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Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**New Delhi, 19 December 2011**

Subject: Appointment of Liaison Officers for Kailash  
Manasarovar Yatra 2012.

The Ministry of External Affairs will be organizing the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra 2012 from June – September 2012. A circular, along with an application form, for the post of Liaison Officer for Kailash Manasarovar Yatra 2012 is enclosed. You are requested to circulate the same to all concerned.

2. The last date for receipt of application form is **12 March 2012**.

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To:

1. All officers of the rank of Under Secretary and above in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
2. All Joint Secretaries (Administration) in other Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, with the request that it be circulated in their Ministries/Departments.
3. All Joint Secretaries (Administration) in State Governments with the request that this be circulated in their Departments.
4. Commandant Staff (O&T), ITBP HQ, Block No. 2, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
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South Block, New Delhi, 19 December 2011

**CIRCULAR FOR LIAISON OFFICERS FOR KAILASH MANASAROVAR YATRA 2012**

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, will be organising the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra 2012 from 29 May to 25 September 2012. The Yatra is a pilgrimage and involves Parikramas of Mount Kailash and Manasarovar Lake in Tibet. The route for the Yatra is along the western part of the India-Nepal border and crosses into China at Lipulekh Pass. The total duration of the Yatra proper is 27 days, of which 13 days are spent in Tibet.

2. This year, it is planned to send 16 batches of pilgrims, consisting of maximum 60 pilgrims each. The first batch is tentatively scheduled to depart from New Delhi by end May/beginning of June 2012. Thereafter, batches will depart once every six days or so. The last batch is expected to depart in end of August/beginning of September 2012.

3. The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is extremely arduous and involves trekking at high altitudes upto 19,500 feet, under inhospitable conditions. The Indian Mountaineering Foundation has recognised the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra as a trekking expedition and it may involve high risk to the person or property of the applicant caused by any natural calamity or due to any other reason.

4. Government shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the person or property of the LO due to any natural calamity or due to any other reason.

5. A Liaison Officer will be appointed for each batch by the Ministry of External Affairs. His/her task is to liaise with the Chinese and the Indian authorities on behalf of the pilgrims in all respects, including communication, medical requirements and air-evacuation in case of emergency. He/she is responsible for ensuring the well-being and safety of the group. The expenditure on travel, board and lodging of the Liaison Officer, amounting to approximately **Rs.95,000/-** each, would be borne by the Department in which he/she is working.

6. Applications are invited from officers equivalent to the rank of Under Secretary to the Government of India and above in Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and State Governments, as well as officers from the Armed Forces and Para Military Services.

7. The officer should be in good physical health, medically fit and should not suffer from conditions such as high-blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, epilepsy etc. The Yatra may prove hazardous for those who are not physically and medically fit. Selection as Liaison Officer will be confirmed only after the concerned officer passes a comprehensive medical test conducted by the DHLI/ITBP hospital in New Delhi prior to the commencement of the Yatra.

8. The officer should preferably also have past experience of high altitude trekking/mountaineering. Experience of normal pilgrimage like Vaishnodevi and Amarnath yatras will not count as experience in this regard.

9. The officer should preferably have first-aid experience.

10. The officer should be able to manage a diverse group of persons belonging to different linguistic, regional and professional backgrounds. Detailed instructions regarding duties and responsibilities will be communicated to all selected Liaison Officers.

11. Officers selected will be assigned batch-wise and are expected to do the Yatra with the assigned batch only.

12. Officers who have gone on the Yatra as Liaison Officers or as a Yatri in any year prior to this year will not be considered for selection.

13. Each Liaison Officer is required to submit a detailed report on the Yatra within seven days of his return from the Yatra. It will also be the responsibility of the Liaison Officer to collect completion-certificates from Ministry of External Affairs and distribute them to the Yatris after the completion of the Yatra.

14. Applications must be approved by the Head of the Ministry/Department and must be accompanied by necessary financial approval of the concerned Department. The application must be made on the prescribed annexed Proforma. Completed applications should be sent to:

**Attaché (China), China Registry**  
**Room No. 255-A, Ministry of External Affairs**  
**South Block, New Delhi 110 011.**  
[ Tel : 23014900; E-mail : kmyatra@mea.gov.in ]

15. The last date for the receipt of applications is **12 March 2012**.

16. The final list of selected Liaison Officers will be prepared after an interview is conducted of all short-listed officers by the Ministry of External Affairs.

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**Please provide two recent passport size photographs, one to be affixed here**

[The duly completed application form, along with requisite enclosures be mailed to: Section Officer (China), Room No.255-A, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi 110 011. Tel: 2301-4900. E-mail: kmyatra@mea.gov.in]

1.	Applicant's full name: First name : Mr   Mrs   Miss
	Middle name(s) :
	Surname :
2.	Designation :
3.	Father's full name: Shri :
4.	Religion :
5.	Date of birth (as in passport) :
6.	Passport number :
7.	Office address :
	Telephone (with STD code) :
	Fax (with STD code) :
8.	E-mail addresses :
9.	Residential address :
	Telephone (with STD code) :
10.	Next-of-kin details for emergency: Name :
	Address and E-mail :
	Telephone (with STD code) :
11.	Experience of high altitude trekking :
12.	Do you wish to join optional Trekking Course conducted by ITBP: YES   NO
13.	Main reasons for applying for post of LO :
14.	Whether applied in the past as Yatri/LO : YES   NO
	If selected, details thereof : Year of Yatra: Batch No. Travelled as: YATRI   LO
	If not selected/travelled, reasons thereof :
15.	Details of First Aid Training, if any :
16.	Whether approval of Head of Department and Financial approval is duly attached: YES   NO

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