

# 2nd NATTA Himalayan International Travel Mart

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The Nepalese capital, Kathmandu, celebrated the second session of the Himalayan International Travel Mart, held between May 11th - 13th under the auspices of the Nepalese Association of Tour and Travel Agents.

A group of distinguished personalities and Nepalese people in charge of tourism attended the inauguration, headed by the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, representatives of the Nepalese Tourism Board and numerous delegations of Asian countries such as India, Bangladesh, Thailand, China, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, in addition to delegations of ASEAN and SAARC countries. Mr. Sami Mahmud, Director of the Egyptian Office of Tourism in Bombay also attended as a guest of the Marco Polo company, to support the present drive by Nepal to increase the tourist interchanges between Nepal and Arab countries.

The fair saw the participation of a large group of Nepalese exhibitors, such as numerous five star hotels and mountain resorts, tour operators, Nepalese airlines, institutes and schools of tourism and hospitality, as well as local craftsmen.

The foreign pavilions were limited to the countries that have tourism representation in Nepal, such as Malaysia, Thailand and China. Qatar Airways also attended. It was the only Arab pavilion in the Mart.

Numerous workshops between the delegations, companies and businessmen of

the tourism sector were organized, with positive results for the increase in the number of visitors to Nepal, in addition to specialized tourist conferences.

The representative of ITM was invited to visit the monuments of Kathmandu and its surroundings as well as other cities. ■



Some of the stands

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The stands of Marco Polo Company

جناح شركة ماركوپولو



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