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■ FAILURE WILL PUT PATONG'S TOP COP ON CHOPPING BLOCK

# Police to evict tuk-tuk mafia

■ Island streets to  
be swept clean by  
New Year deadline

By **Saran Mitrarat**

POLICE Region 8 Commander Panya Mamen ordered Patong's top cop to clear beach road parking spaces for tourists by December 31 – or face being transferred.

The order was given during a video conference on Tuesday as part of an island-wide push to clean up Phuket's illegal taxi, tuk-tuk and van drivers by New Year's Eve.

"Lt Gen Panya ordered the superintendents of the Patong and the Karon Police to get rid of mafia taxi operations in their respective precincts," explained Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Arun Kaewwatee.

"He also ordered a resolution be in place for the problem of tuk-tuks parking along the Patong beach road by December 31.

"If the Patong superintendent cannot make this happen, a new superintendent...

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Maj Ekkarat Plaiduang leads Patong Police in checking tuk-tuk drivers parked along the beach road.

**Hill bus crash  
puts dozens  
in danger**

POLICE are waiting for a bus driver to turn himself in after crashing on Patong Hill, sending 49 university students to hospital.

Despite officials saying the driver did everything possible to prevent the accident once the bus started sliding back down the hill, Manit Sawadee is being charged with reckless driving causing serious injury.

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**Thieves burn  
through ATM  
to B1.6mn**

A WELDING expert has dubbed the pair that made off with 1.6 million baht from an ATM at the entrance of Boat Lagoon amateurs.

However, police are being forced to sift for clues due to the CCTV at the ATM blacking out during the robbery.

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**Village fights  
for land rights**

KLONG Koh Pee villagers have begged the Governor to help expedite their application for a "Community Chanote".

The Chanote will allow them to legally live in the protected mangroves that they resettled in after having been forced from their homes several years ago.

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# Tuk-tuks, taxis face New Year cleanout

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...will be appointed to take action," Col Arun confirmed.

The man under the gun, Patong Police Superintendent Chiraphat Pochanaphan, remains confident that the beachfront parking problem will be resolved by the New Year deadline.

"Patong Police are working together with the Patong Municipality to create taxi ranks, and tuk-tuk drivers have agreed to park only 10 vehicles in zones on the beach road marked by white-and-yellow stripes," Col Chiraphat explained.

"Also, car rental operators have agreed not to park all of their cars along the roadside," he added.

Even parking meters are being considered. "With parking meters, the longer they stay, the more they pay," Col Chiraphat said.

Illegal taxi drivers have also been given until December 31 to clean up their act.

At the meeting on Tuesday, Phuket Land Transportation Office (PLTO) Chief Terayout Prasertphol reported that of the 1,258 taxi drivers who had applied to become legal, about 70 per cent claimed they did not have the money to meet the legal requirements.

"They claim they can't afford to take out loans on new cars [in order to comply with the law] and they say they cannot afford to pay the 50,000 baht needed to register each car as a commercial passenger vehicle," Mr Terayout said.

Vice Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada noted that many of the drivers had already made



Tuk-tuk drivers in Patong have until New Year to fully comply with the law.

down payments on new cars, proving they had access to finance, and that many drivers had more than one taxi.

"They have more than 100,000 baht to make sure they have a new car, but they say they cannot afford only 50,000 baht to become legal. Does that make sense?" he asked.

"If they claim they have no money to pay for loans, it's none of my business," he said.

V/Gov Chamroen pointed out that Phuket officials have long been flexible in trying to accommodate local taxi drivers' concerns.

"In the past, we kept extending the deadline. I will not be flexible with them anymore," he said. "I will issue a Phuket Provincial

Announcement setting November 22 as the deadline for drivers to apply to become legal. Those who do apply will be issued a document granting the drivers amnesty until December 31.

"But after December 31, we will not allow illegal taxis to operate in Phuket. From January 1, any driver found working illegally as a taxi driver will be fined 20,000 baht for each infringement," he warned.

The same New Year's deadline was handed down at a meeting last month to tour and passenger van drivers across the island.

After consulting with PLTO Chief Terayout on October 26, V/Gov Chamroen granted van drivers immunity from arrest until December 31.

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# Pickup packed with workers crashes, one killed

A PICKUP truck carrying construction workers flipped on a hill on the coast road between Patong and Kamala on November 7, killing one and injuring 12.

Kamala Police were notified of the accident at about 5:30pm. By the time they arrived at the scene, traffic police were already there, helping to direct traffic in the long tailbacks building up at the crash site.

"We found an Isuzu pickup truck had crashed into a deep drainage ditch, and more than 10 injured people were strewn across the road," Investigator Navin Petchjan of the Kamala Police said.

Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers and

members of the Patong Hospital medical team administered first aid and transferred the 13 injured people to Patong Hospital.

One of the eight ethnic Mons injured in the accident, Mr Chad, succumbed to his injuries after being transferred to Vachira Hospital.

"I was taking the workers from Patong toward Kamala, as usual, but when I arrived at the down slope of the hill, it was too steep and I couldn't brake," said the driver, Mhad Kawiset.

Mr Mhad was charged with reckless driving resulting in death.

"The crash might have been caused by brake failure, but we will investigate in order to confirm the cause of the accident," Lt Navin said.



Pickup driver Mhad Kawiset said the brakes failed.

Vachira Hospital staff confirmed to the *Gazette* that two patients had been transferred to the hospital. **- Thawit Bilabdullar**

# Tour bus plunges down Patong Hill, 49 injured

By Chutharat Plerin

POLICE have given a Phuket tour bus driver seven days to present himself to face charges for the Patong Hill accident that saw 49 university students rushed to hospital last Saturday afternoon.

The driver, Mani Sawadee, 32, is to be charged with reckless driving causing serious injury.

The bus Mr Mani was driving plunged backward and slammed into a roadside ditch as he attempted to climb the hill.

All 49 Asian Institute of Technology students on board were rushed to hospital.

"If Mr Mani does not present himself within seven days, we will issue a second summons for him to present himself. If he still fails to turn himself in, we will request a warrant for his arrest," Capt Witaya Sinchumrern of Thung Thong Police said on Monday.

Mr Mani will also face charges for causing property damage, as the tour bus pulled down power cables and utility poles when it slammed into the ditch, he said.

Chanchai Chardsiri, chief vehicle inspector at the Phuket Land Transportation Office (PLTO), believes Mr Mani tried climbing the steep hill in the wrong gear.

"We could see that the drive shaft was sheared off," he said. "We think Mr Mani tried jamming the manual transmission bus into



Police are waiting for the tour bus driver to present himself to be charged for the accident. Photo: PLTO

a low gear after it started rolling backward, but the drive shaft couldn't take the strain."

Mr Chanchai believes that the driver did his best to recover after the bus had started to roll backward.

"From what we saw during our investigation, the driver did everything he could. We saw the handbrake had been pulled, but when you have more than 20 tons of bus, including people and luggage on board, it is very difficult to recover once the bus starts sliding downhill," he said.

Mr Chanchai even praised Mr

Mani's efforts to minimize the possible injuries to be suffered in the impact.

"Most importantly, he did not let the bus go down the hill in the same lane he was driving uphill in. If he did, a lot more people, such as those in the cars behind him, would have been injured," Mr Chanchai said.

Regardless, PLTO Chief Terayout Prasertphol holds Mr Mani fully responsible for the accident and the subsequent injuries.

"It's all the driver's fault. An experienced driver would know

how to control a bus that is rolling backward. This driver might not have experience driving on such hills," Mr Terayout said.

"This case is different from brake failure, so officers will not charge the bus company," he said.

Capt Witaya confirmed on Wednesday that six of the students remained in hospital.

"A Myanmar girl suffered a fractured vertebrae in her neck, a Myanmar man had a broken arm, and a Pakistani man suffered a cut on his head. The three others were recovering from cuts and bruises," he said.

## In brief...

### Russian tourist dies in cardiac arrest massage

A RUSSIAN tourist died after suffering a heart attack in the middle of receiving a massage in Bang Tao on November 8.

Sergey Taruraev, 37, was pronounced dead by medical staff at about 5:30pm.

An ambulance was dispatched by the hospital after being notified by staff at a massage salon at the southern end of Bang Tao Beach, that a man had gone into shock while receiving a massage.

The widow told officers that Mr Taruraev had twice before undergone heart surgery.

Police are waiting for doctors at Thalang Hospital to confirm the cause of death.

### Brit charged over fatal accident

FAYE Louise Taylor, 39, was charged with reckless driving causing death after she allegedly forced a 17-year-old student on a motorbike off the road into a utility pole last Friday.

According to witnesses, Ms Faye made a left-hand turn from Thepkasattri Road toward Nai Yang Beach, cutting off Patiphan Lawan.

The 17-year-old Mr Patiphan, who was not wearing a helmet, lost control of his motorbike in an attempt to evade Ms Taylor's car. Mr Patiphan then crashed into a nearby utility pole, explained Lt Chatree Chuwichian of the Thalang Police.

### Big heart driver foils night snatch

A KALIM tuk-tuk driver rushed to the aid of a woman who called for help on November 6 and managed to apprehend the man who had just snatched her bag.

Yongyuth Dhamkong, 42, was driving along the Kalim beachfront road at about 2am when a call for help. He managed to cut in front of the snatch thief, and with the help of others capture him.

The culprit, Mr Nithikorn was charged with bag snatching by using a motorbike.



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# Cop perks up to catch coffee-snatching fiend

A PASSERBY in Phuket Town helped an off-duty police officer chase down a man who allegedly stole a bag of instant coffee from a 7-Eleven convenience store on November 8.

Kampanart Rattanamuay, 34, was found by police with five bags of coffee, a DVD and a pair of gloves.

"By the time we arrived, Mr Kampanart had already been captured and was sitting on the floor in the middle of the store," Sub Lt Seree Halem of the Phuket City Police said.

It was Sub Lt Jarin Songmuang of the Thalang Traffic Police who heard the cries for help from a store clerk and leapt into action.

"I was walking to the store when I heard a woman shouting that a thief was about to take off on a motorbike – I tackled him, but he fought back, trying to run away," Lt Jarin said.

Unfortunately for the perpetrator, a passerby joined Lt Jarin in



Trouble brewing for Mr Kampanart (center) after being caught.

apprehending the man.

The 7-Eleven store manager, Thanyarat Yasom, 45, spotted Mr Kampanart acting suspiciously after he had entered the shop earlier and, believing he had stolen items from the store, confronted him.

"The man left the store, but he was acting strange, like he was hiding something in his shirt. I ran out

to him and asked if he had stolen something," Ms Thanyarat said.

"I kept asking him to tell me, threatening to shout. Instead of saying anything, he threw the bag of coffee and ran," she said.

Police suspect that the other products found with Mr Kampanart were stolen from other shops.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

# The ongoing

A POOR community of less than 500 people who mostly make a living from picking through the trash at Saphan Hin have made a plea to the Phuket Governor for help in expediting their claim to live in a protected mangrove forest on the outskirts of Phuket Town.

Will the villagers finally get a place to call home? The *Gazette's* Saran Mitrat reports.

THE small village that currently calls itself the "Klong Koh Pee Community" numbers 171 households whose residents once lived on the fringe of the huge landfill behind the Saphan Hin incinerator in Phuket Town.

For health reasons, government officers forced the 463 residents to relocate, and the villagers have since rebuilt their community among the nearby Klong Koh Pee mangroves, which are registered as a protected forest.

However, many of the residents still make their living by picking among the mountains of trash at the landfill in search of items to sell for cash.

Governor Maitri last week led a team of officials to hear the villagers' top concern firsthand: they have been waiting for years to be issued a "Community Chanote" land document that would guarantee their right to live where they are now, among the mangroves.

"Eighteen communities [in Phuket] have requested a Community Chanote," Governor Maitri explained to the villagers.

"So far three communities – Klong Koh Pee, as well as Tah Sak and Ao Yon communities in Pa Khlok – have passed the fourth and final step in the process."

However, the applications are now in the hands of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Bangkok. The officials there must vet the applications and present them to Cabinet for final approval.

## WAITING

The cross-over of responsibilities between the government departments involved is the likely culprit for the delay, explained Gov Maitri.

"I have received no updates from the Royal Forest Department, who is responsible for overseeing protected mangrove forests, related to these applications," Gov Maitri said.

"Government officials are working too slowly," he said.

Community leader Seksan Suknuek begged Gov Maitri to

throw his weight into pushing forward with the issuance of the deed.

"We applied for a Community Chanote in 2010. Since then, we have seen two governors come and go.

"Please help us to see an end to this during your term. It would be deeply appreciated," Mr Seksan pleaded.

## MIRED

The Community Chanote scheme, created under the former Democrat government of Abhisit Vejjajiva, is designed to allow communities to live on government land and use it for agriculture, but does not allow the land to be sold.

However, the current Yingluck Shinawatra administration has not moved forward with the plan, reportedly out of fear that it could lead to more encroachment on state land.

The Klong Koh Pee community was one of 35 villages selected nationwide to pilot the project in 2010.

However, to qualify, the communities needed to show that they are capable of managing the land successfully.

A total of 187 communities in Thailand applied for Community Chanote titles, but 17 of the 35 communities selected for the pilot project live on land owned by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE).

Suwit Khunkitti, the Environment Minister at the time, criticized the scheme, saying he feared that distributing title deeds to communities living on protected forest land could encourage more residents to encroach on forests.

That announcement was followed months later by a Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) panel being formed to review all claims to plots deemed to be on government land.

Since then, however, little has been heard about the panel or its findings.

On the ISOC panel's fact-finding team was Phoppol Sirilugsanapong, at that time the head of



'We applied for a Community Chanote in 2010. Since then, we have seen two governors come and go.'

– Seksan Suknuek, Klong Koh Pee headman

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# battle for a place to call home

the Natural Resources Division of the Phuket Natural Resource and Environment Office.

Mr Phoppol identified the lack of consistent policy as one of the main issues hindering enforcement of land rights.

"The [central] government should be clear about forest policy, but the problem we have found is that policy changes with each government," he said.

For the residents of Klong Koh Pee, the lack of consistency in policy has seen them stand by and watch Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra approve a four-lane flyover across the protected swamp only last year, while seeing no progress in securing their own land rights.

## FOR SALE

Among the chief concerns cited by the ISOC panel was the fear that Community Chanotes would be somehow sold to private investors, a recurring problem with the similar *SorPorKor* land use documents, which specifically allow people with low incomes to occupy and farm – but not own –



Governor Maitri (center, gray shirt) vowed to personally follow up on the Klong Koh Pee Community Chanote.

state land. "Community Chanote" titles, however, are different from *SorPorKor* land use documents because they are issued to villagers as communal land that no particular individual owns.

Nonetheless, there are frequent

official investigations into allegations of plots on state land being issued full Chanote title status, allowing private investors to develop hotels, restaurants and resorts on the land.

In full recognition of the cor-

rupt state of Phuket's land title issuing process, the villagers have taken their own steps to inspire confidence among officials that the residents will not sell their land if granted a Community Chanote.

"We understand that people sell

land purely to make money, so we have set up a community fund to provide loans at very low interest to villagers who need money," Mr Seksan explained to Gov Maitri.

"To prevent our land from falling into the hands of private investors, some of the local villagers who can afford it have made voluntary donations into a fund which will provide loans of up to 200,000 baht per household at a rate of one per cent interest per year to people who have no money.

"So far, we have about 500,000 baht already in the fund," he said.

## THE WAY AHEAD

On hearing the villagers' plight, Governor Maitri pledged that he would investigate the delay in issuing the Community Chanote.

"As I said earlier, government officers are working too slowly on this, so I will push for the application to be expedited," he said.

"I will find out exactly who has the application, and call them directly to ask them to help process the application," Governor Maitri vowed.



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A worker repairs Phuket power cables. Photo: Woody Leonhard

## Blackouts hit island's south

THE Phuket Provincial Electricity Authority (PPEA) staged a major blackout affecting residents and businesses in Chalong on Wednesday so that PPEA staff could carry out maintenance work on high-voltage power lines.

"We will replace power cables in many areas this month to prevent unscheduled blackouts and fluctuations in power supply," PPEA Operations Chief Yongyuth Podbutr told the *Gazette*.

"The existing power cables are very old. In some areas, the cables are damaged and no longer have shielding, which makes them prone to short circuiting.

"When a tree or an animal comes into contact with an unshielded cable, this can cause a short circuit or even a fire," Mr Yongyuth explained.

Several other blackouts are scheduled for this month:

**Wichit.** November 14 (9am to 4pm). Wichit Songkram Road, from in front of Surakul Stadium to Darasamuth School.

**Chalong.** November 21 (9am to 5pm). Patak Road, from Chalong Circle to Soi Hin Khao on Kata Hill, including Chalong Center, Patak Villa in Soi Anusorn and Phuket Shooting Range.

**Rawai.** November 26 (9am to noon). Wiset Road, east side only, from Soi Ruam Uthit (opposite Muang Phuket School, just south of Chalong Circle) to Fisherman Way Housing Estate.

— *Irfan Jamdukor*

## Canadian expat arrested for smuggling corals into Phuket

A CANADIAN man was arrested last week after being caught bringing coral into the country, which he claimed was to be used in a private aquarium at his home in Phuket Town.

Phuket expat Ted Blenkers, 54, was arrested on November 8 after a person reported seeing him moving coral from a boat at Ao Por Marina in Pa Khlok to a van with Bangkok license plates.

"The person reported the van leaving the pier at about 3:45pm," Thalang Police Inspector Sarayuth Meeboon explained.

Officers quickly set up a roadblock near the Heroines Monument and minutes later Mr

Blenkers arrived and was stopped.

"We searched his van and found 10 different pieces of coral," Lt Col Sarayuth said.

"Mr Blenkers said he was a boat captain who had just returned from Indonesia. He had moored the boat at Ao Por Marina and was on his way home," said Lt Col Sarayuth.

"He explained that he took the corals from Indonesia to decorate the fish tank at his home in Phuket Town," he added.

Mr Blenkers was charged with importing coral without a permit and relocating plant or animal remains without a proper license, Col Sarayuth confirmed. — *Thawit Bilabddullar*



Mr Blenkers points to the suspect corals.

## Officials splash out B30mn on study to lay water pipe

By Saran Mitrarat

THE Provincial Waterworks Authority (PWA) has launched a 30-million-baht feasibility study to investigate the possibility of piping water from Surat Thani to Phuket.

The news was unveiled on November 7 at a seminar to raise public awareness of the project, where it was explained that the study began on June 24.

"The project aims to provide enough water to support the growing number of residents and tourists in Phuket, Phang Nga, Krabi and Surat Thani for next 20 years," PWA Deputy Governor Somkiat Piriyaogolgul said.

"These four provinces are renowned as tourist destinations for foreigners, and the number of visitors to these areas increases every year," he noted.

Mr Somkiat, the national-level official responsible for public water supply along the Andaman seaboard, explained that the



PWA Deputy Governor Somkiat Piriyaogolgul (center) and his team.

project aimed to pipe water from the Ratchaprapa Dam, at the eastern end of the Chieo Lan Reservoir in Khao Sok National Park.

The feasibility study being conducted by Asdecon Corporation Co Ltd is contracted to take 420 days; it is set to conclude on August 17, 2014.

Mr Somkiat explained that the

study was exploring three options:

1. Having Surat Thani supply untreated water to Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi;
2. Having Surat Thani supply treated water to Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi;
3. Having Surat Thani supply untreated water to Phang Nga and Krabi, but then have a station in

Phang Nga supply treated water to Phuket.

"The total distance of the pipe [from Surat Thani to Phuket] would be 182 kilometers. We plan to install the pipe beside the main road to minimize any adverse effects on local villagers. However, the size of pipe has yet to be determined," said Mr Somkiat.

"At this stage, we are still calculating how much water would need to be transferred to Phuket. The calculation will be finished by the end of this month," he said.

The meeting in Phuket Town last week was among the first held to announce the project. A second meeting will be held in Phuket before the end of the year, Mr Somkiat assured, though a date has yet to be set for that event.

"Once the feasibility study has been done and the project has successfully passed its Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] requirements, the project will be presented to the Cabinet for approval," Mr Somkiat said.

## Suspect parcel bomb sparks school scare

A PARCEL box found at the entrance to Satrie Phuket School last week raised fears among security guards that the package might contain explosives.

Police were called to the scene, near the busy Tungka Intersection in Phuket Town, just before midnight on November 7.

"When we arrived, we found a box and an envelope, in a plastic bag from a 7-Eleven store, on the ground beside the guardhouse," said Lt Col Kritsana Jannit of the Phuket City Police.

"We cleared the area just in case it was a bomb," he added.

Officers used a long bamboo stick with a fishing net fixed to the end of it to carefully recover the envelope and to extract the box from the plastic bag.

After much prodding, officers took the chance to approach the package and open it manually using



Police cautiously prod the package.

ing a box cutter.

"The box contained an assortment of beauty and personal hygiene products, including contact lenses and bottles of shampoo," Col Kritsana explained.

The owner of the package may yet have the missing items returned.

"We brought all the products and the box to the police station so we the owner can come and collect them. His name and address were on the box," Col Kritsana confirmed.

— *Kritsada Mueanhawong*



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# Loy Krathong festivities muted

THERE will be muted celebrations for one of Thailand's largest holidays, Loy Krathong, the "Festival of Light", on November 17 in respect of the recent passing of His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara Somdet Phra Sangharaja.

Traditionally, thousands of people across the nation release krathong, lotus-shaped floats traditionally made of banana leaves, with a small offerings of food, flowers, joss sticks and/or candles, into the waters of Thailand.

This annual festival takes place on the full moon of the 12<sup>th</sup> lunar month of the year, falling on November 17, well within the within the 30 days of mourning for the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand, who died on October 24.

The Phuket Provincial Administrative Organization (PPAO) announced that quiet, respectful celebrations will be held on the island on November 17, a move that is at odds with the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT),



A krathong carrying flowers, joss sticks and a single candle to be pushed out onto the water. Photo: Robert Pollai

which has announced a postponement of the celebrations.

"We still mark Loy Krathong without any delay, despite the TAT announcing the festival being postponed until November 23," said a PPAO tourism department officer.

Phuket has moved forward with the celebrations due to the holiday being a key tourist attraction, both domestically and internationally.

"The festival will be quiet this year. There will be no fireworks, staged live music, beauty pageants,

parades or 'Nong Noppamas' pageants," the officer said.

An offering of alms will be made at Chalong Pier on the morning of November 17, followed that night by the release of krathong at beaches and canals across the island.

Unlike many municipalities on the island planning low-key Loy Krathong celebrations, Patong has vowed to hold no formal event.

"We will have no activities in celebration of Loy Krathong this year, due to the festival falling within the period of the nation's mourning of the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand passing away," Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukban said.

People are still welcome to release their krathong at the beach, he added.

In drastic contrast to Patong's stance is Karon Municipality, which has festivities, including stage performances and Thai folk band performances, planned to run late into the night.

Photo on page 1 by John Shedrick

## Ceremonies floating around the island

For those interested in participating in, or simply observing, Loy Krathong this year, here is a list of just some of the official events to be held around the island:

### PHUKET CITY

(Organized by Phuket City Municipality)

7am to 4:30pm. Offering alms at Queen Sirikit Park; drawing competition; krathong competition

6:30pm to late. Krathong release at Saphan Hin; no stage performances or fireworks

### KARON

(Organized by Karon Municipality)

6pm to late. Krathong release at Nong Harn Lake

8pm. Stage performances by local residents and students

9pm. Speech by Karon Municipality Mayor

10pm to late: Thai folk music performances

### CHALONG

(Organized by Chalong Municipality)

5pm to late. Krathong release at Ladthiwaram Temple (Wat Tai)

### THEPKRASATTRI

(Organized by Thepkrasattri Municipality)

6pm to late. Krathong release at Baan Don, Baan Ta Maphrao and Baan Kanan

### PATONG

(Organized by Patong Municipality)

No events

### KATHU

(Organized by Kathu Municipality)

November 15, 7am. Offering of alms at Kathu Municipality offices

### PA KHLOK

(Organized by Pa Khlok Municipality)

6pm to late. Krathong release at Tala Beach

### SRISOONTHORN

(Organized by Srisoonthorn Municipality)

6pm to late. Krathong release at the Old Bang Maruan Mine

### RAWAI

(Organized by Rawai Municipality)

6pm to late. Krathong release at Nai Harn Lake

### CHERNG TALAY

(Organized by Cherng Talay Municipality)

Morning. Offering of alms at Bang Tao Temple



## Wat Kata receives B1.2mn to mark Kathin ceremony

TEMPLE administrators at Wat Kata on November 7 received a donation of over 1.2 million baht as part of the Kathin Ceremony, held each year to mark the end of the Buddhist "month of gratitude".

The donation was presented by officers from the Royal Thai Navy, joined by Karon Municipality officials and a gathering of about 2,000 other Buddhist disciples.

"The donation will go toward fixing the dining hall and other parts of the temple," Naval Civil Affairs Director Thammawat Malaisukkarin told the *Gazette*.

Wat Kata, formally known as Wat Kittu Sangkaram, is the temple that is responsible for administering and maintaining the Big Buddha image, which is popular with tourists and sits atop the Nakkered Hills that splay behind the temple.



Officers carry offerings during the ceremony. Photo: Royal Thai Navy


The Navy's Third Area Command, based at Cape Panwa on Phuket's east coast, donated 520,300 baht, while Karon Municipality donated 300,000 baht.

"A further 200,000 baht in donations came from companies, government offices and private

donations," Capt Thammawat said.


The Kathin Ceremony is a traditional Buddhist festival held to mark one lunar month since the end of the Rains Retreat, the annual three-month period during which many monks are ordained.

— *Irfan Jamdukor*



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# 'Amateur' ATM criminals burn their way to B1.6mn

By Irfarn Jamdukor  
and Kritsada Mueanhawong

A WELDING expert has branded the thieves who used a blowtorch to steal 1.6 million baht from an ATM at Phuket's Boat Lagoon last week as "amateurs".

The theft, at a Siam Commercial Bank ATM, was discovered at about 11am on November 7 by an employee who had come to service the machine.

"The thieves broke the lock on the door of the building that housed the ATM," said Phuket City Police Superintendent Sermphan Sirikong.

"Inside, there was the smell of burned metal. They had used a blowtorch to break through the back of the machine," he said.

When the employee reported the theft to the head office in Songkhla, they told him that the CCTV had stopped recording images at about 2am. They didn't investigate because blackouts happen often in that area, Col Sermphan said.

"At 2am the amount of money in the machine was 1.6 million baht. This morning all that was left was 9,000 baht," he said.



Welding expert Wisut Pumsiri (left) points to what he called an amateurish, but successful, attempt to cut open the ATM. Photo: Irfarn Jamdukor

Stuck for clues in tracking down the bandits, Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Serm Kwannimit brought welding expert Wisut Pumsiri to inspect the scene of the crime on Tuesday.

"I believe the thieves spent more than 40 minutes breaking into the ATM, which makes me

think they were not professional welders," Mr Wisut said.

"It would have taken a professional only about 20 minutes," he added.

Mr Wisut, who has 20 years of experience in welding, pointed out many cut lines on the outside of the ATM.

"This shows they had no plan of how to start cutting through the steel. Also, the blowtorch they used is easy to order from websites and easily found at local stores," he added.

Col Serm reported that CCTV footage from nearby confirmed that two men were involved in the robbery. However, that CCTV camera was too far away to catch clear enough images for police to identify the suspects.

"We believe the thieves were the same people who unsuccessfully tried to rob an ATM near an intersection on Thepkrasattri Road in Thalang at 1:20am the same day," Col Serm said.

"CCTV footage recorded two men making the attempted robbery. One of the men was carrying a backpack, and we believe there was a blowtorch inside the bag," he added.

Col Serm declined to reveal any other lines of investigation into the robbery.

"We will continue our investigation by trying to identify the people in the CCTV images captured in Thalang and we will question more witnesses," Col Serm said.



Cola, cough syrup, kratom and ice are all that's needed for the illegal party cocktail 4x100.

## Kratom cooks caught making illegal brew

POLICE in Kamala nabbed two men cooking up a batch of the illegal drug cocktail 4x100 at a workers' camp last Friday.

A tip-off led police to raid the camp, revealing Aekkaluk Phanchalard, 29, and Suthep Abdulsamak, 42, in the middle of making a kratom brew.

In addition to the pot of boiling kratom, officers seized 40 more kratom leaves.

"They also had a bottle of Coca-Cola, three bottles of cough syrup and a bag containing 50 grams of marijuana," Lt Suchart Chompooseang of the Kamala Police.

The illicit cocktail 4x100 is made with four ingredients: kratom leaf extract, cough syrup, cola and ice.

"Both were charged for the possession of kratom and marijuana and the production of a category 5 narcotic," Lt Suchart noted.

- **Thawit Bilabdullar**

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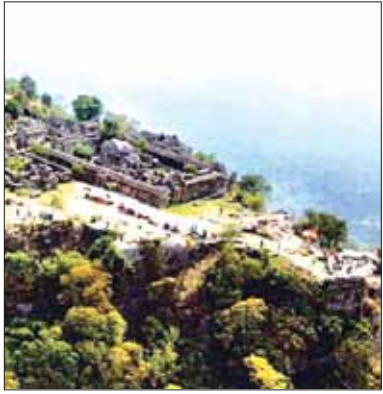


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The Preah Vihear Temple dispute was mostly settled. Photo: The Nation

## Ruling pleases Thais, Khmers

THE International Court of Justice (ICJ) has decided that the promontory on which Preah Vihear Temple stands is under Cambodian sovereignty – though it declined to rule on the status of the rest of the disputed 4.6-kilometer plot of land.

Both Thailand and Cambodia have announced that they are happy with the verdict.

The Thai Ambassador to the Netherlands, Virachai Plasai, said Cambodia had only won a small piece of the disputed territory. “We are still calculating the exact amount,” he said.

Thai Foreign Minister Suraphong Tovichaichakul said, “Both sides are satisfied with the court’s decision.”

The court rejected Cambodia’s claim that it was also awarded a nearby hill, called Phnum Trap, by the 1962 ICJ ruling that was being interpreted in the judgment, *The Nation* reported.

The court declared that Thailand was under an obligation to withdraw its security forces from the promontory.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said she was satisfied with the ruling and that Thailand was ready to work with Cambodia to work out “solutions that benefit both nations”.

# Bill killed, protests go on

DESPITE Pheu Thai’s controversial amnesty bill appearing to be dead in the water, the opposition is vowing to bring the country to a standstill until the Yingluck Shinawatra administration is ousted.

Nine Democrat MPs, including former deputy premier Suthep Thaugsuban, have resigned their seats in order to lead the protests, *The Nation* reported.

On Monday night, the Senate voted unanimously to reject the amnesty bill after two hours of debate.

The rejection followed a promise from the Pheu Thai government that it would not resubmit the bill if the Upper House voted against it.

Nonetheless, several groups of protesters continued to occupy parts of Bangkok, vowing to press on with their demonstrations. They have said their objective is now nothing less than to bring down the government and force the Shinawatra family out of Thailand.

Mr Suthep, who has emerged as a key leader of the protest movement, said he and his fellow protest leaders were ready to fight against the government and it was thus not necessary for them to hide behind the protection that MP status affords.



Protesters now demand that PM Yingluck step down. Photo: The Nation

Mr Suthep has called for mass civil disobedience across the nation to force the government out.

At a rally at Democracy Monument, where the majority of protesters are based, he called on

employees and workers all over the country to stop working from Wednesday until Friday and to join the protest. Mr Suthep said those who could not actually stop working should work slowly in an act of disobedience.

Additionally, he called on schools, colleges and universities throughout the country to cancel all classes on those days and display banners with messages against the bill.

Mr Suthep also announced three other measures of disobedience. He urged businesses to delay their corporate tax payments and told people to show their opposition to the government-backed amnesty bill by raising the national flag at home, carrying it with them or displaying one on their car.

Mr Suthep suggested that another measure of disobedience was for bill opponents to blow whistles at the prime minister, other Cabinet members and MPs who voted for the amnesty legislation whenever they met them at a public place.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra has called on the protesters to end their rallies, pointing out that the disorder could result in investors losing confidence in Thailand.

## PM Yingluck asks protesters to ignore Suthep

FACING determined crowds of protesters, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Tuesday asked that they give the government a chance to continue its work.

PM Yingluck asked the protesters to halt their rallies, fearing that prolonged protests could shake investors confidence in Thailand, *The Nation* reported.

“Please give us time to prove ourselves. We have listened to [people’s] opinions, so we [now]

want the people to return home and stop protesting. We don’t want to hear that foreigners are changing their schedules and aren’t coming to Thailand,” PM Yingluck said.

“If a lot of people strike then who will work? Please think about this,” she said.

“We believe everybody must campaign for all people to pay taxes according to the

law... I’d like to ask the people not to strike, as they can still express their [political] opin-

ions after work. If the people don’t pay tax... this will affect the economy and problems will return to hurt us,” she said.

The government has to continue its work, she said. Among the tasks that cannot be carried out without the government in place is the functioning of the joint committee on the Thai-Cambodian border, she said.



PM Yingluck

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## Mother, daughter arrested for Olympic sharpshooter killing

THE wife and mother-in-law of slain Olympic sharpshooter Jakkrit Panichpatikum have been arrested for his murder.

Surang Duangjinda told media that she had Mr Jakkrit killed because he was abusing her daughter, *The Nation* reported.

“I did it because I love my daughter,” she said.

She claimed that her daughter, Nithiwadee Phucharoenyos, was not aware of the plot.

However, police have charged both Ms Surang and Dr Nithiwadee with taking out the contract on Mr Jakkrit’s life.

The two women, as well as the alleged shooter Jirasak Klinkhlai, have been released on bail because none has a criminal record.

A fourth suspect has also admitted to helping arrange the killing.

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Ms Surang (left) confessed to having the killer hired. Photo: The Nation

reearekul reportedly told police that she had been a customer for seven years at a beauty clinic where Dr Nithiwadee worked.

Ms Surang reportedly told her about how her son-in-law constantly abused Dr Nithiwadee, who had allegedly had a miscar-

riage because of his violence.

She introduced her to a lawyer, Santi Thongsame, as the middleman who later brought in the hitman.

The lawyer has disappeared, and Mr Jakkrit was shot dead on October 19 while driving his car.

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# Haiyan unleashes hell

Thousands dead, millions affected as 315kmh winds tear city apart

By DJ Yap

HIGH school teacher Bernadette Tenegra, 44, would never forget the last words of her daughter.

"Ma, just let go. Save yourself," said the girl, whose body was pierced by wooden splinters from houses crushed by Super Typhoon Haiyan, known internationally as Yolanda.

"I was holding her and I kept telling her to hang on, that I was going to bring her up. But she just gave up," said Ms Tenegra, her face contorted in grief.

The sun was shining only hours after the deadly landfall of the monster typhoon, casting a clearer light on the misery that had descended upon the city last Friday and the Tenegra home on the bank of a river.

Haiyan cut through Tacloban like a scythe, sending walls of water across the downtown area in a furious rush, toppling power lines and felling houses, wrecking trucks and cars totally and, in many many cases, ending lives. Sustained wind speeds of 195mph (313kmh) were recorded, making Haiyan the strongest typhoon on record.

The storm's fury left scores of corpses under piles of rubble. Some bodies lined the roadside, covered in blankets, staining the pavement with bright red blood.

People with missing relatives tentatively approached each one, peeking at the faces. One tearful man shook his head, muttering, "Not him." Two teenage boys openly wept when they found what they were looking for: the body of their dead father.

The Tenegra family had huddled together in their shanty at



Super Typhoon Haiyan, known locally as Yolanda, killed an estimated 10,000 people and displaced more than 600,000 others. The death toll is feared to rise exponentially after the clean-up effort begins. Photo: Reuters

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Barangay, believing it could weather the storm as it had always done in the past.

But as the water rose with astonishing speed, the house toppled over, sweeping away the occupants, including Ms Tenegra's husband and her other daughter. Ms Tenegra and her youngest daughter were able to scramble to safety, but the youngest Tenegra was spun around by the current along with the deadly debris.

"I crawled over to her, and I

tried to pull her up. But she was too weak. It seemed she had already given up," the mother said.

"And then I just let go," she said, crying.

Mute shock was etched on the faces of survivors, many of whom were unfamiliar with storms as fierce as this one.

Some of the bereaved expressed conflicted feelings of guilt: Why they survived, why their loved ones didn't, and in at least one case why they had been able to save others but not themselves?

Village headman Reinfredo Celis spent most of Thursday and early Friday morning transporting his neighbors to a sturdy school building downtown, on his multi-purpose cab. But he didn't

consider evacuating his own wife, believing they were safe in their concrete two-story house. He was mistaken.

Businessman Lemuel Honor, a former vice mayor of a southern Leyte town, said Tacloban had been swamped by two bodies of water. "Two seas actually met over Tacloban: the Cancabato Bay and the Tacloban Bay," he said.

The first wave of the calamity came when Yolanda barreled inland from the Pacific Ocean via the Tacloban Bay, and the second, when its tail pulled in waves from the Cancabato Bay in the opposite direction, Mr Honor said.

"This is why you'd be confused why there were waves coming from both directions," he said.

— *Philippine Daily Inquirer/ANN*



US Marines arrive to assist the typhoon victims. Photo: Reuters

## World offers emergency aid

THE United States has deployed the USS *George Washington* aircraft carrier, with 5,000 servicemen and 80 aircraft, to the Philippines to help speed up relief efforts after super typhoon Haiyan killed an estimated 10,000 people in one city alone, with fears the toll could rise sharply as rescuers reach devastated towns.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of donations and efforts being flown in:

- AUSTRALIA, A\$10 million, including medical personnel and emergency-relief items
- BRITAIN, 10mn to aid up to 500,000 people, as well as military aid.
- NEW ZEALAND, NZ\$2.15mn
- JAPAN is to send a 25-strong emergency medical relief team.
- INDONESIA, aircraft and logistical aid including personnel, and emergency-relief items
- UNITED STATES, \$20mn in immediate humanitarian aid and has sent a team of about 90 Marines and sailors, part of a first wave of promised US military assistance.
- USAID, emergency shelter and hygiene materials; 55 tons of emergency food to feed 20,000 children and 15,000 adults for up to five days.
- EUROPEAN COMMISSION, €3mn to help worst-affected areas.
- The CHINESE government is providing \$100,000 and the Chinese Red Cross a further \$100,000.
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## In brief...

### Violent garment pay clash shuts over 100 factories

BANGLADESHI police fired water cannon and rubber bullets on Monday to break up a protest by garment workers demanding a higher minimum wage, forcing the closure of more than 100 factories.

Bangladesh's official wage board proposed a 77 per cent rise in the minimum wage for garment workers last week after a string of fatal factory accidents this year thrust poor pay and conditions into the international spotlight.

The present minimum monthly wage is US\$38. Nonetheless, factory owners say they can't afford the increase.

### Rights issues raised as China herders in new crackdown

THE trial of six herders began on Wednesday in China's Inner Mongolia after they attempted to defend grazing land from expropriation by a forestry firm. The case will renew attention on rights abuses and the environment in the resource-rich region.

Ethnic Mongols have long complained that their traditional grazing lands have been ruined by mining and desertification, and that the government has tried to force them to settle in permanent houses.

The trial comes three weeks ahead of a visit to China by US Vice President Joe Biden, during which human rights will likely be raised.

### Suspects arrested in foiled Indian Ocean ship hijacking

NINE suspected pirates have been arrested on suspicion of trying to hijack a Danish refined oil and chemical carrier in the Indian Ocean last Sunday, NATO's regional anti-piracy force said on Monday.

Pirate attacks stemming from the Horn of Africa, notably Somalia, are at their lowest level since 2006 because of tougher ship security and more Western naval patrols. However, the past few weeks have seen an upsurge.

## Arab Spring nations fail to deliver women's rights, poll says

ARAB women played a central role in the Arab Spring, but their hopes the revolts would bring greater freedom and expanded rights for women have been thwarted by entrenched patriarchal structures and the rise of Islamists, gender experts in the countries say.

Almost three years after popular uprisings toppled autocratic leaders in one of the most conservative corners of the world, a Thomson Reuters Foundation poll on 22 Arab states showed three out of five Arab Spring countries in the bottom five states for women's rights.

Egypt emerged as the worst country to be a woman in the Arab world today, followed

closely by Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Egypt scored badly in almost every category, including gender violence, reproductive rights, treatment of women in the family and their inclusion in politics and the economy.

The questions to 336 gender experts invited to take part in the poll were based on key provisions of the UN Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, which all Arab Spring states have signed or ratified. The polling took place in August and September.

A UN report on women in April said up to 99.3 per cent of women and girls in Egypt are subjected to sexual harassment. — Reuters



Despite playing a central role in the Arab Spring, women gained no freedoms. Photo: Reuters

# Iran grants UN inspectors new access to nuclear sites

By Fredrik Dahl  
and Marcus George

IRAN will grant UN inspectors "managed access" to a uranium mine and a heavy-water plant within three months as part of a cooperation pact reached on Monday that aims to allay concern about Tehran's nuclear programme.

It was signed by UN nuclear agency chief Yukiya Amano in Tehran after Iran and six world powers came close to a preliminary nuclear agreement during broader talks in Geneva last weekend and decided to meet again on November 20.

The sets of negotiations are separate but both center on fears that Iran may be seeking the capability to build nuclear weapons, a charge it denies. The deal between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) may encourage hopes for next week's resumption of big power diplomacy after a decade of international deadlock on the issue.

"This is an important step forward to start with, but much more needs to be done," Mr Amano said in the Iranian capital.

The IAEA and Iran will "strengthen their cooperation and dialogue aimed at ensuring the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme," a joint statement said.

"It was agreed that Iran and the



European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif attend a news conference at the end of the Iranian nuclear talks in Geneva. Photo: Reuters

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IAEA will cooperate further with respect to verification activities to be undertaken by the IAEA to resolve all present and past issues."

That seemed in part to be a reference to a stalled IAEA investigation into suspected atomic

bomb research by Iran, but it gave no detail on when and how that probe may resume.

Mr Amano suggested such issues would be addressed in "subsequent steps" under the IAEA-Iran framework accord.

Britain – which is negotiating with Tehran along with the United States, France, Germany, China and Russia – welcomed the agreement. It was "important that Iran addresses the substance of the agency's concerns about possible military dimensions" to the nuclear

programme, it said.

Iran expert Ali Vaez of the International Crisis Group think tank said: "This goodwill gesture is likely to put Iran in a better position when its negotiators meet again with their (six power) counterparts next week in Geneva."

However, Middle East specialist Shashank Joshi at the Royal United Services Institute in London said much would depend on implementation: "We have had numerous false starts before."

— Reuters

## Venezuelan army takes on Christmas price gouging, electronic store looting

PRESIDENT Nicolas Maduro's government announced arrests of both store managers and looters last Sunday as part of what it calls an "economic war" in Venezuela between the socialist state and unscrupulous businessmen.

In a major pre-Christmas offensive reminiscent of the late President Hugo Chavez's dramatic style, Mr Maduro has sent soldiers to "occupy" one chain of electronics stores and inspectors into



The army is on-site. Photo: Reuters

scores of others to check for price-gouging.

Thousands of Venezuelans have

been flocking to electronics stores, hoping to take advantage of new "fair prices" the government is imposing, sometimes half the previous cost.

However, scenes of looting on Saturday at a store belonging to the occupied electronics chain, Daka, have left many Venezuelans ashamed and fuelled opposition claims that Mr Maduro is stirring chaos rather than defending the poor.

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# Everyone deserves a holiday

By Maciek Klimowicz

THEY say “what you give is what you get”. But Simon Luttrell, a Phuket-based hotel owner wants to take it one step further. His goal is to give to people who have very little and expect nothing in return.

It was 2005 when Simon built his first hotel in Phuket – a small building near the international airport. And it didn't take a long time for Simon to learn, that while the rooms are packed in the high season, they often remain sadly empty during the rest of the year. And the same way as we sometimes leave the spare change in the donation box in a supermarket or give old clothes to charity, Simon decided to offer the free rooms to people who couldn't afford them: “I wanted to provide accommodation for disabled children, for children who for whatever reason couldn't afford a holiday – children who were terminally ill for example,” he explains.

Due to unforeseeable circumstances, his first charitable project unfortunately never came to fruition. But the idea, once planted in Simon's head, never went away.

“Now I have the opportunity to build another hotel and so I went back to my original idea of offering those rooms on a fee-free basis to those who would appreciate a holiday but cannot afford it,” he says. And this time his eyes are set on Rohingya refugees in Thailand.

We all know, though maybe not always remember, the tough lot of the Muslim minority Rohingya people, fleeing persecution in Myanmar to seek safety in Southern Thailand and Phuket. Simon, having lived in Myanmar and worked with anti-human trafficking organizations, doesn't believe that this fraught and seemingly intractable situation will change for the better in the foreseeable future. But seeing it as a helpless case is by no means a reason to quit and admit failure. Quite the opposite.

“All I can do, in my own little way, is try to alleviate some of the problems that some Rohingya experience,” he says.

And for a hotel owner this “little something” is a free holiday for people who need it, maybe more than anyone else.

“I want to offer a holiday for people who don't have the means

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for a short break, simply to make themselves more happy. I can't do anything on a political level, I can't do any major thing. I have to do what's within capabilities of my own finances, my own knowledge and experience,” says Simon.

“What I'm trying to offer is happiness. That's why this project is called the Phuket Happy Hotel. It's offering friendship and happiness, a chance to forget about problems, maybe play together as a family on the beach, and not worry about the cost,” he explains, adding “I've already spoken to some of the refugee organizations and they think it's a great idea.”

Phuket Happy Hotel will be a hotel run on a commercial basis, with paying customers as well.

“If there're guests, there're guests. But I know from running hotels in Phuket since 2005, in the low season there will always be vacant accommodation. It would be great if I could fill my hotels 100 per cent of the time, every night of the year, but I know I can't. And that is why it is realistic to assume there will be rooms available to offer on a non-paying basis.”

But as any commercial venture, the hotel needs funding to take off.

“The land has been leased and cleared, the plans for the hotel have been drawn up and approved by the local government office. The problem is, if I have to rely on my own funds, it's going to be a lot slower than if I could get people to help,” explains Simon.

He has begun to collect money for the project on a crowd funding website: Indiegogo.com.

“I have absolutely no shame in asking for donations for building this hotel. I've explained what the project is, what my reasons are, who I am and what my financial situation is. I've been upfront about that.”

“I encourage people to come and visit me and see the construction site. No one likes to donate money to some unseen cause where they know nothing about the person. I'd rather people come and meet me, so I can show them and we can sit down and I can explain more,” he says.



Rohingya kids need holidays too, maybe more than anyone else. Photo: EU Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

Simon believes that his experience in small hotel management – he has already built four hotels in Phuket – and the generosity of others, will make his dream of a socially-responsible hotel possible.

“If I receive ten dollars from someone, that's great. Ten dollars

buys about seven hundred breeze blocks to build a room. If I receive absolutely nothing at all from anybody, never mind. I'll go at it at my own pace. Because the project will be built – it's not something I'll give up on; it just means I'll have to work more slowly.”

“Even refugees like to forget about their problems for a short while. It's what I can give. Everyone deserves a holiday.”

For more info on the Phuket Happy Hotel go to [indiegogo.com/projects/phuket-happy-hotel](http://indiegogo.com/projects/phuket-happy-hotel)



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Simon Luttrell ' This project is not something I will give up on' Photo: Klimowicz



# Not down in 'boom town'

Somluck Srimalee

PROPERTY companies are expanding their investment to develop more than 50 billion baht worth of residential and commercial projects in Phuket this year and next, on the back of strong demand from both Thais and foreigners.

According to a recent survey by *The Nation*, a number of Bangkok and Phuket developers and investors have introduced new residential projects and commercial buildings in the province.

For example, Central Retail Corp is spending more than 20 billion baht to develop a major mixed-use project comprising commercial, retail, hotel and office buildings, plus a condominium, on 200 rai (32 hectares) of land.

Construction of the project, which will develop 630,000 square meters of usable space, starts this year and is expected to be completed within five to seven years.

Property firm Sansiri, meanwhile, has been expanding its investment in Phuket since 2011 by launching 17 condominium and detached-housing projects.

The projects comprise 5,549 units worth 13.85bn baht, with 3,950 units valued at 8.81bn baht having already been sold.

Charn Issara Development, which has long experience in the luxury-hotel segment in Phuket with its Sri Panwa property, plans to launch two new residential projects combining condominiums and detached housing projects worth 1.7bn baht in the island province. Construction is due to commence next year.

Tri Property launched two condominium projects, the Zcape and Zcape x2, in Phuket this year, both of which have already sold out. It has, therefore, introduced the 1bn baht Zcape 3 this quarter. The project comprises 417 units,

which have a starting price of 1.69 million baht.

Laguna Resort and Hotel plans to develop a townhouse and condominium project, Laguna Park, on a 237-rai plot. With a combined 2,000 units worth 2bn baht, the project will have four phases and construction will commence next year.

Amari Estate is introducing just 28 units in the 238mn baht Amari Residence Phuket, while Pruksa Real Estate has five townhouse projects and one detached-housing project with a combined 1,200 units worth more than 2bn baht. Pruksa introduced the projects to the market in 2010.

According to research by CB Richard Ellis (Thailand), Phuket condominium projects launched in the first half of this year contained 824 units, of which 70.5 per cent have already been sold, while new villa projects comprised 128 units, of which 62.5 per cent have been sold.

Meanwhile, the island has seen plans for two new shopping center projects – Central Festival Phuket and The Garden community mall – plus 1,032 hotel rooms with rates above 2,000 baht per night.

CB Richard Ellis's research shows demand to purchase homes in Phuket is coming from both domestic and foreign buyers, with



**PREFAB FAD:** As developers continue to launch new projects and fill in open spaces, Phuket's land values have shot, and continue to shoot, through the roof. Photo: Mark Knowles

see more than 4,000 new condominium and low-rise housing units completed on the island.

The most popular condominiums in Phuket fetch between 1.5mn and 5mn baht per unit, while townhouse prices are generally in the range of 3 to 5 mn baht and detached houses and villa-style homes average 5mn baht.

## Central's major investment

Central Retail Corp CEO Tos Chirathivat said Phuket's potential for long-term investment had caught the eye of Central Group.

With an investment strategy conceived to transform Phuket into the dream destination for people all over the world, the group aims to fill all

the gaps in the island's lifestyle business segment with high-end experiences that include top-class hotels, luxurious shopping malls, office towers, world-class entertainment venues, quality

dining and chic night-time hangouts, he said.

Central Retail Corp's 20bn baht investment in the Central Festival Phuket complex, which will span a period of five to seven years, will offer Phuket's visitors an unparalleled experience and support the government's policy on attracting high-end tourists to the island, he added.

"Due to the high potential of Phuket province, Central Group has established several businesses in Phuket; including a Central department store, two branches of Robinson department stores [Phuket and Jungceylon] and HomeWorks, Power Buy, SuperSports, B2S and Tops stores. Centara Group is also an active investor in the province with seven hotels under the Centara Grand, Centara Villa and Centara branding, plus the Waterfront Suite Phuket by Centara serviced apartments.

"We intend to launch three more hotels over the next five to seven years in response to the demands of tourists today and tomorrow, and we have plans to

continue development in the area even further," said the chief executive.

Meanwhile, Sansiri president Srettha Thavisin has always said that Phuket as a whole has high potential for residential demand from domestic buyers who move to the island for work and are looking for homes costing up to 3 million baht, while the market also has demand for residences priced above 5mn baht, for both Thai and foreign buyers who want to buy a vacation home on the island.

Following the increase in the number of new residential and commercial projects launched in Phuket, residential prices have increased by between 5 and 15 per cent this year, said Phuket Real Estate Association director Monthavee Hongyok.

Demand for condominiums priced between 1 and 2mn baht is particularly strong, he said.

"Land prices in Phuket have also increased following the demand both in the city location and areas located close to the beaches," he added.

– *The Nation*



**An artist's impression of Central Festival Phuket's 20 billion baht future project, aimed to be a new landmark.**

the latter – largely from Scandinavia, other parts of Europe and Singapore – mainly looking to buy a vacation property.

According to the survey by *The Nation*, this year through 2015 will

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# Merry in the Maldives

## Phuket's property insider finds his way back to sea level in Mal

I'VE spent more years than I can recall hovering around sea level. Visualize Robinson Crusoe walking around a desert island, umbrella in hand and deep in conversation with a coconut named Friday.

A week ago I found myself on a small atoll about 45 minutes north of Malé, the capital city of the idyllic island nation, the Maldives. My attempts at talking to a small group of coconuts basking in the midday sun failed. Sunburned, I retreated back to the bungalow to mull over the prospects for the day.

Over the past few years, no other tropical country around the globe has managed to capture the imagination of travellers quite like this collection of atolls scattered among the Indian Ocean. When it was small a very long time ago, Tahiti was the tropical dream-escape. But these days, without a doubt, when you think of a remote island paradise, it's the Maldives which comes to mind.

In the post global financial crisis world, the tourism market to the destination has shifted by leaps and bounds. The number one market to the country is Mainland China. Although the legacy snowbirds from Italy, Germany and other European nations still come, as in Phuket, somehow the seats have changed at the dinner table.

For hoteliers the financial performance of properties here is the Holy

Grail. Average room rates remain among the highest in the world and the capture rate of guest spending is incredible given visitors find themselves hostages in their own private kingdom. For the most part, it's one-island-one-resort and all the revenue has only one cash register.

Over the past five years, while trading was hit by the global financial crisis, and also some banner headlines over political issues, this year has seen a surge of growth. Hotel occupancy for international upscale and luxury properties is over 70%, an average rate of US\$640 and RevPAR at US\$460. Despite high operating costs, it's not uncommon to see gross operating profits above 50%.

Life on the sunny side is sweet but, in a tribute to Asian food, can also turn sour quickly. As I'm typing this piece, the outcome over pivotal elections in the country remain a question mark. Within the last few years a tainted image has somewhat tarnished the Maldives' reputation. Religious extremists who have wanted to ban alcohol and even spa treatments have created concerns for hotel owners.

Another key issue is domestic airlift which is requisite for a large percentage of hotels that are located out of short boating distance from the airport. Upon landing at the international airport, a majority of guests use



**BEATS THE BUS:** Many visitors to the Maldives depend on floatplanes to get to their hotel. A round trip on one of these costs between US\$400-800, and is in addition to travellers' hotel fares. Photo: Bill Barnett

floatplanes to get to such hotels.

About a year ago, two formerly-competing floatplane operators, TMA and Maldivian Air Taxi, were purchased by private equity firm Blackstone and merged into one entity. Since then, hotels have been pointed in their criticism over service and pricing.

What is on the horizon though is a series of new domestic airports which will operate on a concession basis. As for the lucrative floatplane

sector, there are rumors that some start-ups are on the horizon. For now, single transfers round trip can hit US\$400-800. This is on top of the fare paid from overseas.

A number of Thai hotel groups are active in the country, Anantara leading the way with multiple properties; Dusit and Centara are more recent entries and other local groups are eyeing the destination given the high-rate visitor profile. Of course Phuket, Bali

and Samui are often left asking the question: "Why can't we get rates like that?"

All in all, the Maldives, for better or worse, is an absolutely unique destination and there is nowhere quite like it. Of course you may want to see what Friday says about that?

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## B7bn Nirvana in Phuket, Bkk, Pattaya

NIRVANA Development, a leading developer of luxury residential projects, will spend more than 7 billion baht next year on four major properties – in Phuket, Bangkok and Pattaya.

CEO Sornsak Somwattana said the company was also conducting feasibility studies to expand its investment in potential Asean markets, especially Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

"We are interested in locations where people have a strong purchasing power, such as Bangkok, Pattaya and Phuket," he said.

"Our residential projects will also serve foreigners, who are looking for a second home in Thailand. Plus, our expansion will also cash in on the Asean Economic Community, which will increase the flow of people in and out of the country once it is implemented in 2015," he said.

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# Indigo Pearl resort welcomes new GM

DESIGNER resort Indigo Pearl recently welcomed new General Manager Chris Oakes, who brings with him over 30 years experience as an international hotelier – almost half of that based in Thailand. Chris has previously worked in corporate roles with Six Senses Resorts and Spas, where he drove the development of some of their leading resort and villa properties.

Chris says he is excited to make the move to Phuket and hopes to bring a pair of fresh eyes to bear on the Indigo Pearl's operations and to solidify the resort's hard-won reputation as a premier luxury destination in Southeast Asia.

"I think every hotel owner wants to see improved quality, they want improved performance. The two come hand in hand, usually one drives the other. So it's very much that, but it's also about showing this beautiful property a lot of respect and taking it higher in terms of world recognition," he says.

Fresh in his new role, Chris had the challenge of hosting the World Luxury Hotel Awards, an understandably daunting task, with the world's top hoteliers attending and no doubt playing close attention to their host.

"It makes a hotelier nervous

when he has 220 other hoteliers to look after, but actually they're very understanding people because they're in that position," he says.

The success of the awards event, and the excellent international exposure it garnered for the resort, has encouraged Chris to begin attracting more events, both corporate and public, to the resort.

"With the awards, it was great to see the [high] profile people, because the word is going out internationally – to host more events like that would be good."

He said he is also very interested in hosting some live performances to complement the resort's reputation as a gourmet dining destination and to help spice up the mix of entertainment options on the island.

"I used to run a cabaret room at the Cafe Royal in London, with no musical training at all, but I loved the feel of live music. So it may be that on a Saturday or Sunday we will start to do something, but we're still working on it."

Chris is living on-site at Indigo Pearl and says this is an important part of his approach of first getting to know, then improving the resort.

"As a hotelier, your eyes are

fresh at this stage. And over the 'hundred years' I've been in the business, I'm very mindful of that. You see things, whether it's just layout or service.

"I think in this industry there's nothing better than going and staying in a good hotel. I think all my colleagues around the world would say the same – they'd take an idea, maybe they'd improve it. It's about trying to keep abreast of things. But staying in a hotel is far better than just reading a document saying 'you can do this or that'," he says.

His wife Debbie and two boys Josh and Rocky, are currently based in London, but Chris says they will all be spending Christmas together at Debbie's family's home in New Zealand this year.

"I'm looking forward to that of course," he said, adding that having to spend time away from your family is an often unavoidable problem when working in the hotel industry, but less of a burden then it used to be."

"A lot of families are in this position now, where one works away from home from time to time. We just have to work it out – luckily we all have Skype these days."

– *Phuket Gazette*



Chris Oakes aims to take Indigo Pearl higher in terms of world recognition.

# Mont Clair sponsors King's regatta

THE popular wine brand, Mont Clair is to sponsor the Phuket King's Cup Regatta for the sixth consecutive year following the popularity of its wines during previous race years. Mont Clair South African Wine products will be available for all guests, as sailors, spectators, VIP attendees, media guests and sponsors relax and party to live entertainment amid an expected crowd of over 1,500 people.

Mont Clair has been a dedicated supporter of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta since 2008, and uses this unique platform to grow the reputation

and awareness of its imported South African wines in Phuket and internationally.

Daniel Schwalb, Commercial Director of Siam Winery said: "The Phuket King's Cup Regatta is one of our most significant sponsorship programs of the year as it attracts such wide attention across the region. In addition to being recognised as one of the world's premier sailing cups, the revelry and beachside fun make it a hit with its lively night-time crowds."

"We are pleased to be able to provide top quality Mont Clair wines for our guests, and we

look forward to this year's Regatta being the most successful in the competition's history."

As a principal fixture on the Asian Yachting Circuit, the Phuket King's Cup Regatta under Royal Patronage annually features upwards of 100 boats, ranging from high tech to live-aboard ocean cruisers, multihulls and classics.

International-standard race management is combined with lively beach parties to create this world-renowned yacht racing exhibition.

Kevin Whitcraft, President of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organizing Committee said: "Mont Clair has been an excellent sponsor of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta for a number of years. Mont Clair has become synonymous with the beachside parties and fun happenings that feature as part of the Regatta's entertainment offering."

"We are delighted to have them involved as our sponsor again for 2013," he added.

Siam Winery is Southeast Asia's largest winery and is equipped with the best equipment imported from Europe. The winery has won a number of international awards for its wines.

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Mont Clair has supported the Phuket King's Cup Regatta since 2008.



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# Footy turnover, turnout up

By Steven Layne

THIS season Phuket saw a 74% spike in revenue derived from ticket and merchandise sales, coupled with a 42% jump in home match turnout compared to last season, Yamaha League One (YL1) gate and sales receipts reveal.

According to statistics published by the Thai Premier League Co Ltd – the mother company of the YL1 – this season (which concluded on November 2) the Islanders reported a total of 57,390 fans turning out for its 17 league matches at Surakul Stadium, while earning some 3.55 million baht from the sale of tickets and team paraphernalia – jerseys, scarfs, hats, stickers and so forth.

This is compared to the YL1 2012 season when the second-tier pro Thai club registered 40,331 spectators and generated just over 2mn baht.

The *Gazette* notes that these turnover figures only account for ticketing and merchandising and do not include revenue derived from sponsorship, banner advertisement and broadcasting – accounts of which have not yet been disclosed.

Moreover, the turnover should not be confused as profit, for a club's overheads – player and staff salaries, facilities, training and transport – can add up to as much as 10-15 times its actual turnover, thus requiring most clubs to depend on sponsorship just to stay afloat.

As for the entire 18-team YL1, this season a total of 775,443 spectators attended 306 league matches, equating to an average turnout of about 2,534 spectators per match.

This represents a 22% increase over the YL1 2012 season, when there were 636,330 spectators, or an average of 2,079 spectators per match.

In comparison, the average attendance at Phuket FC's home matches this season was 3,376, roughly 33% higher than the league average.

It should be noted that although

Phuket FC enjoyed turnouts as high as 4,000-5,000 early this season – when expectations for promotion were high – in the final few months of the season, when it became clear that promotion was unlikely, turnout subsequently dwindled, with each of the final three matches drawing less than 2,000 fans.

Nonetheless, the club's brand awareness among both residents and tourists, is no doubt stronger than ever before, thanks a great deal to the financial reinforcement and marketing stability the club has enjoyed under its generous president, Pamuke Achiriyachai, a prominent executive for local resort firm, Kata Group.

"Everyone knows our goal [of getting promoted to the TPL] was high... and although we failed in [achieving] our goal, we can consider it an important lesson to apply towards the development of our team for the better, and fans are an important part," Pamuke was quoted in a report by Siam Multimedia (SMM).

And despite dwindling support, the president said that he is confident that there will be more supporters next season since "the team will have to undergo some positive changes."

He continued: "Even though there are both the supporters who continue to offer positive reinforcement, and those that [express] opposition – to whom I'll be understanding towards and hear out everybody – but I want everyone to be open minded and understanding that there are multiple factors involved in a football team's success – finances, management, staff, players as well as the fans. We have to come together as one and move forward in unison. With this, I'll do my best for Phuket FC to rise again in glory together with a swelling fan base so as to really put the fear into our opponents."

Increased team awareness and support appears to be a league-wide trend.

Not only were there more spectators overall in the YL1 2013, but

there was also significantly more "fruit", likewise; the total turnover this season of 68.17 million baht represents a 41% increase over last season, when the 18 teams competing registered 48.29mn baht in revenue from ticket and merchandise sales.

Nearly all 10 returning clubs (those who competed in the YL1 in both 2012 and 2013 seasons) reported significant increases in both turnout and turnover.

Enjoying the highest positive flux this year was 2013 YL1 winners, Airforce United, with the Pathum Thani based club reporting a 308% jump in turnover – 7.07mn baht this season compared to 1.73mn baht last season – and a 227% increase in turnout (48,417 fans over 14,819 fans). See table.

Like last year, Nakhon Ratchasima FC had the highest turnover and turnout; the club saw a 40% increase in spectators at 159,073, up from 113,798 last year, or an average of 9,357 up from 6,694 fans per match.

Korat also saw a 29% increase in turnover to 12.6mn baht up from about 9.8mn baht last season.

Not all returning YL1 clubs reported positive changes this season, however. Krabi FC – the only other Southern Thai club in the league other than Phuket – saw its turnout this season plummet by 42%, while its respective turnover slumped by 38% year-on-year.

The Andaman Eagles recorded only 31,573 ticket sales this season, which is compared to 54,606 last season; likewise, the club reported revenue of 2,732,960 baht, down from 4,425,095 last season.

This is not surprising to anyone familiar with Thai football league trends – after all, Krabi were playing in only their second season in the YL1, which tends to be a down-year for clubs.

In their inaugural season in the YL1 last year, following a momentous promotion campaign from the competitive Division 2 regional



Phuket FC generated 3.5mn baht from over 57,000 fans this season.

## YL1 Turnout & Turnover 2013

	Spectators	Ticket Sales	Merchandising	Turnover (baht)
Korat FC	159,073	10,133,516	2,473,224	12,606,740
PTT Rayong	69,497	3,241,134	1,355,920	4,597,054
Bangkok	66,950	1,974,379	893,786	2,868,165
Ayuthaya	58,100	3,429,200	2,768,435	6,197,635
<b>Phuket</b>	<b>57,390</b>	<b>2,793,150</b>	<b>765,760</b>	<b>3,558,910</b>
Airforce	48,417	4,131,250	2,948,292	7,079,542
Khon Kaen	46,277	2,384,422	870,320	3,254,742
Port Lions	43,080	4,066,180	1,735,765	5,801,945
Trat FC	28,262	3,512,180	1,440,852	4,953,032
Krabi	31,573	2,284,620	448,340	2,732,960
Nakhon Pathom	31,497	2,604,644	1,069,395	2,674,039
Saraburi	30,578	1,759,348	942,184	2,701,532
Royal Navy	27,757	1,662,730	369,821	2,032,551
Rayong FC	27,659	2,147,910	467,127	2,615,037
Si Racha	21,485	1,437,650	545,000	1,982,650
BBCU	11,133	1,017,000	209,171	1,226,171
Rayong Utd	9,494	715,610	138,870	854,480
TTM	7,221	425,780	13,921	439,701
<b>Total</b>	<b>775,443</b>			<b>68,176,886</b>

leagues the previous year, Krabi had built up a prominent following – no doubt fueled by great expectations for national glory.

However, when the "Yellow-Blue" failed to maintain such forward momentum (by not getting promoted to the elite TPL), home support (and financial sponsorship, likewise) subsequently suffered.

This also happened to Phuket in their second year in the YL1 – the 2012 season – when the club's turnout slumped by 51% and its turnover dropped by nearly 31% compared to its inaugural season in the Thai first division (2011).

Indeed, expectations – and management thereof – are everything, especially as the Thai football world is only beginning to emerge out of its infancy... the cocoon of a developing yet ever-lucrative professional sports industry.

And when this butterfly has finally spread its wings, how many of us will be right there in the front row who can proudly say they were there from the beginning – through thick and thin? I certainly look forward to finding out.

## Year on Year - Turnout and Turnover

YL1 Returning Clubs	Turnout 2013	Change%	Turnover 2013 (baht)	Change%
Phuket FC	57,390	42	3,558,910	74
Krabi	31,573	-42	2,732,960	-38
Bangkok	66,950	179	2,868,165	153
Korat	159,073	40	12,606,740	29
PTT Rayong	69,497	80	4,597,054	85
Airforce	48,417	227	7,079,542	308
Saraburi	30,578	27	2,701,532	54
Si Racha	21,485	7	1,982,650	-22
Khon Kaen	46,277	48	3,254,742	41
Navy	27,757	43	2,032,551	39
<b>Entire League</b>	<b>775,443</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>68,176,886</b>	<b>41</b>

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# Level ground

IT IS astounding to be in a place where so many “haves” and “have-nots” co-exist in such close proximity. We live on an island where trucks packed with rain-soaked illegal migrant workers are such a common sight that many of us have grown impervious to their suffering as we wait and hope for the traffic light ahead to turn green so we can move forward with our own lives.

The recent outcry against the controversial amnesty bill scored a rare victory for equality and fairness in society. But as the ongoing protests in Bangkok show, the social-fairness equation in Thailand tilts back toward equilibrium only under the imminent threat of protests, violence or other forms of social upheaval.

Despite waiting for years to secure a place to legally call home, the residents of Klong Koh Pee have not taken that path (see pages 4-5). Instead, they have peacefully raised the issue of the gross economic inequality they are facing.

The protests in Bangkok have also served to highlight how often the espoused agendas of elected representatives in Thailand fail to meet those of the people they are supposed to represent.

The Senate, no doubt monitoring the situation on the streets, voted unanimously to reject the amnesty bill that was earlier unanimously passed by the Pheu Thai-led House.

That such a complete disparity of opinion among two houses that are both meant to represent the Thai people is astonishing, but Thai legislative and judicial institutions have a rich history of looking far beyond arcane legal considerations when reaching decisions that can have far-reaching social impacts.

After all, when the National Anti-Corruption Commission charged former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in an asset concealment case, the Constitutional Court acquitted him of those charges after he confessed that it had been an “honest mistake”, thus allowing him to remain in office. That decision set the stage for so many chapters of social upheaval, and sent us down a never-ending cascade of conflicts, rather than on the straightest path to achieving a fully functional democracy.

At the other end of the social spectrum are the people of Klong Koh Pee, who were evicted from the outskirts of the enormous landfill where many of them eked out a living picking out scraps.

The Government’s reticence on issuing a “Community Chanote” for the protected mangrove land onto which the community has resettled is understandable. The reality on the ground, however, is that the authorities in Phuket have an abysmal record of stopping encroachment on mangrove land – just look at Soi Kingkaew in Rassada, which was once home to vast, pristine stretches of mangroves before it was filled in by encroachers.

Applications for “Community Chanotes” need to be carefully considered case by case, but this does not mean that the process itself needs to be bogged down by political shenanigans.

Those taking the high ground by asking the government to uphold its promises without resorting to threats of violence and social upheaval should be rewarded, not ignored.



## The role of protests in a democracy

*Re: Gazette online, Amnesty bagged, Yingluck begs protesters to disperse, November 7*

Much as I am also happy that the bill was dropped, in principle I do not agree that the threat of civil unrest from protests should manipulate politics.

I believe PM Yingluck backed down not because she respects the wishes of the protesters, but because she fears the repercussions of not doing so.

David  
Gazette forum

### The right to shout

*Re: Gazette online, Amnesty bagged, Yingluck begs protesters to disperse, November 7*

In a democracy it is the legal right of citizens, be they voters or not, to assemble and voice their opinions in protest.

Flower Power  
Gazette forum

### Outfoxing a croc

*Re: Gazette online, Phuket beach closed after croc scare, November 5*

A crocodile is not a vegetarian, it can attain bursts of speed up to 25kph. If you climb a tree to escape it, you must climb about four meters up and the tree must be strong enough to withstand the croc battering it on hind legs.

You can only outrun it if you are with another person slower than you are.

Michael Arvin  
Gazette forum

### Study before setting parking rules

*Re: Gazette online, Tuk-tuk ejection scheme draws mixed reactions, November 5*

It would be interesting to do a survey of how many hours a tuk-tuk sits there waiting for customers. Seems like someone

## Letters to the Editor

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should be doing this to determine the demand. How can you regulate something unless you know what the demand is?

Phutek Len  
Gazette forum

### New uniforms needed

*Re: Gazette online, Swedish national police chief praises Phuket Police, November 6*

You see the Swedish top cop wearing a *sabai sabai* uniform. His Thai counterpart – and the rest of the other Thai cops – are wearing brownish, hot and extremely uncomfortable uniforms.

It is time for the Royal Thai Police to update to modern times in terms of tactics, weapons, transport and uniforms.

Dr No  
Gazette forum

### Focus on teachers

*Re: Gazette online, Thailand ranks near bottom in English proficiency: survey, November 7*

Maybe if Thailand relaxed the visa requirements, subsidized the English course and paid a little more to those who qualify, they could encourage more English speakers to take up teaching.

Dave  
Gazette forum

### How to make a left

*Re: Gazette online, British national charged for road fatality in Phuket, November 8*

There are local rules of the road one should know when driving in Thailand.

One of the most important is

how to make a left-hand turn. It may seem to a driver not familiar with Thailand that one simply makes the turn from the highway lane. This is a big mistake. Before the driver makes the turn, it is necessary here to move over and block the motorcycle lane, and then make the turn from there.

Sherlock Holmes  
Gazette forum

### Safer visa trips

*Re: Gazette online, Phuket expats risking lives on the road to stay in paradise, November 6*

Obviously the safest way to get to Penang is to fly. But if you're on a tight budget, taking one of the many public buses that leave daily from Phuket bus terminal to Haad Yai and catching a connecting van from there to Penang is a much better option.

Agogohome  
Gazette forum

### Prize to match hero

*Re: Gazette online, Phuket tuk-tuk driver foils snatch-in-action, November 7*

Phuket authorities, get him a one-week Patong beach road 'wherever-he-wants' parking permit!

A Friend  
Gazette forum

### Some don't want TV like at home

*Re: Gazette online, Telly just like back home, November 5*

You poor thing. Stuck on beautiful Phuket island and you have US TV issues. Getting away from US TV is one of the things that keeps me here.

Why not enjoy the splendor that is Thailand instead? It's like TV, but real!

Chef E!  
Gazette forum

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# Purchasing votes to run the island

## FIRST PERSON

I KNOW that votes are bought in Phuket; in fact, a lot of votes. And I know what the price of a vote is anywhere from 500 to 20,000 baht. Sometimes my officers even see votes being bought but it's very difficult to get enough evidence to make an arrest, because the buyer and seller are in collusion and neither will admit what they are doing.

Since it's difficult to arrest the people buying votes, the best thing to do is try to stop people from selling their votes.

The most important thing for vote-sellers to realize is that they are not really coming out ahead. It might seem so because they get money for the vote, but in the long run they will pay. Nothing comes for free in this world.

Let's say for example that Mr A wants to win an election and pays 1,000 baht to 1,000 voters to do so. For sure he's going to want to recoup the million baht he spent.

He is likely to do this in ways that directly affect the people who sold their votes and the rest of us too. For example, if he has control of a construction project for a bridge, road or airport, he'll cut corners or make some deal with the contractor to make money, and we will end up with an inferior product.

Phuket people need to think carefully about vote selling. Nowadays we say we want to make the island a special administration zone and elect our own governor.



**Kittipong Thiengkunakrit**, 57, has been the Director of the Phuket Election Commission for three years. He has a science degree from Prince of Songkhla University, an advanced diploma from the University of Paris and a master's degree in public administration from the National Institute of Development Administration. Mr Kittipong is a lecturer on how to run elections, election law and how to support democracy.

Here, he talks about how to bring an end to vote fraud, especially the selling of votes.

What's going to happen if we allow a future governor to buy our vote? Once in office, he would be in charge of billions of baht of our tax money. Is a vote-buyer someone you can trust to handle that money well?

My office is making an effort to educate people about the hidden costs of vote selling. We don't educate indiscriminately. Essentially, we break the population down into three groups and spend more time and effort with the groups we think we can convince. The three groups are adults who have been voting for a while, pre-voters and new voters – 18-year-olds. Which group do you think is our prime target group?

It's the 18-year-olds, the ones who are going to vote for the first time. They are very excited and impressionable because it's their first time, and if we can direct them in the right way, we believe we'll help them establish a lifelong

habit of doing the right thing.

The second group are people still too young to vote, those 17 and under. We can teach good habits to this group while they're still in school. For example, we can use student elections to teach them. Ideally, this group will never be tempted by vote fraud or corruption.

The third group are adults already voting. We don't hold out much hope of influencing this group because they already have set habits and morals – it's hard to change these. In Thai we call these people "lotus flowers underwater". That means they are ready for the plucking by vote-buyers.

In order to end vote buying, we have to stop vote selling. The way to do this is to get people to understand the negative impact of selling their votes and to appreciate that we each have an important role to play in making our country corruption-free.



Though beautiful, Saint Basil's Cathedral seen from Red Square in cold Moscow doesn't warm the heart like the tropics. Photo: Mark Knowles

## Russian cold warms memories of Phuket

### Island View

By Mark Knowles

Do you have an opinion to voice?  
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WITH all the recent talk about the influx of Russian tourists and expats coming to the island, I jumped at the chance to attend an exhibition in Moscow and see how the other half lives, as it were.

Moscow, like any other large European city, has a wealth of grand historic architecture, museums, galleries and cultural attractions – not to mention fantastic public transport – which our little island can only dream of having.

And Moscow certainly has its share – the majestic Saint Basil's Cathedral, the rich history of the Kremlin and the refined elegance of the renowned Bolshoi Theater. I was fascinated just walking the streets and soaking it all in, and was treated to a taste of authentic Russian food along with copious amounts of the national drink by a generous Muscovite, and now friend, I met at the exhibition.

Nevertheless, after a week of bitter, icy winds, pushing past the stony-faced denizens of the labyrinthine Moscow subway system and having to enter restaurants through airlock-style double doors only to find that a bowl of french fries cost the equivalent of 500 baht – it wasn't hard to see why so many Russians fall instantly in love with Phuket. That is to say,

for exactly the same reasons I and countless thousands before me have fallen in love with this sometimes confounding, often chaotic, but always warm and beautiful island we now call home.

I have never felt quite so at home in Thailand as I did when the islands dotting Phang Nga Bay came into view through my airplane window. The sight instantly evoked memories of longtail boat rides, grilling pork skewers at a roadside barbecue stall and swimming in the bathtub-warm waters of the Andaman Sea.

Any thoughts about the small, day-to-day problems and hurdles that sometimes face me as an expat living here couldn't have been further from my mind and my plane lined up with the runway of Phuket Airport. My mind was entirely preoccupied with problems of another kind – what should I do first? Grab a spicy Thai curry from my local restaurant or hit the beach for a swim?

A tough choice, but no one said life in paradise was going to be easy.

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

### Berries 'n cherries in the rearview mirror

While I was driving the other day I saw a vehicle approaching from behind which was flashing bright red-and-blue emergency lights. The lights were mounted below the hood, behind the grill. Thinking it was a rescue vehicle en route to an emergency, I quickly pulled to the side of the road to let it pass.

Then I noticed that it wasn't an emergency vehicle at all, but a yellow-and-blue airport taxi with a "Taxi Meter" sign on top.

Is it legal to have emergency lights on non-emergency vehicles?

**Joe Rawai.**

**Jaturong Kaewkasi, chief technical adviser at the Phuket Land Transportation Office, replies:**

Emergency lights on non-emer-

gency vehicles are illegal.

The only vehicles that may legally have emergency lights are rescue vehicles, ambulances, police cars, fire trucks and government office trucks.

The only other outside lights that are allowed are green roof lights on trucks and dark blue roof lights on public transport vehicles.

Owners of private vehicles are not permitted to add any extra lights to the exterior of their vehicles. They may add interior lights, but only if they are not a distraction or pose a danger to other drivers.

The fine for adding external lights to a private vehicle is 2,000 baht.

Owners of private vehicles who want to add or modify external lights must make a request to do so at our office. Normally we do not approve requests that are purely for decorative reasons.

### Bending rules for boozy island tourists

Some friends arrived today from abroad with alcohol they had bought at home. They had more than one liter per person so Thai customs made them pay for the excess amount.

The customs officer told them they could only pay in euros or US dollars, not Thai baht, and that they also did not accept coins.

My friends paid in euros, but were not given a receipt. Why not? And why did customs not accept local currency for the fine?

**Mr Finland Kata**

**Montira Cherchoo, Phuket Airport Customs Director, replies:**

Some operating teams use different guidelines than are set down by our office. We are currently taking the time to reiterate to all of them that it is necessary

to follow the standard procedures at customs. By setting their own guidelines these officers are acting illegally.

The law states that passengers are allowed to bring in one liter of alcohol per person. Over that amount, they must pay a fine of 1,000 baht per liter.

The fine must be paid in Thai baht. We accept coins too. The only exception is when the currency exchange office is closed. If the passenger cannot exchange money to pay us Thai baht, we will accept other currencies.

By law all alcohol seized by our officers is supposed to be sent to the Excise Office, where it can then be picked up after a fine is paid.

However, this is a tourist island, and we do our best to cater to the needs of tourists, and be flexible with our policies. This is why

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we allow our officers to collect on-site fines, rather than forcing tourists to deal with travelling to the Excise Office.

It's not our policy to issue receipts. However, if a passenger requests a receipt, we will issue one.

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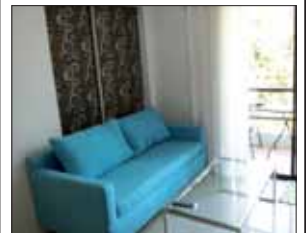
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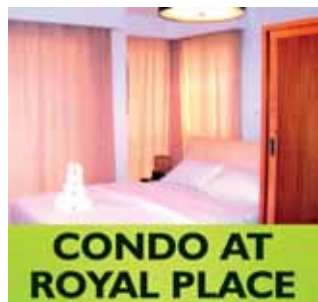
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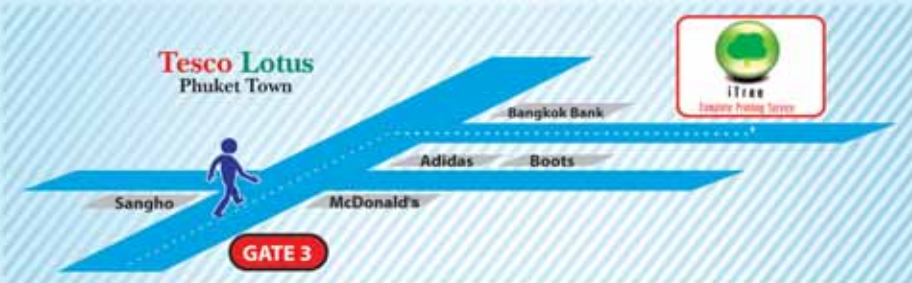
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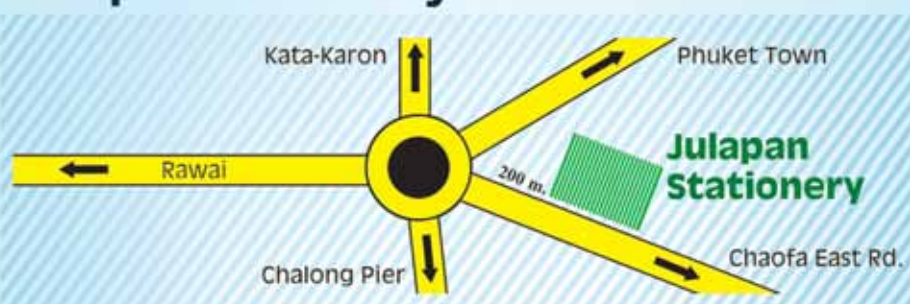
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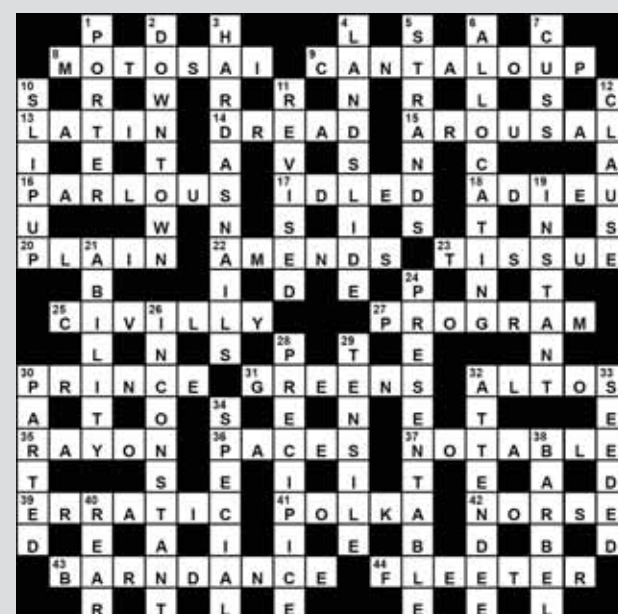
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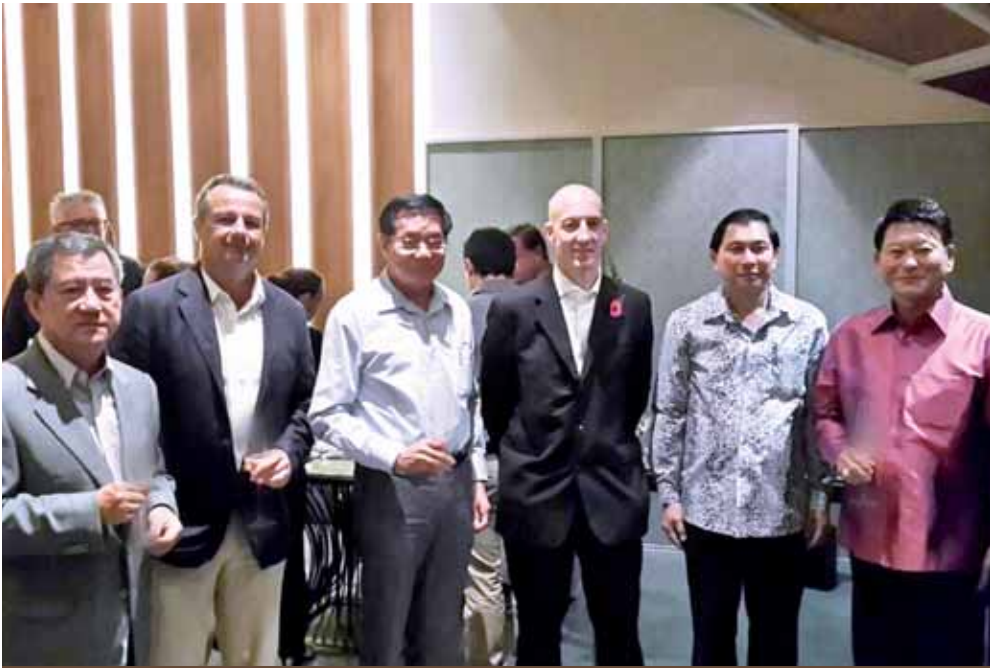


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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut welcomed HE Mark Kent (2<sup>nd</sup> right), British Ambassador to Thailand, on his private holiday to the Regent Phuket Cape Panwa. Also in attendance at the welcome dinner were (left to right): Methee Tanmanatrakul, Regent Phuket Cape Panwa owner's representative; Brice Borin, general manager; Suchart Hirankanokkul, Thai Hotels Association, Southern Chapter president; and Pramook Achariyachai (far right), Honorary Consul-General of Finland in Phuket as well as president of Kata Group and Phuket FC.



## WALL STREET COMES TO SERENITY RESORT & RESIDENCES

To celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Serenity Resort & Residences Phuket, the East 88 Beach Lounge and Serenity team entertained hundreds of party-goers into the small hours of Friday night, with its stock market themed event. The Annual high-season lift-off party, featured a delectable buffet, live entertainment and drinks trading – there were even a few market crashes!

## CULINARY ARTS FESTIVAL



John Magee (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Publisher of the Phuket Gazette, welcomed the North Phuket Resort Group to the Gazette offices in Koh Kaew. The group, led by Jon Ashenden, regional general manager of SALA Phuket Resort and Spa (2<sup>nd</sup> right), came to promote their North Phuket Culinary Arts Festival, which will be held from December 6 to 8.



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# Spot a leopard shark

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However, seeing a leopard shark pacing the perimeter of a small enclosure diminishes the majesty of these marine marvels. The rounded nose, elongated tail and the leopard print spots combine to create a shark that makes your heart race – not from fear, but from adoration. Their sightings rank at the top among dive tourists' dreams when visiting Phuket

## Diving

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

and Thailand. Unfortunately, more and more heart-broken divers are leaving the country without their dreams being realized. It is not uncommon to overhear old timers in dive bars talking about being able to guarantee at least one or two leopard shark sightings on any given trip to Shark Point – now, divers mostly focus on other aspects of this beautiful site.

What's happening to leopard sharks in Thailand? That's exactly what marine biologist and shark expert Dr Christine Dudgeon, based

at the University of Queensland in Australia, is trying to figure out with her "Spot the Leopard Shark – Thailand" project.

The project, launched on August 29 on Phi Phi Island, is calling on divers and others in the community who have the breathtaking opportunity to see these beauties in the wild, to make a difference and document their sightings.

"Spot the Leopard Shark – Thailand is a community project, so this project belongs to you," Dr Dudgeon says.

"It's easy to be involved, all you have to do is submit any photos of leopard sharks that you have from Thai waters with information on where and when you took them," she explains.

Photos can be emailed directly to her at [c.dudgeon@uq.edu.au](mailto:c.dudgeon@uq.edu.au) or be submitted through the project's Facebook page.

"We'll use these photos and information to address questions of how many leopard sharks there are in Thailand; which areas they use; how this changes over time; how long they live; and so on. So every time you take a photo, you are also being a marine biologist and collecting data!" she tells the *Gazette*.

This project, much like E-Shark Thailand, is mobilizing a grassroots effort to set a baseline for the number, size and sex distributions of



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Do your part for Thailand's leopard sharks and document your sightings.

shark populations. By monitoring the leopard sharks over a long period of time, it will be possible to get an idea if the populations are changing for the better or worse or staying the same.

At the moment, the Thailand project to study leopard sharks, which are on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, only has funding for a single year. Nonetheless, photos have been streaming in to the research center – hopefully giving it a chance to justify its funding for several more years to come.

"The last time I calculated, there were 345 photographs from 45 different photographers and we had

identified 76 individual [sharks]," Dr Dudgeon said on November 4.

Weeks before that calculation, on September 13, a Phuket dive instructor's comment was reposted on the project's Facebook page, saying "I have not seen a leopard at any of the Phi Phi island dive sites, nor Shark Point and Anemone Reef for several months, and I am diving them a few days a week. I am very concerned. Anyone else?" That reposting went unanswered.

"Obtaining this kind of information for animals like leopard sharks really relies on the contributions of all those people who are out there everyday in their environment," Dr Dudgeon points out.

## How to take a photo-ID shot

Take full body shots of the shark's left side. The right side is also useful, but sharks are not symmetrical. When submitting the photo, provide the following information:

- Location
- Date
- Time
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\* The sex of the shark can easily be determined by looking for a clasper, which is a modified portion of the pelvic fin that is only present for male sharks.

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**Nov 17 Loy Krathong Festival**

One of the most beautiful festivals in Thailand. It is traditionally performed on the full moon night of the twelfth lunar month, which usually falls in November. A Krathong is a banana-leaf cup containing flowers, a candle and incense sticks which will be floated away in a canal or river. The idea is to worship the river's Goddess and at the same time to float away any bad luck. Loy Krathong is not a public holiday.

**Nov 2 2 , AMCHAM real estate event, 4-6: 30pm at Angsana Laguna Phuket**

The topics to be covered at this event at the Angsana Laguna Phuket resort include the regulation of real estate agencies, the trends in leasehold ownership, and current issues and directions in the Phuket property market. Speakers include: Stuart Reading, Director Laguna Resorts and Hotels; David Simister, Chairman CBRE Thailand; Dexter Norville, Director Jones Lang LaSalle (Thailand) Limited; Olaf Duensing, Partner Duensing Kippen; Andrew Batt, International Group Editor PropertyGuru.com; Nina Serebryakova, Managing Partner Sereb (Phuket); Natasha Eldred (Moderator), Shine Public Relations. The event is open to the public and offers a good opportunity to gain valuable insights into the topics and trends on the agenda. It should appeal to real estate profes-

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To sign up for the event, please visit the website or contact Sheree Tanpensuk by email of telephone. If phoning, ask for extension 212. Contact Sheree Tanpensuk, AMCHAM Bkk on + 66-2-254 1041, email sheree@amchamthailand.com or visit: amchamthailand.com

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# EKA's got soul

CANADIAN born singer EKA recently arrived in Phuket and has begun performing with her newly formed band at venues around the island. More than a decade ago she was a member of the hit Canadian girl group "Jai" which topped the Canadian charts with their first single "Checking Me Out" for three weeks in 2000.

After a long hiatus while working corporate world, she re-ignited her passion for music three years ago and began performing at many luxury events in Singapore, before her recent move to Phuket. The talented singer is sure to make her mark on the island's music scene and you can catch her next performance at the 2013 Skai Charity Dinner on November 23 (see page 44 for more details). The *Gazette* recently caught up with EKA to have a chat about her music and her life.

## Have you been performing here, and if so, where?

So far the buzz of performing has been fabulous. I'm doing private events and also working with Zazada [Beach Club] to establish a super cool concept for Sundays. It's like a Sunday celebration for people who enjoy their music to experience new sounds; from me doing new renditions with my band, to DJ's from around the

region, to interesting live music concepts such as meshing acoustic with electro-jazz over funky deep house. I'm super excited about it.

## What type of music do you like to perform?

I was brought up listening to R&B and soul music. The essence of soul music is woven into the fabric of all my music which is why I am known for singing expressively, with a lot of heart, from the soul. I enjoy many genres but I am focusing my musical direction towards soul, funk, electro jazz and adding vocals on house music. Some of my favorites are inserting "It's a man's world" into a deep house track, a slow soulful rendition of Foo Fighters "Best of you" and modernizing a classic from The Cure. I also have some original pieces in the pipeline.

## Tell us about the local musicians you are working with here?

When I arrived here, I had to start all over and find myself bandmates. After countless hours of research, a number of live music venues and live jam bars, I eventually made the right connections. Today, I'm blessed to be working with Boy Navio (in my humble opinion the best jazz/soul guitarist in Phuket) and Tony (uber-

cool, hi-energy Percussionist) and collaborations with some of the best musicians and DJs on the island. For me, the essential ingredient of a band is the chemistry and personal connection. These guys are like long lost friends. They are beyond talented and are just super great people!

## Please tell me a bit about your involvement in the group "Jai".

I was 19 when I was literally hunted down by the group's manager to join an up-and-coming girls R&B group named "Jai". We were a marketable trio of a black, Caucasian and Asian girl. We wrote our own songs. We had a bond and the chemistry of Charlies' Angels. It didn't take us long to release our first single "Checking Me Out" in 2000 which took off catching us all by surprise when it topped the national radio charts in Canada for three weeks.

## You mentioned you took a break from singing for a time. What made you decide to get back into it?

I took a break, as I had the opportunity to work in a global fashion house in Hong Kong, so I 'carpe'd the diem'. Eventually, one corporate job lead to the next. I



Canadian singer EKA, who now calls Phuket home, performing in Singapore.

found myself heading down a few dark alleys caught up in the crazy fast paced lifestyle of Hong Kong followed by Singapore. Throughout the 10 years in Asia, although I was gaining valuable professional experience where I should have been blissfully happy working for some of the most renowned labels (Prada, Fendi, Burberry, Montblanc), my soul never felt complete. I always knew in my heart that I needed to reconnect with my first love – singing.

## Which singers inspire you?

There are so many amazing artists I admire. To name a few Jill Scott, Erykah Badu and Lauryn Hill are such poetic lyricists. Remy Shand for his natural groove and Bjork for her creative genius.

## Do you plan/ hope to do more gigs in Phuket in the future?

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# A maze in a month?



## Gardening

By Patrick Campbell

SOME weeks ago, I received a most unusual, perhaps I should say labyrinthine email – a request from Phuket resident Alex Riva who explained: “I am planning to plant a hedge maze and was wondering what is the most cost effective and recommended type of hedge.” Somewhat bemused, I wrote back requesting more specific details. The reply included the information that it would be a large maze in an area 30 by 30 meters, with a planned 700 meters of hedge at a height of about 180cm, and that he hoped to complete the finished article in “one month”. As the ads constantly remind us, Thailand is “amazing”, but a maze in one month? Pardon the pun! I respectfully suggested it would, even granted the phenomenal rate at which shrubs and trees grow in the tropics, take longer to create.

My research made me realize there was still plenty I did not know about hedge mazes, but by the time we met up, things were, well, a bit more straightforward. In fact, we agreed about what was probably the front runner, a bushy shrub in the *ehrinia* genus. Of two likely candidates, one has sandpaper-like matt leaves and grows everywhere on the island. But that is precisely the problem. It grows everywhere because it is self-sown, probably courtesy of a passing bird, and people only prune it when it threatens to get out of hand. Hence the presence of one outside my garden wall. “Chaa” as it is known colloquially,

would have been ideal for a maze, vigorous and amenable to clipping. But six nurserymen shook their heads when I asked if they could supply quantities of it. And apparently it will not take from cuttings – though I am presently testing the truth of that assertion.

What next? Another shrubby plant in the same genus. Known in Thailand as “sai”, it is, thank heavens, readily available in garden centers and will ultimately probably fit the bill. It differs from “cha” in having smooth glossy leaves, and though less hardy, is strong enough to withstand the clipping it will inevitably get. Often pruned into a conical shape, Alex’s maze trees will need to be allowed to grow sideways in order to create an impenetrable wall. That’s the idea, isn’t it? But you would still need two or maybe three sturdy plants every single meter.

The next best choice would be a large shrub (*syzygium*) which belongs to the myrtle genus and is known, in Thai, as *kristina*. It is a ubiquitous presence here as a decorative hedge, but has more delicate foliage than *ehretia*. When young, the leaves are an attractive pink/bronze color, but turn with age to light green. Like its rivals, it will tolerate a range of soil conditions, and enjoys full sun. My only concern is that it is not a dense bush, and though pruning will thicken up the plant, it may need to be wider than the projected 40cm to provide an effective screen.

There are other candidates. Japanese box, sometimes known here as “bonsai” for obvious reasons, possesses small, intensely



This week Patrick Campbell ponders the puzzling question of which plant would be most suitable to create a hedge maze here in Phuket. Photo: Tim Green aka atoach

glossy leaves. The best looking of all hedge plants, the neatest and the densest, it is, unfortunately too slow growing for Alex’s requirements.

I did run the rule over two other possibilities. One, *duranta repens*, grows quickly and thrives in diverse conditions. Its yellowish foliage is distinctive. However, it may not reach the required height in less than two or three years, and may leave gaps close to the ground.

The *bougainvillea* is my back-up choice. If all else fails, you can rely on this hardiest of woody shrubs to do the business. It is very thorny, but in a maze that is surely no disadvantage. And it is as tough as old boots. Once established, nothing will deter it. Available everywhere, it may provide a solution – if all else fails.

Meanwhile Alex is experimenting with these shrubs and will shortly decide which is going to be chosen. Once established, the maze will be open to would-be puzzle freaks on the bypass road next to – believe it or not – an upside-down house.

If you have a question or a garden that you would like featured you can email me at: [drpaccampbell@gmail.com](mailto:drpaccampbell@gmail.com)



Bougainvillea could be an option for creating a hedge maze, due both to its hardiness and attractive foliage. Photo: Gnuclux

## Tip of the week

### Striking cuttings

I RECENTLY suggested that the present soft, moist earth offered a good opportunity for striking cuttings. There are different kinds of cuttings and, of course, different success rates for different plants. Any plant that sprouts from its roots will grow from root cuttings.

However, the most common technique is to use stem cuttings – handy if you have

recently done some pruning. These are divided into hardwood and softwood.

Hardwood cuttings are mostly used to propagate shrubs and trees, including fruit species such as figs and mulberries.

Pencil-thick cuttings should be taken from the previous season’s growth – which is often lighter in color than the older wood. Slice off the top inch or

two of each stem, and cut the stems into 6-9 inch lengths.

If you have some, dip the moist bottom end in rooting (hormone solution) powder and plant them out. Personally, I prefer to use pots to start my cuttings: in that way, you are better able to control levels of moisture and sunlight in the crucial early stages of the plant’s growth.

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# Much ado about Ewan McGregor

## Books

By James Eckardt

MOVIE star Ewan McGregor and his friend Charley Booring rode big BMW motorcycles from London to New York, chronicled in the book and TV documentary *The Long Way Around*. Nathan Braund has published a book called *The Wrong Way Round to Ewan McGregor* (FeedARead Publishing, funded by the British Arts Council, UK, 2013, 220pp).

This slim volume is based on a slender premise. While Ewan McGregor was making a 2011 movie about the Boxing Day tsunami in Thailand, "The Impossible", Nathan Braund was living with his family in Ao Chalang, Phuket, and conceived the idea of presenting a movie script to the film star.

Will he succeed? This is the question that hooks the reader for the next 203 pages. The remaining 19 pages present the first chapter of his novel *The Broken Boots Guide to Astlavonia*, upon which his movie script is based. This, in turn, is based on his experiences of teaching English in Eastern Europe.

Braund and his long-suffering wife Kirsten have taught English in Greece, Estonia, Japan and Oman. Their earnings from an eight-year sojourn in Oman fund an eight-month residency in Phuket to devote to their writing careers. Braund is adept in describing his life with Kirsten and their children, Dylan, aged two and a half, and Isabella, aged four.

Star-struck, Braund searches out McGregor in four trips to Khao Lak and Takuapa. For two nights, he works as an extra at the Phuket Bus Station where McGregor films a crucial scene in the movie.

Can he stretch his quest out into a book? He can, with a lot of filler. He laboriously sketches out McGregor's film career from "Trainspotting" through second the Star Wars trilogy to "Blackhawk Down" and "Moulin Rouge". Interspaced with his narrative are McGregor Trivia Quiz sections entitled "T.R.A.I.N.S.P.O.T (Tenuous, Rambling, Abstract, Irrelevant, Nonsense, So, Pointless and Obscure as To be fun)" QUIZ. Braund even compares their astrological signs. He also exhibits some annoying grammatical tics. Proper nouns like God and Sino-Portuguese are not capitalized. Nor are the first letters of direct quotes if they form the back end of a sentence – for example: "Kirsten managed to retrieve the glass from Dylan and said, 'there's nothing we can do about it.'" And for some reason, he insists on writing: "Ewan was sat" or "Ewan was stood" instead of "Ewan was sitting" or "Ewan was standing".

But Braund can be funny about his 40-year-old mid-life crisis: "Call me mad but I felt as if I needed to get close to someone like

[McGregor] within this eight month break. I was starting to feel old and insignificant. I could fake modesty and say it didn't bother me but twenty years of trying and flopping was only amusing in a sitcom. Failing again and failing better was fine as long as it actually meant you were as

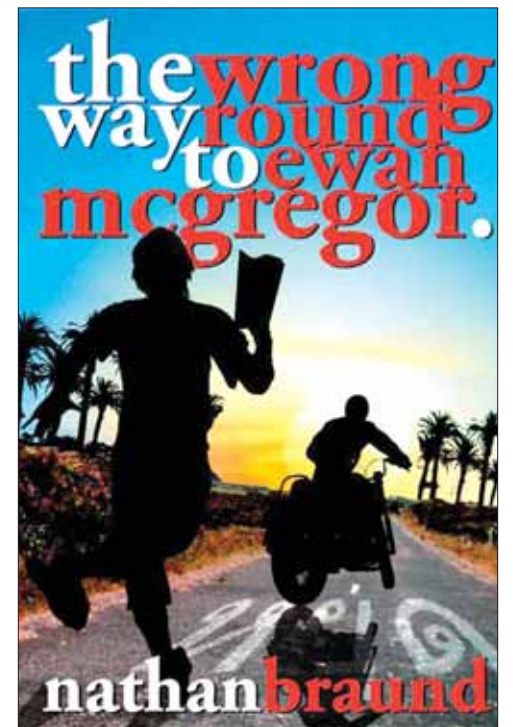
successful as Samuel-fucking-Beckett. After all, there was witty, interesting bumbling and then there was dull, pedestrian crappiness."

He pins high hopes on how his meeting with the movie star will change his life, yet cautions himself: "If it didn't work out, I wouldn't be knocked back and penniless because I was already knocked back and penniless. Yes, I'd be embarrassed but the betroot face would fade after a year of two."

Betroot? This is just one of a good number of verbal stumbles in the book, like "numskull".

But give the author credit for his comic descriptions of the idiosyncrasies of shooting a film. At the Phuket Bus Station, he gazes upon Ewan McGregor like a love-struck schoolgirl but again and again fails to screw up the courage to approach him with his movie script. "Quit faffing about!" the reader wants to scream at him.

I won't give away the ending, because



that's the whole reason for reading the book. Braund has certainly gained my sympathy. He observes:

"John Cleese once said that 'an Englishman's greatest achievement' was 'to go from cradle to grave without ever making a fool of himself.' It was time for me to shake off this Britishness and risk making a primetime arse of myself. I needed to be a potential buffoon . . ."

In this, he succeeds brilliantly.



Boxing Day 2004 (above) inspired 'The Impossible' (inset, left), the filming of which sets the premise for Braund's book (top, right) about pitching a movie script. Photo: David Rydevik



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# ABBA-CADABRA!

By Maciek Klimowicz

WITH no time machine available, it seems that only magic can take us back in time. But last weekend what took us for an amazing journey was...music. And it was magical!

"The gates open at 6:30pm" the tickets clearly stated. But that didn't stop a line forming in front of Laguna Latitude Marquee as early as 5pm. And what a mixed crowd it was. Judging from the looks – concerts goers from the age of 5 to 95 showed up at the venue, though some put a lot of effort into disguising their appearance. Sequins, brocade, funky wigs and lots, lots of make up – all there to recreate the thrilling atmosphere of the 70s.

All in all, more than 900 people showed up each night to dance and sing along to the ever-green hits of Abba delivered by a Manchester-based tribute group – Abba Forever. And what a spotless delivery it was!

It took the band just three songs to have most of the audience on their feet, clapping, waving their hands and singing at the top of their voices. Soon, none of the guests in the room remained in their seats with most of the fans gathered right under the stage where nothing obstructed their carefree dancing moves.

Some might say it's all thanks to Abba tunes – after all who can resist the urge to at least hum once they hear classics such as "Money, Money, Money" or "Waterloo"? But Abba Forever's stunt at recreating the atmosphere of the 70s is more than just the catchy tunes – numerous outfits (band members disappear backstage every second song to change), synchronized dancing moves of the two lead vocalists, humorous chitchat or the makeup of the guitarist and keyboard player – all made for a truly irresistible show.

And in the end, nobody could resist. Why would they? The island is hungry for entertainment, culture and arts. So for now – thank you for the music Abba, thank you for the heaps of fun, Abba forever. But the truth is – we want more!

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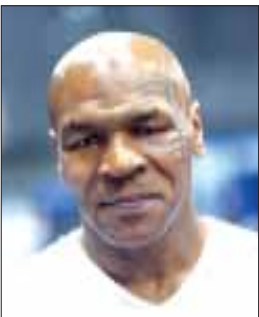
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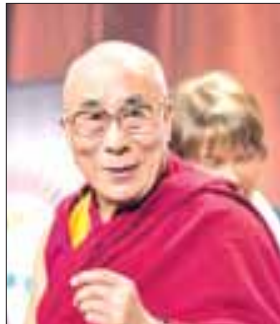
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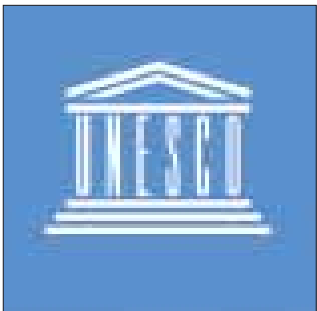
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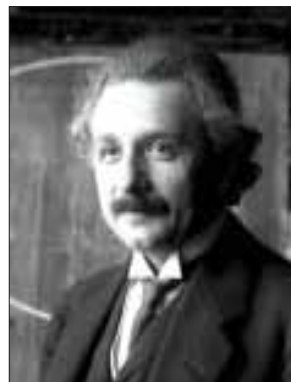
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1918 Latvia declared its independence from Russia.  
1963 The first push-button telephone went into service.



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## NOVEMBER 19

1816 Warsaw University was established.  
1950 Dwight D Eisenhower became Commander of NATO-Europe.  
1969 Association football player Pele scored his 1,000<sup>th</sup> goal.  
1990 Pop group Milli Vanilli were stripped of their Grammy Award.  
1998 US President Bill Clinton's impeachment hearings begun.



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## NOVEMBER 20

1789 New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.  
1917 Ukraine was declared a republic.  
1945 The Nuremberg Trials begun.  
1962 The Cuban missile crisis ended.  
1985 Microsoft Windows 1.0 was released.



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## NOVEMBER 21

164 BC Temple in Jerusalem restored, event marked each year by Hanukkah.  
1783 First untethered hot air balloon flight.  
1877 Thomas Edison invented the phonograph.  
1905  $E = mc^2$  equation first published by Albert Einstein.  
2004 Dominica hit by the most destructive earthquake in its history.



CONVENIENT 1963 Photo: Holger.Ellgaard

## NOVEMBER 22

1858 Denver, Colorado was founded.  
1943 Lebanon gained independence from France.  
1977 London to NYC Concorde service was inaugurated.  
1986 Mike Tyson became youngest heavyweight champion ever.  
1995 Toy Story was released.  
2004 The Orange Revolution in Ukraine began.

# Culinary Arts Festival 2013



THE North Phuket Culinary Arts Festival will showcase the talents of chefs from the top resorts in the north of the island. The event, now in its fourth year, is organized by the North Phuket Resorts, a group which includes JW Marriott, Sala, Anantara and Renaissance, who have combined their efforts to create three fantastic days of non-stop food and wine events.

The festival kicks off on Friday, November 30 at Sala and Renaissance with the "longest dining table" event, where an epic 300-meter-long table will be set up between the two resorts for a giant feast prepared by the resorts' top chefs.

On Saturday, Anantara will be hosting a succulent seafood dinner, presented with Thai cuisine, culture and performance art. The final event on Sunday will be "The Best of the West vs The Feast of the East" event hosted by JW Marriott, where a staggering 11 of their restaurants and bars will

be serving a mind-boggling array of delicious Eastern and Western style food and drinks for you to enjoy right on Mai Khao Beach.

In all, 24 food and beverage outlets across the four resorts will be participating in the festival, ensuring visitors a diverse range of fabulous food. Organizers say they want the event to be as interactive as possible, so much of the food will be prepared outside the kitchen so guests can watch the chefs in action working their culinary magic.

Prices for the event are insanely good value as well, with a single pass to any of the three events costing only 1,600 baht per person. And if you want to enjoy all three great events a full weekend pass is only 4,200 baht per person. Children under 12 are half price and under 7 are free.

For more information or bookings email: [events@northphuket.com](mailto:events@northphuket.com) or [mhrshktjw.fbdiningexperience@marriot.com](http://mhrshktjw.fbdiningexperience@marriot.com). Or call 076 338 000.

# Time to draw blood

CALLING all healthy blood donors, The Phuket Chapter of the Red Cross Society has announced its schedule of mobile donation clinics for the remainder of November as follows:

## November 19

- 1-4 pm. Kan-Kroa Hall, Satee Phuket School

## November 20

- 1-4 pm. Sri Panwa Phuket.

## November 21

- 10am-3pm. Anupas and Family Company

## November 25

- 1-4pm. Meeting room (3rd floor) Patong Hospital.
- 1-4 pm. Mercure Phuket Deevana, Kathu.

## November 26

- 10 am-3pm. Chengtalay Subdistrict Administrative Organization

## November 28

- 9 am-3 pm. Phuket Wittayalai School

## November 29

- 9am-3pm. Phuket Wittayalai School.





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# Party with a passion

Skal's annual charity dinner will be a fantastic night of food, music, fashion and fun

By Mark Knowles

SKAL International Phuket and South Thailand is holding its Annual Charity Dinner next Saturday, November 23, and it looks set to be the biggest yet, with loads of live entertainment and gourmet food.

This year's event, dubbed "Red Passion", will be held at the island's hottest new venue – Zazada Beach Club. It's open to the public and will feature performances by vocalist EKA, New Broadway Stage Company and a bikini fashion show by Katalina.

Skal International is the world's premier travel and tourism industry group and its Phuket chapter boasts members from many of the leading resorts on the island – so when it comes to organizing a great party, they're the best in the business.

Regent Cape Panwa GM and Skal member Brice Borin said he was thrilled to be helping organize the event for his second year running and that Skal hoped to raise as much as 400,000 baht for its nominated charities.

"It's going to be a great night with some fantastic music, food and fashion. We want everyone to be able to enjoy themselves, while also helping to raise money for some very worthy causes," he said.

For this year's event, another two charities are set to benefit from Skal's fund-raising efforts, bringing the total to four: Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation; Phuket Sunshine Village; PIWC Scholarship; and the Skal Phuket Charity Fund.

Zazada Beach Club Operations Manager Jay Leshark said he and his staff welcomed the challenge of hosting the event at the newly opened venue.

"All of us here at Zazada Beach Club are super excited to be hosting such a great charity

event. Some might say having over 150 hospitality professionals is a tough gig, but we don't want to do things by halves, so we say bring it on. We are all about sharing the love and having fun – and fun is what the night will be," he said.

Rather than a formal sit down dinner, the food will be served "sharing is caring" style so guests can sample a range of the fabulous dishes on offer. A special menu has been created for the dinner, but it will still feature some of Zazada's signature menu items such as tom yum marinated prawn pizza and caesar salad with Thai-style fried pork belly.

"We'll have big tables of 12 all set up around the club and food will keep coming out to the tables for people to try a bit of this, a bit of that, and share – it's the way we love to eat at the club – sharing is caring," said Jay.

During the evening, guests will be treated to performances by Phuket-based Canadian singer EKA, a former member of hit pop group "Jai" who has performed at 5-star venues throughout Asia, including the Ritz-Carlton Singapore. EKA's performance will include her



Katalina Collection's 2014 'Treehouse' beachwear line will be featured on the catwalk at the Red Passion event. Photos: Supplied

re-interpretations of songs by popular performers such as Foo Fighters, The Cure and Erykah Badu.

"My passion and creative juices flow best when I'm taking a classic and re-interpreting it in ways that are exciting, captivating and delivering them with full emotions, especially if I can share my singing voice

with friends to help raise awareness and funds for worthy causes – I'm truly honored to be a part of the event," said EKA.

For a little something different in the way of entertainment, rarely seen on the island, the Bangkok-based New Broadway Stage Company will be performing a wide range of classic opera pieces and contemporary Broadway hits, including songs from Les Miserables, Don Giovanni, Phantom of the Opera, Fiddler on the Roof and many more.

The theater company features top-level Thai soloists from the most prestigious music academies in Bangkok, who have toured throughout Thailand and South-east Asia.

To complement Zazada's beautiful beachfront location, local beachwear company Katalina Collection will be showcasing their 2014 "Treehouse" collection. The fashion show will feature eight gorgeous girls modeling 25 different pieces on the catwalk, with stunning Surin Beach providing the perfect backdrop for a swimwear show.

Katalina Collection owner Katarina Boner said: "When I heard it was for charity and also at Zazada, I was very pleased to join. The venue is great for a fashion show, it couldn't be better! We always try to make a

twist and reinvent ourselves at every show, so it's going to be great fun and a hot night of fashion."

Also on the itinerary is a special appearance by the Full Monty crew, who, rumor has it, will be pulling out everything they've got to top their eye-popping performance at last year's Skal Charity Dinner.

So don't hesitate, get your ticket now for what is set to be one of the best nights of food, music, fashion and fun for 2013.

*Charity raffles will be held throughout the night, with some great prizes up for grabs, including restaurant and hotel vouchers and more. The Skal Red Passion Beach Charity Party will be held on November 23 from 7pm at Zazada Beach Club at the northern end of Surin Beach. Tickets for the event are on sale now and priced at 2,500 baht and 1,000 baht for children under 12. The ticket prices include all food and free-flow wine and beer. Please RSVP before November 20.*

*Tickets are available now at the following locations: Andara Kamala, Panwa Beach Resort, Serenity Resort and Residences Rawai, The Phuket Gazette office in Koh Keaw, and the 91.5 FM office Kathu. Book online by emailing: [contact@skalphuket.org](mailto:contact@skalphuket.org) or purchase tickets online, with free delivery, at: [phuketgazette.net/tickets](http://phuketgazette.net/tickets)*



Zazada Beach Club's special menu for the evening will feature some of their signature dishes.




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**JUK'S SPOT THE DIFFERENCE:** Find the 10 differences between these pictures.

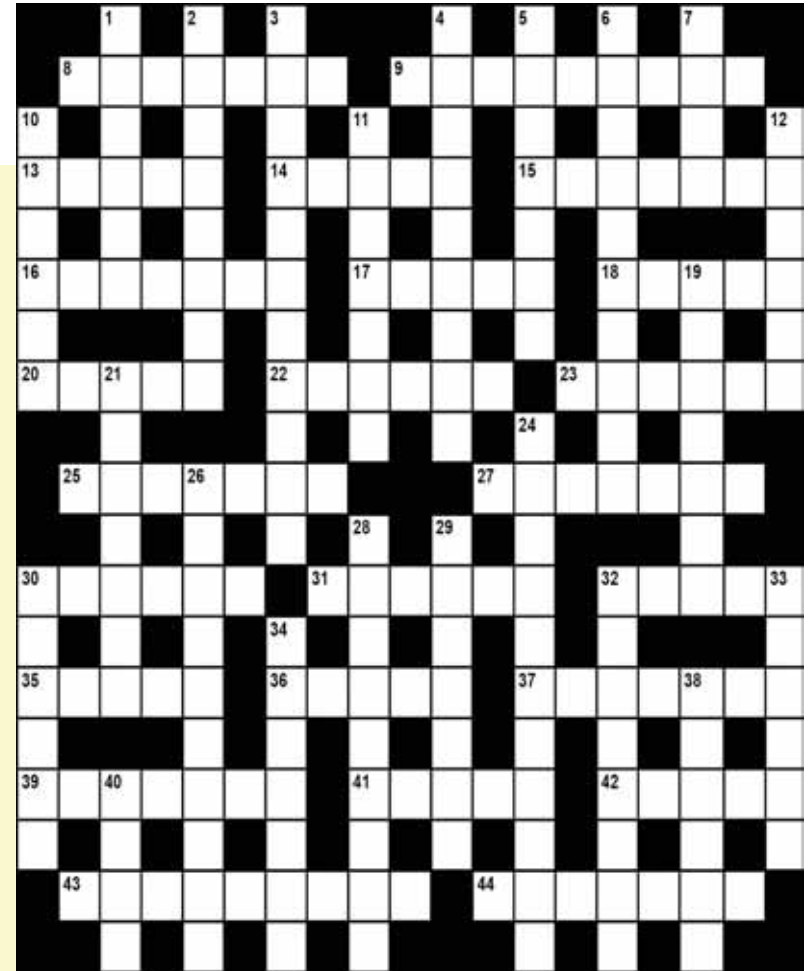


Artist and brand consultant Miguel Kirjon lives in Phuket with his partner Lin Prachakrich and publishes a series of children's books "Juk's Adventures" in 9 languages. See [juksadventures.com](http://juksadventures.com) for more information.

## COFFEE break

### Across:

8. So Tom backs first class cheap public transport in Thailand (7)
9. Count a pal to produce a large fruit (9)
13. Left out, ain't old Roman (5)
14. Greatly fear for troubled dear daughter (5)
15. A sour mess, a late awakening (7)
16. Lo! a spur disturbed the hopeless (7)
17. I had gone in front, did nothing (5)
18. Farewell could be due - A1! (5)
20. Maybe Alpine out East means flat land! (5)
22. Adult fixes changes (6)
23. Time to give out fine material (6)
25. Well-mannered left unknown, like ordinary citizens (7)
27. In favor of light weight computer instructions (7)
30. Public relations nice about the high ranking man (6)
31. Environmentalists' grand river seen bad (6)
32. Singers, lots, a gathering (5)
35. Fish on artificial filament (5)
36. Space out steps (5)
37. Incapable celebrity! (7)
39. Criteria, not I, making unpredictable (7)
41. OK, pal, whirl about in a dance (5)
42. Scandinavian se or perhaps! (5)
43. Do not allow new caper in bucolic social gathering (4,5)
44. Ere felt somehow quicker on the feet (7)



### Down:

1. A stout doorman (6)
2. Central district in depressed conurbation (8)
3. And ash rails can be unyielding (4,2,5)
4. Surprisingly, lads led in a decisive win at the polls (9)
5. Threads for beaches (7)
6. A learner setting the distribution (10)
7. Swear about States, son (4)
10. Pupils turn up, make a mistake (4,2)
11. Derisive about no island, went over (7)
12. Sounds like the proviso has claws (6)
19. Immediate stint an arrangement (7)
21. Bit I lay out shows talent (7)
24. Preens carefully, submit tidy! (11)
26. Variable, against instant cover (10)
28. Bluff epic price revealed (9)
29. Elastic, in steel unusual (7)
30. Left past trade devastated (6)
32. One present for new teen date (8)
33. Sounds like player considered to have a good chance ceded (6)
34. New place is exceptional (7)
38. Fish for what sounds like gymnastic equipment (6)
40. Right, are out in the back (4)

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

### SCORPIO ( Oct 2 4-Nov 2 2 ) :

Material matters are less interesting for those born under the sign of Scorpio during the second half of November. Another water sign's quest for peace of mind can encourage you to consider meditation and this is forecast to bring better balance to your life. Those with a birthday during the coming days have more contact with family in the year ahead. The number three can attract good luck this week.

### SAGITTARIUS ( Nov 2 3-Dec 2 1 )

An air sign's struggle with personal problems can affect Sagittarians, but the stars advise being cautious when giving advice or lending money. Your financial situation is forecast to improve towards the end of the month, but personal outgoings can be more than expected during the next two weeks. Romance with an earth sign can become more serious if this is what you want. Number two can be fortunate this week.

### CAPRICORN ( Dec 2 2 -J an 2 0 )

A flood of information can be hard to absorb this week. Capricorns may be maneuvered into making hasty decisions and this is not well-starred. The area of property is especially subject to misunderstandings –

waiting until the end of the month to sign agreements is recommended. Negative feelings about romance with a fire sign give way to more hope this weekend. Your lucky number this week is six.

### AQUARIUS ( J an 2 1-Feb 19 ) :

Personal relationships fall under the spotlight during the second half of November. Your sensitivity levels are high this week and this could lead Aquarians to jump to the wrong conclusions. The stars recommend taking time out to consider all options before making commitments that will be hard to wriggle out of. Finances are lucky this weekend. The number seven stands out for those born under the sign of Aquarius.

### PISCES ( Feb 2 0-Mar 2 0 ) :

Pisceans' ability to be flexible stands them in good stead during the second half of November. There are indications that adapting to last minute changes in the world of work will help you to prove your worth. Where friendships are concerned, another water sign is likely to let you down this weekend when they have other fish to fry. Number three appears important for those born under the sign of Pisces this week.

## YOUR horoscope

By Isla Star

### ARIES ( Mar 2 1-Apr 2 0 ) :

Your ideas hold promise of success, but the stars suggest that involving others will be the only way to turn them into reality. An earth sign who has already shown they have the necessary skills is the right person to approach. Enlisting the help of a water sign is highlighted to be a waste of time, and possibly money. Number four can open a lucky door for Arians this week.

### TAURUS ( Apr 2 1-May 2 1 ) :

Astral forces encourage Taureans to be more productive during the second half of November. Networking is well-starred, with a new fire sign contact highlighted to help you finally get a creative project off the ground. Those seeking romance may consider joining a new social or sports club. If you are already involved, sharing an activity with your partner is highlighted to enhance the relationship. Your special number this week is one.

### GEMINI ( May 2 2 -J une 2 1 ) :

Streamlining commitments is forecast to enable Geminis to get ahead after a period of stalemate. Your mental energy benefits from a clearer cosmic climate during the second half of the month and the stars support your efforts to turn plans into reality. Romance becomes more exciting, with focus on those who are single being reunited with a long lost love. Geminis are forecast to see number eight shining this week.

### CANCER ( J une 2 2 -J uly 2 3 )

Your emotions are in danger of taking over from common sense around the middle of the month. Cancerians can be accused of making mountains out of molehills and the stars recommend trying to see things from a more practical perspective. An earth sign friend has good, solid advice this weekend and another water sign is ready to show you how to have more fun. The number nine can bring good luck.

### LEO ( J uly 2 4-Aug 2 2 ) :

Developing more interest in other cultures is predicted to enhance Leos' lives during the second half of November. This could come

as a result of a relationship recently begun or that is connected to your world of work. An air sign is forecast to figure strongly in this new quest and travel is highlighted between now and the end of the month. Leos' lucky number this week is five.

### VIRGO ( Aug 2 3-Sept 2 3 ) :

Your love of peace and quiet can be compromised by the appearance of a fire sign friend on the social scene. The stars indicate that it could be hard to find the time to do everything during the coming days. However, some spontaneous fun could be just what you need to spice up your life. The number one looks lucky for those born under the sign of Virgo this week.

### LIBRA ( Sept 2 4-Oct 2 3 ) :

The stars suggest that you will be tempted to bury your head in the sand this week, but a polite request for more space should be enough. Work is forecast to be demanding, with colleagues expecting you to come up with quick answers. There are hints that a partner or family member wants to hear a commitment for next month's holiday season. Number four is fortunate for Librans this week.



# Hot on courts at Thanyapura

THE US\$15,000 Chang ITF Women Pro Circuit event, held from November 2-9 at Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Club, concluded last weekend with exciting singles and doubles and finals matches.

The singles championship match between two beauties – Nicha Lertpitak-sinchai, world number 429 from Thailand, and Zhang Ling, world number 410 from Hong Kong, with Nicha losing to Zhang Ling in two close sets, 6-4, 7-5.

In the doubles final competition, Lu Jia Xiang/Lu Jia Jing of China defeated Thailand's Peangtarn Plipuech/Varunya Wongteanchai, 6-4, 7-5.

In addition, eight kids from Thanyapura's Phuket Interna-

tional Academy Day School (PIADs) showed up at the event to get experience on tennis courts as ball kids.

In the afternoon, during the Tennis Clinic, the children got some tips from two international players: Dianne Hollands and Katherine Westbury.

Thanyapura will wrap up its subsequent pro tennis tournament, the Chang ITF Women Pro Circuit, which was held from November 9-16, with the Singles Finals scheduled for 10am on Saturday, November 16.

The competitions featured a total 52 international players representing 15 countries.

– Phuket Gazette



If you can't hold your pace during training, you're unlikely to hold it during the race. Photos: Supplied



Nicha L of Thailand lost to Zhang Ling in two close sets of the singles final.

## Correct your pacing

EVERYONE has experienced incorrect pacing more than once in training and at races due to starting too fast. It is easy to get caught up in all the hype at the start of the race when you are excited; the adrenaline is pumping and you are a little bit nervous, or a rival has shot out to a fast start.

How do you know what is the correct pace for the race? The best way to find out is training. You might be aware that Thanyapura Triathlon coaches mentioned a very important point more than once "listen to your body" or you can refer to it as:

"understand your body through training". The general rule is unless you are able to hold your ideal race pace in each individual discipline in training; you are unlikely to hold it for the event.

There are about two weeks leading up to Thanyapura Junior Challenge Triathlon. There is still a little time left for you to work on your pace, transition, supply and stamina. If you are looking for transition training, come join our triathlon session on Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 pm Do not show up to practice because you need to; show up because you want to and be-

cause you love it. Take more time to prepare, it will save you some magical time during the race.

### Other training sessions:

Swim on Wednesday 3-4:30 pm  
Bike/run on Thursday 4-5:30 pm  
Track on Wednesday 5-6pm

Registration remains open till November 17, 2013. The race allows both individual and team entries. Find out more information on Thanyapura event webpage [thanyapura.com/thanyapura/calendar](http://thanyapura.com/thanyapura/calendar) or send an email to [sportcamp@thanyapura.com](mailto:sportcamp@thanyapura.com)

# Manila Masters all go despite the typhoon

By Sudipto Ganguly

THE inaugural Manila Masters golf tournament will go ahead this week, despite the unprecedented disaster caused by Typhoon Haiyan, the Asian Tour said on Wednesday.

The super typhoon, one of the strongest storms ever recorded, killed thousands and displaced 670,000 people, leaving them with no access to food, water or medicine.

The storm flattened Tacloban, coastal capital of Leyte province, where several local officials have said they feared 10,000 people died, many drowning in a tsunami-like surge of seawater.

The Tour consulted with local golf associations, authorities and relief agencies and decided to continue with the \$750,000 event to be held at the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club from

Thursday.

"The people in this country are resilient and they have shown countless times that they are able to bounce back stronger," Stephen Reilly, chief operating officer of title sponsors Resorts World Manila, said in a statement.

"Through this tournament, we want to show that the Filipinos are survivors and we'll get back on our feet quickly."

Organisers also plan to raise funds and support relief authorities through the event.

"We feel for the people affected by this unfortunate tragedy and hope that through the staging of this tournament, and through our support of aid and relief programmes, we will be able to help in whatever way possible," Asian Tour Chief Executive Mike Kerr added.

Two-time PGA Tour winner Daniel Chopra said the players

wanted to do their bit for the affected people.

"I've always wanted to play at Manila Southwoods again and furthermore, I thought the Philippines needs help right now," Chopra, who is born to a Swedish mother and Indian father, said.

"It was an easy decision for me to make between playing here or back on the PGA Tour in Mexico. We've got the Red Cross here this week so hopefully some of the players here can provide some sort of support financially to help the victims."

Local hope Angelo Que also promised help.

"Unfortunately, the typhoon has to happen but we're all good to help. I think it's a good thing that all players get together and help out," Que, a three-time winner on the Asian Tour, said.

– Reuters



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Dark clouds hover over high rise buildings in Manila November 8.

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## International Sport

## Regatta hosts underline support

KATA Group Resorts Thailand is to be the host sponsor of the 27<sup>th</sup> Phuket King's Cup Regatta, making this the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the World Luxury Hotel Awards 2013 Nominee has supported the renowned international yachting spectacle.

The regatta will be held from November 29 to December 6, 2013.

Kata Beach Resort and Spa, one of six properties owned and managed by Kata Group, is the established home of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta, serving as race control, media center, party host and venue for the Regatta Award Ceremony.

The group also houses staff of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organizing Committee and its support teams, as well as providing high quality accommodation to sponsor representatives and VIP attendees.

Pamuke Achariyachai, President of Kata Group Resorts Thailand, said, "We are honored to continue to support the Phuket King's Cup Regatta, one of Asia's most revered and competitive sailing events. The King's Cup is a great opportunity for us to achieve worldwide awareness of the Kata Group brand."

"Last year, we also received a prestigious trophy from the Personal Representative of His Majesty the King of Thailand in recognition of our long-standing support of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta, and we are proud to continue our sponsorship of this magnificent race into 2013 and beyond."

Kata Group Resorts Thailand has a 32-year reputation for offering high-quality, affordable resort destinations and the world-



STUNNING: Kata Beach Resort and Spa will serve as race control, media center and party host.

famous Thai holiday experience within the reach of a broad demographic of customers who love to travel to this beautiful part of Thailand.

The Group currently owns and operates six resorts in Thailand: Kata Beach Resort & Spa, Phuket; Beyond Resort Karon, Phuket; Phuket Orchid Resort & Spa, Phuket; Kandaburi Resort & Spa, Koh

Samui; Beyond Resort Khaolak, Phang Nga and Beyond Resort Krabi in Krabi.

Kevin Whitcraft, President of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organizing Committee, said, "Over the years, the Phuket King's Cup Regatta has been the arena for epic, close-quarter sailing action, while it also enjoys a reputation for its legendary series of beachside parties and closing celebrations."

"Kata Group has provided consistently excellent accommodation, food, entertainment, management facilities and event support to the King's Cup for many years, and we are truly appreciative of their devoted and on-going host sponsorship."

As a principal fixture on the Asian Yachting Circuit, the Phuket King's Cup Regatta, under Royal Patronage, annually features upwards of 100 boats – ranging from high tech to live-aboard ocean cruisers, to multihulls and classics. International-standard race management is combined with lively beach parties to create this world-renowned yacht racing exhibition.

Inaugurated in 1987 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of His Majesty the King of Thailand, the Phuket King's Cup Regatta – Asia's legendary has been held every year since during the first week of December.

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*

Sponsors of the 2013 Phuket King's Cup Regatta include Kata Group Resorts Thailand, PTT Global Chemical, Mont Clair, Singha Corporation, Sansiri PCL, Haadthip PLC, and Sunsail. Media Partners include Phuket Gazette, Phuket Magazine, Sail-World.com, SEA Yachting and YachtStyle Asia.

## Relax your dominant hand

ONE of the many interesting things to observe during the weeks we are hosting the great athletes involved in the ITF Women's Events held at Thanyapura, is the players' body language throughout a match.

When you watch the majority of these players, and those who you see on television, you'll notice that they are always showing emotion with their dominant hand. Players often pump their fist, or slap their thigh with their playing hand.

The reason they show emotion with their dominant hand is because the racket is in their non-dominant hand between points.

One of the most important areas to check is to see what they do with their racket and dominant hand immediately following the completion



of the point. As soon as the point is over, the racket should be in your non-dominant hand, always.

If you are right-handed, then your right hand should dangle and relax without holding the racket during the entire time between points. Wipe off the palm of your hand on your shorts, shake your fingertips or don't do anything at all, but give your arm and hand a chance to relax when the point is over. Traditionally, beginners never let go of the grip between points and these are usually the people you see with the most stress throughout their bodies while they are on the court.

Our arms are doing a lot of work when we play tennis so remember to let your hitting hand relax as you walk and wait between points. This will give your muscles a chance to relax to keep them performing better for a longer period of time.

Between points, you should 1) Hold racket in non-dominant hand; 2) Hold racket at the throat with racket head up; 3) Be aware of your posture (head up & shoulders back) and 4) Project confidence (even if it is smoke and mirrors), because your opponent is watching you. Happy relaxing between points!

This tip provided by Thanyapura's Tennis Head Coach, Roger Cochrane. Email: [tennis@thanyapura.com](mailto:tennis@thanyapura.com)



Rule in hand – relax between points

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# BISP shine in footy tourney

## Hosts of 12<sup>th</sup> international seven-a-side football tournament earn four trophies

BRITISH International School Phuket (BISP) was proud to once again host its annual football tournament, with the hosts taking home four of the total 30 trophies.

This year there were teams representing 26 international schools from not only Thailand, but China, South Korea, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Vietnam.

On the opening day (November 8), weather was warm and favorable, though late morning showers on the second and final day delayed much of the action until the afternoon, when BISP's waterlogged pitches made for some muddy and messy play.

Nonetheless, the kids toughed it out, maintaining their high spirits through to the end.

Out of 10 classes, BISP won top honors in the Under 11 and Under 15 boys categories, while their Over 15 and Under 15 girls teams finished second and third of their class, respectively.

Among the other most successful schools were the Alice Smith School, Malaysia (KLASS), who took home five trophies, followed by Bangkok Patana School with four trophies and Tanglin Trust School, Singapore (TTS) with three trophies.

All winners in their respective categories are listed to the bottom right.

– *Phuket Gazette*



The BISP Under 11 team dominated their opponents. Photo: Steven Layne



GOOD AS GOLD: The BISP boys Under 11 (left) and Under 15 topped their groups. Photos: Supplied



BISP's Over 15 girls squad (left) earned silver, while their Under 15 girls got bronze. Photo: Supplied



AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR: The 12th BISP football tournament featured teams from 26 international schools in various countries such as South Korea (blue) and Malaysia (yellow). Photo: Steven Layne

## And the winners are...

### Under 9 Girls

1. Bangkok Patana School (BPS)
2. Alice Smith School, Malaysia (KLASS)
3. Harrow International School, Bangkok (HIS)

### Under 9 Boys

1. British International School Jakarta (BISJ)
2. St. Andrews International School Bangkok (St AB)
3. KLASS

### Under 11 Girls

1. BISJ
2. HIS
3. BPS

### Under 11 Boys

1. British International School Phuket (BISP)
2. BPS
3. Tanglin Trust School, Singapore (TTS)

### Under 13 Girls

1. Marlborough College Malaysia (MCM)
2. International School of Kuala Lumpur (ISKL)
3. TTS

### Under 13 Boys

1. Dulwich College Beijing (DCB)
2. TTS
3. KLASS

### Under 15 Girls

1. BPS
2. KLASS
3. BISP

### Under 15 Boys

1. BISP
2. KLASS
3. ISKL

### Over 15 Girls

1. International School of Penang, Uplands (ISPU)
2. BISP
3. DCB

### Over 15 Boys

1. Shrewsbury International School Bangkok (SHB)
2. The Regents School Pattaya
3. Australian International School, Singapore (AIS)

The 12<sup>th</sup> BISP International Football Tournament was proudly sponsored by Outrigger Laguna Phuket, the Phuket Gazette and PGTV.



# Local swimmers wading to success

## Flying Fish set bar high as BISP boosts swim program

IN A competition where three world records were set and most heats provided Olympic level competition, the Singapore leg of the FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation) World Cup series provided great competition experience for three of the young Flying Fish High Performance Team (HPT) swim students from the British International School, Phuket (BISP).

Roxanne Yu (16 years old) and Jethro Chua (17) both competed for the Philippines at the meet, while Evelyn Lukacs (16) raced for Hungary. BISP's HPT coach Mr Simon Jones, was selected as the Hungarian National Coach.

The competition, held on November 5 and 6 at the Singapore Sports School, was part of Coach Jones' plan to prepare the

BISP Flying Fish HPT swimmers for the Queensland State Championships in Brisbane, Australia next December; and the exposure to world class swimming competition was vital in their build up to the Championships, which is one of the worlds premier age group swimming competitions.

Having undertaken just eight weeks of training since starting school, the BISP swimmers excelled at the meet and swam to 10 Youth Olympic Games qualifying standards, eight best times and one National Record (Roxanne Yu in the 200m backstroke) pending confirmation.

Coach Jones commented: "We witnessed three world records at the competition and

an exposure to senior level swimming that is invaluable to our students at this stage in their development."

"Each student experienced racing against seasoned Olympic athletes over the two-day competition, and the lessons learned in managing the size of the event will be invaluable when we depart to Australia in December for one of the worlds top age-group championships."

Swimmers currently on the HPT at BISP are currently representing Hungary, the Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia in international competition. Applications for next year's scholarship positions on the swim team are being opened in a couple of weeks' time.

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The BISP Flying Fish HPT swimmers and coach in Singapore, where they not only represented Phuket, but their respective home countries as well.

Ignite Athletics, will be hosting the ASCTA (Australian Swim Coaches and Teachers Association) Coaching Conference this coming November 17-20, in which approximately 60 Southeast Asian swim coaches and teaching professionals will descend upon BISP to gain professional development and international certification from Australian Swimming.

Furthermore, there will be keynote speakers from Australia's leading swim programs present to impart their knowledge over the

three-day conference.

The HPT swimmers will also play a part in demonstrating at the conference, as attendees witness just a snapshot of the training group's grueling 22 to 26 hours of training per week that keeps them on their respective international swim squads.

For anyone interested in a late sign-up for the ASCTA Coaching Conference, or information about aforementioned scholarships, please email [aquatics@bispphuket.ac.th](mailto:aquatics@bispphuket.ac.th)

## Enemy of great: good



RECENTLY, I talked about complacency, and how it can short-circuit your best intentions in training by lulling you into not performing to your best. This week, I'd like to talk about how complacency can hurt you in another way... by being good at something!

The enemy of being great at something is being good at it. Think about it: When being good, we are happy. We are comfortable with our success. This good feeling we have can trick us into taking it easy and enjoying our success, but if you want to reach the top, we need to push through feeling good in order to get to great. Think about this some more and you can probably remember a friend or competitor that was initially good at their sport but had difficulty rising up to higher levels. Eventually everyone else catches up to that person and in time, they lose interest in the sport all together.

Good athletes have a lot of habits that help them. Great athletes look for ways to incorporate new habits and continue to improve. Stress forces our muscles to do work in a new way and this will make us stronger. Our bodies are very good at adapting to the stresses and learning to work through them better.



Being good is not good enough for being great.

Need an example? Do 20 push-ups each day for two weeks. Maybe the first couple days you are struggling to hold good form, but by the end of week two, you'll be able to rip through those 20 push-ups without any difficulty at all. Feels good! ! You feel like you accomplished something... and this is where good becomes the enemy of great. To get better, we must constantly push ourselves to do more to improve.

A great athlete works on what he or she is not good at, and then becomes great at everything.

Now that we understand why being good can keep us from being great, we just need to focus on pushing through "doing good" so we can reach "doing great"! The rewards are worth it, as is the sense of achieving something worthwhile. Your goals will guide you on your way, and success will surely follow as you tick off your goals one by one.

Are you good – or do you want to be great? The choice is yours.

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