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Nepal is a country that teems with all sorts of vegetation, flora and fauna, making it one of the richest countries in bio-diversity. This is the right season to see the nature green and refreshed all around. There is nothing to match the natural beauty during this lovely heart-soothing monsoon. The rains are though unpredictable, it helps you enjoy your lonely hours watching the drops that fall and keep on cooling the surface. Someone rightly said *the soft and soothing sound of falling rain is a lullaby helping exhausted trekkers fall into a long and peaceful sleep at night.*

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NATTA in Orientation Program organized by Tourist Police

1st July, 2016



NATTA President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya, Secretary Mr. Sudhir Kumar Upadhyay and Executive Member Mr. Ghanashyam Ghimire as special invitees took part in almost a day long Service Orientation Program meant for the Tourist Police, local Police, and employees from the department of Immigration, Metro Police and Police in the Airport

Security today in the august presence of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation Secretary Mr. Prem Kumar Rai. The program was held at the premises of Nepal Police Club, Bhrikuti Mandap. This Orientation program has been felt by NATTA as long overdue and must be held regularly on a half-yearly basis.

NATTA in NRB Meeting on Monetary Policy, 2073/74

30th June, 2016



NATTA officials including President Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya participated in an interactive discussion meeting convened by Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) on Thursday, June 30th 2016 at Hotel Yak & Yeti, Durbar Marg which was graced by NRB Governor Mr. Chiranjibi Nepal. The meeting was held to collect suggestions from various stakeholders from the service sector in the course of the formation of new Monetary Policy of the Central Bank. First Vice President of NATTA Mr. CN Pandey and Hony. Treasurer Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung also participated in this meeting.

Speaking on behalf of NATTA, President Mr. Acharya suggested NRB to consider the exchange facility upto US\$ 1500 to Indian Nationals going to Mansarovar-Kailash via Nepal. Secondly, he also suggested NRB to incorporate the provision of granting special loans to the heavy investors ready to invest in setting up tourism infrastructures in the remote as well as potential destinations. The third point raised by NATTA during the discussion was that the Central Bank should act considerably towards the demand of entrepreneurs in service sector keeping in mind the economic sluggishness that followed the devastating earthquake of 25th April, 15 and the unofficial blockade.

Business Networking Hours by Clock B

29th June, 2016



Business Networking Hours, organized at Hotel Yak and Yeti by Clock b Business Innovation on 29th June 2016 last was graced in by different business professionals from different backgrounds. NATTA was invited as Guest and was represented by Executive Member Mr. Ram Kumar Barakoti. The event was designed to create a market community that refers, promotes, addresses market challenges and explores market opportunities together. Participated by professionals, students, entrepreneurs, it had the sessions of Business Card Exhibition, Online Thread Mentoring, Pre-assigned Meeting, Speed Networking and 1 Business 1 Promotion.

NTJTCC signs MOU

29th June, 2016



Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China have signed a 16-point memorandum of understanding along with a commitment of collaboration for bilateral tourism. The agreement was reached at the end of the 9th meeting of the Joint Tourism Coordination Committee between Tibet and Nepal that concluded here on June 28.

In the four-day meeting, both sides reviewed the progress achieved on the understandings made in previous meetings, and emphasized for further cooperation in implementing them

while resolving the issues, if any, through mutual cooperation. The two sides also underscored the need of further promoting tourism cooperation by seizing opportunities available in both sides.

As part of the understanding, both sides have agreed to expedite the construction of Rasuwagadhi-Kerung border point and to open it up for tourist mobility gradually after the conditions meet required standard. Likewise, it was agreed to develop trans-boundary tourism co-operation between Humla District of Nepal and Pulan County (TAR of China) with regards to the Mt Kailash Sacred Landscape Programme (KSLP).

On resuming Kathmandu-Lhasa-Kathmandu direct bus services, both sides agreed to resolve issues such as carrier company, stopping and starting stations, safety, selling tickets, etc, so as to promote Nepal-China direct bus service. The Consulate General of Nepal in Lhasa will coordinate with China side in this regard.

After agreeing to initiate dialogue to make uniform rules and regulations regarding age limit, disabilities etc in climbing border mountains, both sides agreed on helicopter rescue and evacuations in emergencies during mountaineering and trekking periods after securing required approval of the related authorities of their respective governments.

The Chinese side agreed to assist in promoting Nepal's tourism among Chinese people through Chinese Tourism Authority. It also agreed that processing multiple entry visa and permit for mountaineers and support staff and issuing visa for pilgrims from Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu will be reported to the higher authorities in China.

Both sides agreed to explore the possibilities of increasing frequency of scheduled flights in Kathmandu-Lhasa-Kathmandu sector with reasonable fair, and to enhance cooperation among their travel-trade associations through their tourism authorities.

The two sides also agreed to report the unresolved issues to their higher authorities and make further coordination through the diplomatic channels.

The Nepali delegation which also included NATTA Secretary Mr. Sudhir Kumar Upadhyay to the JTCC was led by Director General at the Department of Tourism Sudarshan Prasad Dhakal and the Chinese delegation from Tibet was led by Vice Director General of the Tibet Tourism Development Committee Ga Ma Ze Deng.

The 10th meeting of the Joint Tourism Coordination Committee will be held in TAR of China in 2017.

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1st Meeting of CCNP

26th June, 2016



The first meeting of the Council of NATTA Past Presidents (CNPP) was held at NATTA Secretariat on 19th June 2016.

Convener for the Council, Mr. R.R Pandey chaired the first council meeting. The main agenda of the meeting were celebrating the Golden Jubilee of NATTA and NATTA's 21st Convention.

Various themes for the occasion were discussed in the meeting which finally concluded with the notion that in the current context of Nepalese Tourism, we should focus on Nepal Tourism – An industry of National Priority.

The first meeting of the Council of NATTA Past Presidents unanimously nominated Mr. Joy Dewan as Co-Convener was nominated unanimously from the meeting.

Mr. Sherpa in the NATTA Board

24th June, 2016



Mr. Furi Gelzen Sherpa, Managing Director of Himalayan Panorama Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd. has been unanimously nominated as a co-opted new member in the NATTA Executive Committee. This nomination came into effect by the decision of 12th NATTA Board Meeting held at NATTA Secretariat on 12th June 2016.

As per the Amended NATTA Statute, Chapter 4 Article 15 Sub Article 1, President proposed this nomination which was later endorsed by the Board.

Mr. Furi deserves this nomination as he is a young and avid travel entrepreneur with a long history of experience in travel trade.

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