TAAN should lead the private sector in the Board.



Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak, First Vice-President of NATTA thanked all in the meeting, on behalf of NATTA Executive Board, for their

participation and ideas expressed.







## MALAYSIA JET CRASHES IN EAST UKRAINE CONFLICT ZONE

A Malaysia Airlines jet carrying 295 people has crashed in east Ukraine on a flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. There are no signs of survivors at the scene of the crash near the village of Grabovo, in rebel-held territory close to the border with Russia.

Both sides in Ukraine's civil conflict accused each other of shooting down the plane with a missile. It is still not clear why the plane came down.

It is the second disaster suffered by Malaysia Airlines this year. Flight MH370 disappeared en route from Malaysia to China in March and still has not been found.

At a news conference at Schiphol airport, Malaysia Airlines' European chief Huib Gorter said they were still trying to identify some of the passengers from flight MH17.

He said of the passengers that have been identified there were:

- 154 Dutch nationals, 27 Australians, 23 Malaysians, 11 Indonesians
- Six Britons, four Germans, four Belgians, three from the Philippines and one Canadian
- All 15 of the crew were Malaysian

Other airlines have announced they are now avoiding eastern Ukraine.



The crash site is in an area controlled by Ukraine's separatist rebels



Flight MH17 had been due to enter Russian airspace when contact was lost

**NEWS CAPTURED FROM BBC NEWS**



# Upcoming Events

# TRAVEL EVENTS

## AUGUST 2014

1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

International Conference on  
Tourism Transport and Technology  
at the University of  
Westminster, London London,

4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

7th International Colloquium on  
Tourism & Leisure (ICTL 2014)  
Bangkok, Thailand

6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

International Conference  
on Business, Information,  
and Cultural Creative  
Industry Taipei, Taiwan

7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

International Conference  
on Hospitality, Leisure,  
Sport, and Tourism  
Taipei, Taiwan

11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

2014 Academy of World  
Business, Marketing and  
Management Development  
Conference Dubai, United  
Arab Emirates

21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

11th International  
Postgraduate Research  
Colloquium Kuala Lumpur,  
Malaysia

27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference  
on Accounting, Business and  
Economics Kuala  
Terengganu, Malaysia

29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

International  
Conference on Tourism  
and Development:  
Growth and Diversity  
Chiang Mai, Thailand



# WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



# FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

## ASIAN COUNTRIES WORD SEARCH

L K H G K H N X K Q A M J W X U  
 N A Y O N I N A S N I N A R I K  
 C A R R A O Z S A W N Y P W P D  
 T E D R G A K J W P E N A C Y F  
 A W H R K Y I G P V M A N R K P  
 H A D S O A Z V N H R T P H T G  
 B J T L B J S S L O A S I R I D  
 X A E R Z G V V T A H I N H A O  
 N K E A I D O B M A C N D B W Y  
 Q Z G E O R G I A J N A O R U Q  
 A B A N G L A D E S H H N U K U  
 I Q H L E A R S I A T G E N E I  
 W N A U M Y P G C T Y F S E G F  
 H B D R T C H I N A X A I I L I  
 Y G U I I A J T L B Q D A X Z Z  
 V B R H A O N D F O G S W X R H



AFGHANISTAN  
 BAHRAIN  
 BRUNEI  
 CHINA  
 INDIA  
 IRAQ  
 JORDAN  
 KUWAIT

ARMENIA  
 BANGLADESH  
 BURMA  
 GEORGIA  
 INDONESIA  
 ISRAEL  
 KAZAKSTAN  
 KYRGYZSTAN

AZERBAIJAN  
 BHUTAN  
 CAMBODIA  
 HONGKONG  
 IRAN  
 JAPAN  
 KOREA

