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ABSTRACT

Nepal, a compelling destination for many visitors, with tourist attractions in the form of snowcapped mountain peaks, excellent trekking and rafting opportunities, interesting wildlife, significant religious sites, and unsurpassed historic and cultural places, is well placed for tourism development.

Nepal, being one of the poorest countries of the world, is facing various problems such as rapidly rising population, fewer possibilities for developing industries, limited scope for increasing agricultural production, growing unemployment, social discrimination, poverty, and so on. In this context, tourism has been regarded as a means of achieving social, economic and political development.

In view of the promotion of tourism, this study examines the potentiality of tourism in Tanahun district. Tanahun has many tourist destinations, unique natural beauties and various cultural specialties of its own and the sustainable and visionfull exploitation of these destinations offer a wide range of comparative advantages for which suitable and effective plan is needed.

Increase in business and increase in resident's income are most beneficial areas of tourism in Tanahun district. With the major attractive areas for tourists like Vayas and Parasar Cave, Siddha Cave, Queen of Hill Bandipur, Tanahunsur Darbar, and others, Tanahun demands visionable plan for adequately managed tourism and bring more positive benefit.

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ACRONYMS

CBS - Central Bureau of Statistics

CDMA - Code Division Multiple Access

CEDA - Centre of Economic Development and Administration

DDC - District Development Committee

DDP - District Development Planning

FY - Fiscal Year

GDP - Gross Domestic Product

INGOs - International Non-governmental Organizations

ILO - International Labor Organization

IUCN - International Union for Natural Conservation

ICIMOD - International Center for Integrated Mountain Development

MOF - Ministry of Finance

NGOs - Non-governmental Organizations

NTB - Nepal Tourism Board

NAC - Nepal Airlines Corporation

TU - Tribhuvan University

UNDP - United Nations Development Program

VDC - Village Development Committee