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SECOND NATTA INTERACTIVE PROGRAM HELD



The Second NATTA Interactive meeting, with the sole agenda “*Post-Earthquake Tourism Revival Planning*”, was held on Tuesday at Hotel Annapurna in the afternoon. The meeting, chaired by President Mr. D.B. Limbu, went on for about two and half hours and was followed by Hi-Tea. The Chair welcomed the participants and highlighted on the urgency of holding the meeting at this time. Secretary General Ms. Mihika Dhakhwa presented her power-point deliberation to the gathering focusing specially on NATTA’s various activities immediately after the April 25th Earthquake which included the setting up of NATTA Relief Fund, distribution of relief materials to the victims of the great disaster in districts, viz., Kavre, Sindhupalchowk, Nuwakot, Okhaldhunga, Parvat and Lalitpur. She also mentioned that NATTA delegates had called on the offices of various foreign embassies and had discussions with

Ambassadors of United Kingdom, Thailand, Germany and South Korea in regard to what ought to be done to restore the tourism in Nepal that has hit hard by the natural disaster. NATTA delegates had also requested the ambassadors to relax the travel advisories of their respective countries. NATTA Secretary General also focused on what it has in the pipeline saying that the month of May was given for relief activities and the following months till the end of September has been marked as a period to prepare for a better bouncing back of tourism with all preparations. NATTA, meanwhile, will act as pressure group to all the concerned authorities of the government to come up with appropriate tourism policies to lure greater number of visitors to the country. NATTA will also concentrate on having a mega event in Kathmandu on 25th Sep. by holding its Convention and annual Carnival in the late afternoon. The Convention is expected to be joined in by leaders of the fellow tourism associations of the region besides representatives from UNWTO and UFTAA. Recently formed South Asian Tourism Federation meeting will also be held during

the same time.

Mixed reactions and suggestions expressed on the occasion by Past Presidents of NATTA, and NATTA members were quite encouraging. NATTA Executive Board has taken special note of ideas expressed by them. Mr. Bhim Panta, Mr. Narendra Deo Bhatta, Mr. Raja Shaky, Mr. Loka Nath Bhandari, Mr. Hari Bhakta Shrestha, Mr. Rabi Paudyal, Mr. Pradeep Acharya, Mr. Dawa Pemba, Mr. Bhagirath Sapkota, Mr. Ram Kaji Koney, Mr. Ang Tshering Sherpa, Mrs. Renu Bajracharya had expressed their views on how to carry on with the restoration program.

The 1st VP Mr. Shambhu Raj Pathak thanked all including the sponsors (Century Bank, Abacus-Nepal, Buddha Air and Manang Air) at the end of the program.



मुक्तक

कालो बादलमा पनि चादीको घेरा, देख्छु नेपालीले
विनाश पछिको विकासलाई, काँधमा बोक्छु नेपालीले
बिसिएर हिजोको तिक्तता, एक भै जुट्यौं भने
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-श्री रामकाजी कोने

प्रबन्ध निर्देशक

गण्डकी ट्राभल्स एण्ड टूर्स प्रा.लि.

NATTA IN GREATER LUMBINI TOUR PACKAGE DEV. WORKSHOP



Tourism Promotion Activity (TPA), one of the sub-components of South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Dev.

Project (SATIDP) in conjunction with Lumbini Dev Trust (LDT) and Siddhartha Association of Tour & Travel Agents (SATTA) organized a two-day workshop seminar on Developing tour package to Lumbini and its surrounding areas on 17th and 18th June by outsourcing the technical services of Centre For Environment and Sustainable Tourism Development Nepal (CEST-Nepal).

Mr. CN Pandey, the 2nd VP of

NATTA participated in the above workshop supported by Asian Development Bank. Mr. Pandey was honored as the Chei Guest and a resource person in the Program.

The prime objective of the workshop has been to explore, discuss, design and finalize the possible tour packages for the Greater Lumbini Area so as to make Lumbini a regional tourism hub in the context of upgrading Gautam Buddha Airport of Bhairahawa as a Regional International Airport.

NATTA MEMBERSHIP SCHEME



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नेपाल एशोसिएशन अफ टूर एण्ड ट्राभल एजेन्ट्स

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नाट्टा सदस्यता स्कीम

नेपाल एशोसिएशन अफ टूर एण्ड ट्राभल एजेन्ट्स (नाट्टा) कार्यसमितिले यही आगामी आर्थिक वर्षका लागि दुईवटा सदस्यता स्कीम प्रारंभ गर्ने भएको व्यहोरा सहर्ष जानकारी गराउदछौ ।

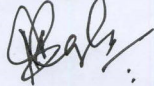
स्कीम १.

नयाँ आर्थिक वर्ष प्रारंभ भएको मितिले दुई महिना भित्रै नाट्टाको सदस्यताका लागि आवेदन गर्ने कम्पनीहरुका लागि नियमित रजिष्ट्रेशन शुल्क मिनाहा गरिने छ ।

स्कीम-२

विगतका दुई वर्ष सम्म संघको सदस्यता नवीकरण नगरी निलम्बनमा परेका कम्पनीहरुका लागि यही आगामी आर्थिक वर्षको पहिलो दुई महिना भित्र सदस्यता नवीकरण गराउन आवेदन/निवेदन बुझाएमा त्यस्ता कम्पनीहरुलाई कुनै थप जरीवाना नलिई सदस्यता नवीकरण गरि दिने व्यवस्था मिलाइएको छ ।

सधन्यवाद,



मिहिका धाख्वा
महा सचिव



NATTA has set up a Relief Fund to support the victims of recent Earthquake disaster.

Request you to kindly contribute generously by sending cash/cheque to NATTA

Secretariat.



**Below is the list of Contributors who have contributed towards the NATTA Relief Fund
for the Earthquake Victims:**

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2. Hongkong Judiciary Registered Interpreters		1,35,000/-
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67. Mr. Rabindra Bajracharya	(Global Holidays)	5,000/-
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Total Fund Collected: Rs. 12, 96,499/-

CAPTURED SNAPS



Children take their meals sitting on a wall at Sainbu, Lalitpur. The children displaced by recent earthquakes have been living in temporary tents.



Artists paint a picture of Kasthamandap temple on the roadside wall at Babarmahal, Kathmandu. The temple was destroyed by the recent earthquake.



Replica of Dharahara in Sundhara.

Heritage Sites Reopened for public

The government has reopened five of the seven UNESCO-Designated World Heritage Sites to the public in an attempt to lure back foreign tourists. Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Hanumandhoka Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, Pashupatinath temple and Bouddhanath stupa, which were closed after the magnitude 7.9 earthquake on April 25, were reopened for tourists on Monday, 15th June'15. The government opened these sites in less than two months, immediately after removing rubbles, in hope that foreigners come to visit the sites. More than half a million tourists visited Nepal last year. Two other sites--ChanguNarayan temple and Swayambhunath--would be opened shortly, according to officials. Last week, UNESCO had raised concerns over safety around the heritage sites, asking the public to be extra cautious at the sites. The officials have, however, assured that security will be in place, tourists will be given guided tours and signboards will indicate specified routes to cause minimal disturbance to structures.

According to the Department of Archaeology, over 700 heritage monuments were destroyed in the earthquakes, which will cost over Rs 12 to rebuild the them and it would take as long as five years to complete all of the reconstruction works.

Qatar Airways is now the best airline in the world

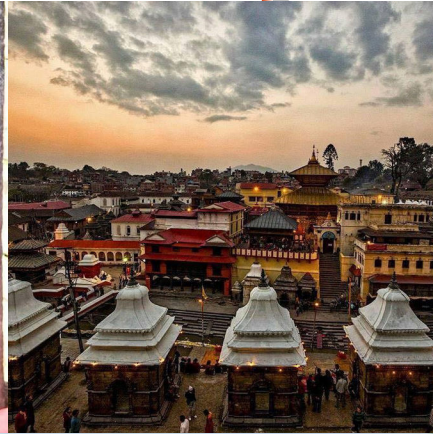


Qatar Airways has been named the Best Airline in the World for 2015 by leading aviation consumer website Skytrax. The Gulf-based carrier was presented with the honor at award ceremony at the 2015 Paris Air Show. The other carriers to make the Skytrax top 10 include (in no particular order): Singapore Airlines, Turkish Airlines, ANA, Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Etihad, Qantas, Garuda.

Qatar's victory unseated last year's winner, Cathay Pacific Airways. In addition to best airline, Qatar also took home the top prize for Best Airline in the Middle East and Best Business Class seat, CNN reported. Other winners at the ceremony included AirAsia, which took home the top prize for Best Low-Cost Airline for the seventh year in a row.

The Skytrax awards are decided based on independent surveys completed by 18.9 million passengers from 110 different countries around the world.

Culture in Nepal



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