

# NATTA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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## BEAUTY OF NEPAL

Kanyam Tea Garden, Illam  
Eastern Part of Nepal



## NATTA EASTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHES ITS AGM AND ELECTION

5<sup>th</sup> AGM of NATTA Eastern Regional Association and the Election of new executive committee was held successfully at Hotel Eastern Star, Biratnagar on 25th February 2016. In the inaugural ceremony, President of NATTA Eastern Regional Association Mr. Hem Raj Bastola welcomed all the guests present at the meeting and also presented his annual report. Several guests were present at the meeting. Felicitators were Mr. Maya Prakash Bhatta, President of NATTA Far Western, Mr. Dilli Prasad Gautam,



President of NATTA Western, Mr. Toyam Rai, CDO of the area, Mr. Himal C. Gautam, Eastern Regional Manager for Nepal Airlines and so on. Eventually, Special Guest of the ceremony, President of NATTA Mr. Madhusudan Acharya responded to the queries raised by

felicitators during the meeting. Mr. Acharya highlighted in the infrastructure and branding of country with the strengthening of technology. He also assured to work in cooperation with NATTA Eastern, Western and Far Western associations and requested to

highlight the points to address. Along with the AGM, New Executive Committee has been formed over again under the Presidency of Mr. Hem Raj Bastola. The New Executive Committee is as:  
:Mr. Hem Raj Bastola, President  
:Mr. Bhupal Man Basnet, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

:Mr. Shyam Murarka, 2nd Vice President  
:Mr. Uday Kumar Shrestha, Secretary General  
:Mr. Shekhar Dhakal, Secretary  
:Mr. Yamnath Khatiwada, Executive Member  
:Mr. Gyan Mani Nepal, Executive Member  
:Mr. Birendra Shah, Executive Member  
:Mr. Surendra Poudel, Executive Member

A special thanks needs to be given to Domestic Airlines, Yeti and Buddha Airlines for their kind support in providing NATTA Central Committee delegates with air tickets to participate in the AGM followed by Bengal Travel Mart 2016 at Silliguri, West Bengal.

### Joint Meeting with Regional Associations



A joint meeting was also held on the very next day of AGM at Hotel Riyaz, Kakadvitta with the participation of newly formed Executive Committee of Eastern Regional, Far Western, Mid Western and Central Region.

The meeting was held to provide further guidelines

to the newly elected NATTA Eastern Regional Association Executive Committee.

Various agendas were discussed in the meeting including support from NATTA Central, bringing to an end of illegal travel agencies, funding from NTB, various trainings, difficulty for immigration of Indians etc.

### BTM Travel Trade Fair

After the series of meetings, NATTA family participated at the BTM Travel Trade Fair, Mainak Tourist Lodge Complex, Silliguri.

The first Bengal Travel Mart 2016 inauguration was on 26th February 2016. The three-day event (26th– 28th February 2016) attempted to showcase the state as a prime destination for domestic and international tourists. The fair was organized by the State Tourism Department and North Bengal Development Department in association with Eastern Himalaya Travel and Tour Operators' Association.

NATTA Central Committee was represented by Joint Treasurer, Mrs. Sabita Bhattarai K.C and Executive Member Mr. Varun Mehta at the event.

A total of 92 travel agents from Nepal including NATTA Western Regional Association (Pokhara), NATTA Eastern Regional Association (Kakadvitta), Bhutan and Bangladesh were participating in the event.

NATTA was one of the Associate Partners of the event.



## Meet with President of Bankers Association of Nepal



A meeting of NATTA Delegation was held with President of Bankers Association of Nepal, Mr. Upendra Poudel on 23rd February 2016 at his office, in NMB Bank, Babarmahal.

On behalf of NATTA, Mr. Binay Basnet, Chairperson of NATTA IATA and Aviation Committee had put up several issues faced by NATTA IATA Accredited members in the course of settling their IATA weekly remittances.

Mr. C.N Pandey, 1st V.P and Mr. Chitra Bahadur Gurung, Treasurer also added a few more issues for prompt solution.

In response, President Poudel has assured that he would positively look into the problems and will coordinate with concerned banks to find an amicable solution as well as he will all his best possible to ease IATA remittance procedure in the days to come.

## 3 day Long National Meet by HOSAN

Home-stay Association of Nepal (HOSAN) organized its three-day long national convention in Amaltari of the Nawalparasi district. Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Ananda Prasad Pokharel inaugurated the First HOSAN National Convention.



The national meet was organized on February 19, 20 and 21 with an objective to further systematize the home-stay services as more domestic and foreign tourists have been attracted towards this business.

At the programme, NATTA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mr. C.N Pandey, TAAN President Mr. Chandra Rijal, Senior Director of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Mr. Santosh Mani Nepal, Nepal Tourism Board Member Mr. Purna Kunwar, President of Nepal Tourism Journalists Forum Mr. Bidrohi Giri and President of the Amaltari Homestay, Mr. Prem Shankar Mardaniya Tharu, among others spoke on the importance of homestay tourism.

Altogether 250 delegates from 150 homestay services operated by 70 private and 80 community initiatives from 31 districts are participating in the conference.

**शुक्लाफाँटामा पर्यटकहरूका लागि विशेष टुर प्याकेज**



शुक्लाफाँटा वन्यजन्तु आरक्षमा पर्यटकहरूका लागि विशेष 'टुर प्याकेज' सुरु भएको छ ।

'शुक्लाफाँटा भ्रमण गरौं, पर्या पर्यटनको अवलोकन गरौं,' भन्ने नाराका पर्यटकहरूलाई आकर्षित गर्न शनिबार उक्त प्याकेजको सुरुवात गरिएको हो ।

शुक्लाफाँटा घुम्न पुगेका आन्तरिक पर्यटकहरूलाई शनिबार सम्मान गरी प्याकेजको उद्घाटन गरिएको हो । आरक्षको पर्यटकीय विकासका लागि यो कदम कोसेढुंगा साबित हुने नेपाल टुर एन्ड ट्राभल्स एसोसिएसन (नाटा) सुदूरपश्चिम च्याप्टरका अध्यक्ष मायाप्रकाश भट्टले बताए । उनले सरकारी स्तरबाट शुक्लाफाँटाको पर्यटन विकासका लागि हालसम्म कुनै पहल नगरेको बताए ।

आरक्ष प्रमुख संरक्षण अधिकृत वेदकुमार ढकालले अझै पनि आरक्षलाई अवसरका रूपमा प्रयोग गर्न नसकिएको स्विकारे । टुर प्याकेजले पर्यटकहरूको संख्या बढ्नुका साथै यहाँको प्रचार प्रसार हुने उनले बताए । 'अब निजी क्षेत्र र स्थानीय मिलेर मात्रै यहाँको पर्यटन विकास सम्भव छ,' उनले भने, 'त्यसका लागि आरक्ष कार्यालय सहयोग गर्न सधैं तयार छ ।' उनले मध्यवर्ती क्षेत्रका बासिन्दाहरूले आरक्षबाट लाभ लिन नसकेका कारण यसको महत्त्वसमेत बुझाउन नसकिएको बताए । पर्यटन विकासबाट मात्रै यहाँका बासिन्दाले आरक्षको महत्त्व बुझ्ने उनले बताए । 'प्याकेजमा प्रतिव्यक्ति १ हजार २ सयमा खानासहित गाडीमा आरक्षभित्र घुमाउने सुरु गरेका छौं,' टुर एन्ड ट्राभल्सका सञ्चालक परमानन्द भण्डारीले भने, 'अहिले पर्यटकहरूलाई शनिबार मात्रै घुमाउने योजना छ, आवश्यकताअनुसार दैनिक पनि गर्न सकिनेछ ।' उक्त प्याकेजमा एक छाक खानासमेत रहेको छ । उनले मध्यवर्ती क्षेत्रमा हालै सञ्चालनमा आएको राना थारु होमस्टेले यहाँ आउने पर्यटकहरूका लागि वासस्थानको समस्यासमेत टरेको बताए । आरक्षभित्र बाह्रसिंगाको झुन्ड, हात्ती, बाघ, गैंडा र विभिन्न प्रजातिका चराचुरुंगीहरू हेर्न पाइन्छ । आरक्षमा पछिल्ला वर्षहरूमा बाघ र बाह्रसिंगाको संख्या निकै बढेको छ ।

**Prince Harry is 'really looking forward' to his first trip to Nepal where he will visit a Gurkha camp, go trekking and meet earthquake survivors**

Prince Harry has voiced his excitement as he prepares to jet off to Nepal next month in his first trip to the Himalayan country. The royal is 'really looking forward to' the four-day trip which begins on March 20 and is being carried out at the request of the UK Government.



The Prince has 'long wanted to visit' the country largely due to his admiration and respect for the Gurkha troops he served with in Afghanistan. He is also keen to see how the country's rebuilding effort is progressing following the devastating earthquake in April last year. A Kensington Palace spokesman said: 'Prince Harry is really looking forward to his first trip to Nepal. It is a country he has long wanted to visit.'

'He has been moved by the stories of resilience of the Nepali people following the earthquakes last year and is now eager to learn more about their country and culture.'

'With Britain and Nepal currently celebrating 200 years of co-operation, Prince Harry will experience the strength of the relationship and traditional warmth of the Nepali welcome.'

Harry's tour will start and finish in the capital Kathmandu, where he will meet the nation's first woman president, Bidya Devi Bhandari, voted into office last October.

Nearly 9,000 people were killed during the earthquake and aftershocks that struck Nepal last year and almost a million houses and buildings were damaged. Harry will meet people rebuilding their lives to learn about work to restore historic buildings and efforts to prepare for future disasters.

One of the highlights for the Prince was the chance to live and work with a unit of Gurkhas, men from Nepal famed for their fighting prowess. The Prince left the Army last summer after ten years and says one of the highlights was the chance to live and work with a unit of Gurkhas, men from Nepal famed for their fighting prowess.

Harry will visit the British Gurkha Camp in Pokhara, where he will commend the bravery and service to the Crown of the Gurkhas. He will also learn more about recruitment and the assistance offered by Gurkha forces to surrounding communities after the earthquake.

Nepal is known for its stunning scenery and the Prince will get the chance to take part in a trek, and will visit one of Nepal's national parks.

The last members of the Royal Family to tour Nepal were the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Royal in November 2000.



*Momo worth Rs. 55,000 placed at Momo Mela at Pokhara*



National holidays in China are those festivals designated by the Chinese government that everyone gets to enjoy. Everyone has the right to have the appointed days off work. These holidays fall into two types: those that all citizens enjoy nationwide, and those that some citizens enjoy. The following is the general introduction to Chinese national holidays.

▶ [Children's Day](#)

Celebrated on Jun. 1st, Children's Day is a festival for children all over the world. Every year, when the day comes, the whole nation is full of children's smiling faces, songs and great joy. Parents usually take their children to visit places of great interest thus helping them learn more about Chinese history and culture. Schools organize the showing of excellent children's films. In kindergartens, children present their special skills such as singing and dancing to parents and teachers. Besides, some children are lucky to receive special gifts from their elderships.

▶ [Dragon Boat Festival](#)

Dragon Boat Festival falls on the 5th day of the Chinese 5th lunar month. Many beautiful stories all suggest the origin of this festival. But the most popular one is the legend of Qu Yuan who was a patriotic poet living in the Warring States Period (476 BC - 221 BC). On this day, Chinese people like to eat Zongzi and race dragon boats.

▶ [Anniversary of the Founding of the Chinese Communist Party](#)

In May, 1938, Chairman Mao suggested that July 1st be the anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party to mark the first central committee of the Communist Party of China held in July 1921. From then on, Chinese people celebrate the birth of the Chinese Communist Party every year to remind them that without the Communist Party, there would be no precious happy life today.

▶ [Army Day](#)

Falling on Aug. 1st, Army Day is set aside to commemorate the contribution that the PLA has made to China both past and present. Chinese leaders and public figures go to veterans' homes to show their great concern for them, and symposia and get-togethers are held for the soldiers on that day. In some places, soldiers and their dependents are rewarded with the opportunity to visit tourist attractions for free while some are presented with beneficial books to mark the occasion.

▶ [Teachers' Day](#)

Teachers are praised as the engineers of human spirit. In order to carry forward the fine tradition of respecting teachers and valuing education, the Chinese Government designated that Teachers' Day fall on September 10th every year. The reason to choose this day is because when the fall semester begins, a fine studious atmosphere will be created if activities of respecting teachers and valuing education re held.

▶ [Mid-Autumn Festival](#)

Falling on the 15th day of the Chinese 8th lunar month, the Mid-Autumn Festival means family reunion to Chinese people, thus it is one of the most important traditional festivals. There are many beautiful legends about the origin of this festival. Admiring the full moon and eating moon cakes are the traditional activities held on this day.

▶ [National Day](#)

Oct. 1st is China's National Day. It is a festival of great importance to the people nationwide and they celebrate it with great felicitation. In the early morning, numerous people arrive at Tiananmen Square in Beijing to see the ceremonial raising of the national flag. This is followed by a great ceremonial review of troops on the Tiananmen Square and various festive activities are held in different regions. When evening comes, fireworks are set off to illuminate the sky brightly and gallantly. In 1999, the Chinese government decided that the three days designated for the National Day celebration be combined with the two weekends on either side, thus giving people a seven-day vacation. .

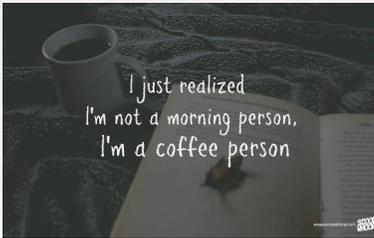
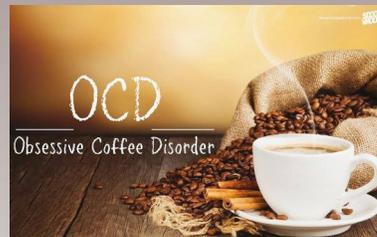
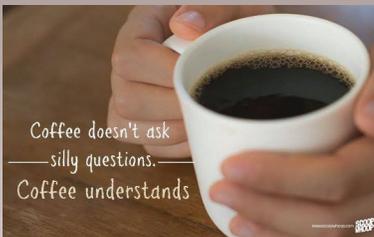
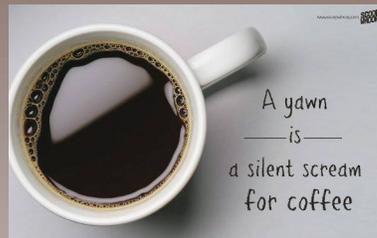
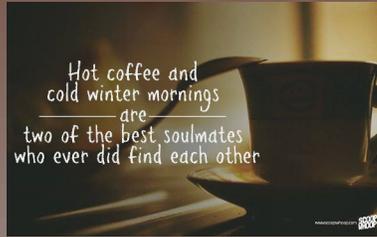
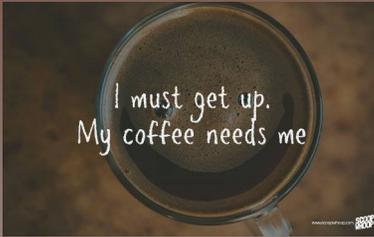
▶ [Journalists' Day](#)

Falling on November 8th, Journalists' Day is set up to praise the hard work of journalists. The day is celebrated to acknowledge the prominent achievement of journalists in promoting the development of China's journalism.

# Fun and Entertainment

## Quotes About Coffee which'll Make You Want Another Cup Right Away

Coffee lovers will agree that opening your eyes to a perfectly brewed cup of hot coffee and its aromatic smell gives the much required kick on a rather uneventful morning. Here are some quotes about coffee that prove how it is not just a caffeinated drink, but the essence of life distilled into a cup!



### Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents

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