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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,
India Gate, New Delhi, Dated the 21st December, 2017

Subject: Advisory on fake Indian e-Visa Portals.

This Ministry is receiving multiple complaints from people who have either been cheated or who have compromised their personal information due to use of fake e-Visa portals. The menace of these fake ETA websites has revealed in duping of some foreign tourists/visitors. This nuisance requires joint efforts to curb it.

2. In a number of cases, the applicants were not able to distinguish between the authentic e-Visa portal and the fake ones and ended up becoming a victim of financial fraud and/or compromised their personal data in cases where they were alerted before making any payments.

3. In view of this, all concerned stakeholders may kindly note that Government of India does not appoint any authorised agents to apply for e-Visa on behalf of any Applicant. General public may also be advised not to fall prey to such fake e-Visa portals claiming to provide Express e-Visa services by charging a hefty amount for the same. **The official website of Government of India for e-Visa and related visa services is www.indianvisaonline.gov.in.**



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To,

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Tourism – with a request to kindly sensitise all the registered Tour Operators and put an advisory on their websites for simiar action.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs – with a request to kindly publicise the advisory among all the Indian Missions/Posts abroad.
3. Bureau of Immigration (for information and necessary action).

Copy to:-

I.T. Cell, M.H.A. – with a request to place the advisory on the M.H.A.'s website.