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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE AND THE PREVENTION OF FRAUDULENT INTERMEDIARY ACTIVITIES

The Department of Immigration, hereby issues this public notice to all foreign nationals residing in or visiting Nepal, as well as to the general public, regarding immigration regulations, compliance, and the prevention of unauthorized intermediary activities. Nepal is seeing a steady increase in foreign visitors who switch to long-term visas—such as Business, Study, and Working visas—to run their businesses and professions. The Nepalese Immigration Administration remains committed to protecting the safety, security, and investments of all foreign nationals lawfully living in the country.

Recent investigations conducted by the Department into specific cases involving Study Visas, Non-Tourist (Relation/Marriage) Visas, and Business Visas have revealed an alarming trend of exploitation by unauthorized intermediaries. The Department has been closely monitoring these intermediaries and has found them fabricating false documents to illicitly prolong stays, charging exorbitant sums far exceeding prescribed government fees, and misleading visitors into non-compliance, thereby causing innocent foreign nationals to unwittingly face severe legal penalties. Department data indicates a significant rise in these fraudulent activities annually starting in June, a critical period when many tourists exhaust their maximum permitted 150-day stay per calendar year on a Tourist Visa.

Recently the Department of Immigration has modernized and simplified its visa processing system, making services fully automated, online, and governed by a Digital Time Card system to maximize transparency, efficiency, and ease of access. The Department urges foreign nationals not to engage, consult, or entertain any unauthorized agencies under the pretext of visa facilitation, as the system has been engineered to eliminate the need for third-party intervention. For any visa extensions or visa category changes, visitors are urged to consult with official channels only and maintain direct communication with authorized personnels, thereby safeguarding themselves against legal jeopardy and financial exploitation.

Therefore, for visa extension and conversion to longer stay in Nepal, foreign nationals must directly consult or obtain information exclusively from authorized government entities, specifically the Department of Immigration, respective Line Ministries, Nepal Tourism Board, One-Stop Service Center, or the Tourist Police. Any foreign national found in violation of these regulations or engaging with fraudulent agents shall be subject to strict legal action in accordance with the prevailing Immigration Act and Regulations of Nepal.

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