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Message from The President

UFTAA INVITED TO JOIN UNWTO TASK FORCE....

Dear Colleague,

Greetings.

I have received the attached invite from UNWTO, appointing us on the HIGH LEVEL TASK FORCE on TOURISM & SECURITY, which is related to the subject TOURISM FOR PEACE.

At times, when the whole world is aggressively involved in debate on Tourism for Peace, I do believe, that we must embark on this key subject as well, for a global federation of our size, cannot be quiet and needs greater visibility and..

Zurab Pololikashvili to be next Secretary General UNWTO

The 105th session of the UNWTO Executive Council, meeting in Madrid, Spain, on 12 May 2017, recommended Zurab Pololikashvili, Ambassador of Georgia in Spain, as a nominee for the post of Secretary-General for the four-year-period starting January 2018.

The candidature of Zurab Pololikashvili was presented by his country, Georgia, in accordance with the UNWTO statutes.

New CEO at VVR - Agents Association of Belgium

Best wishes from UFTAA to Mr Bosch for joining as CEO of VVR - the Agents Association of Belgium

ASEANTA Elects New Managing Committee

Devinder Ohri re-elected as President

Mr. Devinder Ohri (President of National Association of Travel Agents Singapore) was retained as President for another term. Mr. Sam Cheah (President of Malaysian Association of Hotels) was retained as Deputy President for another term. Ms. Margaret Heng (Executive Director of Singapore Hotel Association) replaced Datuk Hamzah Rahmat (President of Malaysia Association of Tour & Travel Agents, who successfully completed his 2nd Term of Office at MATTA) as the new Secretary General. Ms. Supawan Tanomkieatipume (President of Thai Hotels Association) was retained as..
**Pushing the boundaries of Philippine tourism**

PTAA - born out of the union of national associations of Outbound Travel Agencies and Inbound Tour Operators in 1979, has over 500 members and is leading partner of the Philippine Government in turning tourism into one of the country's sunshine industries.

PTAA President Marlene Jante heads the new Board of Trustees that assumed office at the start of 2017 for a two-year term with commitment to push growth and development of tourism and focus on more Representations, Trainings & Seminars, Familiarization Tours and touching base with Regional Tourism Players in the country.

In addition, PTAA will be actively involved in grand preparations to mark 25th Year of Travel Tour Expo in 2018 - country's single biggest Annual Tourism Event.

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**Deadline for Compliance on PCI-DSS extended**

The PSG - Passenger Agency Conference Steering Group of IATA, has approved the postponement of Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard (DSS) compliance until March 2018. The process of becoming PCI DSS compliant with the PCI DSS framework is complex and lengthy.

The NewGen ISS program will soon be launched. It is important that an agency transitions into PCI DSS compliance in order to have access to Credit Card as a form of Payment. For an agency to obtain and retain...

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As a first, UFTAA made its presence at G7 Summit being held at Sicily's Taormina, Italy on 26 - 27 May, 2017. UFTAA logo was highlighted at important events organised around G7 Summit which focused on fight against terrorism and violent extremism along with foreign policy, global economy, reduction of inequalities, migration crisis.

Leaders including Shinzo Abe - Japan, Justin Trudeau - Canada, Theresa May - England, Emmanuel Macron - France, Angela Merkel - Germany, Donald Trump - USA, Paolo Gentiloni - Italy were present along with large delegations. Also present were leaders from China, India and Australia and near 4000 journalists / media from all over the world.

Board Member Mario Bevacqua, instrumental in making this possible, commented “People from all around the world will see Uftaa logo and learn about UFTAA with my presence there…”

### Calendar of Global Events

**JUNE 2017**
- Korea World Travel Fair (KOFTA) - Seoul, South Korea - 1 - 4
- IATA AGM 2017 - Cancun, Mexico - 4- 6
- ILTM Asia - Shanghai, China - 5-8
- The Meetings Show - London, UK - 13-15
- International Travel Expo (ITE) - Hong Kong - 15-18
- Connections Meetings - Quito, Ecuador - 18-21
- Beijing international Tourism Expo - Beijing, China - 23-25
- Digital Travel Summit - London, UK - 27-28

**JULY 2017**
- Travel Wedding Show - Jaipur, India - 8-9
- IITM - Chennai, India - 14-16
- - Bengaluru, India - 21-23
- GBTA Convention - Boston, USA - 15-19

**AUGUST 2017**
- ACTE Conference - Tokyo, Japan - 22-23
- La Cita - Florida, USA - 29-31

*It's important to verify / reconfirm dates*
Dear Members,

Lot to share since the last Issue of 'Global Connect': President Sunil Kumar lead TAAI Delegation to Israel; UNWTO's invitation to UFTAA to join High Level Task Force on Tourism & Security is indeed an appreciation for our efforts & resolve to support 'Tourism for Peace'... and Kudos to Board Member Devinder Ohri for being re-elected as ASEANTA President 2017-19.

Happy to connect PTAA - Fellow Member Association from Philippines with you all; and if 'connect' is an important word for you, do visit UFTAA website & Facebook Page, and do give your feedback to make it more interesting & interactive.

Lastly, few questions... have you paid your Annual Fee? And... did you know UFTAA has a Twitter Account?

Let's stay connected..!

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