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■ NOT A SINGLE LIFE WAS LOST IN THE FLAMES — GOVERNOR

# Blaze fatality rumors killed

On-site investigation of SuperCheap inferno halted within days

### By Saran Mitrarat

GOVERNOR Maitri Inthusut on Tuesday buried rumors that people had died in the SuperCheap inferno last Wednesday night as he laid to rest the on-site investigation.

No proof of any fatalities were recorded or announced.

"I received the report form the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Phuket office [DDPM-Phuket] concerning the SuperCheap fire. I am pleased to announce that all missing people have been accounted for and that not a single life was lost in the flames," Governor Maitri said

"All those involved in the rescue efforts and post-disaster work deserve a round of applause everything was handled very well," he said.

Gov Maitri appointed himself the single source for information regarding any alleged deaths in the incident...

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The Region 8 Forensic team concluded their investigation across the 30-rai plot of land by Tuesday.

### Freedom St frought with corruption, says Winai

WINAI Chidchiew, the Subdistrict chief (Kamnan) for Kata-Karon has levelled accusations against officials pushing for the road to Freedom Beach, claiming that the project is being done solely to force land prices in the area up so certain individuals could profit.

The multi-million baht project is set to go through private land, protected forest land, and SorPorKor government land.

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### Gov denies allegations of inaction

GOVERNOR Maitri Inthusut denied that he was failing to act and help the island become mafia-free, as alleged by a consortium of four major travel organizations operating in Phuket.

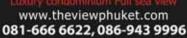
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Saturday

# Villagers battle for access to livelihood

By Saran Mitrarat

VICE Governor Somkiet Sangkaosuttirak visited Pa Khlok on Wednesday to investigate claims by residents that a path on public land had been blocked off, denying them access yet again to a pier where they keep their longtail boats.

V/Gov Somkiet, along with officers from the Thalang Land Office, the Royal Forest Department and other relevant departments, met residents of Baan Bangla and a representative of the company that claims to own the land, Thaveesak Landing Company.

The representative, who declined to give his name to the media, presented a Chanote title which he said proved the Thaveesak company owned the land.

Chate Pantip, a former Baan Bangla headman, countered with a map which he said showed that the Thaveesak land was previously registered at a different location, and that other land claims in the area had grown in size.

V/Gov Somkiet accepted the documents and said that titles for all the land in the immediate area, not just that around the residents' path, would be investigated, and



A 'Do not enter' sign next to the newly-gated path in Pa Khlok.

the history of the titles thoroughly checked to make sure they were authentic.

The path to the pier was temporarily opened to give residents access to their boats, and V/Gov Somkiet asked the Thaveesak company representative to obtain permission from the company to keep the path open permanently.

This was not the first time residents had fought to maintain use of the land.

"Ten years ago, private investors blocked our way to the pier. At that time, some of the villagers were sued for trespassing. The case was heard in court, but the judge ruled that it was public land," Baan Bangla headman Samarn Bumroongna said.

"About 100 households in our village are affected by this. For decades, our village has used this path to get to our boats so we can fish for a living," he said.

### Balloon vendor arrives dead

A FESTIVAL balloon vendor was found dead on arrival at Phuket Bus Terminal 2 early on Monday morning.

Prasan Piyawong, 66, was discovered dead by a friend who was travelling with him.

"Mr Prasan's body was upright in the seat with eyes wide open. There was no sign of physical violence," said Somchai Nhuboon of the Phuket City Police.

"His friend told us that they were travelling back from Songkhla where they had sold balloons at a festival," Capt Somchai said.

Mr Prasan had quickly gone to sleep and didn't wake until he started to have spasms and a coughing fit in Thalang.

"He stopped coughing and - I



Mr Prasan died in his sleep returning from Songkhla by bus.

thought – went back to sleep. I didn't realize he was dead," said his friend.

When the friend was unable to wake him, police and rescue workers were called.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

### **UK Embassy limits hon consul services**

SWEEPING changes in how standard documents are issued at the British Embassy in Bangkok will free Phuket Honorary Consul Martin Carpenter to focus on providing assistance to British tourists and expats in need.

The changes are part of a reform in procedures at British embassies around the world, explained an embassy statement issued to the *Gazette*.

Consequently, from November 1, notarial and documentary services will no longer be provided by Honorary Consul Carpenter, or by the British honorary consul for Koh Samui.

However, such documentary services will continue to be provided by the British Embassy



Hon Consul Carpenter at a consuls' meeting in 2011. Photo: Gazette file

in Bangkok and the British Consulate General in Chiang Mai, and the most well-used service can be completed through the post.

"Documentary and notarial services worldwide are being rationalized to provide a more modern and streamlined service,"

the embassy explained.

"We are also working to introduce online credit card payments and bookable appointments."

Requesting some documents by mail remains an option.

"Approximately 70 per cent of all requests for notarial and documentary services provided by our honorary consuls in Phuket and Koh Samui are for pension letters required by the Thai authorities," explained the embassy official.

"Applications for these may be submitted by post," the staffer added.

Details of filing applications for notarial service by post can be found on the British FCO website.

- Chris Husted



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# Governor strikes back In brief...

### Top official denies sweeping mafia problems under the carpet

By Saran Mitrarat

GOVERNOR Maitri Inthusut on Tuesday strongly denied accusations of ignoring rampant corruption and "mafia" operations in Phuket.

"Phuket has never swept problems under the carpet," a visibly disturbed Governor Maitri said.

The public statement followed a consortium of leading Phuket travel figures on Monday insinuating that some of Phuket's top officials were not willing to help "take out the trash".

Among the claims was that the Phuket Government was not assisting the Department Of Special Investigation (DSI) and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports (MOTS) in the crackdown.

"Every time Bangkok officials visit Phuket, we welcome them and support them with everything they require," Governor Maitri said.

"I have attended [nearly] every meeting with the MOTS and the DSI when they have come to Phuket so we can keep them up to date with our progress.

"I missed only one visit, on June 25, and that was because I had to go to Bangkok for a budget meeting for the upcoming 2014 fiscal year," he added.

Governor Maitri said he had assigned six teams of officials to assist the DSI and Tourism Ministry's efforts to eradicate organized crime on Phuket.

"The Phuket Police are also helping to crack down on the taxi mafia," he added.

"I haven't said or done anything to hamper the efforts of the DSI and the MOTS. I even set a meeting to be held every Tuesday to follow up any cases being taken



Governor Maitri vehemently denied his office was not co-operating in the Phuket mafia crackdown.

up by the anti-organized crime centers in Phuket, which are operated by the DSI, police and local government officers," Governor Maitri said.

"We have always helped them with any problems they have found," he assured.

Speaking at the press conference called by four major travel organizations on Monday, Phuket Tourist Association (PTA) President Pong Suwannakarn said, "If Phuket officials, the Tourism Ministry and the DSI all work together, the problems in Phuket will be solved quickly."

He added, "The Phuket Government should respect the efforts by the DSI and MOTS because



The DSI has been afforded all possible help, said Gov Maitri.

we think that the central government in Bangkok can solve the problems faster and easier if they have support from local officials."

Mr Pong alleged there was "some conflict" between the provincial government and the efforts of the DSI and the MOTS.

However, he declined to clarify what the conflict was.

In turn, PTA Vice President Bhuritt Maswongsa related to the press a tale about a "dirty house" that the owner refused to clean.

Tenants staying in the house finally hired outside cleaners, an act that only angered the house owner into refusing to cooperate with the outside help.

"We want to support the DSI until their work is done. We believe the DSI, the MOTS and these two Phuket Vice Governors [Sommai Prijasilpa and Chamroen Tipayapongtada] are genuinely working to help Phuket," Mr Bhuritt reiterated.

### Judge sets date for handing down Aldhouse sentence

A JUDGE on Monday set November 28 as the date he will hand down a sentence to British national Lee Aldhouse for the murder of American Marine Dashawn Longfellow.

At the hearing, Aldhouse signed a copy of Mr Longfellow's passport, writing that he, Lee Aldhouse, had stabbed "this man".

"I would like to apologize to his family and friends. I didn't mean to kill him," Aldhouse said.

There were no members of the Longfellow family present in the courtroom.

### Krabi mortician slain in palm field

POLICE suspect business conflict as the motive for the shooting murder of Krabi mortician Niyom Chormai, 60.

Ajin Chormai, 55, found the body of her husband in a palm oil plantation last Sunday morning. He had eight gunshot wounds to his chest.

Mr Niyom left the house at 8:30am to round up his cattle, Ms Ajin told police.

### Two killed in late night commutes

PHUKET TOWN mechanic Kraisorn Srinonyang, 26, died early Wednesday last week while heading home from work. His motorbike rammed into the back of an 18-wheel truck in Thalang.

Not more than 30 minutes later, Meka Thayathum, 37, escaped serious injury when his tourist van struck a power pole near the Tha Reua Shrine in Koh Kaew.

### Drinkers take down armed robber

taking down a man who had just robbed a Phuket Town convenience store at knifepoint.

Ronnarit Klinchuen, 21, and Ponlawat Kaensub, 22, saw Naruecha Wongponthong, also 22, pull up on a motorbike Mr Naruecha, 22. outside the SuperCheap

Samkong Shrine on Yaowarat Rd. Unfortunately for Mr Naruecha,

TWO men sitting in front of their Mr Ponlawat is a community pohouse drinking early Tuesday lice volunteer, trained and morning made a citizen's arrest, registered under the Crime Sup-

> pression Division branch in Phuket. "Through the win-

dow they could see him threaten the cashier with a knife," Capt Wichai Kongkawai of the Phuket City Police said. "They crossed the

road and pounced on him 24 convenience store opposite as he walked out of the store,

Capt Wichai added. - Kritsada Mueanhawong







The rock crushed the cab

### Backhoe driver killed in quarry bedrock collapse

A BACKHOE driver working at a quarry in Kathu died when a large chunk of bedrock fell onto the cab of his digger, crushing him and the cab on October 17.

Officers have yet to determine why the huge slab of granite collapsed onto the backhoe operated by Sudrak Nawakoaksorn, 31, from Nakhon Sri Thammarat.

Mr Sudrak turned up for work at the quarry, located behind The Valley residential estate off Phra Phuket Kaew Road, on time at 9am. The fatal accident was not noticed until midday, Kathu District Chief Veera Kerdsirimongkol said.

"Other backhoe operators had to use heavy machinery to twist open the cab so that rescue workers could recover his body," Mr Veera said.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

# Gov Maitri hails miracle of deathless SuperCheap blaze

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...He has been backed by Phuket Provincial Police Commander Ong-art Phiwruangnont, who warned that anyone spreading false rumors about deaths in the incident could face swift police action.

The DDPM-Phuket report was filed directly to Governor Maitri.

"All of the missing people were found," Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Peerayuth Karachedi said, echoing Gov Maitri's statement.

Anong Khunpetthongrat, the mother of a missing 18-year-old cashier who worked for Super-Cheap, confirmed to the *Gazette* on Tuesday that her daughter had been found.

However, she quickly hung up and was unwilling to take any further calls regarding what happened during her daughter's multiple-day disappearance.

A team of Region 8 Forensic officers reportedly sifted through



The 30-rai site continued to smolder days after the blaze. Photo: Helicam

the entire 30-rai site in less than five days, searching for human remains and evidence that might identify the cause of the fire.

"The forensic team has all the evidence they need. The team narrowed the origin of the fire down to a 1,200-square-meter area about 200 meters from the main entrance

to the complex. The area stored foam and other construction materials," Gov Maitri said.

"The evidence was taken to Surat Thani for further investigation," he said.

SuperCheap representatives on Tuesday reported that 60 per cent of the staff who worked at the megstore had rejoined the workforce.

"So far 100 Burmese workers have resigned," said human resources chief Sirirak Kongkum.

No SuperCheap representative clarified to the media whether or not all staffers were accounted for post-disaster.

Suwimon Saelim, acting director of the Phuket office of the state-run Insurance Commission, confirmed the fully insured mega-shop is covered for over 600 million baht in insurance payouts.

"At this stage we cannot estimate the cost of the damage," said Anongnart Suksaeree, chief accountant of SuperCheap.

No insurance money has been set aside to cover any staffers who may come forward with injuries from the event or for damage done to neighboring houses.

It was also announced on Tuesday that most environmental threats potentially posed by the disaster had passed.



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### Police: teasing led to shooting

POLICE are searching for the gang responsible for a drive-by shooting that left a man in Rassada injured Saturday night.

Anupol Noochua, 31, was shot in the leg in front of his house at about 10pm.

Mr Anupol told police that at about 7pm last night, while he was sitting outside drinking with friends, a young woman rode by on a motorbike.

"He said he teased her when she rode past," said Wetchasak Juladung of the Phuket City Police.

"A short while later, a man... rode by and swore at Mr Anupol and his friends," said Lt Wetchasak.

Mr Anupol's group ignored him and continued drinking until about 10pm, when the man returned with four friends.



The bullet was safely removed.

"One of them pulled out a gun and shot Mr Anupol in the thigh," Lt Wetchasak said.

By the time police arrived at the scene, Mr Anupol had already been taken to Vachira Phuket Hospital.

"We are searching for the men. We believe the shooting might have been motivated by the teasing," said Lt Wetchasak.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong



# Fighting road to Freedom

By Saran Mitrarat

WINAI Chidchiew, the Subdistrict chief (Kamnan) for Kata-Karon, has lashed out over the project to build a new road to Freedom Beach, accusing local officials of

trying to push the project through for their own benefit.

Kamnan Winai alleges that the road, planned for the headland south of Patong Bay, is being pushed through by local officials who stand to profit from its creation.

The road would

pass through private land, protected forest land, and *SorPorKor* government land for it t land.

Kata-Karon Kamnan Winai land for it t land.

"Those who own private land in the area will benefit because land values for plots alongside the new road will increase," Kamnan Winai told the *Gazette*.

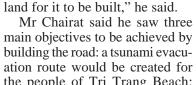
"I would be happy to support the project if it were really needed by local residents, not just officials or investors," he added. Kamnan Winai made the accusation at the second public hearing for the project, on October 15.

About 50 people turned out to hear the revised plans and voice their opinions.

Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat

Sukbal, who has volunteered some of his land for the project, defended the road to Freedom Beach.

"I think this road will benefit all people and will become a new tourist attraction where people can take photographs and enjoy the beautiful view... That's why I gave some of my



the people of Tri Trang Beach; motorists from Patong would have an alternative route south; and a public recreation and exercise area would be created for residents.

"But the local residents have to



CGI representation of the proposed road that would lead to Freedom Beach. Image: Phisut Technology

vote to support it. If they do not approve it, then the project will not go ahead," Mr Chairat assured.

Kamnan Winai was steadfast in his opinion that the real purpose of the road was financial.

"Supporters claim that this project is for the benefit of local residents, but it isn't," he said.

"Private investors are the ones with the real interest. If the government didn't provide funds to build the road, I'm sure the municipality could easily find investors," he said

Kamnan Winai said the only factor holding up the project from being railroaded through was the level of clearance required for the road to cross protected forest and *SorPorKor* land.

The Royal Forestry Department must grant permission for the road to traverse the protected forest in the area, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment in Bangkok must grant permission for the road to cross *SorPorKor* land, which is government land allocated to local people so they may farm – and farm only – in order to maintain an income.

"Many officers want this road approved, but all of them have failed because sections of it need to cross protected forest," Kamnan Winai alleged.







Watchara Sornsud re-enacts one of the purse-snatchings.

### Honey, can I borrow the bike?

A MAN in Patong recently borrowed his girlfriend's motorbike, snatched two purses in Phuket Town and rode home, only to be arrested a few hours later.

Watchara Sornsud, 25, was arrested on October 15 after he snatched the bag of Russian tourist Anastasia Zabello near the Big C supercenter, then that of Somsri Weerapong, a vendor near Muang Thong market. Both women reported the same bike being used to carry out the snatchings.

Police quickly tracked the motorbike to a woman who lives in a rented house on Nanai Road, Patong. At the house, officers found Mr Watchara repairing the bike. He was taken to the police station and quickly confessed, said Col Chaowalit.

Mr Watchara was charged with bag snatching. He told police it was his first time to commit the crime.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

# Stemming the rising tide

### Governor predicts end to Patong's chronic flooding by 2014

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

PATONG'S flood problems will be 85 to 90 per cent solved by the middle of next year, Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut has predicted.

In addition to the 19 million baht gate that will be added to the canal at the south end of Patong, 9.7 million baht in funds have been requested to dredge the Pak Bang Canal, he reported during a tour of flood-prone areas in Patong last week.

"About five points in the canal, a total of 2.6km, will be dredged," he said, adding that the Phuket office of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation had already applied for the funds.

"That project will be done by March 2014," Governor Maitri said.

The chronic flooding at Patong Police Station and Patong Hospital will also come to an end, he foresaw.

"We've given the problem a lot of discussion," he said. "The solution for this particular area is to install one more set of drains," Governor Maitri said.

He noted that about 30 meters of the proposed drainage system was on private property and that Patong Municipality would need



Governor Maitri (pink shirt) and Kathu District Chief Veera (2nd left) during the tour of Patong's flood-risk areas.

to contact the owner to get permission before work could commence.

The Governor also vowed that Phang Muang Sai Kor Road, with drains along both sides of it, would be finished by March 2014.

Though he said that the planned measures should be able to control most future flooding, he added a caveat: "It still depends on the rain. And people need to stop throwing trash into the canals, because it blocks the waterway."



Measures to prevent flooding in Patong are slated for completion by 2014.

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# Motorbike ram wins officer B10k reward

A PATROL policeman who broke his collarbone while ramming bagsnatchers with his motorbike in an attempt to stop their getaway was rewarded with 10,000 baht for his bravery on Monday.

Phuket Provincial Police Commander Ong-art Phiwruangnont issued the bonus on hearing how Sgt Songwut Noosuk of the Phuket City Police attempted to apprehend the perpetrators last Saturday afternoon.

"Sgt Songwut was riding his motorbike when he saw the bagsnatch taking place. He tried to stop the two men by slamming into them," Wichit Police Superintendent Chaowalit Petchsripia explained.

"Unfortunately, Sgt Songwut fell off his bike and the two men rode off," he added.

The two men took flight with the bag belonging to 27-year-old Russian tourist Kazmina Marcarita, who was caught walking from the Big C supercenter to Central Festival Phuket on the bypass road.

"In her bag were US\$300 dollars [about 9,300 baht], 3,000 baht cash and some documents," Col Chaowalit reported.

"Sgt Songwut called in the bagsnatch and told us to try to block the two men. We failed to stop them, but we later learned they



ARRESTED: Piyachai Chaisriha

both live in a rented house in Baan Pru Somparn in Thalang," he said.

Officers arrested Piyachai Chaisriha, 20, and Pongsathorn Thawaichuea, 19, at 10am the next day.

Commander Ong-art also issued a 20,000-baht reward to the Wichit Police team who arrested the two men.

Sgt Songwut continued his recovery this week at Phuket International Hospital.

Among visitors wishing him a speedy recovery were Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Arayapan Pukbuakao, Phuket City Police Superintendent Sermphan Sirikong and Wichit Police Superintendent Chaowalit.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

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The charred remains of the seven shop units at the Karon Plaza.

### Fire engulfs shop units at Karon Plaza

POLICE are investigating the cause of a fire on the Karon beach road that engulfed seven shop units at the Karon Plaza shopping bazaar on October 19.

Three firetrucks from Karon Municipality were called in just before 6am to contain the blaze, which took 30 minutes to extinguish.

"The plaza sells fashion items, such as clothes and shoes, and many other types of goods," explained Sathaporn Srinoon of the Karon Police.

Initial estimates valued the damage by the fire at about 500,000 baht, he said.

Prakong Lertsoongnern, a security guard at the nearby Woraburi Phuket Resort, said the fire spread quickly.

"At 5:56am, I saw sparks at shop unit Number 3. Then the fire spread quickly, so I called Karon Municipality for help," he said.

"The cause of the fire could have been arson or a short circuit. We will question the shop owners and have experts investigate to determine the cause," Lt Sathaporn said.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

### Top official issued urgent order to relinquish post

has been ordered out of Phuket.

Mr Veera told the Gazette that he received the "urgent order" to leave the province within 10 days at 3pm on October 18.

"I have not been given a precise reason for my urgent transfer. The order was issued by Wiboon Sanguanpong, the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Interior," Mr Veera said.

The order comes out of step with the regular transfer of officials, which falls on October 1. Mr Veera arrived in Phuket on March 11 this year, after serving as District Chief of Palian in Trang Province.

"I have been assigned to take up the position of District Chief of Don Sak, in Surat Thani Province," Mr Veera confirmed.

Don Sak is the well-known jump-off point for tourists heading to Koh Samui on the Gulf of Thailand. The rural area has an estimated population of 35,468.

Mr Veera will be replaced by Sayan Chanasaiwong, currently District Chief of Sungai Padi in the strife-torn Deep South

Since he arrived in Phuket, Mr Veera has built a reputation for targeting illegal logging, land encroachment and drugs.



He also maintained an Chief Veera active online persona, reporting incidents.

One of his most recent posts online was the announcement that Patong Mayor Pian Keesin had been suspended from office for

# Brit lands Siamese carp world record in Krabi

By Chutharat Plerin

A BRITISH angler on holiday in Thailand is set to break a world record after landing a 60.9kg (134.4lb) Siamese carp in Krabi, across Phang Nga Bay from Phuket, earlier this month.

Keith Williams, of Carshalton in Surrey, England, landed the monster carp on October 10 while on holiday with friends at the "catch-and-release" Gillhams Fishing Resort to celebrate his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"Keith could not sleep on Wednesday night, October 9. At 4am on Thursday, October 10, he was wide awake, sitting on his balcony overlooking the 12-acre [30-rai] moonlit lake," resort owner Stuart Gillham said.

"Drinking tea and speaking with his wife, he told her that he could feel in his bones that today he was going to catch a special fish," Mr Gillham recalled.

"Keith was sitting at his chosen fishing spot at 6:30am, watching the dawn break. Every angler who passed Keith was told the same:



Keith Williams (left) knew it was going to be his big day. Photo: Supplied

'Today is going to be my day.'

"Keith's target species was Siamese carp," Mr Gillham said.

"Then at 1:30pm, Keith's premonition came true. After a short but powerful 25-minute fight, he landed a new world record Siamese carp," he said.

The Krabi carp out-weighed the previous world record holder of 51.99kg (114lb) caught in 2004.

It may take up to six months to

have the record landing ratified, Mr Gillham said.

"The new record needs to be officially ratified by the International Game Fish Association [IGFA], based in America. The application has been filed, but it could take up to six months," he said.

"To claim a world record, a fish must be caught unaided by the angler using a rod and line; scales to weigh the fish must be certi-

fied; and the fish's length and girth must be measured. There must be independent witnesses and the angler must sign in front of a lawyer to affirm that he caught the fish by fair means," he said.

Mr Gillham is no stranger to his resort setting world records.

"The fishery claimed its first world record in 2008 with a Mekong catfish of 83.4kg (184lb). The following year a different Mekong catfish of 86.6kg (191lb) was landed.

"Over the next 18 months, the fishery produced the current world record Mekong catfish of 260lb (117.9kg), and twice beat the world record Chao Phraya catfish with fish of 91lb (41.2kg) and 121lb (54.8kg)," he explained.

Mr Gillham remains confident this latest catch will also set a new record.

"Every rule was adhered to in this claim and there is no reason why the claim will not be accepted. The processing of any claim is rigorously checked by the IGFA and can take up to six months to be accepted," he said.



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# Transport study underway

### 118 million baht to develop plan to connect Phuket cities and four nearby provinces

**By Chutharat Plerin** 

A FEASABILITY study costing 118 million baht is underway for an ambitious transportation project that would link Phuket International Airport with cities in Phuket and link the airport to neighboring provinces, as well as to the national north-south

Options to be studied for solving traffic woes within Phuket mitted preliminary studies for

include a light-rail or road-based transit system linking Phuket Airport to Chalong Circle, with stops on the way, explained Chula Sukmanop, Director-General of the Office of

Planning.

Also included in the study are links connecting Phuket Airport with the rail line in Surat Thani, a branch from this link extending from Phang Nga to Krabi Town, and a leg from the rail line in Surat Thani Town to Don Sak, the jumping-off point for travellers to Koh Samui.

The idea of a light-rail line connecting the airport with Phuket City, Chalong and Patong is not new. In recent years, several companies – Korean, Chinese, Singaporean and Thai, among them – have formally expressed interest in the project or even sub-

> developing such mass-transit systems.

One preliminary proposal by Korean giant Dohwa Engineering would have covered all major points on

Transport and Traffic Policy and the island. The Singapore proposal connecting major points predicted a cost of 13 billion baht. An eight-month feasibility study by a Thai firm in 2006 said it would cost 20bn baht to connect the airport with Phuket City alone,

with rails being laid down the middle of Thepkrasattri Road.

One reason those studies never came to fruition was that the Thai Government realized that by law it could not outsource the study to private companies.

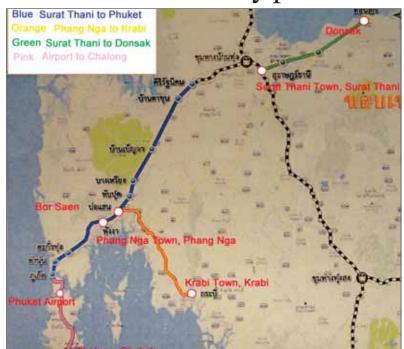
Increased traffic and growing numbers of tourists to the Andaman coast are the motivation for the transportation mega-plan, Governor Maitri said.

"We have about 30,000 visitors arriving per day in Phuket, and that number is expected to grow," Gov Maitri said.

"We need a long-term plan to create practical transportation for visitors and locals, and ease traffic congestion," he said.

The current study will consider every detail of the plan, Mr Chula said, including speed, capacity, cost, environmental impact, public hearing results and whether the systems would be a sound investment.

It will also decide if rail, lightrail or road-based systems are most suitable.



Possible new routes. Image: Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning

During the 14-month study, information will be gathered and analyzed and detailed designs and bidding documents will be drawn up. Public hearings will be held

throughout the process, and bimonthly progress reports will be issued, according to documents from the Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning.

# Big bust gets the ladies kicked out

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No more feminine touch in the big house for the bad boys. Photo: Blairc64

PRISONERS at Ubon Ratchathani Central Prison staged an unusual protest last week against what they saw as unfairly strict treatment by prison officials.

After officers raided Block 2 of the prison and seized a variety of contraband including drugs and cellphones, detainees were highly displeased.

But what got them truly riled was the officers' choice of punishment for the residents of the block: they moved all the ladyboys out of the building.

The raid, which took place on October 13, involved prison staff. police, border police, and the governor and deputy governor of Ubon Ratchathani Province.

More than 700 officers burst into the prison's Block 2, which is home to 700 inmates with convictions for violent and drugs crimes.

The officers seized almost 160 grams of ya ice (crystal methamphetamine) and five phones and



charging devices. Officers believe the contraband had been thrown over the prison wall into the block.

To punish the inmates, the prison ordered that all ladyboys, many of whom were in relationships with male detainees, be moved out of the block.

The inmates responded by staging a protest, demanding that the ladyboys be moved back, and that certain strict officers be transferred to duties in other sections of the prison.

Officers were able to calm the inmates down, and the protest ended within one hour without serious incident.

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### Bodies of Thai nationals flown home after Lao Airlines crash

THE BODIES of three of five Thai victims of the Lao Airlines crash earlier this month into the Mekong River, which killed all 49 people on board, have been flown back to Thailand.

The bodies of Phakkhawat Atiratanachai, Kamueng Chartkasemchai and Veekij Busarawuthanusorn arrived in Bangkok on Tuesday. At the time of writing the bodies of two other victims had yet to be identified, The Nation reported.

The ATR72-600 plane crashed into the Mekong River in Laos' Champhasak Province during stormy weather on October 16.

There have been indications that signals from the plane's black box had been located. Once recovered, the device should allow investigators to piece together why the aircraft crashed.

Divers were reportedly trying to retrieve the flight data recorder from an area about 400 meters from the crash site, but were

battling with the strong current and muddy water. The river is thought to be about 12 to 13 meters deep in that section.

It is thought the plane encountered heavy wind gusts while coming in to land, hitting the riverbank and skidding into the Mekong

The Lao Airlines flight QV301 manifest listed citizens of Laos, France, Australia, Thailand, South Korean, Vietnam, USA, China, Malaysia and Taiwan.



Staff and relatives of the victims mourn those who died in the crash. Photo: The Nation

# Whitewash' bill drawing ire

THAILAND may be on the brink of major political conflict after the Pheu Thai Party altered the Amnesty Bill currently heading through Parliament to include clauses that could whitewash Thaksin Shinawatra of his alleged crimes and pave the way for his return to Thailand.

The Democrat Party is vowing to take its fight against the new ver-

sion of the bill to the streets, while the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship, also known as the red shirts, oppose it because it could exonerate those responsible for

the killings during their 2010 protest in Bangkok.

The new version of the bill, which was drafted by a parliamentary committee following its first successful reading, will now include amnesty for those accused of wrongdoing by the now-defunct Assets Examination Committee (AEC), The Nation reported.

The AEC was set up after the 2006 coup to investigate alleged irregularities by the Thaksin Shinawatra administration.

The AEC investigations resulted in several cases against those politicians, including one that led to an imprisonment verdict against Mr Thaksin.

In October 2008, the Supreme Court sentenced the ex-prime minister to two years in jail for abuse of power in the Ratchadaphisek

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land scandal, after his then-wife bought a stateseized land plot at much lower than the market price.

In February 2010, the court seized 46 billion baht of Mr Thaksin's as-

sets believed to have been gained through abuse of power, while other cases against him have been suspended while he is a fugitive abroad.

Interior Minister Charupong Ruangsuwan said the Democrat Party was mobilizing people from the South to join the current antigovernment protest at Urupong Intersection in Bangkok.

Mr Charupong said the government has assigned provincial



Fears of more trouble on the horizon as nationals gather in protest of amnesty bill. Photo: Reuters

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governors to keep a close watch on the political situation following a report that a former party

secretary-general had held talks with 20 people, including an individual known only as "Pou Khem", at a Surat Thani rubber cooperative about preparing a mass rally.

"As part of the plan, Democrat MP Nipit Intarasombat was assigned to bring 2,000 people from Chu-uat district in Nakhon Si Thammarat, to Urupong Intersection," Mr Charupong said.

"The government has assessed the situation and prepared measures to keep security and peace. I have ordered provincial governors and district chiefs to give an explanation to the people [to discourage them from joining the protest]. I believe the government can control the situation," he said.



### Japan warns Thais over visa abuse

JAPAN has issued a warning to Thais not to stay in Japan beyond the 15-day visa-free period or risk being banned for life, The Japanese national standard.

The Nation reported.

The warning came after a number of Thai visitors abused the visa-free privilege to enter Japan and illegally work there.

The Japanese on July 1 introduced free visas for tourists from Thailand who wish to stay in the country up to

15 days. The decision prompted a sharp increase

in tourists, about 200 of these tourists reportedly entered the country with the intention of overstaying and seeking work.



### Floods ravage 20 provinces

FLOODS continue to ravage 20 Thai provinces, with Prachinburi and Chachoengsao in the East the worst hit.

Echoing the 2011 flood crisis, during which many industrial estates were inundated, Amata Nakorn in Chonburi is battling to save itself from floodwater.

Floods have already forced 15 factories inside the estate to close.

Another 78 factories outside the protection of estates, mainly in the Northeast, have reportedly been inundated.

The factories in the Amata Nakorn estate are not underwater, but have been temporarily closed because employees are having difficulty getting to work.

Some public areas within the estate are inundated. The highest floodwater level is between 30 and 40 centimeters.

But the provinces of Prachinburi and Chachoengsao have been the worst affected.

# The sky's the limit In brief... Myanmar must change constitute...

### Vietnam airlines plan fleet boom as nation's roads and rail fail

By Ho Binh Minh

VIETNAM'S fledgling airline industry is poised for a boom as local competition heats up with fleet expansions, new routes and planned share offers that are set to make it one of the world's three fastest-growing markets.

Even as the local economy chugs along at about 5 per cent growth, its slowest pace in 13 years, demand for domestic air travel is growing by double digits. That is translating into a surprisingly robust new source of business for Boeing, Airbus and regional aircraft makers such as Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp, Bombardier Inc and Embraer SA.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) expects Vietnam to become the world's third-fastest growing market for international passengers and freight next year, and secondfastest for domestic passengers.

Vietnam's Aviation Department expects 15 per cent growth in domestic passengers this year, more than double the 7 per cent rise last year.

Though starting from a low base, Vietnam's carriers will boost their fleets in the next few years, double or tripling them to serve a domestic market of 90 million people and tourist arrivals growing on average 20 per cent annually.

VietJet Aviation Joint Stock Co, Vietnam's first private airline, agreed last month to a provisional order for up to 92 Airbus jets worth US\$9 billion at list prices.

The low-cost carrier is aiming for a stock market listing in either



Passengers board a VietJet Air A320 aircraft at Tan Son Nhat Airport in Ho Chi Minh City. Photo: Reuters

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Hong Kong or Singapore in 2015 to fund the expansion, which would start with flights to Tokyo, Beijing, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and South Korea, then eventually, China, Russia, Australia and beyond, Managing Director Luu Duc Khanh said.

"Further it could be the United States, where four million people of Vietnamese origin live. They're waiting for VietJet anxiously," he explained.

VietJet plans to double its fleet by 2015 to 20 jets, and is speeding up work to get three joint ventures in the air, including one with an undisclosed carrier in Myanmar and another with Thailand's Chiang Mai-based KanAir to operate in early 2014.

VietJet's bold expansion after less than two years in business could raise the stakes not only at home but in Southeast Asia's fast-growing low-cost market, dominated by Malaysia's AirAsia and Indonesia's Lion Air.

Those ambitious plans may have shaken state-run flag carrier Vietnam Airlines into expediting its long-awaited initial public offering and fleet expansion.

The state carrier dominates the

local market and will increase its fleet by 28 per cent to 101 aircraft by 2015. It has been preparing for an IPO in the second quarter of

"The project is right on schedule," said spokesman Le Truong Giang.

The Vietnam Airlines fleet includes Airbus and Boeing jets, and it has ordered the Boeing 787 Dreamliner and the Airbus A350. According to Boeing, Vietnam Airlines has existing orders for eight 787s and 11 more through leasing companies.

The airline also has its hand in the low-cost market through a stake in JetStar Pacific, a joint venture with Australia's Qantas - Reuters Airways.

### In brief...

### change constitution to reform: Suu Kyi

NOBEL peace prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi urged Europe and the United States on Monday to press Myanmar to reform what she said was an undemocratic constitution, partly because it bars women from running for president.

Suu Kyi, in Luxembourg to meet European foreign ministers, said the constitution mandates the president must have military experience, thus excluding women. – *Reuters* 

### Lao Airlines crash victims' families receive payout

LAO Airlines and its insurance company have paid 20 million kip (nearly 80,000 baht) and US\$5,000 (about 155,000 baht) respectively, to the family of each victim in last week's Mekong plane crash.

The initial payment is intended to cover funeral expenses and further compensation is expected at some point in the future, said Lao Airlines' Director General of Planning Sitthideth Duangsitthi.

- Vientiane Times

### Napoles charged with tax evasion

JEANE Lim-Napoles was charged with tax evasion last week for not declaring income for multimillionpeso properties she bought in her name, including a unit at the Ritz Carlton in Los Angeles.

The 23-year-old daughter of Janet Lim-Napoles, the alleged mastermind behind the 10-billionpeso pork barrel scam, has not declared any income since she became a registered taxpayer in 2008.

- Philippine Daily Inquirer



### In brief...

### US student shoots teacher dead, kills self in school

A STUDENT, 12 years old, armed with a semi-automatic handgun shot and killed a math teacher and critically wounded two classmates before killing himself at his Nevada middle school on Monday.

# Australian territory passes same-sex marriage law

THE Australian Capital Territory (ACT) became the first jurisdiction in Australia to legalese same-sex marriage with a bill passing the ACT parliament on Tuesday.

Under the law, same-sex couples from across Australia will be able to marry in the ACT.

### Skydivers' plane crashes, 11 killed

A SMALL Pilatus plane carrying a group of skydivers crashed in Belgium on October 19, killing all 11 people on board despite the attempts of several to jump to safety, local authorities said.

### Sierra Leone press freedom questioned

SIERRA Leone police have arrested a newspaper editor and another journalist for publishing an article comparing President Ernest Bai Koroma to a rat, officials said on Monday, stirring concern over press freedom.

# Blonde angel raises fears of Roma child abduction

By Karolina Tagaris

A ROMA couple accused of abducting a mystery four-year-old girl dubbed the "blonde angel" by Greek media told a court on Monday that her biological mother willingly gave her to them as a baby because she could not look after her.

The discovery of the girl, known as Maria, has riveted Greece and prompted thousands of calls with leads from across the world as authorities try to track down her real parents, as DNA tests have shown she was not born to the Romas.

The case has raised questions about whether children are being stolen to order and whether the couple were part of a wider child trafficking ring – in addition to deepening mistrust between the Roma community and the Greeks.

They were arrested after police, who raided a Roma camp in central Greece last week in search of drugs and weapons, found the girl with pale skin and blue eyes who did not resemble the family she was living with.

The couple deny they snatched the girl and say they took her under their care after her mother handed the girl to them shortly after giving birth.

"It was an adoption that was not exactly legal but took place with the mother's consent," Constantinos Katsavos, one of the



The child was found after police raided a Roma camp. Photo: Reuters

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lawyers, told reporters, adding that is what the couple testified in court.

The Roma couple were ordered to be held in custody pending trial

after responding to charges of abduction and procuring false documents behind closed doors as more than a dozen policemen stood guard outside.

So far more than 5,000 people, from Texas to Sweden, have phoned the charity looking after Maria to offer clues or search for their missing children.

Based on her characteristics, police believe Maria, who utters just a few words in Greek and Roma dialect, is eastern or northern European.

Parallels have been drawn to the case of Britons Madeleine McCann, who vanished while on holiday in Portugal in 2007, when she was three, and Ben Needham, who disappeared on the Greek island of Kos in 1991, when he was a toddler.

In the sunny, bustling square outside the court in the city of Larissa where the Roma couple faced magistrates, members of the Roma community gathered to show their support and said they were being unfairly stigmatized.

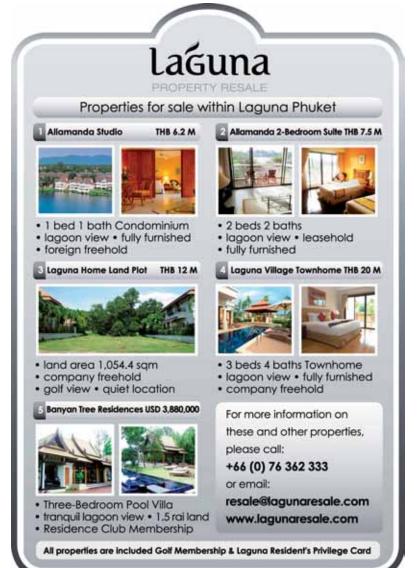
"They are completely innocent. These are all fairy tales and we're going to prove it to society," Babis Dimitriou, the head of the local Roma community, told Reuters.

"They accuse the Roma of everything – of stealing, of snatching kids. Do these things only happen among our race? This is a huge insult for us," he said.

Police have found the woman had two different identification documents and other papers suggested the couple had up to 14 children, but six were registered as having been born within less than 10 months.

"It's unfair," a Roma woman who gave her name as Kyriaki said outside the court on hearing the decision to hold the couple in custody. "She raised this child since she was a baby."

– Reuter



# President scrambles to fix 'Obamacare' bugs

PRESIDENT Barack Obama sought on Monday to limit political damage from the problematic launch of the government website for his signature healthcare law as Washington became embroiled in a new uproar days after a possible debt default was narrowly averted.

With many Americans experiencing error messages and long waits in trying to sign on to healthcare.gov, Republicans in Congress who have fought the Affordable Care Act since before its 2010 passage renewed calls for a delay in the rollout.

Online insurance exchanges opened on October 1 under the law, often called "Obamacare," to offer health insurance plans to millions of uninsured Americans. But many people have failed to make it through the system despite repeated tries.

"There's no sugarcoating it. The website has been too slow. People have been getting stuck during the application process. And I think it's fair to say that nobody is more



**US President Obama.** Photo: Reuters frustrated by that than I am," said Mr Obama, who counts the law as his most significant domestic policy achievement.

Mr Obama said the healthcare law was "not just a website," a phrase repeated later by White House spokesman Jay Carney, and urged people having trouble signing up to use the telephone, offering a toll-free number as an alternative. He said those having problems will be contacted personally.

Less than a month ago, on September 26, Mr Obama said it would be "real simple" to get insurance on the exchanges, comparing the process with shopping on Amazon.com.

In one of the first surveys of the public's experience with the health-care program, the Pew Research Center reported Monday that 14 per cent of Americans polled from October 9 to 13 said they had visited an exchange website.

Of that group, 37 per cent said the exchanges were working very well or fairly well, while 56 per cent said they were working not too well or not at all well.

For Republicans, the website's woes offered them a new way to fight what they feel is Mr Obama's unwarranted expansion of the federal government. Last week, they were forced to back down from a budget fight begun by their bid to cut off funding for the healthcare law – a squabble that led to a 16-day government shutdown.

- Reuters

# Due diligence on outstanding tax

### Withholding Tax payments on shares purchases

WHEN land and/or buildings are held by a Thai company, many owners of such companies, when contemplating a sale of the company owned property, require prospective purchasers to buy and take over their existing company in lieu of a direct sale and transfer of the underlying properties. In many cases, such companies have a low registered capital and face the eventual repayment obligations upon loans outstanding to its current directors.

Therefore, prior to purchasing any company, thorough due diligence should be performed. A prospective purchaser would also be prudent to retain the services of an experienced consultant/ lawyer and accountant for proper advice prior to entering into any agreements for its purchase. Unfortunately, the mere examination of a company's filed balance sheet will not reveal whether the company's tax liabilities have been correctly stated and whether there are any hidden and unreported debts outstanding.

As a result, a well drafted and

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strong contract is necessary to protect a buyer. Many times, the biggest problem on such a purchase of a company's shares are the laws under the income tax statutes and the rules of the Revenue Department – whereby the buyer of shares is responsible for deducting the required withholding for income tax from his/her payment to the seller and to remit such payment directly to the Revenue Department under the following rules:

Tax code section 40 (4) (g) states: "(g) Gains derived from transfer of partnership holdings or shares, debentures, bonds, or bills or debt instruments issued by a company or juristic partnership or by any other juristic person"

Section 50: "A person, partnership, company, association or body of persons paying assessable income under Section 40 shall withhold income tax at every time of payment in accordance with the following methods:

"... (2) In the case of paying assessable income under Section 40 (3) and (4), withholding tax shall be made at the income tax rate. Except:

"... (a) In the case of paying assessable income under Section 40 (3) and (4), not specified in (b), (c), (d) and (e), to a non-resident, withholding tax shall be made at the rate of 15.0 per cent of the income."

A buyer therefore can be made personally responsible for payment of such taxes if not properly withheld as the respective paragraph in the Tax Code states:

Section 54: "If the payer of income under Section 50 and 53 does not withhold and remit tax or remits incorrect amount of tax, he shall be jointly liable with the taxpayer to pay the tax payable in an amount not withheld or remitted or in the missing amount, as the case may be."

"In the case where the payer



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of income has withheld tax under Section 50 or Section 53, the taxpayer shall be discharged from the liability to pay tax in an amount equal to the amount withheld by the payer of income and only the payer of income shall be liable to that tax amount."

It is therefore extremely important for a buyer of company shares to withhold – from the purchase price to be paid to his seller – the requisite amount of income tax withholding as determined by a certified accountant and then to remit such amount to the Revenue Department.

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## Commercial real estate thrives

### Transactions in most global markets continued to exceed expectations in Q3: JLL

real estate markets reached US\$125 billion in the third quarter (Q3) of the year, preliminary findings by real estate capital solutions firm, Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) show.

Preliminary transaction volumes in the first three quarters of 2013 are up 16% over the same time period in 2012, according to Jones Lang LaSalle Capital Markets research, which spans 60 countries and more than 130 cities worldwide.

Preliminary direct commercial real estate investment volumes in Q3, 2013 reached \$125 billion globally, up 3% over Q2, 2013 and up 25% when compared to Q3 2012.

Global volumes have now been above \$100 billion for six consecutive quarters and this is expected to continue into the traditionally strong fourth quarter. In light of this positive trend in activity, JLL has updated its 2013 projected transaction volumes to \$475-500 billion, from \$450-500 billion, with the final outcome likely to be closer to the upper limit.

Arthur de Haast, Lead Director International Capital Group at JLL said, "Global transactional volumes continue to be positively influenced by investors looking outside their home markets for opportunities. With the improving levels of risk appetite and a more supportive economic environment, investors are more comfortable looking at opportunities across the spectrum both in terms of location and sectors."

### **Q3** Global Highlights

•All three of the world's "super regions" are ahead of this time last year with continued strong appetite for prime markets, with only Asia-Pacific seeing a pullback in Q3. The Americas saw a 15% rise in transaction volumes in Q3 compared to Q2 2013, reaching \$60 billion (up 35% year-on-year); The broad EMEA [Europe, Middle-East and Africa] region also recorded strong growth reaching \$42

DIRECT investment volumes in global billion, a 27% y-o-y increase in volume. Asia Pacific volumes are up just 1% in Q3 2013 over the same time period in 2012, reaching \$23 billion. That's a 30% drop from Q2 this year.

> •Year to date, the bigger countries (in terms of economics) continue to perform well with Australia (up 13%), China (up 10%), Japan (up 64%), the United States (up 21%) the United Kingdom (up 10%), France (up 24%) and Germany (up 35%); transactional activity is increasingly spreading out from the prime cities, into more regional centers and secondary assets in the larger cities.

### **Finances Favorable**

David Green-Morgan, Global Capital Markets Research Director at JLL concluded, "With the US Federal Reserve and other central banks around the world content to provide accommodative monetary policy for the next few quarters at least, the prospect of higher funding costs has dissipated.

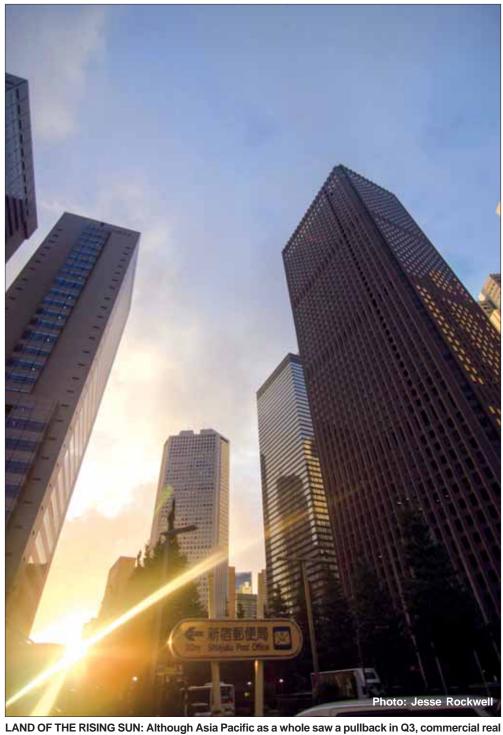
"This will continue to provide support to transactional volumes, which combined with an increase in institutional allocations to the sector is the reason why we are confident that full year volumes will approach and may even exceed \$500bn."

The preliminary global capital flows volume will be featured prominently on JLL's global edition of The Investor, an online and mobile app news source providing real-time commercial real estate news to asset buyers and sellers around the world.

The application delivers up-to-theminute, customized, multimedia news updates on deals, industry trends and insight from real estate leaders.

To provide a first-mover competitive edge, The Investor has a geo-location detection feature, releasing global news and tailored content to users based on their current region so that they can stay updated on transactions and trends relevant to their market.

- Jones Lang Lasalle



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# Shades of Grey

### SuperCheap blaze puts Phuket into perspective



DONE AND DUSTED: Thailand is very good at picking up the pieces following major disasters. Photo: Saran Mitrarat



AFTER well over a decade on the island, I cannot recall many events which have tugged at the collective population as the blazing inferno last week of the institutional-like SuperCheap.

A gigantic shadow of doubt cast its enormous image as far as the eye can gaze – it was not unlike an alien spacecraft landing in a rice field with the local citizenry wondering what's going to happen next.

While there has been dual concern over the massive impact on the displaced staff and also the domino effect of the wholesale to retail chain, in the past days much has been done to addresses the impact. As I write this, a new outdoor fresh market has opened up near the burned-out site of

the original outlet.

It's all too easy to forget in Phuket, where you continuously see a barrage of red license plates headed to the bright shiny malls, what scale of the population still effectively lives hand to mouth in this island paradise.

Sure, it's hard to break concentration away from the iPhone or concentrate after a few mojitos at a posh beach club, but yes everyone does not share the same vantage point of prosperity as the few and privileged.

In Thailand as in virtually every Asian country, a vast grey market economy exists. So much of this comes down to basic distribution of goods from the buying and selling of basic commodities up to more desirable items such as mobile phones and consumer goods – from street stalls, to vendors up to shophouses, the movement of items with low margins that

works on a cash basis.

Much of the distribution culture comes from vast Chinese immigration over the decades where Chinatown districts in virtually every country become trading centers. Take a trip to Bangkok's Yaowarat Road and you will find not only buyers loading up Isuzu pick-ups from upcountry with low-cost goods, but foreign buyers from faraway places such as Africa placing orders.

Phuket's own SuperCheap has been a major catalyst for trade throughout Southern Thailand far beyond the borders of this island alone. Flying in the face of a hailstorm of competition from hypermarts such as Makro, Big C, and Tesco Lotus the amazing thing about the outlet is how it has stood its own ground and prospered in the face of global competition.

There is little doubt that the grey market has a tremendous impact



on the wider taxation system in the country, but the flip side of the coin is the vast tax incentives and advantages given to larger corporations, so for most people it's clearly a wash. But step back and out of the midst of the glossed-over stories of Asia's rising middle class, and take a moment to recall how many people still live from day to day, and hand to mouth in the system. Hence a fire and temporary stop to the SuperCheap trading chain has an immediate effect.

While so many of my fellow foreign residents on the island are content to wage a continued big wind of comments about tuk tuks, taxis and the decline of their previous lives in a smaller place which is no longer small, it's good to take time and look at the admirable side of Thai society. This is the instant getting back to business, the moving forward.

I still recall the Bangkok floods

of not too distant memory and how despite all of the loss, displacement and disaster, the local communities helped each other; there's something to be said about the spirit in which the mass of humanity rose above a broader catastrophe and went on with their lives, in many cases still smiling along the way.

In perspective, we live parallel lives with our surroundings and too often tend to register disruptions – such as being stuck in traffic, or unable to download a new movie on the internet – as a form of tragedy. But in truth, a far greater tragedy is when reality bites those who live from day to day, and make ends meet in such uncertain circumstances.

There is little doubt that SuperCheap will rise again and in a world gone amiss, things will be back to our own altered states.

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### Zcape condo gets new sales gallery

URBAN developer Tri Property opened the Zcape III Sales Gallery in central Phuket on October 18, introducing a new "tropical metropolis living" concept to the island.

Tri Property directors Chaiwat Tuntiwiwet; Adisorn Vivakanond; and Bandid Chotiwannaporn defined the new offering on the Phuket property market as a premium asset of "interexecutive" style accommodation with a large pool and courtyard in the heart of Phuket's central business district.

Visitors to the new sales gallery on Chao Fa West Rd can get a feel for the future fully-furnished one- and two-bedroom units complete with built-in space-saving furniture and slide-to-fit features with high-quality fittings priced from 1.69 million baht during the pre-sales period until the sales gallery's official opening on November 23.

Designed as a trendy and



Tri Property directors (from left): Chief Operations Officer (COO) Bandid Chotiwannaporn; CEO Adisorn Vivakanond; and CFO Chaiwat Tuntiwiwet.

friendly neighborhood within walking distance of the district's international shopping, health and leisure destinations, the eight-storey residential development with business and fitness facilities plus high-tech security is aimed at offering world-class accommodation in a

premium location.

To reach the Sales Gallery, head north on Chao Fa West Road and turn left at the Zcape III sign before the Central Festival intersection. You can find out more about Zcape III online by visiting z-phuket.com

- Phuket Gazette

# Tissue firm 'cleans up

### By Anthika Muangrod

TISSUE paper producer Kimberly Clark Professional (Thailand) or KCP, claims to have substantially saved both money and the environment – all while maintaining the same level of production.

"Compared to 2011, last year we reduced the number of trees [we required] by 105,182 tons, saving 170 million liters of water, 2.4 million liters of petroleum and 640 million baht worth of electricity, while also reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 174 million tons – yet we still have the same amount of production," stated Karan Sangfai, Director & General Manager KCP Thailand, Indochina, and Myanmar said.

Mr Karen was speaking at the "6th Reduce Today, Respect Tomorrow" certificate-issuing event, held in cooperation with the Thailand Environment Institute Foundation on October 17 at the Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa in Patong.

We have have an excellent research team who makes all this possible," he added.

He explained that the purpose of the event was to acknowledge organizations

that are using environmentally-friendly tissue paper - namely, Kimberly Clark tissue, which has been granted the "green label" from both the Thai Industrial Standards Institute and Thailand Environment Institute – as well as those organizations that use the same standard of tissue produced by other companies. Around 200 guests joined the event.

"Our company's aim is to produce quality products and continue to innovate the tissue production in Thailand – both in sanitation products such as toilet paper, hand and face wipes as well as industrial cleaners and personal safety products such as protective gloves, dust and chemical protectors. We want to meet the needs of food, hotel, education and other industries."

"If people realize the importance of the environment, they will use environmentally friendly products. Protecting the environment cannot be accomplished by just one person, we need to do it together. This is the heart of today's event. We really hope people will take this seriously." he added.

Mr Karan said that KCP has been involved in the "Reduce Today Respect Tomorrow" project to stimulate awareness about the importance of protecting our natural environment.

All of KCP's products are made in an environmentally friendly way, he said, noting that the trees used in making the company's tissue come from "sustainablymanaged" forests overseen by the Forest Stewardship Council, in which no animals are harmed and the local culture is respected.

He added that for logistics, the company only uses modern vehicles to limit smog emissions.

At the event, 99 certificates were given to different organizations from Phuket and around Thailand, among them the Airports of Thailand (AOT), Phuket Thai Catering, Thanyapura and Phuket Boat Lagoon, among others.

"Protecting the natural environment is an endless journey. We must do it constantly. Little-by-little, hand-in-hand, we can cause a huge, positive impact. Kimberly Clark hopes to attract more and more allies - each who will fight with us to promote sustainable develop-



Karan Sangfai, Director and General Manager of KCP Thailand, Indochina and Myanmar.

ment," Mr Karan explained.

"Phuket is a really beautiful place and a world-class tourism destination. If we don't care for nature, we cannot expect it to stay like this forever," he concluded.

# Ulthera: face-lifting without scalpels

### By Kanyawarat Pramprasert

PHUKET is about to get even more beautiful, thanks to new beauty treatments now available on the island. The "Ulthera Technology" – an innovative facelifting treatment is being introduced to the island's budding cosmetics sector by the Romrawin Clinic.

Ulthera is a non-surgical method of face-lifting utilizing the power of ultrasounds to stimulate facial muscles and the production of collagen.

"The 'Ultherapy' stimulates the deep structural support layers of the skin (SMAS) including those typically addressed in a surgical facelift–without disturbing the surface of the skin," said MD Thanaruch Thayakorn, a facial design and rejuvenation expert from the Romrawin Clinic.

"Our clinic has many other treatment programs to offer laser, lifting, and Botox, but "Ulthera" is something completely new in Phuket. The results of this method start showing after one to two months; after six months, the

skin will be fresh and rejuvenated. Combined with other treatments the effects will be even better," he added.

Romrawin Clinic provides a vast range of services including skin care, hair treatments, body treatments, weight-loss programs, Botox and more. "Our clinic offers professional consultation on skin and beauty by experienced dermatologists. The skincare and anti-aging treatments consume minimum time, are not complicated, and have visible result," ensured doctor Thayakorn.

Romrawin clinic has been approved by the FDAs (Food and Drug Administration) of both Thailand and the United States. Its first branch was opened in Bangkok in 2003, ten years later Romrawin has 28 branches, two of which are located in Phuket: one at Jungcylon Patong at 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the other in Central Festival Phuket at 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

For more information, visit website romrawin.com; Tel. 076 - 307099, 076 - 600149



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### **Fated fire**

WE FIND astonishing the surprising lack of reaction to the catastrophe that took place last week, when the entire SuperCheap complex on Thepkrasattri Road in Rassada went up in a fireball more closely resembling a World War II firebombing than a scene on a tropical resort island.

The fire was predicted in this space just 14 months ago. Writing in the aftermath of the Tiger Disco blaze that claimed the lives of four people, we commented on the inevitable "crackdown" of fire safety measures at other nightspots on the island that ensued as follows: "However, there are far bigger firetraps in Phuket that have been accidents-in-waiting for more than a decade. One of the most obvious is a large retail outlet that appears to have been designed for maximum carnage should a fire ever break out there."

While we could not name the outlet directly for legal reasons, any long-time island resident with two brain cells to rub together would have known precisely which was being referred to.

Despite the obvious dangers, it appears that nothing had been done to prevent such a disaster. Successive administrations of Rassada mayors did nothing, one apparently more interested in fighting the opening of the new bus terminal nearby. The dangers must have been just as obvious to the so-called "experts" at the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Phuket Office, as well as officers at other agencies with jurisdiction. Why didn't they do their jobs? Why doesn't the public hold them accountable for endangering lives? As a society we are remarkably fast to protest when our vested interests are at stake, but what interests could possibly be more valuable than our lives?

If indeed no lives were lost in this calamity, it is a near miracle of fortunate timing. The fire broke out near closing time, when most inside were employees who knew the fastest ways out of the confusing, ramshackle complex.

Equally fortuitous were atmospheric conditions on the night of the blaze. The night was virtually cloudless and wind-free, very unusual at this time of year. This allowed smoke and toxic fumes to rise quickly straight up into the upper atmosphere, at least on the first night of the blaze – which continued to smolder for days.

Had strong winds prevailed, the fire could easily have spread to a nearby gas station, electricity sub-station and numerous other commercial ventures where even more toxic chemicals are stored. Had an inversion layer trapped smoke and toxic fumes near the ground, it could have been the worst fire tragedy in the island's history.

The Gazette gives credit to all the brave firefighters who managed to largely contain the blaze, but we condemn the scores of elected leaders and appointed officials with jurisdiction who allowed the dangers at the site to persist for so many years until the inevitable occurred.

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### **SUPERCHEAP**



### Corruption sends business packing

Re: Gazette Online, Phuket corruption scandal taken to PM Yingluck, October 15

I believe this article only scratches the surface. I used to be a businessman in Phuket employing Thai people and paying taxes. However, the constant corruption forced me to re-think and move everything to France.

I believe almost every government department is involved, not just those responsible for regulating bars.

In my experience, to get products through customs we have to pay the Customs Department (in addition to the normal charges for import duty, VAT and clearance) based on the value of the shipment.

Local officials have their hands out threatening disruption if they don't get paid. The corruption is endemic and touches everything the government touches.

It is very sad to see this in a beautiful country like Thailand which also has some very nice, hard-working people.

I hate being extorted by people I am already paying (through the taxes I was paying), and enough is enough. So now I am gone, my business is gone, the taxes I paid are gone, and the jobs and development I use to provide are gone too.

Anonymous France

### Even more moorings needed at Racha...

Re: Gazette Online, Action to be taken on coral, wastewater at Racha Island, October 16

It is not 20 moorings for all Racha Yai Island we need but at least 100 moorings.

We also need a Marine Police patrol boat staying day and night all year round to catch wrongdoers.

Fishermen are poaching at night and tour boats drop anchors on coral reefs during day tours. Sailboats drop their anchors with long

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chains on large boulders at Bungalow Bay.

Seafarer Divers Charlie Phuket
Facebook

### ...and screw them

Re: Gazette Online, Action to be taken on coral, wastewater at Racha Island, October 16

In many places around the world, they place large screws into the substrate and attach the moorings to that. There is an organization in Thailand which is doing this now.

That is what we need at Racha Yai and other dive sites, along with signage stating the fines for anchoring (40,000 baht or five years in jail), in addition to enforcement of the law.

Nomad Joe Diver Gazette forum

### Government neglect led to fire...

Re: Gazette Online, BREAKING NEWS: Main SuperCheap in Phuket Town demolished in blaze, October 17

I see many parallels between the Tiger Disco fire and this one. Both places were death traps and both exuded a lack of regard for their customers in terms of fire safety.

What is wrong with the government of Phuket that they allow such places to exist?

Nandoor Gazette forum

### ...su-su SuperCheap!

Re: Gazette Online, BREAKING NEWS: Main SuperCheap in Phuket Town demolished in blaze, October 17

SuperCheap is a Phuket insti-

tution and beat the big brands with their suppliers when the floods happened a few years ago.

They are a huge employer in the town and supply a lot of businesses which will be affected as well. The pharmacy was the best on the island.

Aesthetically, it left something to be desired, but it did what it said on the tin and I hope they recover.

Mister Ree Gazette forum

### Pity Veera's leaving

Re: Gazette Online, Top Phuket official issued urgent order to relinquish post, October 18

Possibly this is a message from senior politicians in Bangkok that Phuket will remain a cash cow, with very little thought given to improving the kind of things this man has been trying to improve.

His transfer is very disappointing for those, myself included, who thought things might get slowly better.

The rape of Phuket will continue. Beaches, forests and hills will all be fair game for those corrupt people in power. Hope I'm wrong.

Gazette forum

### Time to take action to keep Chinese safe

Re: Gazette Online, Phuket Opinion: Scare tactics to keep Chinese safe, October 19

I agree with the writer that something needs to be done.

Language is a problem, so I suggest more warning signs in Chinese and employing Chinese speakers in the tour business and handing all Chinese tourists brochures about safety. The same should be done in other languages.

Also, the whole life-saving issue on the beaches needs stepping up.

Dave

Gazette forum

## It's everyone's job to improve bikers' safety

### PERSON

WHEN I joined the Phuket Bicycle Club in 2000, we had 75 members. Now we have 1,037 members, 57 of whom are women. More and more people are becoming interested in cycling in Phuket, I think mainly because people are more concerned about their health and are exercising more.

Still, I think there are lots more people who would like to cycle but don't because they are scared. They think it's too dangerous to ride a bike in Phuket.

Since I started riding here, I have not heard of a bicycle accident on the road. At the same time, I think Phuket roads could be a lot safer for cyclists.

The way I see it, making cycling a safe sport isn't the responsibility of just one group: riders have to take care of themselves; drivers have to watch out

for riders; and the government needs to do its part to create a safe environment for everyone.

Let's start with the riders. I've seen plenty of riders who don't seem to care Mr Danny, left, with members of safety. his club. Photo: Gazette file

Some don't wear helmets and some don't have lights on their bikes to make them visible to other traffic. I've also seen some bikers zig-zag in and out of the bike lane just for fun.

To increase safety, bikers should start with themselves. In the bike club, we ride in groups,



Danny Ruangkanch, 54, is a Narathiwat native. He graduated from the California College of the Arts 29 years ago, and spent 10 years working abroad before coming back to Thailand. He came to Phuket 15 years ago and works as a freelance artist and Moderator of

Thaimtb.com. He joined the Phuket Bicycle Club in 2000. Here he talks about how to make Phuket safer for cyclists.

and we also arrange activities to teach riders about safety.

The most important thing that vehicle drivers should do to keep cyclists safe is to remember to share the road – it belongs to all of us.

Vehicles that drive in bike lanes put cyclists at risk. So do drivers who drive too fast, and motorcyclists who ride in the wrong direction. Drivers need to stay aware that bikers are sharing the

> road with them. Finally, the government also has an important

role to play. Originally, towns on Phuket were designed on a small scale with roads that were suitable for small

vehicles like bicycles and motorcycles. Now, the towns have expanded into small cities and there are more and larger roads suitable for cars and trucks. There are also a a lot more vehicles on the road.

The government can do a lot to protect cyclists in this new scenario.

The first thing is to add bike which is safer than riding alone, lanes across the island. They

should be at least 2.5 meters wide and they should be clearly identified as being for cyclists. The government should also maintain the bike lanes that already exist. Along some of them, the painted line separating the lane from the main road has almost disappeared. This might be one reason drivers don't respect bike lanes - because they can't see them.

The government should also teach drivers what the lanes are for. Just as they put up billboards to teach people to use helmets, they could put up billboards to teach people to respect bike lanes. Once people are educated, the police should punish those who don't respect the traffic laws.

Thalang is a good model for bike lanes. Thepkrasattri Road can be dangerous during heavy traffic, but it is a good place to ride otherwise because of the bike lanes. Two rides I recommend are from Thalang to Sarasin Bridge and from Sakdidet Road to Cape

If we work together, we can make Phuket a safer place for cyclists, and if it becomes safer, the number of riders will definitely



They look innocent enough at the airport. Photo: Gazette file

### The meter of madness

AFTER landing at Phuket Airport on October 7, I passed all the scam businesses and made my way to the metered taxi stand.

I've used it for years and know that despite the word "metered" in the name, the price is fixed, about 550 baht to Patong.

But with the DSI (Department of Special Investigation) visits, it's a new era. I asked the price to Patong. I was answered, "We only go by meter." So far so good.

I told the staff that I wanted to go via Surin instead of over the dangerous mountain road in Kathu. They told me that it would be more expensive to go that way. I said fine.

Then I paid 100 baht surcharge and got a stamped receipt. This surcharge has been levied for years legally or not, I don't know.

Inside the taxi, the meter was on 50 baht. I asked why. No answer. 150 baht just to leave the airport.

No problem, I could afford it. I told the driver the name of my hotel. He'd never heard of it. I said, "I can show you the way," but he preferred to stop at his office near

the airport to ask directions.

A woman came out to ask the hotel name. I said, "I will show him, just get me to Patong." Pointing to the running meter, I said, "Let's leave." Then the boss came and asked about the hotel. I said, "The meter is running, let's go now!"

"You are a crazy man," was the only thing he said, several times.

### **Island View**

By Cliwe Wilson

Do you have an opinion to voice? Email Editor@PhuketGazette.net

We took off. Before long, I told the driver that we had overshot the junction to Surin by several kilometers.

"Where are you going?" I asked

"I go Kathu way," he answered. "No, no, we agreed on the Surin way," I said.

"No, we go Kathu," he answered with a dangerous look.

I asked him to call his boss and they argued for a long time before he made a u-turn.

He was very angry by this time and I realized the threat. Thinking of all the stabbed taxi customers in Thailand, I tried to stay calm.

When we arrived, I jumped out of the taxi and asked for a receipt. He just shook his head, "No have."

The trip was 635 baht on the meter. I took a photo and gave him a 65-baht tip to ensure that I could walk out of my hotel later that day without getting beaten up.

Metered taxis seem like a good idea, if they drive the shortest way and don't mess it all up with wrong directions and stopping at their office and so on.

Not giving a receipt sounds like a tax scam. How many trips do the owners actually report? Does

### Issues & Answers... ...asking the questions that affect you...

### Who fills holes?

This morning while I was riding to work, I narrowly missed a large pothole in the middle of Thepkrasattri Road. I felt lucky to have seen it in time. Someone who does not could have a very serious accident.

It's about one kilometer south of the Baan Khu Intersection, in the middle lane on the northbound

Who can I contact about this? Nick Walker Phuket

### Samak Luedwonghad, Director of the Phuket Highways Office, replies:

We are aware of potholes on Thepkrasattri Road and want to get them filled quickly to make the road safer.

Fixing the holes is already on our agenda for this month, but we haven't been able to do the job because of the recent heavy rains. If the weather continues to be

fair, we should be able to fill all the potholes within two weeks.

We appreciate the public letting us know about potholes. There are too many kilometers of road in Phuket for my officers and I to find all of them on our own.

Anytime you see a road problem, please call the Phuket Highway Office as soon as possible at 076-216353, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Send us your queries and we'll ask the right people to respond to them.

Submit your issue at

www.PhuketGazette.net/ **IssuesAnswers** 

### Why a big deal about cough syrup?

I was wondering why the sale of cough syrup is such a big issue for authorities. Is there a narcotic in it, or is it just a sweet mixer for the popular party cocktail 4x100?

### Kajornsak Kaewjaras, Phuket **Provincial Public Health Office** (PPHO) chief, replies:

Cough syrup is not on the narcotics list. Until about three years ago it contained pseudoephedrine and was on the list, but now the active ingredient in most cough syrups is dextromethorphan, which is not on the narcotics list and does not require a prescription.

Cough syrup can cause drowsiness but isn't dangerous when used properly.

We're concerned about its distribution because teenagers use it to make the 4x100 cocktail, mixing it with cola, kratom and chemicals such as those found in florescent tube lights.

These cocktails can have health risks and also pose social issues – they make the user feel drunk or unmotivated.

Although cough syrup can be bought without a prescription, pharmacists are still supposed to control its distribution. The pharmacist must assess the patient's need for it and control how much is sold to the same customer. The limit is two bottles to one individual every three days. And pharmacists are required to record the name of the buyer.

We recently ordered local public health officers to collect this information in order to track any worrisome trends that pharmacists might be ignoring.

When we find pharmacies that appear to be selling too much cough syrup, we inspect them and talk to them about the ethics of selling it to those who don't have a medical need for it. If the trend continues, we send a warning letter.

If they still refuse our guidance. we inform the Pharmacist Association in Bangkok, and they decide what penalties should be handed down.



You better need it. Photo: Stickpen

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### YOUR Phuket

# THE CHALLENGE LAGUNA PHUKET TRI-FEST



Nantanee Chuaychu, Assistant Manager Events of Laguna Phuket



(From left): Chonnapat Niphonwatthanakul, Corporate Relations Department Manager of King Power International; Niyom Tassaneetipagorn, SAVP Corporate Affairs & Community Relations of Laguna Phuket; Wiboon Nimitrwanich, Executive Director Advertising and Public Relations Department of Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT); Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut; Suvadhana Sibunruang, Director Brand Management and Commercial Communications of Thai Airways International Plc (TG) and his team at the Challenge Laguna Phuket Tri-Fest conference.



KEE Resort Patong recently won Kimberly-Clark Thailand's "Our Essential World Award" for Exceptional Workplace. The KEE Resort & Spa Patong was commended for its dedication to sustainable practices. KEE Resort Financial Director, Mr Rittikorn Thonghuy, accepted the award from Phuket Vice Governor Sommai Prijasilpa at an event held at the Graceland Resort & Spa.

### OUR ESSENTIAL WORLD BY KIMBERLY-CLARK



Karan Sangfai (front row, second from right), Director & General Manager of KCP Thailand, Indochina and Myanmar poses in group photo with all the "Our Essential World Award" winners.

### P-REA GOLFING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

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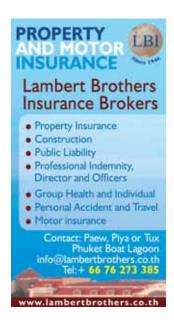
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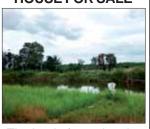
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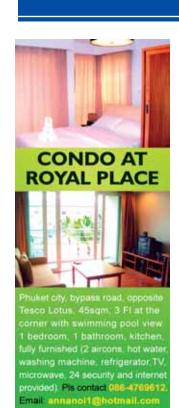
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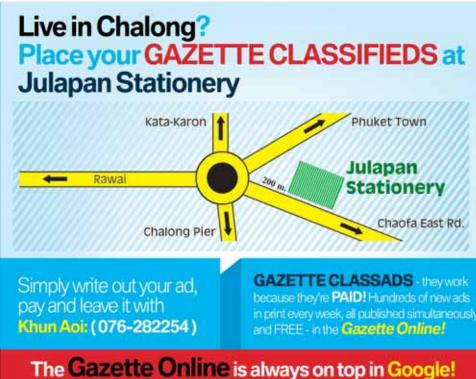
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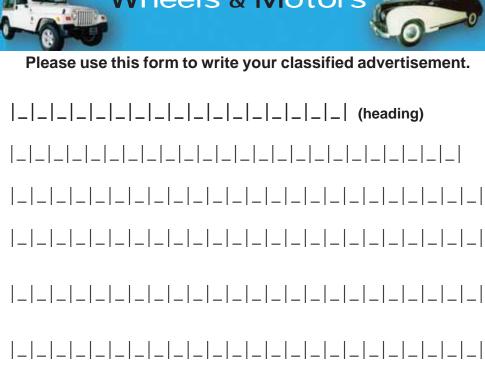
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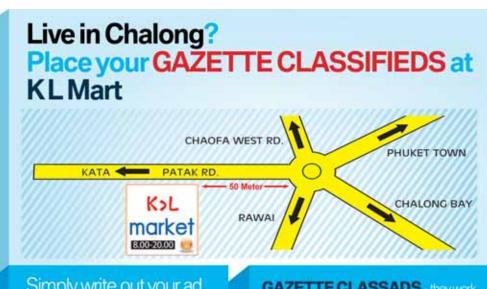
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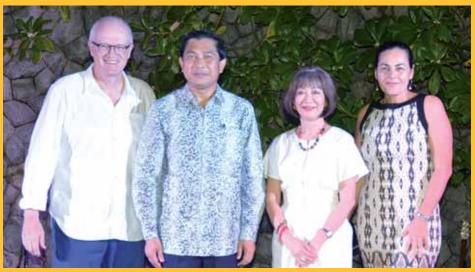


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### Tickets for the Abba Forever gig sold out! But we have a surprise for you!

By Maciek Klimowicz

MAMMA mia, Phuket's gone crazy! The tickets for the upcoming Abba Forever show sold out in days. Guests from as far as Manila, Paris and Shanghai are coming to the Island to sing along and dance to the ever-green hits of the legendary Swedish pop group -Abba! But not to worry! If you missed the chance to buy tickets for the first show, we have a surprise for you! A second Abba Forever gig will take place on October 9! Tickets are on sale now. And it's a show not to be missed. If there's somebody who can do it like Abba did – it's them. Abba Forever, arguably the best Abba tribute band, has been impersonating the famous Swedish pop group for more than 15 years. And now they arrive to Phuket to take you on a journey back to the 1970s and bring the joy of real live music to the island. Phuket Gazette talks to the band member Jane Ellis to learn more about their act, history and passion for music.

### How did it all begin and why did you choose Abba?

I was brought up with the music of Abba being played by my parents and as we got older my sister and I used to get their

albums for Christmas, so I have to do what we do and always been a fan since I was a small child. It wasn't until years later when I was already in the performing industry that I decided to put it together, and with my love of the music, Abba was the obvious choice!

### What is the hardest part of recreating Abba's performance and what brings you the most joy?

It was to replicate the two girls - Agnetha and Frida - they are both outstanding vocally, plus they have exceptional ranges, so they are hard acts to follow. People remember their distinctive sounds so you have to try the best you can to emulate this and hopefully do it justice. Plus musically it is extremely challenging and very often underestimated.

To replicate this band live isn't so easy to do and many tributes fall into the pitfalls of mime and tracks. Abba Forever have taken the time to break down all of the parts, arrangements and vocal harmonies to recreate this tribute the best it can with the finest of musicians. And this is why Abba Forever have been so successful and stand out from the rest. To perform this fantastic music, live on stage with all the music and harmonies, we are very fortunate

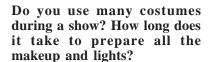
you can't beat the feeling of doing it.

### Any particular gig that left a strong impression on you, or whole tour?

This is so difficult to choose, so to narrow it down I would say initially touring Sweden every time which is obviously the home of Abba. There we felt an immense pressure at these large concerts and to the people and fans of Abba, and rightly so, although it was very nerve-wrecking, but I felt immensely privileged.

Another concert was in South Africa, at a stadium in front of 22,000 people alongside some of their biggest stars, I don't think I have ever seen so many people at one time – let alone perform to them! – it was a once in a lifetime experience that I shall never forget.

Finally, closer to home we performed at the Opera House in Manchester. It's probably the finest venue closest to home for me so to have the opportunity to be able to perform there with Abba Forever I was very proud.



Depending on the length of show we are performing, we try to have as many costume changes as possible. We have many bespoke, lavish costumes so we like the opportunity as much as possible to show these off.

Regarding hair and make-up it doesn't take very long at all as we have it down to a fine art now! Back in the UK when preparing for concerts it can take several hours to set up the sound and lighting.

### Is Phuket the right place for music from the cold country of Sweden?

On a personnel point of view, I think you can play Abba anywhere at any time, people around the world love the music of Abba. With the latest blossom of Mamma Mia, the musical and film, even the children of today know the songs of Abba and it has stood the test of time and lets hope with the warmer climate of Thailand and its people enjoy it too!

ABBA was a phenomenon of the 80s, yet now, in 2013 you are fully booked, with constant flow of gigs. It seems that Abba really is forever. Do



The band takes the time and effort to recreate the mood of the 70s. Photo: Events International

you have an idea why?

The music is so well written and in great detail there is so much going on even though they just appear to be simple, catchy tunes. The songs and lyrics are so clever and it's easy to see why they are still being played, they are just fantastic and some of the best songs ever written.

Who are the people who come to your concerts? Any particular age group, background? With so much new music around why do people still want to listen to older songs?

Any age of the spectrum at today's concerts but before the

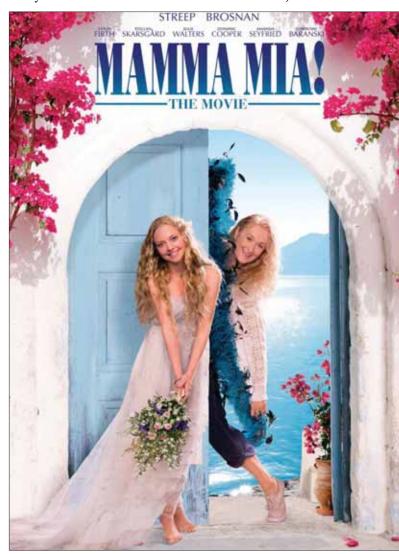
influx of say, Mamma Mia, it was from middle aged upwards really but it's great to see the youth of today singing along. That's why I think people do still enjoy these songs as opposed to the charts of today, you can just sing along and they are great, feel good melodies!

The tickets priced at 1,200 baht are available in these locations: the Phuket Gazette offices in Koh Kaew, the tour desks at all Laguna Phuket hotels, the ticket sales desk in front of Central Festival's 'Central Food Hall', The Boat Lagoon office of Events International (contact Khun Sonu on 091-326 0276).



Abba played their last gig in 1982, the music lives on. Photo: Pereira Fernando Anefo





The success of Mamma Mia! brought younger fans to Abba Forever concerts.

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# WHAT'S ON in Phuket

Oct 26, 2013, 8pm-11:30pm, Margaritaville - Parrot Head Party at Underwood Art Factory. Margaritaville-Parrot Head Party at Underwood Art Factory. Support the Navy League Phuket's Community Service Projects. 1,500 baht in advance, or 2,000 baht at the door. Call 087-266 7514 for reservations. The US Navy League is supported by the *Phuket Gazette* and *PGTV*.

### Oct 27, 2013, 12pm-3pm, Sunday Poolside BBQ at Westin Siray Bay

Enjoy a delightful meal on a Sunday afternoon with your family and friends in a relaxed ambiance, with beautiful ocean views, soft breezes and live music. Our buffet lunch includes a selection of seafood and meats on the grill, full salad bar, live Italian cooking stations, delicious desserts and gelatos. Kids enjoy fun games at the kids' corner. Every Sunday, 12pm-3pm at Prego by the Beach, The Westin Siray Bay Resort & Spa, Phuket. THB 990++ per person, including free access to the Prego pool. SPG members get a 15% discount. Kids aged 7-12 get 50% off. Call 076-335600 or visit our website westinsiraybay.com

### Oct 27, 2013, 6pm-11pm, Sunday Italian Buffet Dinner

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### Oct 29-Nov 3, 2013, Phuket Thailand Open Powered by PTT 2013 at Karon Beach.

The Phuket Thailand Open will attract top beach volleyball teams from around the globe. Leading teams to play in the tournament are: Austria, Brazil, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the USA. There will be in total up to six Thai teams taking part in the event, of which three are in the main draw and three in the qualifying. Over 70 teams from over 30 countries will play in the tournament. Through a tie-up with IMG each tournament on the Beach Volleyball World Tour receives TV coverage across five continents. This event is sponsored by the Phuket Gazette, PGTV and 'Phuket Today', the island's only national television show, broadcast daily on True Visions (channels 99 and 58). Call 02-3113414, email: pc@pentanglepromotions.com, or visit pentanglepromotions.com

### Oct 31, 6pm-12am, Halloween Night at Two Chefs.

Time to find your scariest costume and get ready for the yearly Halloween party at Two chefs. We will be serving a large international buffet. The Two Chefs band will rock the house until the late hours. Best costume of the evening will be rewarded with a Two Chefs gift voucher of 5,000 baht. Bring your Two Chefs member card and get a 15% discount on all food. For those who haven't got it yet, you can receive it for free at any of our restaurants. For more info, call 076-330065, or email them at katacenter@twochefs.com

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Tickets are 700 baht and 100% of the proceeds will go to charity. Each ticket will give the bearer entry, a free drink on arrival, a 2 for 1 drinks voucher and free

jelly shots. There will also be a seafood BBQ buffet by the beach, priced at 900 baht++ per person, until 9.30pm. Watch out for a raffle and a prize for best dressed on the night! For more information contact Annabel Fox on 076-324101

### Nov 2-7, 2013, 10am-6pm, Chang ITF Pro Circuit 2013 (Women's, US\$15,000) at Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club.

ITF Future professional circuit for women at US\$15,000 level. There will be two tournaments held in two consecutive weeks at the club. Fore more information, contact Mr Virapol Cholvibul on 081-490-9814

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### Nov 8 - 9, 2013, 7am-5pm, BIS Phuket International Football Tournament

British International School Phuket (BISP) is proud to host for the 12th consecutive year our International 7-a-side Football Tournament on 8-9 November 2013. This year we are expecting more than 1,000 young football players from all over Asia, and we are looking forward to another year of exciting competition. For more information contact Jeff LaMantia on +66-76-335555 or email: jlaman tia@bisphuket.ac.th

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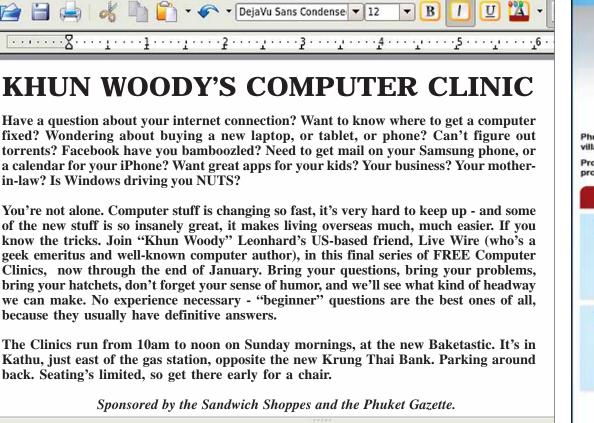
Curry Buffet at 499 baht net per person. Come enjoy our cold Mango and Strawberry Lassi with our delicious Mutton Vindaloo, Dal Makhani, Bombay Aloo, Mutter Paneer, Butter Chicken and mouthwatering Chicken Tikka, Samosas, freshly baked Naans and more. For more information contact Jaspal Singh on 076-286464 or email Info@navrangmahal.com

Nov 13 - 16, 2013, 5am-6pm,

### Phuket International Sport Fishing 2013

Registration will be on 13 November from 5pm onwards. Fishing days are 13-16 November. Prize giving party on the 16th. This event is sponsored by the Phuket Gazette, PGTV and the nationally televised 'Phuket Today' show. We hope you will join us for another great tournament! For more information contact Uwe Schittek on 076-282036







# Life & style Environment Climate change of opinion

By Patrick Campbell

WHENEVER I read the letters in a national newspaper, or dare to utter the phrase "climate change" in a bar, someone invariably seems to want to take issue with the very idea of global warming. There have always been skeptics usually from vested commercial or political interests.

Proponents of climate change have been branded "criminals" by Lord Monckton, advocates of "massive scientific fraud" by US Senator Sensenbrenner, or selling "snake oil" by the Tea Party's Sarah Palin.

It may be a tad more difficult for the dissenters now that the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released a summary of its latest gargantuan report, with contributions from 840 scientists; a document which asserts that it is "extremely likely" humans have caused most of the increase in global temperatures since 1951. In IPCC parlance, that means there is a 95 per cent probability that we are directly responsible for global warming and climate change.

The report makes a number of predictions about climate change, warning that some are "unprecedented over decades to millennia." In summary, the findings are: that global surface temperatures may escalate by

between 1C and 3.7C by the 2080s; that sea levels could rise by 0.4m to 0.6m over the same period; that extreme patterns of weather, (for example heat-waves and torrential rainfall ) could intensify; that Arctic summer sea ice could disappear entirely, and in the

Antarctic, will begin to vanish - in the next forty years.

My bar-friend cynic will point to the fact that these conclusions are only projections, that the rates of change are small, and that there has been a slowdown in the rate of warming over the past fifteen years despite rising concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. And of course, he may point out that we live in a global village where the visual impacts of natural disasters

such as typhoons are not only shown on TV within hours but are even predicted before they occur.

True enough. Nonetheless, and despite the inevitable vagaries of climate patterns, the broader trend is inexorably towards warming each of the past three decades has been hotter than any others since 1850, with the first decade of this century the warmest of all. Levels of carbon dioxide, incontrovertibly the major greenhouse gas, have doubled since the Industrial Revolution. And that is without mentioning toxic build-ups of



FACTS, NOT FICTION: We do make the climate warmer.

methane and sulfur dioxide.

What are the implications for our island? The short answer is that these changes will spare no one, even less our children and our children's children. As a hilly island, Phuket will never suffer the potential fate of the Maldives or of

low-lying Pacific atolls. But it is already being affected in other ways. A warmer ocean means less plankton and lower levels of oxygen, the proliferation of algae and unwanted jellyfish, and the bleaching of whole colonies of coral – in short, a cata-

> strophic decline in marine life.

But what makes it worse for us is that Phuket people are accelerating the process with their uncaring practices; by the discharge of untreated wastewater and the runoff of nitrates into the sea, by overfishing and the gouging of the ocean floor by trawlers, by the mindless antics of speedboats who have been tearing up fragile coral with their anchors and cutting open

the shells of Oliver Ridley turtles with their propellers.

On land, the picture is no better. If a healthy ocean provides 70 per cent of the world's oxygen, then the rest is provided by green vegetation, above all by trees. But we are not only polluting our seas, we are cutting down our woodlands. Admittedly, the original rainforests of Phuket, once so dense and so rich in animal life that no one dared venture into them, have long since gone. Nonetheless, the majestic trees that do survive should surely be protected. Why is there no law that insists that any mature tree destroyed to make way for yet another building should be replaced? I recently witnessed the cutting down of a rosewood (dipterocarpus).

Solitary and splendid, this huge, straight-trunked tree had dominated a plot in Rawai, probably for hundreds of years. There are precious few such trees in Phuket: unfortunately someone had recognized its commercial value.

It is not too late to slow down, maybe even arrest this doomsday scenario. On a global level, it means finding, first and foremost, viable alternatives to fossil fuel and thereby reducing pollution by cutting emissions of CO2 and methane; on a local level, it means actively supporting each and every action by government and local environmental groups in their efforts to protect our natural heritage of ocean and woodland.

It means instilling in our teachers and their pupils an awareness of this precious heritage. Sadly, this is easier said than done.

### Savor less seafood to save the reefs

SEAFOOD lovers can play a crucial role in deciding the fate of the world's coral reefs and their gorgeously-colored fish, says a leading marine scientist.

Seafood consumption is a major driver of overfishing and destruction of reef communities globally, but there are some encouraging signs that consumers may be willing to eat more sustainably. These research outcomes were presented by Dr Mike Fabinyi of the ARC Center of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies at the Coral Reefs in the 21st Century symposium in Townsville, Australia on Friday, October 11.

Dr Fabinyi is investigating consumer and food industry views and trends in the world's

largest seafood market – China.

"In general, seafood markets are one of the primary drivers of change in marine ecosystems and can cause declines in fisheries stocks at both local and global scales," he said.

"Chinese consumption of imported seafood has been linked to stock declines for certain fish species throughout the Asia-Pacific. This demand is so strong, it often overwhelms any conservation or fisheries management measures that may be in place."

However, when Dr Fabinyi and his colleague Professor Neng Liu from Peking University began to investigate the banqueting habits of Beijing's seafood gourmets and

chefs, a much more complex picture emerged which holds some promise that the pressure on the world's dwindling reef fish could be eased.

"Fresh steamed reef fish form a central feature of many Beijing banquets, which are a prestigious element in both government and business dealings. These banquets have helped raise the popularity of fish consumption greatly in recent years. As a rule, consumption of fresh fish has gone up, while consumption of shark's fin has fallen.'

However, recent government regulations to reduce lavish spending by government officials have led to a reduction in seafood banquets by as much as 35 per cent, and a consequent reduction in high-end seafood demand in general.

The researchers also found that while Chinese consumers are not very conscious of the environmental impact of their eating habits, they are also flexible – and in many cases are not aware whether the fish they eat is wild-caught or farmed.

Consumption of shark fin, a traditional Chinese delicacy, has been declining in recent years, Dr Fabinyi says - due to a range of influences, including environmental awareness campaigns featuring well-known celebrities, increasing numbers of "fake" shark fin, consumer health concerns and a recent government crackdown on luxury banquets.

"Sea cucumbers, on the other hand, are increasingly popular, and are a part of traditional Chinese medicine. In Beijing, the species of sea cucumber that are consumed mostly come from aquaculture farms,

rather than wild harvests."

The researchers found that most restaurant managers in Beijing are not generally aware where the fish they serve comes from, and the traceability of seafood is low. They also found that while environmental awareness has had some impact in the decline of consumption of shark fin, consumers are more likely to be influenced by arguments relating to consumer health, safety and freshness.

"For example, if consumers were more aware of potential health issues surrounding the import of highly-prized endangered fish like Napoleon wrasse and other live reef food fish, they may be less willing to eat it," he

While the researchers found that consumers consider live reef food fish to be "fresh" because they are still alive in the restaurant, many live reef food fish are originally caught with cyanide, are grown out in poorly maintained fish cages, and are injected with heavy doses of antibiotics and tranquilizers during their journey from tropical countries to China.

'How the Chinese seafood market develops in years to come is an issue that has huge implications for the livelihoods and environments of source countries throughout the world, and the future of global fish stocks.

"This is a big challenge for policy makers who are trying to protect the world's ocean resources - and the attitudes of consumers and restaurant owners will be a key factor," he adds.



You may like to eat this... Photo: Hartmut Inerle ...but think about this! Photo: Fish & Wildlife Service

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# Land of smiles Humor Illustrious signs of India



INDIANS are among the most articulate people on the planet. Their English is Victorian in tone and rich in eloquence.

Take for example the lead sentence in an obituary that appeared some years ago in an Indian newspaper: "A sublime, saintly, spiritual architect with global radiance performed a terrestrial exit the other day while in profound sleep, leaving for humanity an immortal message of divine liberation."

Less eloquent writers would have drained the lyricism out of this eulogy and reduced it to a lifeless factoid: "Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is dead".

But it is in the signs posted throughout the land that Indian English really shines. What visitor can forget the stern admonition that used to grace many railway stations? "Ticketless travel is a social evil." Or the signs warning against speeding on mountain roads: "If you are married, divorce speed." "Better to be last on earth than first in heaven." "If you want to donate blood, don't do it on the road, do it in the blood bank." And even the plaintive plea: "What is the hurry?"

Indian signs have not lost any of their piquant charm. Here are some recent examples:

Advertisements for the Crocodile Bank, Swindly Pest and Termite Control, and Theism Computer Academy. One wonders exactly what brand of theism the academy promotes. Polytheism? Monotheism? Pantheism? The sign doesn't say.

Outside an office: "Full fledged money changer." Errrr...What would a half-fledged money changer be like?

On many walls: "Commit no nuisance." This is much more elegant than "Don't pee against the wall."

On a billboard, a picture of a smiling man holding up a tube of salve labeled "PENORUB." I assume you're supposed to rub the salve on an appropriate part of your anatomy. I'm not even going to guess which part that might be.

In Kolkata metro stations: "While travelling in the Metro rail way, you shall not carry: 1. Any offensive article, viz. skin, hides, dead poultry.... 2. Dangerous items, viz. explosives.... 3. Dead body." This last item puzzled me. The metro would be an ideal vehicle for transporting dead bodies to the cremation ground. It's efficient, economical, and democratic. Seeing the occasional corpse of a fellow passenger would serve as a sobering reminder to more lively passengers of their mortality.

Temples are a rich source of cautionary signs: "Mind your shoes." "Beware of shoelifters." That's right. You have to take off your shoes before entering any Hindu temple, and shoe-thieves are always on the

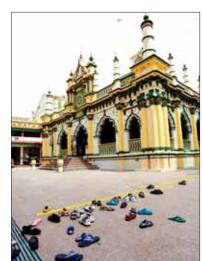


Indian road signs appear to be superior in wit. Photo: Indigoprime.

prowl. "Take care of your shoes and money," warns another sign. "Swindlers are about."

On a temple wall: "Non Hindus are not allowed to enter the sin cleansing pool." What? Are non-Hindus not in need of sin-cleansing? Or are they so sinful that their sins will clog the pool and neutralize its sin-cleansing capability? A sincleansing pool that can't absorb the sins of a few non-Hindus can't be much of a sin-cleansing pool, in my

Ye Olde Curmudgeon can be flamed at oldcurm@gmail.com, except when he's trying to find a sin-cleansing pool that will accept him.



Hindu temples are a popular attraction amongst shoe-lifters. Photo: Stougard



Another puzzling sign on an Indian tourist bus. Photo: Mckay Savage.



## Full of Ficus

#### A continuation on last week's fun fig facts



IN SAINT Luke's Gospel, Christ delivers a parable about a fig tree, barren for three years, in which the owner is exhorted to cut it down. The owner pleads: "let it alone this year "so that he can "dig about it and dung it. And if it bears, well: And if not thou shalt cut it down." In another incident in St Mark, which demonstrates the efficacy of prayer, Christ curses an unfruitful fig tree and it miraculously withers.

One wonders why the humble fig was singled out for these divine interventions. Partly, I would guess, because the edible fig (ficus carica) was, like the date, an ancient symbol of fertility, as well as being a staple of the local diet familiar to everyone. A modern biological explanation of its infertility would probably point the finger at the absence of agaonid wasps (see last week's article) to pollinate the flowers.

Pardon the digression. But it is worth remembering that ficus carica is the only member of this huge genus to produce edible offerings. Other figs have very different attributes.

Take *F.elastica*. which hails from Asia and looks nothing like the Biblical species. It achieved sudden fame in the nineteenth century as the primary source of "caoutchouc", a milky fluid tapped from its trunk which solidified into rubber. Sounds familiar? Well yes.

It was the precursor of another and unrelated rubber tree called havea Brasilienis which was imported from South America and, once established in Asian plantations, soon superceded the fig tree.

Oddly, F. elastica enjoyed another claim to fame in the fifties when it became the archetypal house plant, its geometrical form and shiny surfaces complementing the hard edges of Modernist architecture. It was, I recall, the first indoor plant to arrive in our household.



Ficus deltoidea, commonly known as mistletoe fig is a large shrub or small tree species native. Photo: Forest & Kim Starr

Nowadays, there are many cultivars: "Burgundy" has rich red leaves, "Aurea marginata" has yellow edged foliage, "Tricolor" has gray leaves with pink variegations. Constrained by a pot, these plants will not get out of hand, but despite their sumptuous foliage, they are not suitable for a small garden in the tropics.

Another fig, benjamina, has also become more sought after as a house plant, or for use in

patio tubs or planter boxes. It is often seen in garden centers as a specimen container plant, often in a variegated form, with its slender trunks plaited together, or as a subject for topiary. In its native rainforests, as with the rubber tree, benjamina will rocket skywards, but it will be more manageable in a domestic setting, especially if you go for cultivars such as "Baby Ben". Though it sometimes carries small red fruits, its charm, as with most figs, resides in its foliage which consists of small, narrow glossy leaves which hang gracefully downwards. Hence its common moniker of weeping fig.

F. lyrata, known as the fiddleleaf fig has large, deeply veined and corrugated leaves which make it a most appealing specimen tree, but F.dammaropsis has the most spectacular foliage of all. From the highlands of New Guinea, this fig has leaves up to three feet across, again with very pronounced veining. However, it is less suitable as a garden ornamental on account of its straggling growth habit.

At the other end of the scale are varieties which are more shrubs than trees. F. deltoidea is a small attractive variety with densely packed, round leaves and masses of white to pale pink berries that vaguely resemble those of mistletoe. In the wild, the mistletoe fig tends to grow in the forks of trees, but, in Thailand, where it is considered lucky, it is usually cultivated as a pot plant. But try it on a sunny bank or over a rocky outcrop. It is widely available in plant nurseries.

Even smaller is the creeping fig. F.pumila literally does creep, clinging, ivy-like, to any available surface. Invaluable for covering any unsightly wall, it will need clipping from time to time. Apart from that, it is low maintenance – as are all figs.



FILLING: The humble fig has been an ancient symbol of fertility, as well as being a staple of the local diet familiar to everyone. Photo: Fir0002



F. benjamina, has become more sought after as a house plant, or for use in patio tubs or planter boxes. Photo: Pitel from Brno



An unrelated rubber tree called havea Brasilienis which was imported from South America, once established in Asian plantations, soon superceded the fig tree. Photo: Vinayaraj

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## Tip of the week

The Bee's Knees – more than just honey-makers

ALWAYS encourage bees in your Unfortunately, bees are in own patch. People think of them as a source of honey, but a far more important function is their role as pollinators.

Without bees, global production of fruit and vegetables would slump alarmingly. One third of the human food supply is dependent on successful pollination.

Even in your garden, honey and bumblebees have a profound effect on the blooming and fruiting capacity of your plants.

serious decline. The reasons are not hard to find: indiscriminate use of pesticides, loss of flower-rich habitats, a deadly combination of a virus and a fungus, worse, a parasitic mite which invades hives and destroys entire colonies.

So, as responsible gardeners, we must cherish them and encourage their presence. If you have wild bees nesting in one of your trees, leave well alone. Moreover, do not encourage sellers of wild honey by buying their product.



Bee gathering pollen from a yellow flower. Photo: ForestWander

# A life-threatening clot

#### By Dr Gerard Lalande

A MEDICAL emergency that often leads to severe respiratory and circulatory distress, a pulmonary embolism (PE) is a sudden, acute blockage in the arteries of the lung caused by one or several blood clots.

While not a disease in itself,

PE corresponds to the respiratory complication of blood clots formation (also called thrombosis), usually occurring in the deep veins of the legs and known as Deep Vein Thrombosis or DVT. About 50 per cent of DVT



Dr Gerard Lalande

lead to pulmonary embolism

Today PE represents a public health issue: in a country like France with a population of 65 million, more than 100,000 cases occur every year and the mortality rate is around 15 percent.

The typical form in usually easy to diagnose but in most cases, the symptoms of PE are non-specific and rather misleading, which delays diagnosis and exposes the patient to rapid and life-threa tening complications.

The embolism occurs when a fragment or the entire DVT detaches from the vein of the limb and travels up through the circulatory system to the right side of the heart to become wedged in a pulmonary artery. A large clot results in a massive embolism of one of the main pulmonary

> arteries triggering a major disturbance in blood oxygenation and causing cardio-respiratory shock. Fortunately, in most DVTcases, the PE is the result of small clots, leading to fewer and less impressive

symptoms. Left untreated, a minor PE can however worsen to a more serious condition especially in the elderly.

The typical symptoms of severe PE are acute chest pain, shortness of breath and signs of circulatory failure with hypotension, accelerated heart rate, anxiety and general body weakness. Less dramatic PE may present moderate chest discomfort, abdominal pain. cough with blood sputum, sweating, agitation or syncope.

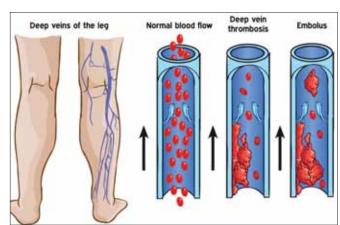
Any suspicion of PE should

prompt a clinical examination of the lower limbs to look for DVT. The common DVT signs are pain, edema and skin changes in one leg. An ultrasound of the deep vein circulation quickly confirms the DVT. The discovery of DVT in a patient presenting chest pain is highly suggestive of PE.

Diagnosis is confirmed with a chest CT scan, which visualizes the clot and assesses the

degree of severity of the blood flow obstruction.

There are many predisposing factors linked to a higher risk of clot formation. Conditions causing slower venous blood flow such as venous insufficiency (varicose veins), weak cardiac function and prolonged immobilization, for example in patients who remain bedridden following surgery or injury or in long haul travel; procedures damaging the vein structure such as after orthopedic or abdominal surgery, trauma or due to vein-toxic chemotherapies; inherited blood diseases and some medicines such as estrogen pills,



WARNING SIGNS: Blood clot diagram showing the deep vein thrombosis (DVT). Photo: sportex.net

which cause abnormal levels of key substances involved in clot formation. Pregnancy, smoking, obesity and cancers also increase the risk of blood clots.

Treatment of PE requires anticoagulant treatment, which is initially given intravenously and then orally for at least 3 to 6 months. Given early, anticoagulants reduce PE mortality to less than 5 per cent. More serious PE may be treated with clot dissolving agents (called fibrinolytics) or withinterventional or surgical procedures to directly remove the clot.

Prevention of PE is based on the

prevention of clot formation. Preventive anticoagulation is routinely carried out during many surgeries. During prolonged immobility such as a long flight. it is recommended to stand up and walk as often as possible and at least every couple of hours, drink a lot of water to prevent dehydration and limit or refrain from alcohol

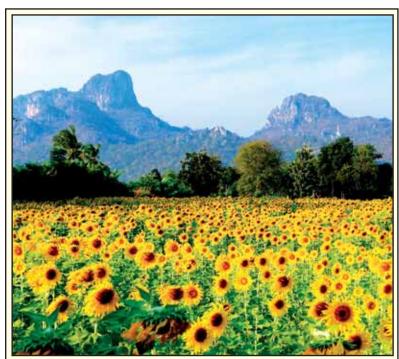
or coffee which favordehydration.

Compression stockings can also help. If pain suddenly occurs in a swollen leg during a flight, the person should lie down until the medical team arrives. An anticoagulant may be proposed for those at high risk of blood clots on long-haul flights.

- The Nation

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Thailand has the beauty, it's your task to capture it. Photo: M. Lehmkuhler

# Caputre the inspiring Thailand

DO YOU know what it takes to take a good picture? Now you have a chance to make some money of it. And enjoy the glory too! That's thanks to a photo contest organized by the Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau (TCEB).

"Photos are the most influential medium for MICE professionals in choosing a business events destination," said Director Sarita Chintakanond of Information Technology Department, TCEB,

"We are seeking the most inspiring photo that would make meeting and event planners want to come and hold their next business event in Thailand. Thus this is not just an ordinary photo contest, but also a photographic mission for the benefit of the country." he continued.

"The photos will be included in various PR materials when promoting Thailand. The submitted photos will be yet another inspiration among worldwide meeting planners to choose Thailand as a destination."

There will be three monetary awards for the 1st place winner in each category (Culture, Attraction and Lifestyle), taking home a cash prize of 15,000 baht each plus a hotel voucher valued at 15,000 baht. Awards are limited to one prize per entrant.

Contest participants may submit as many photos as they like, provided they pertain to the theme; they must be original works captured with a digital still camera. The submission period runs from September 14 to November 15. A panel comprised of 70 per cent TCEB representatives will judge the images on a range of factors; 30 per cent will be based on the voting that each participant achieves. The winning photos will be announced on BusinessEventsThailand.com on November 22.

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#### **OCTOBER 26**

1811 The Argentine government declared the freedom of press.

1861 The Pony Express officially ceased operations.

1863 The oldest football association in the world was formed in London.

1905 Norway became independent from Sweden.

1921 The Chicago Theater opened.

1947 The Maharaja of Kashmir and Jammu allowed his kingdom to join India.

2001 The United States passed the USA Patriot Act into law.



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#### **OCTOBER 27**

1275 Traditional founding of the city of Amsterdam.

1682 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded.

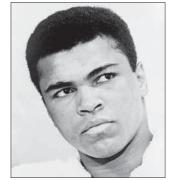
1806 The French Army enterd Berlin following the Battle of Jena.

1810 United States annexed the former Spanish colony of West Florida.

1961 NASA tested the first Saturn I rocket in Mission Saturn-Apollo 1.

#### **OCTOBER 28**

1420 Beijing was officially designated the capital of the Ming Dynasty. 1707 An earthquake caused more than 5,000 deaths in Japan. 1848 The first railroad in Spain – between Barcelona and Matar – was opened. 1995 289 people were killed in Baku Metro fire.



BOXER 1960. Photo: Ira Rosenberg



FOUNDED 1275. Photo: Dohduhdah

#### **OCTOBER 29**

1863 Eighteen countries agree to form the International Red Cross. 1922 King of Italy appointed Benito Mussolini as Prime Minister. 1923 Turkey became a republic.

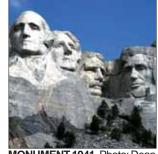
1929 "Black Tuesday" – The New York Stock Exchange crashed. 1960 Cassius Clay won his first professional fight.

#### **OCTOBER 30**

1920 The Communist Party of Australia was founded in Sydney. 1925 John Logie Baird created Britain's first television transmitter. 1960 First successful kidney transplant in the United Kingdom. 1974 Muhammad Ali and George Foreman boxing match in Zaire.



CROWDED 2011. Photo: James



MONUMENT 1941, Photo: Dean Franklin

#### **OCTOBER 31**

683 During the Siege of Mecca, the Kaaba was burned down. 1941 After 14 years of work, Mount Rushmore was completed. 1961 Joseph Stalin's body was removed from Lenin's Tomb. 1984 Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated. 2011 The global population of humans was estimated to be seven billion.

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#### **NOVEMBER 1**

1512 The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was exhibited to the public for the first time. 1604 William Shakespeare's tragedy Othello was presented for the first time, at Whitehall Palace in London. 1896 A photo showing the bare breasts of a woman appeared in National Geographic magazine for the first time. 1911 The first dropping of a bomb from an airplane in combat, during the Italo-Turkish War.

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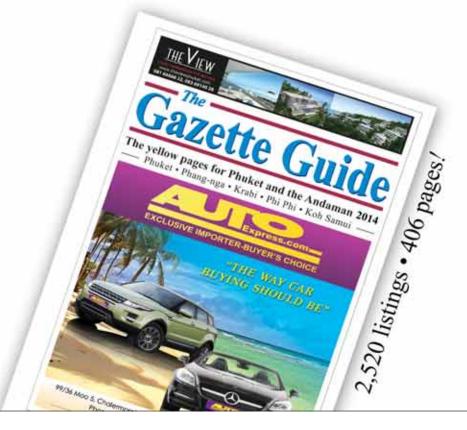
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around the country. Why is this mighty animal so popular here?

Have you ever wondered why the elephant is Thailand's national animal? To shed some more light on the subject, we need to take a look at the elephant's role in Siamese-Thai society.

For centuries, elephants were used by Siamese armies in battle, especially during the wars with the Burmese. Elephants were the companions of Kings, Queens and generals who defended the Kingdom's sovereignty from its enemy. The particular elephant destined to accompany the King at war was chosen for its character, which had to be compatible with the personality of the King.

Elephants have always been an important part of the royal institution. It is believed that the number of white elephant a Thai

King owned reflected his level of honor, as white or albino elephants have long been considered auspicious.

But the elephant's role didn't end in times of peace. When wars ended, elephants continued to work shoulder to shoulder with humans, helping them lift heavy objects such as rocks or timber. Siamese people realized the significance of elephants and adored them so much that between 1855 and 1966, a

Today, the elephant symbolizes strength, honor, stability and patience. In many cultures, Chinese for instance, the Asianelephant is a symbol of happiness, longevity, and good luck. In India, it's a symbol of luck, while in western cultures, it's symbolizes reliability, dignity, power, royalty, and pride.

In Thailand it means even more - it's the national animal, a symbol of greatness, goodness and wisdom, renowned for their memory, naturally pleasant character and above all, their intelligence. They, for example, are able to map sources of food and water in their

## brains

and can still remember how to get to particular places many years later.

Elephants are also highly emotional and capable of mourning, enjoying music and performing arts. Recent studies show similarities between the brains of elephants and dolphins, which are unarguably two of the smartest mammals on the planet, along with chimpanzees and humans (some of us

Elephants' talents can be particularly useful in the performing arts; these days elephants are trained for the show business. and have proven to be exceptional performers in dancing, drawing, cycling, darts, playing football, basketball and hula hoop, to name a few. Here in Phuket, Phuket FantaSea is one such place that utilizes elephants in its cultural theme park. On a recent visit to the park, after enjoying some shopping at local souvenir shops and a delicious dinner at the Golden

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### Life & style

Kinnaree buffet restaurant, I continued to the nearby Elephant's palace. The palace itself recreates ancient architecture and resembles a great stone castle... but I didn't come here to enjoy architecture; my purpose was to meet the elephants. And here they are, wearing traditional clothes that makes them look almost like the royal elephants of the past.

Elephants at Phuket FantaSea are all female, and thus less likely to be aggressive or violent. There are about 25 elephants here, many featuring in the daily show, in which they work for approximately an hour each day. The elephants take holidays just like their human colleges.

"We even call them 'animal colleagues' as they are not just animals but our friends who join us in all stage performances" says Somboon Maneenakthong, Deputy Director of Show of Phuket FantaSea.

"We try to keep every elephant happy; we take them to the hills for exercise,

keep their place clean, and keep them in different places to prevent them from feeling bored and sick. We also look after their safety and their environment, limiting sound pollution that might disturb them," he added.

With the size of 60 acres - Phuket FantaSea provides plenty of space for the elephants, who are taken care of by professional veterinarians and two to three experienced mahout are assigned to each animal. They are also well fed. The elephants eat many kinds of food such as sugarcane, bananas, boiled rice and pineapple plant. Each elephant eats about ten per cent of its weight per day which makes for about 200-250 kg of food every single day! It's time for the show and I have to admit - I'm quite excited. I feel like there is an adventure waiting for me. The show begins. The audience learns about Thai culture and traditions, classical dances, the art of shadow play. There's acrobatics, some local history, beautiful

outfits but for me, the highlight of the show is the elephants' performance. The applause the mighty animals get from the audience seems to last forever, still I wish the show lasted even longer.

Mr Somboon later explained that the most challenging aspect of dealing with the elephants is training. But he insisted that despite their overbearing size, elephants are not harmful to humans.

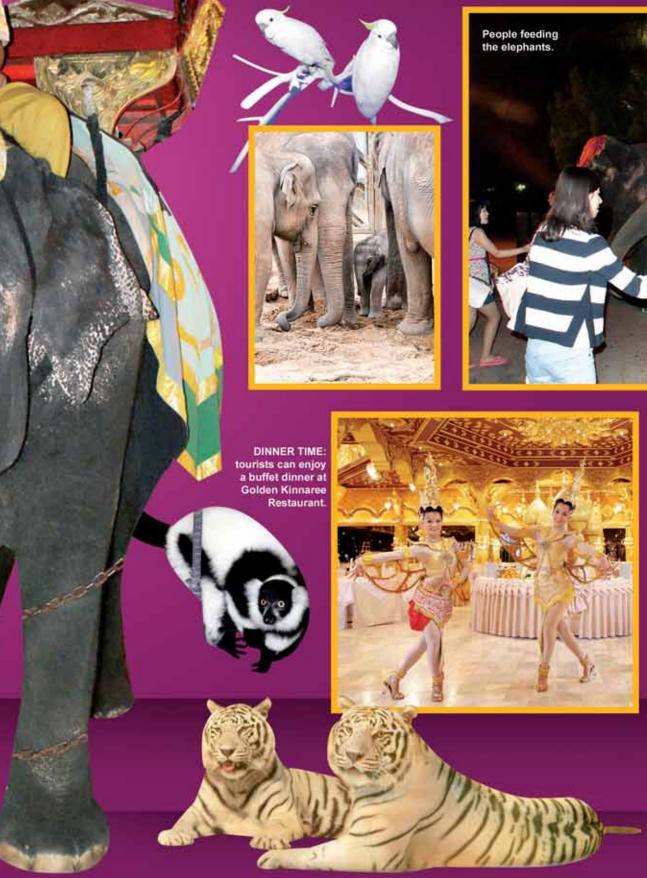
He explained that the most important thing about the training is to create a positive relationship between the mahouts and the elephants. Trainers and keepers usually try to make the elephants feel relaxed in order to develop trust. "When they follow the orders, elephants are rewarded with food, not unlike training other animals. By doing so, they are motivated to develop themselves further," he added.

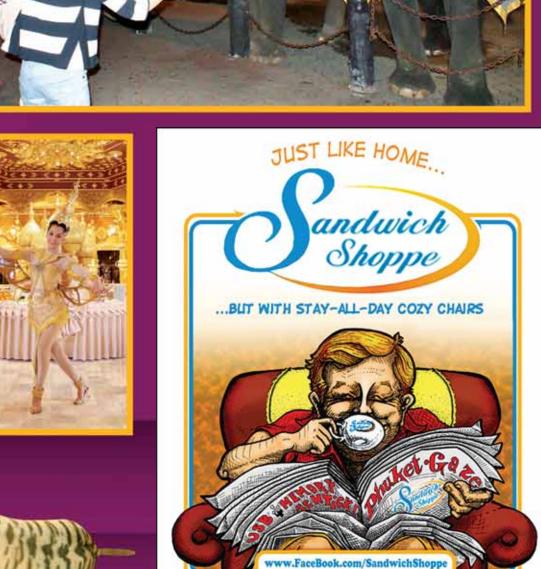
"We use experienced mahouts who take care of elephants for long periods of time until they know each other. Whatever

mahouts tell them to do, they automatically do. If we can make them feel good, they will trust us. They don't understand our language but communicate with body language, facial expressions and eye contact. Our trainers build a strong relationship with the elephants, so they really understand each other.'

"We know what they are capable of. We try not to make them do things that are too complicated or impossible for them to do. We only train them to walk, sit, greet in unison. We train step-by-step and don't use a hook in training or hurt them in any way. They are our beloved, so we do not want to hurt them," he explained.

"In the past, elephants assisted our kings in battle to save our country. Nowadays, they still serve the country by generating money for the economy. I'm really proud of them. Elephants never cheat, they never ask for anything and never cause any problems. In fact, they really are our good friends."





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## Ahoy high season!

By Maciek Klimowicz

WITH the high season getting closer, Phuket's sailing industry is getting ready to provide for their customers and make sailing the waters of Andaman sea a better experience.

It's a regatta. And whoever has a better, more professional team and better, more impressive boats – wins. And if there's one thing sailors in Phuket can't complain about is the abundance of quality contenders.

"There were more than 25 superyachts transiting through Phuket in 2009-2010. In 2010/2011 there were 35 in 2011-2012 there were more than 55 yachts, and in 2012-2013 there were more than 80 superyachts. This next upcoming season is expecting to see continued growth," says Gareth Twist, managing director of Yacht Solutions, a company with 12 years of experience in superyacht charters.

Yacht Solutions recently announced a new charter division for its Phuket operations.

"Now the market has matured significantly and there is increasing demand for charter yachts in this region. It seems like a natural progression for our company to expand into this area. We're now offering charters for 70ft + yachts in the Asia-Pacific region. Because of our time working in the marine industry in Thailand we can offer extensive local knowledge to owners and charterers," explained Mr Twist.

The new division, which will be combined with its agency division, will be managed by Bryony Dalby-Ball.

Bryony, who has been involved in the yachting industry for 15 years working in all capacities from stewardess and chef to deck work, race crew and yacht management will lead the agency who's task is to provide service similar to a luxury hotel concierge service. The agency arranges yacht clearances and government permits, berthing, provisioning, fuel, water, accommodation, flowers, refit, transport, in fact anything required whilst in the region. "Last year we organized the first ever wedding on a deserted island in the Mergui Archipelago with a Burmese monk blessing and a sunset beach banquet." adds Gareth.

Yacht Solutions aren't the only ones in Phuket who've realized the opportunities in charters. "We have noticed more customers buying yachts for charter in recent months, providing owners with additional income when they are not using their yachts," says Sergio Loiacono, Simpson Marine's Country Manager for Thailand, who names Phuket an ideal base for yachting seen as a business "Phuket's excellent transport connections make it easy for buyers living abroad to keep their yachts here and travel to Phuket for cruising holidays. These owners can also benefit from yacht management services to ensure that their boats are maintained in pristine condition in their absence and ready for their next trip."

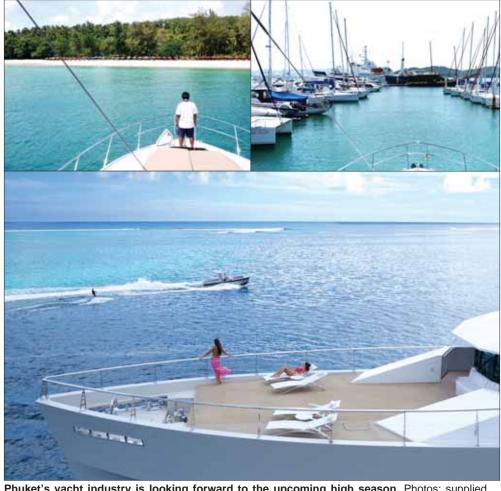
Simpson Marine, exclusive dealer for some of the world's most desirable yacht brands including Azimut Yachts, Beneteau Power, Beneteau Sail and Lagoon, has helped customers with a series of new yacht sales in the first half of this year, and was recently recognized with a special award from Beneteau for improvements in its sales and service quality over the last year. Whether you're after a bit of fun on board a luxury yacht or hunting for a business opportunity, you'll find something of an interest during the Phuket International Boat Show PIMEX. Though still more than two months away, the preparations for the event are in full swing and numerous charter agents and equipment and services suppliers are already looking to reserve prime indoor space to show off their products and services.

Among them, South East Asia Sales and Service, Marina Systems International, Toyobo Thailand, Raymarine, Stauff Thailand, Respo Trailers, QBE Marine Insurance and Seiwa from Italy, along with the Italian Thai Chamber of Commerce who will bring with them a selection of Italian companies and more.

And to spread the word, a comprehensive international print advertising campaign has started, and this year there is a strong focus on Russian visitor marketing, recognizing the changing demographic of the island. PIMEX marketing team has partnered with two additional Russian-language yachting publications: Motorboat & Yachting and Captain Club and also had a strong presence at the recent DOMEXCO international property exhibition in Moscow where 6,000 copies of the Phuket Gazette and a 24-page Special Moscow Supplement, in English and in Russian, were also handed out.



More then 80 superyachts visited Phuket in the last season. Even more are expected this year.



Phuket's yacht industry is looking forward to the upcoming high season. Photos: supplied



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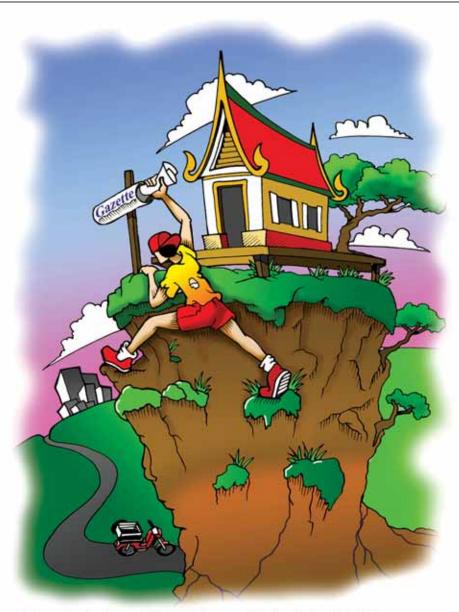
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#### Your weekly pith:

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring and close-knit family... in another city." - George Burns

"I am a marvellous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house." – Zsa Zsa Gabor

Taken from Ian Hewitt's book 'QUOTES for PROSPERITY'

9. Group of musicians, in chart, rose out of control (9)

10. Two girls (one name in full, one short, note) go back to the original state (9)

12. Tour around, put to flight (4)

13. Maybe learn out East to be more svelte (6)

14. Most depressed asset possibly covering Doctor of Divinity (7)

15. Critic of French farm vehicle (9)

17. For each new intent is to the point (9)

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to the system (9) 26. Greek god comes back sore (4)

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poem (6) 29. Against trip profile (7) 32. Revered company inside got

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backs into Thai toilet! (4,3) 36. Price could possibly echo instructions for preparation (6) 37. Drink for an insect, right? (4)

38. Eighty one seen in inn in a mess! (4,5)

39. Something to convert Rotary to reciprocating - that's odd! (9)

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#### Down:

1. Goodness! Queen and Empress do right in passage (8) 2. Familiar with a cost cut, mode unusual (10,2)

3. Rat set to, becoming witness (8) 4. Ranger arranged to collect (6)

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7. Bid Carl unfasten the shoulder belt (7)

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woman (5) 16. Attraction of a liberal rule change (6)

19. Told no time for the elderly (3) 21. Freely got into merry branch of mathematics (12)

One commanding officer new in charge, very famous (6) 23. Digging up, turn close to object (10)

24. Overt G-men working around the North for the administration (10)

25. Diamonds for a drug (3)

28. Humanitarian society in color upset! (3,5) 29. A pace car moving hard,

cover for an animal (8)

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the day (7)33. List of works from member

of cathedral chapter (5) 34. Order in December about note (6)

Cryptic crossword compiled by Patong Bill. Solution on page 31.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22):

Small things can be of great importance this week. Scorpios are advised to watch out for subtle hints, particularly in the world of work. November is forecast to be a month when it will be possible to make advances towards the position you want to be in. Those with a birthday during the coming days should see a dream coming true in the year ahead. The number four can encourage good luck this week.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):



#### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):



Romance continues to be rewarding, particularly for those involved with another earth sign. If you are single, a worthwhile introduction can be made this weekend. Number one is forecast to be fortunate this week.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19):

As October draws to a close, the astral atmosphere improves for those born under the sign of Aquarius. The stars suggest that you will be feeling more optimistic, with focus on a breakthrough in the world of work helping with this positive mood. Romance becomes more pleasurable – an earth sign is poised to prove how serious they really are. Number five comes alive for Aquarians this week.

#### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20):

A creative end to the month of October will please those born under the sign of Pisces who have been less productive lately. This can either be from using your artistic talents, or by coming up with unusual ideas to use at home and at work. Your social life is brighter, with lively discussions providing inspiration. Pisceans are predicted to see that number one is lucky this week.

#### YOUR horoscope

By Isla Star

#### **ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20):**

Your powers of persuasion are sharp until the end of October. The stars advise that Arians use this advantage carefully as you may find yourself involved in something that becomes too much trouble. Work that was left on the back burner is highlighted; it would be sensible to spend some time listing tasks that need to be completed and taking care of them. Number eight can bring good luck this week.

#### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21):

Taureans are forecast to use a bolder approach during the last days of October. There are signs that you are tiring of feeling pushed around and this is an auspicious time to stand up for yourself. Putting responsibilities on one side for a little while you refresh your energy is a good idea. Love with another earth sign is well starred. Your lucky number this week is three.

#### **GEMINI (May 22-June 21):**

A dull start to the week should soon be replaced by excitement for those born under the sign of Gemini. The stars suggest that forgotten friends are likely to resurface, with focus on your unique talent for creating a party atmosphere helping October to end on a positive note. Romance with another air sign should not be taken for granted. The number nine can be important this week.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 23):



#### **LEO (July 24-Aug 22):**

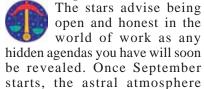
for Cancerians this week.

The stars indicate that most Leos should be feeling as right as rain as October draws to a close. Pieces of a work-related puzzle are predicted to fall into place,

leaving you more confident about your position. Romance is also affected by more stable cosmic conditions; those who were unsure of a water sign's commitment will be ready to move forward. Leos' lucky number this week is seven.

#### VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23):

Giving an ultimatum is forecast to make life easier for those born under the sign of Virgo. There are hints that someone close to you has been playing games for too long – if this is connected to finances, the stars suggest that nothing will change if you continue to do nothing. Thursday is the best day for difficult discussions. The stars show that number two can bring good luck for Virgoans this week.



becomes more settled and it would be wise to wait until then before making agreements. In the realm of romance, chances of happiness with another air sign increase when this person sees how serious you are. The number six stands out for Librans this week.

# International Sport Dylan inks Formula deal Young set for 2013 MRF Challenge Formula 2000 Championship

PHUKET-based, Australian rac- Positioned just two levels below ing driver Dylan Young announced that he has signed a deal to compete in a second season of the 2013 MRF Challenge Formula 2000 Championship, with gracious support from Wahoo Phuket, Kata Rocks and Indigo Pearl. The series will commence this weekend with the first two races being held alongside the Airtel Indian Formula 1 Grand Prix in New Delhi from October

The 2013 MRF Challenge Formula 2000 Championship will feature 14 races in total over four rounds. The cars are based around a Formula 3 chassis from Dallara in Italy and powered by 210 brake horsepower Renault engines that allow the drivers to race at speeds up to 260km/h.

Formula 1, the MRF Challenge series will be broadcast via ESPN Star Sports to around 35 million viewers across Asia and the highlight will be the opening races this weekend, where Young explains it will be important to impress in front of the watchful eyes of the Formula 1 team bosses.

"It will be a tough weekend considering I haven't been in a race car since December last year but I have to make the most of the opportunity when racing at a Formula 1 event," Young said.

"I'll be up against some seriously strong competition with the other drivers that have been racing in Europe all year but there's no better test than that. Realistically I don't think anyone is expecting miracles

straight up this weekend but I'm absolutely pumped to get back out there and represent Phuket on the pathway to Formula 1 and from there heading into round 2 I'm sure we can really begin to take the fight towards the front."

Young has secured sponsorship support for a second season from Indigo Pearl Resort Phuket who backed his campaign in 2012 along with a key personal benefactor who is supporting Dylan's career progression. The rest of the island is taking notice too, as Dylan has recently signed two new sponsors for the opening races with Wahoo Phuket and Kata Rocks coming onboard.

Richard Pope, CEO of Kata Rocks commented on the partnership: "We are delighted to be able to continue to support his racing. The sport of motor-racing it is a tough game, and it is a very positive reflection on Dylan's tenacity and winning-drive that he is working every channel to develop his talent and brave the odds. Kata Rocks is pleased to be able to support Dylan in India and we look forward to championing more events that will continue to bring one of Phuket's leading sportsmen into the international limelight."

At this stage Young is only confirmed for the opening round at the F1 Grand Prix in India and stressed that he needs to find continued support to ensure he will be on the grid when the series heads to the Bahrain F1 Circuit in support



Young: 'I'm pumped to represent Phuket on the pathway to Formula 1'

of the FIA World Endurance Championship event from November 28-30.

"Finding the required budgets has, and always will be, difficult in motorsport – so that's why I want to thank Wahoo Phuket, Kata Rocks and Indigo Pearl for their support at the opening round along with someone who is believing in me behind the scenes. They know who they are. We are aiming for international recognition for myself as a driver as we continue to get closer to Formula 1 but also importantly to generate awareness for Phuket on the international sporting stage. Therefore I'm hoping we can continue to find the necessary support to ensure I keep carrying the Phuket name further towards the top level. That is a paramount goal that Wahoo Phuket, Kata Rocks, Indigo Pearl and myself are willing to work together on as I head towards Formula 1," said Dylan Young. - Phuket Gazette

For more information go to dylanyoungracing.com

# The Challenge series will be broadcast via ESPN to 35 million viewers.

### NFL Week 7: Colts down Manning, Broncos

#### By Somchai Huasaikul

IN WEEK seven's marquee matchup, Bronco's quarterback Peyton Manning's return to Indianapolis to take on his former team did not turn out as many predicted, with rising star quarterback Andrew Luck outshining the veteran to carry his Colts to an exciting 39-33 win.

Manning and the Broncos entered the game undefeated and were favored by five points over the Colts, who went into the match 4-2 with wins against two top-ranked NFC West sides, the Seattle Seahawks and the San Francisco 49ers.

The game started with touching tribute ceremony to Manning, who during the "Manning Era" from 1998 to 2010 led the Colts to win in Super Bowl XLI and made them one of the most dominant teams in the AFC.

His importance to the Colts was highlighted even further after he had to sit out the entire 2011 season for a series of surgeries on his neck that many thought would be career threatening, especially given his age.

Without him the Colts fell apart, going just 2-12.

The disastrous season came with a golden lining however: the right to the overall first choice in the next draft. With Heisman Trophy winning QB Andrew Luck of Stanford, the Colts management selected the rookie and, in a highly-controversial decision, released Manning.

Last Sunday's exiting game may have shown other NFL teams the path to success against the Broncos: put pressure on Manning at all costs, before he tears you to pieces with passes to a much-improved receiving corps that includes league leading receiver Wes Welker, the former New England Patriot who signed as a free agent this year.

A key play in the game came in the second quarter, when the Colts defensive line got to Manning and forced a fumble deep in Bronco territory. After that. Luck and company scored three unanswered touchdowns and the final result was never really close after that.

As sweet as the win must have been for the classy Indianapolis

management, it also came at a frightful cost. Star veteran receiver Reggie Wayne left the game in the fourth quarter after his knee twisted on a pass play. Early in the week it was confirmed he had suffered what everyone feared most: a season ending tear of his anterior cruciate ligament. He will miss the remainder of the season.

Denver falling from the ranks of the undefeated left only the surprising Kansas City Chiefs (7-0) able to claim that distinction. They will host the Cleveland Browns (3-4) at Arrowhead Stadium in Week 8. In another interesting game, the Jacksonville Jaguars will go "across the pond" to host the highly favored San Francisco 49ers at Wembley Stadium in London. Jacksonville fans might not be too disappointed to get a break from the Jags, who remain winless and have shown little or no reason for optimism on either side of the ball so far this season.

#### Phuket NFL tip

There are several good podcasts that closely analyze all the games and make predictions. Just one of these is the "Ross Tucker Football Podcast". Ross, a Princeton graduate who played seven years in the NFL, provides some excellent insights and has enough enthusiasm to keep Phuket NFL fans like this one sufficiently excited to wake up in the middle of the night to watch all the action live. He does several each week, all of which can be found at: sportsusamedia.com/ross-tucker



Photo: Thomas J. Russo-USATODAY



## Head's up for 27th King's Cup

RECOGNIZED throughout the eastern the second year between December 5-6. The hemisphere as the premier sailing event of its kind, the Phuket King's Cup Regatta will host a week of incredibly close racing in the beautiful Andaman Sea off the cost of Southern Thailand from December 1-6, 2013.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Phuket King's Cup Regatta sees a new Bareboat Charter division, intended to address any disparities between professional and amateur teams in the class, making for a very open racing division this year. Additionally, the event will attract over 100 vessels comprising full-scale racers, International Grand Prix racing boats, racing catamarans and a vast fleet of diverse sailing, cruising and racing craft, all competing for Asia's most coveted prize in competitive sailing.

The opening ceremony will be held at Kata Beach Resort & Spa Phuket on December 1, with the first day's racing set to cast off the following morning. Racing between keelboats and multihulls will be hosted over five days (December 2-6) whilst racing in the Dinghy class will be held from December 1-4. Windsurfing will be also held for sail pass to celebrate His Majesty the King's birthday will be on December 5.

The Royal Awards Ceremony is to be held on December 6. The five days of highly charged racing are complemented by six fantastic beachside parties hosted by some of Phuket's most recognisable names in hospitality including host venue Kata Beach Resort & Spa, with close to 2,000 guests attending nightly.

Inaugurated in 1987 to celebrate the 60th birthday of His Majesty the King of Thailand, the event has been held every year since during the first week of December. Under Royal Patronage, the Phuket King's Cup Regatta is organized by the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organizing Committee under the auspices of the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, the Royal Thai Navy and the Province of Phuket. - Phuket Gazette

The 27th King's Cup Regatta is proudly sponsored by the Phuket Gazette and PGTV. For more information visit kingscup.com.



Over 100 boats are set to compete in this year's Kings Cup Regatta. Photo: supplied

### Counting down to Laguna Tri-Fest

CHALLENGE Laguna Phuket's Tri-Fest carnival, which will see thousands of top international athletes from around the world descend on the island, was previewed last week by media in a special conference at the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) headquarters in Bangkok.

The week-long event will kick off with the legendary Laguna Phuket Triathlon (LPT) on November 24, which is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year by launching an inaugural Challenge Laguna Phuket a week later on December 1.

The multi-media event in the Thai capital showcased some of the elite triathlon stars set to compete in both races and thrill spectators who each year throng to see the action in the spectacular swim, bike and run course routes in and around Laguna Phuket.

This year's Challenge Laguna Phuket field is headed by the hottest name in international triathlon – Australia's Melissa Hauschildt, newly-crowned 2013 ITU Long distance World Championship and 2013 Ironman 70.3 World Champion. Melissa is also defending her champion

race at Laguna Phuket.

LPT and Challenge Laguna Phuket are linked by a Tri-Fest of training and social activities at Laguna Phuket during the week between the two races.

The Bangkok conference was addressed by Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut; as well as sponsor repres entatives Wiboon Nimitrwanich, Executive Director Advertising and Public Relations Department, Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT); and Suvadhana Sibunruang, Director Brand Management and Commercial Communications, Thai Airways International Plc (TG). Also presented at the Conference was two consecutive year's sponsor King Power International represented by Chonnapat Niphon-watthanakul, Corporate Relations Department Manager.

Thai Airways International is providing travelling athletes online booking via challengelagunaphuket.com with a 15kg baggage upgrade for bikes, while each athlete will receive a King Power Duty Free discount voucher.

NBT News Focus reporter Pondsuda Sanguansuk was the winner of the

conference's lucky draw for media and won a two-night stay for two at Angsana Laguna Phuket with return flights on Thai Airways.

- Phuket Gazette

For more information, log onto their website: challengelagunaphuket.com. The Laguna Phuket Tri-Fest is proudly sponsored by the Phuket Gazette and PGTV. the island's only English language, nationally



Governor Maitri and sponsors during the Bangkok conference. televised program.



Melissa Hauschildt will be defending her title from last year's half iron distance race.





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## ACYC Club Sailing Race 6

#### 2013 ACYC Keel Boat and Multihull Club Championship Race Series 2

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Eligibility and entry: The series is open to all keel yachts and multihulls with a length overall of greater than 6 meters. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form on each race day and by paying the racing nomination fee to the Race Officer or appointed ACYC representative.

There is no entry fee for boats. Crew fees are 100 baht per person for ACYC

ALL are welcome to join ACYC (Ao members and 200 baht for non-members. race day pending number of entries. Crew fees no longer include food. Crew fees are applicable to all participating crew.

> Classes will include Racing monohulls; Cruising monohulls; Racing multihulls; and Cruising multihulls.

> The course will be in Ao Chalong Bay and surrounding area, details announced at race briefing pending prevailing conditions. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-1016. The performance handicap system is managed and monitored by the ACYC.

> Overall series prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class will be awarded. Individual race prizes will be awarded to podium finishers on

For more information, call Alan Carwardine 0800401114. To see the complete 2013 racing program, please visit the Club website: acyc.asia

**ACYC Series 2: Race 6** 

Date: October 27

Race Briefing: 10.30 Preparatory signal: 12.00

Starting signal: 12.05



Action from ACYC Club Sailing Race 2.

## How to become a faster cyclist



FAST AND FURIOUS: Training at a faster pace makes for faster times - it's that simple! Photo: Supplied



A LOT of cyclists and triathletes do spend quite some time in the saddle and wonder why they do not deliver on race day. From analyzing their training, the reason for this is usually obvious: Too much training in the "comfort zone"! In order to get faster, you have to train faster.

It's as simple as that! Don't get me wrong, a solid base of miles is fundamental, but to get faster you need, to stimulate your body to develop strength and speed.

Add one power oriented workout and at least one speed session per week to your training schedule. A strength session should include sections in a harder gear.

This can be done either on an uphill or against a headwind at a low cadence of 60 or less RPM (repetitions per minute).

The tempo rides should include intervals at higher intensity with proper rest: 10 x 3min at 95%

effort with 2-3min recovery or 3 x 12min at 80-90% with at least 5 min recovery.

This will improve your anaerobic threshold. You will move the "moment of fatigue" to a higher speed. You will also develop mental strength and focus. Your body will get more efficient at a higher speed by improving your "interand intra muscular coordination".

And last but not least: Work on moving your pedals faster once in a while! Include some sections at a very high RPM (105-120) to stimulate some "fast twitch muscle fibers". Ride smart!

Thanyapura offers 4 Bike Sessions per week with lots of variety:

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- •Sunday, 7am: Long Ride at a
- moderate pace 90-155km

Tip provided by Thanyapura's Triathlon Senior Head Coach, J rgen Zack: triathlon@thanyapura.com

### Posture is primary

WE ALL know posture is an important aspect of everyday life but it can be even more important when it comes to sports perforor addresses. One should actually feel energized in the standing position because it is an active position but too often we will take the easy way out and slouch because it takes less effort to do this. Good posture can be described as;

The balanced placement of the torso over the legs-feet is crucial whereby the pelvis is centered, not tipped forward, sideward or backward. The abdomen is slightly drawn in and the diaphragm is raised. The shoulders are lowered (depressed), dropped naturally resting downward. The Head is centered (fixated), and held straight with the eyes looking forward.

So what exactly is considered "Good"

posture and what does that look like? Good posture can be identified as an imaginary line which passes through the earlobe, the mance. Posture is so important to an ath- cervical vertebrae, acromion (triangular lete that it should actually be the first thing projection part of the scapula – shoulder a strength and conditioning coach teaches blade that forms the point or tip of the shoulders), the lumbar vertebrae, the center of the hip, just in front of the mid-line of the knee, and slightly anterior to the ankle bone.

Or, if that sounds a little bit too confusing you can always pretend there is an imaginary line from the ear through the shoulder, hip, knee, and ankle joint, and your head is centered! The next time you get a chance, use a mirror and take a look to see what your posture looks like, it might just surprise you how hard it can be to stand there with correct posture!

Fitness tips are provided by Thanyapura's Operation Manager, Brian Finniss. Email: tslc@thanyapura.com



STOP SLOUCHING: Good posture is the basis of great sports performance. Photo: Supplied

## Phuket burnt by Fire Power

By Steven Layne

DESPITE drawing first blood in a difficult away fixture on Saturday evening, Phuket FC went on to lose 3-2 to Thailand's Yamaha League One (YL1) powerhouse, PTT Rayong.

The match, both side's 32<sup>nd</sup> of 34 scheduled fixtures in YL1 2013 season, was played in front of 3,669 spectators at PTT Stadium on the lower part of Thailand's Eastern Seaboard.

Going into the match in 9<sup>th</sup> place, Phuket were under minimal pressure with nothing to lose or gain beyond pride, having guaranteed themselves survival from relegation.

On the contrary, their 2<sup>nd</sup> placed opponents, PTT Rayong "Fire Power" needed all three points to underline their promotion credentials to the Thai Premier League. With the top three teams gaining promotion and leaders Airforce AVA FC already sealing one berth to the premiership, Rayong showed some nervous-

ness at the start of play.

Phuket FC would raise the stress levels on the Rayong bench when in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute, Giorgi Tsimakuridze, who after a closely-tracked run down the touch line, crossed the ball to the edge of the box, where Ludovick Takam headed the well-weighted delivery into the back of the net for his fifth of the season.

After that, chances were enjoyed at both ends of the pitch, until an equalizer came on the 37<sup>th</sup> minute mark, when PTT's Slovakian midfielder Jozef Tirer scored a beautiful goal from a free kick to the goalkeeper's far post.

The score remained 1-1 going into half time, and nearly 20 minutes into the second half, until the home side gained the upper hand when Thai striker, Pipat Thonkanya received and converted a fantastic through ball from speedy Amadou Ouattara. It was Pipat's 7th of the season.

Also scoring his 7<sup>th</sup> in the game thanks to an assist from Ouattara

was PTT's other Thai striker Kirat Keawsombut, who on 73 minutes headed in a cross from the skillful Ivorian.

Down 3-1, Phuket fought back and Giorgi would match Ouattara on assists when he crossed the ball from near the touchline again to the 18-yard-line for the second time of the evening, this time finding team captain, Eakartit Somjit open, who brought the ball under control and fired to the near post. PTT's keeper got a hand on the ball, but the deflection proved to be in favor of the visitors who stabbed the ball home.

The score remained 3-2 to the final whistle.

Phuket fell into 10<sup>th</sup> place as a result, while PTT Rayong, with 65 points almost look certain of a promotion berth, but will need at least one point from either of their final two matches to ensure their upward destiny.

Phuket now return home and are set to play their final home match of the season, against last-

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Jozef Tirer (center, red) scored the match's only equalizer, while Ekartit Somjit (tackling, green) scored the match's final goal. Photo: Phuket FC

placed Rayong United.

To be played at Surakul Stadium on Saturday, October 26, the match will kick off at 5pm – NOT 6:30pm like usual, as all 18

teams must play the same time for the final two matches.

Phuket will conclude their season away to Nakhon Ratchasima FC on November 2.

## Local youth futsal squad top South

A FLAWLESS shoot-out by Phuket's provincial youth futsal squad, against regional rivals Phatthalung on October 17, guaranteed the young islanders a place at the 30th National Youth Games next year.

With the final 8-4 victory, Phuket have qualified to be Southern Thailand representatives at the games, scheduled to be held in Si Saket, March, 2014.

The match, played at the

Nakhon Sri Thammarat technical college as part of the 56<sup>th</sup> "Nakhon Games", was finally decided by a shootout following the 4-4 deadlock in regulation; Phuket had come back from a 3-1 deficit at half time.

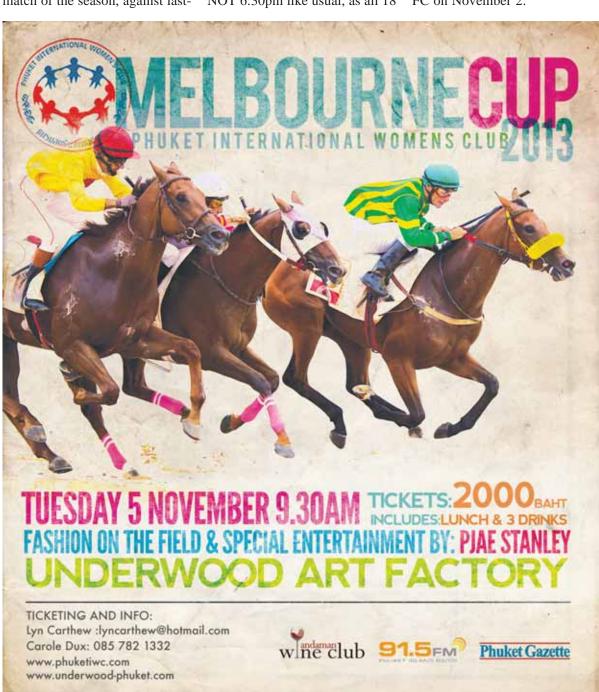
Four Phuket shooters nailed every one of their spot-kicks, while their Phattalung counterparts failed to beat the Phuket keeper even once in three attempts. The win followed Phuket's

Phuket (blue) downed Phattalung in the Southern finals last week in Nakhon Si.

the win followed Phuket's 4-0 win over Ranong provincial youth squad in the semifinals.

The youth squad qualified for Si Saket.

Held from October 11-21, the Nakhon Games represented the Southern region qualifying round for the National Youth Games for various sports, including futsal, volleyball, taekwondo, basketball and the Chinese strategy game - Go, among many more. Stay tuned for more updates. - Steven Layne



### SPORT

## High season cometh

PHUKET LOOKS FORWARD TO WORLD-CLASS SPORTING ACTION IN COMING DAYS, WEEKS



WAIT no more! Crowds will soon gather at the sands of Karon for lots of heart-stopping thrills - sets, spikes fun, sun and not to mention, 50 of the world's top women's beach volleyball duos who've come to vie for the US\$110,000 in prizes and worldwide honors.

**Oct 29** Nov 3

Less than a month to go before Phuket's streets are filled with cyclists, runners, swimmers and triathletes galore.

Nov 24 Dec 1



## Kings Cup Regatta

**Dec 1-6** 



