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*Celebrating Maghe Sankranti by Tharu Community of Nepal*

## NATTA enews

### NATTA coordinated joint meeting of NTB with Int'l Airlines



NATTA coordinated a joint meeting of NTB with all the international airlines operating to & fro Kathmandu on Friday, the 13th January, 2017 at Hotel Radisson. The meeting was well-attended by almost all the country managers of major airlines and a few high-level representatives from other airlines. President NATTA Mr. Madhu Sudan Acharya chaired the meeting and

CEO Nepal Tourism Board Mr. Deepak Raj Joshi welcomed and spoke about the objective of the meeting envisaging the importance of mutual support and co-operation among NTB, NATTA and Airlines. Some of the issues in common severely criticized by the airliners were: constrains caused by the limited parking bays at TIA, high landing/parking charges, issues of improper ground handling, absence of NTB hands at the airport to support/assist the passengers arriving, non-clearance of the tower for landing on time, lack of adequate advertising of TIA at airports abroad, soaring fuel charges, delayed Airport bus services, untrained airport staff, poor infrastructure of the airport, imposition of VAT on fuel which is only prevalent in TIA, insufficient cleaning of the aircrafts on arrival and no special provision and facility for the Business class passengers etc. The airliners unanimously raised the voice that TIA should be operative round the clock. The existing state of affairs at TIA was deemed as unacceptable for the smooth growth of Tourism in the country. The meeting concluded with a resolution that soon NTB would be calling a similar meeting involving the participation of officials from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation (MoCTCA), Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) and Tribhuvan Int'l Airport (TIA). Chairman of the meeting appreciated the international airlines' for their frank remarks and suggestions for the improvement of aviation sector of Nepal saying that it was high time for the Nepalese authority to pay heed to the issues raised and also said that NATTA would always stand by the efforts of NTB to overcome the lacunae pointed out at the meeting. Ms. Shraddha Shrestha, Marketing Manager of NTB thanked the participants for their active and most fruitful opinions expressed in the meeting.

*View News in Website* (<http://natta.org.np/news/natta-coordinated-joint-meeting-of-ntb-with-intl-airlines>)

## **FITUR Update -2017**



Almost all preparations have been completed in regard to the participation of FITUR 2017. Participants are all set to promote Nepal's tourism in Madrid in the most important International Tourism Fair 2017 (FITUR – IFEMA 2017) from 18th January till 22nd January.

NATTA in conjunction with NTB has been promoting Nepal in FITUR - 2017 in Madrid, Spain. As Coordinator this year, Jt. Treasurer Mrs. Sabita Bhattarai K.C. has been entrusted by NATTA Board to assist the participating team as coordinator. The exhibitors participating in FITUR 2017 are as below:

1. Verge Voyage Pvt. Ltd.
2. Osho Vision Treks & Expedition P. Ltd.
3. Vista Travels & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
4. Fishtail Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.
5. Buddha Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.
6. Royal Mountain Travel Pvt. Ltd.
7. Incentive Holidays Pvt. Ltd.
8. Sampurna Adventure Pvt. Ltd.
9. Geology Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd.
10. Trekking International Nepal P. Ltd.
11. Kantipur Holidays Pvt. Ltd.
12. Asian Adventure Treks & Expedition Pvt. Ltd.
13. Paaila Treks Pvt. Ltd.
14. Travel One Nepal Pvt. Ltd.
15. Earth Nepal Travel & Trek P. Ltd.
16. Dalima Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.

## **NATTA's Press Release on CAAN's Bonus Distribution**

Nepal Association of Tour and Travel Agents (NATTA) issued a Press Release concerning about Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal's (CAAN) plan to distribute bonus using the fund collected from outgoing travelers by air. The decision has thrown cold water on the hope of the tourism stakeholders that CAAN would spend the money collected from air passengers to improve airport infrastructure and expand existing airports.

TIA had been collecting passenger service charge and airport development tax from travellers to develop its infrastructure.

*View News in Website* (<http://natta.org.np/news/nattas-press-release-on-caans-bonus-distribution>)

## **Secy. Upadhyay participates in SSC for Hospitality Meeting**

A meeting of Sector Skill Committee for Hospitality formed under Nepal Vocational Qualifications System (NVQS) Project of Swisscontact was held at Hotel Royal Singhi on last 8th January in which NATTA Secretary Mr. Sudhir Kumar Upadhyay participated. NATTA has nominated Mr. Haribhakta Shrestha as an alternative member representing NATTA in SSC.

## **Sixth AGM of NATTA Eastern**

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of NATTA Eastern Regional Association has been slated for Friday, the 27th January, 2017 at its headquarter Kakadvitta. NATTA delegation from the centre is preparing to participate in the said AGM. The delegates will also join Bengal Travel Mart starting from 27th till 29th January in Siliguri (India).

## **Information & Communication**

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