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## 'THEY ARE BREAKING THE LAW AND WILL BE PUNISHED'

# Battling 'mob rule'



Rioters attacking the Thalang Police Station set several vehicles on fire and broke the windows of the building. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

### Violent riot at police station prompts official attack on mob mentality

THOUGH blockades, protests and other forms of mob rule appear to be an effective way for Phuket community members to kick-start official action, justice eventually catches up with the instigators, said Commanding General of the 41<sup>st</sup> Military Circle Teenachat Jindangen.

The commander's comments come fast on the heels of an unprecedented riot and attack on the Thalang Police Station and closure of Thepkasattri Road on October 10. About 20 police officers were injured and more than 6 million baht worth of damage was done, as hundreds of rioters set

fire to police vehicles and bombarded the station with bricks and rocks.

The catalysts for the violence were the deaths of suspected drug dealers Patomwat Panarak, 22, and Teerapong Srisamut, 17, who died in a police chase after allegedly refusing to be searched at a checkpoint.

Protesters claimed that the 50 pills of *ya ba* (methamphetamine) and one kilogram of *kratom* leaves in the young men's bags had been planted by police. The allegation was vehemently denied by Provincial Police Commander Patchara Boonyasit.

"Though the riots yielded immediate results with the Ministry of Interior demanding an investigation into allegations of excessive force by the four officers who crashed into the fleeing men, we would have conducted a fair investigation our-

selves," Phuket Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada told the *Gazette* on Wednesday. "Now, we not only will ensure that this matter will be looked into, but we will also hunt down those who helped turn the peaceful protest into a violent riot, damaging Phuket's international reputation."

The deaths of Mr Patomwat and Mr Teerapong were most likely used as a cover by criminal teenagers in the local community to take revenge on police, said Maj Gen Patchara earlier this week. As of Wednesday, police had identified at least nine instigators, but had yet to seek arrest warrants.

However, the devastation of the lives lost and the parents' fear of police inaction was very real, assured Governor Chamroen, who had negotiated with the parents and...

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### Club security brutally beats six tourists

MANAGEMENT from the White Room Night Club in Patong fired five bouncers after the men were caught on tape brutally beating two Australian tourists.

The tourists flew home without pressing charges.

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## 12-year-old passenger dies after bus fire

A FIRE that broke out on a Phuket-Satun bus on October 7 claimed the life of a 12-year-old girl on October 10.

The girl, named by police only as Panida, is the second of four victims admitted to the Phang Nga Hospital ICU to die from smoke inhalation. The other two victims remain in comas in the ICU, while Daeng Thaharat, 76, was pronounced dead at the scene. The day after the accident, 25-year-old Sunisa Chookaew died from her injuries.

A total of 21 passengers were on the bus while the 54-year-old driver, Prathueng Sakkaew, used a borrowed welding torch to fix his seat. A spark from the torch set the seat on fire. The flames quickly spread to the back of the bus.

Nearby locals responded to Mr Prathueng's calls for help and broke the windows of the bus, allowing the passengers to escape the smoke filled vehicle.

Mr Prathueng was charged with causing death and injuries.

– Chutharat Plerin

## Minivan driver busted for drugs

POLICE arrested a van driver at the Tah Chat Chai Check-point on October 9 after officers discovered 3,921 *ya bah* (methamphetamine) pills and four grams of *ya ice* (crystal methamphetamine) in the vehicle he was driving.

The driver, Sutthichai

## Gods descend for island's Vegetarian Festival 2015



**VIDEO REPORT:** Vegetarian Festival participants raised Go Teng poles at every Chinese shrine in Phuket at sunset on October 12 to allow the Jade Emperor, one of the Nine Emperor Gods, to descend from the heavens – marking the start of the 2015 festivities. The Festival will run until October 21 when participants bid the gods a 'grand farewell' before they proceed heavenward. For the full schedule of events and the Gazette's 'must see' list, visit [PhuketGazette.net](http://PhuketGazette.net)

made his intentions clear, he asked for time to complete the task lawfully.

– Chutharat Plerin

## Rescue workers catch cobra in expat's garden

AN EXPAT and his wife received quite a surprise when they discovered a 1.5 meter cobra relaxing in a shoe rack inside their Ao Yon home on October 9.

The pair called Kusoldharm Foundation rescue workers as the snake made its way out of the house and into an old broken boat in their garden.

Rescue workers spent about 40 minutes rummaging through the boat before they were able to wrangle the cobra.

"It was about 1.5 meters long and weighed about 4 kilograms," rescue worker Sakun Naepnean said.

"I am glad that this family called us rather than trying to catch it themselves."

The cobra was released at Bang Wad Reservoir in Kathu.

– Kongleaphy Keam

## Phuket-Hat Yai direct flights now available

BANGKOK Airways officially launched its daily direct flights between Phuket and Hat Yai on October 11.

Bangkok Airways will serve daily flights between Phuket and Hat Yai, on a 70-seat ATR72-500/600, with flights from Phuket to Hat Yai departing at 7:25am and arriving in Hat Yai at 8:30am and Hat Yai to Phuket departing at 9:10am and arriving in Phuket at 10:15am.

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### Briefly

police began to question Mr Sutthichai.

"He said he was hired by Bang Lee, a prisoner in Nakhon Sri Thammarat, to deliver the drugs and sell them in Phuket," Lt Col Nikorn said.

Mr Sutthichai was charged with possession of a category 1 drug with intent to sell.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

## Meth network unraveled, guns confiscated

POLICE confiscated four firearms, 194 rounds of ammunition, 3,507 *ya ba* (methamphetamine) pills and 31 grams of *ya ice* (crystal methamphetamine) during a two-day raid on a Phuket Town drug network last week.

"The contraband seized was in possession of four suspects," said Lt Col Prawit Engchuan of the Phuket Provincial Police.

All suspects were charged with possession of a category

1 drug, while two were additionally charged for possession of illegal firearms and ammunition.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

## Surin Beach business on Gov's hit list

GOVERNOR Chamroen Tipayapongtada vowed to be cautious in his dealings with the numerous beach businesses, including several iconic beach clubs, occupying government buildings along Surin Beach on October 8.

"If it was up to me, I would have them torn down," Governor Chamroen said yesterday. "However, I don't have the authority to do that. We will need to review the appropriate laws and regulations, as they are government buildings on government land."

In June last year, Cherng Talay Local Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) President Ma-ann Samran and then-Vice Governor Chamroen gave seven-day eviction notices to numerous businesses allegedly encroaching on public property at popular beaches in Cherng Talay.

Though Governor Chamroen





# Patong night club fires security after Australian tourists' beating

By Kongleaphy Keam

MANAGEMENT from the White Room Night Club in Patong denounced the violent actions of five of their bouncers who brutally beat six Australian tourists on October 7.

A video of the security guards attacking two of the Australian tourists was shared on Facebook and quickly went viral.

"We, the management of White Room Night Club, are shocked and upset by the violent incident. We strongly reject all forms of violence and we are currently reviewing the necessary measures to ensure nothing like this will ever happen again," management wrote in a statement to the *Gazette*.

"Needless to add, the culprits of this despicable act have had their employment at White Room immediately terminated."

Patong Entertainment Business Association President Weerawit Kurasombat called representatives from nightlife venues in Patong together to review policies concerning bouncer's conduct.

"I plan to implement strict



President of the Patong Entertainment Business Association called representatives from nightlife venues in Patong together to review policies concerning bouncers' conduct. Photo: Isaac Stone Simonelli

rules about the use of violence by security," Mr Weerawit said. "If any bouncer at any club is violent with a tourist, the club will be shutdown for at least two days."

The security guards told officials that the fight started when the tourists refused to pay their bill and one of them started fighting with a guard.

"That's garbage, we went in there with tickets with drinks," said one of the Australian men, named by *ninemsn* only as 'Aaron'.

"We had drink cards that were 'drink-as-much as you

want' from 10 until one for 800 baht."

Aaron then went on to detail the confrontation to *ninemsn*. He said that the bouncers were aggressive from the very beginning, and that when he stepped in between a bouncer and his friend, the bouncer knocked him unconscious in the club.

"Not one of us threw a punch," Aaron added.

Mr Weerawit requested that Kathu District Office penalize the White Room Night Club by forcing it to close for seven days.

"I am very sorry about what happened, but I would have appreciated them [the Australians] clearing up the issue through the police, rather than going to the media back home," Mr Weerawit said. "I worry about Phuket's reputation."

If the Australian Embassy does not issue a formal complaint, the Patong Entertainment Business Association prefers to move on from the incident.

"We do not want the problem to get bigger, so we will stay silent and improve ourselves."

## Gov Chamroen disbands island haze committee



Gov Chamroen (left) and Mr Jatmiko. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

THE committee monitoring the Indonesian haze that descended on Phuket last week was disbanded by Phuket Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada on October 9.

"Even though we have officially closed down the committee, all officers remain on call in case the issue arises again," Governor Chamroen said. "At this stage, we will continue to monitor the air pollution levels."

Indonesian Consul Triyogo Jatmiko met with Gov Chamroen on October 8 to detail what efforts were being made to put out the Indonesian forest fires.

In addition to promises made by Indonesia, changes in weather conditions played a major role in clearing the air in Phuket.

If there are any public health concerns, up-to-date information will be released in Thai and English, Gov Chamroen promised.

— Kongleaphy Keam

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# Officials to put end to mob mentality

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...reached an understanding hours before the protesters turned violent.

"I understand that sometimes people feel that they have nowhere to go but to the streets to seek justice," Gov Chamroen said. However, the need for justice does not validate closing down major roadways or violence, he noted.

"Local people must change their mentality about the effectiveness of using violence to get their demands met. Think about what will happen to your family if you get arrested," Gov Chamroen said.

"If you look back at previous protest instigators on the island, you will see that all of their leaders were arrested and charged for their crimes."

Though the violence at the Thalang Police Station was unprecedented in Phuket, prior to the National Council of Peace

and Order taking over, blockades were clearly being used by different communities on the island to get their demands met.

Maj Gen Teenachat Jindangen explained that the number one goal of any military or government agency confronted by protesters, violent or non-violent, is to defuse the situation, which often means making immediate concessions.

"Once we are able to breakup a protest or riot, we can start searching for a real solution to the issue," Gen Teenachat said.

"Our number one priority is to assure that our officers do not use any form of violence against the protesters.

"The protesters may get what they want. However, they are breaking the law and will be punished."

The Public Assembly Act of 2015 forbids people from blocking the entrance or exit of a government office or disrupting



The rioters caused much damage to the police station.

the work being conducted at the facility. Those found guilty of doing so face a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment, a 10,000 baht fine or both.

Those seeking justice against officials or government offices should first present their cases to the Damrongdhama Center (ombudsman's office) at Phuket Provincial Hall, Gov Chamroen explained.

"I am making changes to the work flow at the center and

have asked the Public Prosecutor's Office to review all cases that have eventually led to protests on the island," Gov Chamroen said.

Damrongdhama Center Chief Prapan Kanprasang assured the *Gazette* that his office would seek justice for those who file a complaint.

"There are many ways to seek justice. Please follow a path that is within the law. Riots and protests, especially

ones that cause harm to others, will not yield real results," Mr Prapan said.

Those wanting to file a complaint can do so in person at Provincial Hall; send the complaint by mail to the Damrongdhama Center, Phuket Provincial Hall 5 Narisorn Road, Talad Yai, Muang Phuket 83000; or call 076-213 203.

"Blockades, protests and riots can cause a great deal of harm to Phuket – not only to the local community, but to our image internationally. Our officers acted with restraint last Saturday, as they refused to fight violence with violence," Gov Chamroen said.

"I do not want to see another blockade or protest on this island. If you are unable to get justice through local officials or even the Damrongdhama Center, come talk to me – let me bear the burden of your need for justice. Every problem has a solution."

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## Officers arrest men with baby gibbons



The rescued gibbons were taken to the Phang Nga Wildlife Nursery Station. Photo: Thung Talay Non Hunting Zone

THREE gibbon touts were arrested in front of the Andaman Resort on Phi Phi Don as they attempted to cajole tourists into using the protected species as a prop for photographs earlier this month.

"The police did a great job. They have finally improved their efforts on cracking down on these animal touts," said Suwat Suksiri, chief of the Thung Talay Non Hunting Zone. "The key is that tourists tipped them off, so they were able to arrest all three at once."

The suspects were in possession of gibbons ranging from one and a half years old to just nine months.

"Gibbons are generally brought over from Phuket. These baby gibbons, costing

about 25,000 baht each, are sourced from the wild by poachers who take them from their mother. The mother is killed in the process," Mr Suwat said.

The suspects were named as Abdulvaris Imuesa, 21; Chaicharak Ninsamut, 20; and Anucha Bangsai, 21.

The three were charged for the illegal possession of a protected wild animal.

All three gibbons were taken to the Phang Nga Wildlife Nursery Station.

"Our goal is to rid Phi Phi of gibbon touts. We really appreciate the help of citizens and would like people to continue to send leads in to us," Mr Suwat said.

– Kongleaphy Keam



## Mystery surrounds bizarre death

PATONG: Bizarre theories surround the fate of Rassamee Pholrat, 22, from Udon Thani, who was found dead on the morning of October 5 at the Safari Elephant Camp on Siriraj Rd, between Karon and Patong.

Police have speculated that she may have been assaulted by unknown assailants who tried to rape her, and was then crushed to death by one of the elephants.

Much of the attention on Phuket's rehabilitation since the tsunami has focused on Patong and Kamala, but other parts of the island were damaged – though much less severely – and these, too, are well along with plans for improvements. Sangkhae Leelanapaporn looks at two of these areas: Chalong and Rawai.

## Time for more serious action against uncaring developers

The one high-profile sector of Phuket's economy that seems to have suffered little or no damage from last year's tsunami is the property industry. Sales are still booming, and prices at the very top end of the market have already surpassed US\$5 million, or 200 million baht, per acre.

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## Bar busted in prostitution raid

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## Mom Tri plans to open school

College to be similar to Chiang Mai's Prem Center

By Andy Johnstone

KATA: Famed architect and developer ML Tridhosyuth Devakul has unveiled plans to establish a new International Baccalaureate (IB) school in Phuket.

Mom Tri, as he is widely known, was speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony on October 6 for the Villas Grand Cru, a new residential project in the Kata Hills.

In 2001, Mom Tri founded the Prem Tinsulanonda International School (Prem Center) in



ML Tridhosyuth Devakul: Dulwich parents suggested the idea.

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Bar busted for under-age male prostitution

PATONG: Kathu Police raided the Uncle Charlie's Boys night-club on Soi Paradise on the night of October 8 and arrested two employees on charges of procur-

ing sexual services by boys under 15 years of age.

The bar owners, a father-and-son team, were later arrested on six charges, including viola-

tion of the Penal Code and Labor Act.

Police have also requested the Governor to close down the club permanently.

Pol Lt Pratuang Pholmana of the Kathu Police said the raid began with an operation by undercover female officers who entered the bar posing as cus-

tomers seeking to buy sex.

SEXUAL SERVICES

In the bar they found some 20 alleged male prostitutes, some lined up on a dancing stage wear-

ing only white shorts affixed with employee numbers.

Using banknotes with pre-recorded serial numbers, the officers paid for sexual services from six boys under 18 years of

age, including two 14-year-olds, and then made the arrests.

Police arrested Ritt Tangsab, 40, and Direk Jongchareon,

## Briton, 33, jailed for dealing in Ecstasy pills

Viagra overdose may have caused death of Finn, 47

Protests cause park fee increase to be postponed

## Businesswoman murder probe draws a blank

## The gift of hindsight

in a sting operation.

"Using banknotes with pre-recorded serial numbers, the officers paid for sexual services from six boys under 18 years of age, including two 14 year olds, and then made the arrests... The fact that the boys willingly engaged in prostitution has little bearing on the charges," the Gazette reported.

Such an effective effort by police makes the recent months of officers ending up empty handed after raiding nightlife venues in hopes of finding ille-

gal workers quaint. But maybe, just maybe, officers ten years ago did such a good job that there aren't any illegals left operating on the island. Well, of course, there will always be just a few that can't afford to pay for tea and end up surfacing here and there, such as the man running sex shows on Soi Bangla who was ousted by pop star Rihanna via Twitter in 2013.

This issue also detailed the budget for the Rawai Pier, which has become a staple landmark for the southern tip of the island, and even has Stephen Fein, who still wields the pen for the Gazette's editorials, discussing his battle with lower-back pain. However, the real kicker is the Time Machine (October 15, 2000): Protests cause park fee increase to be postponed.

The implementation of the dramatic increase in park fees, which were to only apply to foreigners, was pushed back from September 13 to October 1, 2001. The fee for a foreign adult was to jump from 10 baht to 200 baht. Twenty years later, almost to the day, a foreign-faced, American citizen who was born and raised in Phuket – and very much Thai at heart – worked up a social media frenzy about double-pricing at Emerald Pool, Krabi. He refused to pay his 200 baht.

To read the entire October 15-21, 2005 issue, check out the Phuket Gazette archives online – or, for those who have been around awhile, start cleaning out the attic.

– Isaac Stone Simonelli

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## Separatists call for international observers in peace talks

THAILAND-BASED separatist group Barisan Revolusi Nasional Melayu Patani (BRN) said on October 12 that it would join peace talks with the government only if they are conducted in accordance with international standards and norms.

The dialogue must include mediators and observers from other nations, said the group, which the government accuses of orchestrating the current wave of violence in Deep South.

The parameters of the formal discussion have not yet been established. The BRN said it would not get involved in the meetings brokered by Malaysia.

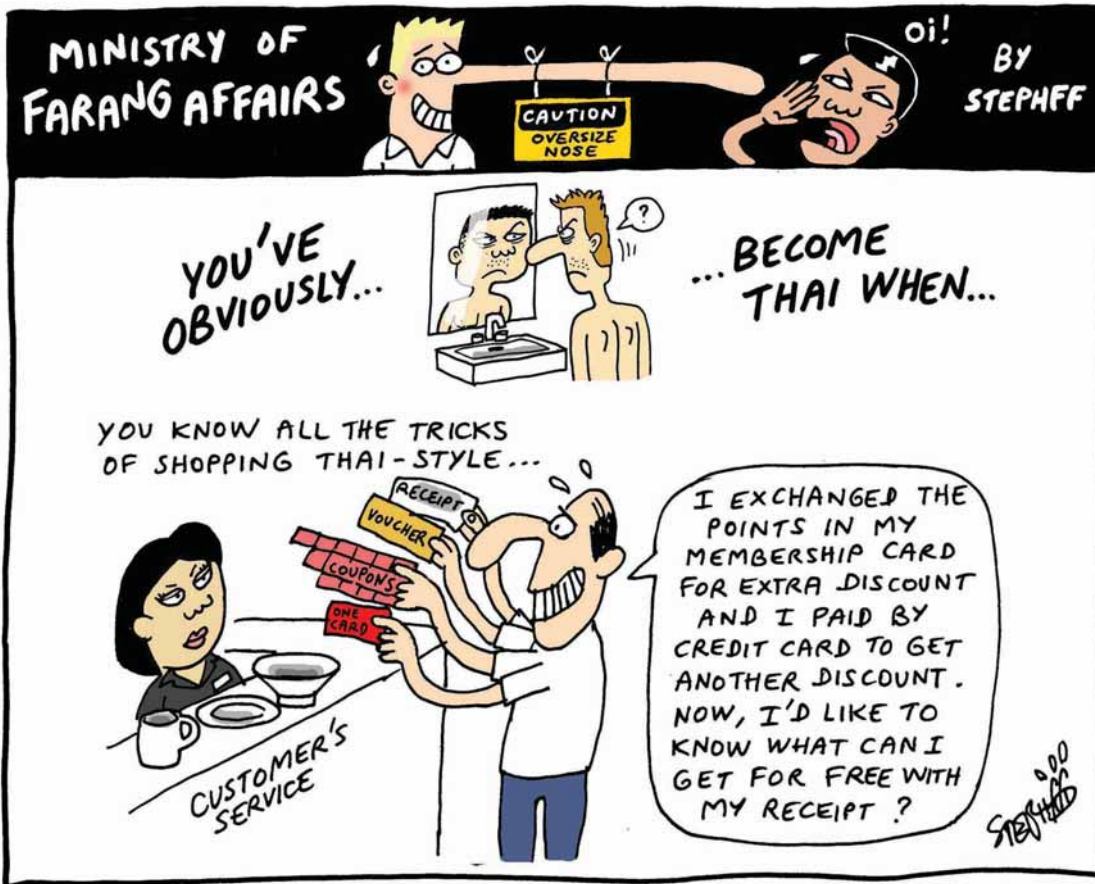
## Deputy PM resolves issue of celebrities promoting booze

THE issue of Thai celebrities posting pictures of themselves endorsing alcoholic beverages online has been resolved, as they have been brought up to speed with Thai laws, said Deputy Prime Minister Pratin Jantong on October 12.

They were simply ignorant of the law, Air Chief Marshal Pratin said. However, they will feel the long arm of the law if they repeat the offence.

30 Thai celebrities who posted pictures of themselves with alcoholic beverage on social media were in violation of Article 32 of the Alcohol Beverage Control Act, said Samarn Futrakul, director of the Office of Alcoholic Drinks Control Committee of the Diseases Control Department.

"These actors, singers or athletes are like magnets for copy cats and there were also some captions convincing



people to drink. All these could be considered a violation of article 32," Dr Samarn said.

## Koh Tao trial verdict set for December 24

THE verdict in the trial of two Myanmar migrant workers accused of killing two British tourists will be announced at the end of the year, a defence lawyer confirmed on October 12.

Britons Hannah Witheridge, 23, and David Miller, 24, were found bludgeoned to death on the southern island of Koh Tao last year. Post-mortem examination also showed that Ms Witheridge had been raped.

The killings raised questions about the safety of tourists in Thailand, the competence of its police force and its treatment of migrant workers. Lawyers for the accused, Zaw Lin and Win Zaw Htun, both 22, have made police incompetence and mishandling of evidence central to their defence.

During the trial, which be-

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gan in July, defence lawyers complained of a patchy police investigation marred by disputed forensics. The trial ended this weekend with the men alleging they were tortured and sexually assaulted in order to force them to make false confessions.

Rights groups have become involved in the trial and claim the men are being used as scapegoats because of their status as foreign migrant workers.

## Culture Ministry bans film on Thai monks

THE Culture Ministry issued a ban on the screening of 'Arbat' yesterday, forcing Sahamongkol Film to cancel all premiere events scheduled for October

13, as well as the planned release set for October 15.

The ministry's Film and Media Screening Committee explained that the film was banned because it depicted misconduct by monks and novices, including drinking, violence and improper relations with women.

## Trafficking cases moved to new court

TRAFFICKING cases involving Rohingya and other migrant victims have been transferred to the Criminal Court's newly established Human Trafficking Case Division.

The lawsuit filed at Songkhla's Na Thawee Provincial Court against 72 suspects was moved to the new division because they involved a transnational criminal gang and many state officials, Attorney General's Office Spokesman Somnuek Siangkong said on October 10.

Evidence in the cases is slated to be inspected by the

Human Trafficking Case Division from November 10-13, while the first batch of defendants, including former Army special adviser Lt Gen Manas Khongpaen, will be transferred to Bangkok Remand Prison.

## Temporary police traffic checkpoints banned

THE use of temporary police checkpoints to catch those violating traffic laws is now banned nationally, unless they meet stringent criteria.

The public had called for the temporary checkpoints to be scrapped, saying that they were randomly set up so officers could earn a percentage of the fines.

Police Spokesman Prawut Thavornsiri said a checkpoint must now be supervised by a police inspector or a higher-ranking officer and be marked with clear signs.

## Social Security Act to benefit millions

THE newly passed fourth edition of the Social Security Act will provide additional benefits to almost 14 million subscribers, the government said on October 10.

Those benefits cover healthcare, childbirth, unemployment and death. The new law will come into effect on October 20.

## Artifacts lost in museum fire

YUAM TAI Mayor Sati Saphaweephan called for the Mae Sariang Museum on the Myanmar border to be rebuilt after a fire gutted it on October 12 and destroyed important artifacts.

The century-old Poy Sang Long suite contained a great number of historical and ethnic antiques.

# Phuket locals believe snake deity raised road

A CRACKED, raised road in Surin filled locals with the belief earlier this year that perhaps the cavity below was made by a Naga, a deity in a number of eastern religions that takes the shape of a snake – sometimes with seven heads – or even a Buddha image.

Villagers gathered at the site, only 300 meters from a local graveyard, and attempted to peek beneath the road into the steaming hole below as they recalled a number of ancient items having been found in the area before.

A handful of people in the Muang district gathered to pay their respects to the spirit living in the area. However, after a bit of further research they found that there was nothing below the up-lifted road but steam.

Surin Muang District Chief Wanlop

Ruangpornjaroen held a ceremony to make all those concerned happy and ensure them that any spirits would be appeased. However, he pointed out that they really should not be so superstitious.

– Nattha Thepbamrung



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# History of mob rule

THE Royal Thai Police must conduct a full and transparent investigation into the sad chain of events that led up to the riot at Thalang Police Station – all instigators must face justice.

Issues of democratic development aside, one of the silver linings of living under de facto martial law has up to this point been the dramatic reduction in the number of tourism-killing road blockades set up by protesters.

Prior to the seizure of power by the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) in 2014, hardly a month passed without a roadblock of some kind taking place. The island seemed to be dangerously close slipping into a 'protestocracy', which was fostered by widespread self-entitlement, greed, corruption – and residents not trusting police.

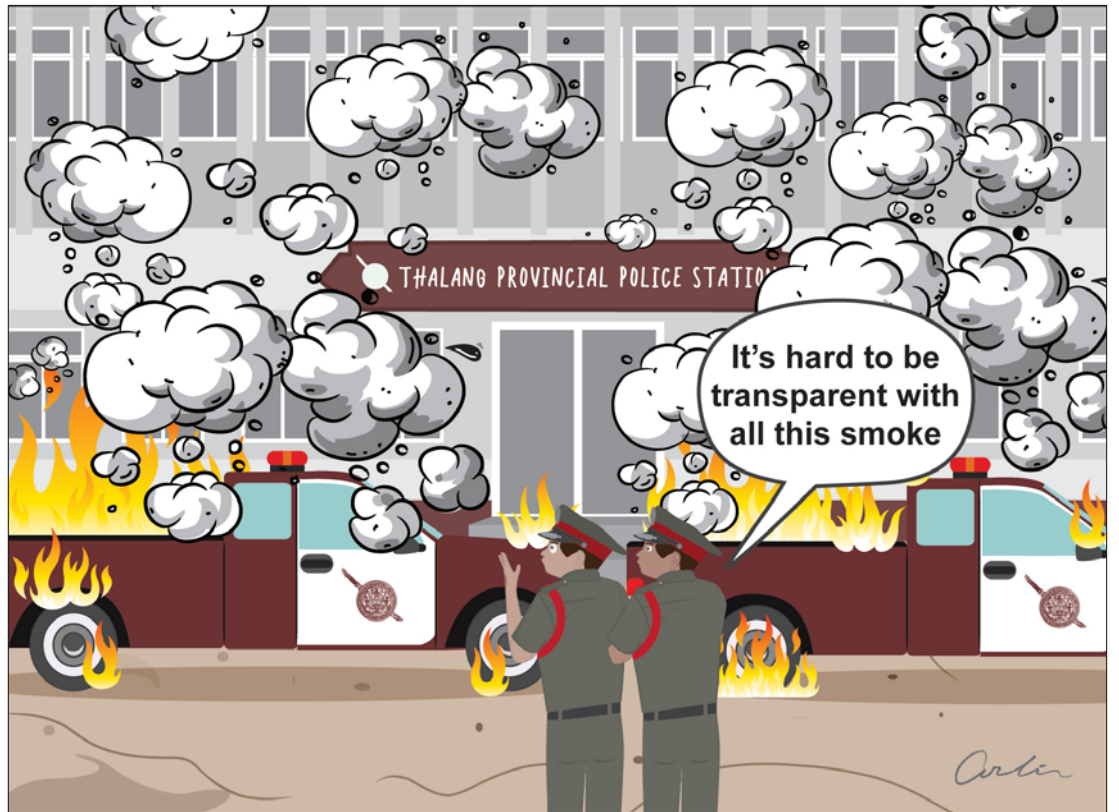
Many, if not most, of these blockades have taken place in Thalang District, which has a long and depressing history of poor relations between local residents and police at all three of its stations: Thalang, Chong Talay and Tah Chat Chai.

But the unprecedented riot at Thalang Police Station represents a particularly worrying break in what had been a period of relative peace on the island, and may reflect a growing public discontentment with the police.

Our national police force has failed to earn the same level of respect as their counterparts in the military and is still regarded by large segments of society as not only self-serving and corrupt, but also incompetent.

It is fortunate that the officers on duty at the time of the unprecedented violent attack did not fire on the attackers in self-defence. The restraint exercised by the officers is to be commended, as riot police in developed, as well as developing countries, far too often fail to do so. However, the failure of well-armed police to 'hold the fort' could also be misconstrued by the public as yet another form of incompetence. Some might ask: How can they be expected to protect society at-large if they can't protect their home turf?

It is in fact this restraint and the confidence that justice will be eventually served, versus the immediate desire to get even with the attackers, that will best serve the force in the long run. Police have already gathered enough solid evidence to put at least nine of those responsible where they belong: behind bars. However, it must be done so with complete transparency. And, at the same time, it is equally important that the incident that triggered the riot also be investigated in a transparent way. Otherwise, widespread perceptions that police are 'above the law' will continue to prevail.



## Cheap, uninformed decisions lead to deaths

Re: One dead, 12 injured in Phuket-Satun bus fire, October 7

Unbelievable anywhere except Thailand.

These big bus and mini bus companies and drivers are murdering people every day and nothing is done. Untrained drivers and uncared for buses. Cheap repairs, cheap drivers.

Very sad for all tourism in Thailand. As long as things like this happen, and they do every day, no matter what else is done, if the cheap bus and other tour companies do things on the cheap, people will die and all of Thailand suffers.

Simon Lomas  
Facebook

## Security meant to defuse, not escalate

Re: Phuket night club fires bouncers after brutal beating of Aussie tourists, October 8

Any security guards who kick customers in the head and chest when they are on the ground are guilty of mob violence and cowardice.

The drunk tourists probably started it and a fight ensued, but security's job is to defuse volatile situations and remove them from the premises.

They have been sacked as management know they are guilty and the police should do their job and charge them according to the evidence shown.

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## Letters to the Editor

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## Mobs only destroy Phuket's reputation

Re: Locals attack Phuket police station, set fire to cop cars, October 10

That's why we need police – because of such ignorant individuals who ignore the law and have no respect for whatever and destroy the peace of intelligent, decent people.

With such behavior, this mob also destroys the reputation, livelihood and prosperity of Phuket that is built on tourism, on which many decent ordinary families depend.

Why we need police  
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## What's the point of 'buying' property?

Re: Phuket real estate shrugs off Bangkok slowdown, October 12

Why would anyone 'buy' property in Thailand since it is impossible to own property if you are not Thai.

The difference is that anyone (regardless of citizenship) can actually own property in Canada, the United States, or England. We live in the USA and love Thailand and would consider buying a home there, but I also believe that there is

a real risk to the 'personality' of Thailand if outsiders were allowed to purchased property.

The Thai people as a whole would be driven out of the market, prices of all commodities would go sky high and the majority of Thais would be driven into poverty. This is what has happened in every tropical paradise, whether it is the Bahamas or Hawaii.

Every developing nation is looked upon as prey by the super rich and the normal person never benefits, regardless of the promises by the greedy.

William Moynihan  
Facebook

## Egotistical drivers lead to road chaos

Re: Island View: Indication of the inconsiderate, October 13

If you show the indicator on Phuket roads to change to the very left lane to go safely to the next u-turn, the cars behind you in most cases will ignore it and not give you the chance to change lanes.

On the way from town to the airport there are more traffic lights needed in order to control a fair traffic flow for everyone.

As long as there are egoistical, reckless drivers ignoring motorists on the road, there will be chaos and traffic jams.

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# Phuket's new Governor

## LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR

IT IS essential that the people of Phuket understand their rights, as well as obey laws and orders. For us to build a harmonious society, we must communicate well and work together.

The recent riot at the Thalang Police Station could not be predicted. However, the heart of the issue was misunderstanding and miscommunication, all driven by social media. Before things became violent, I spoke with the parents of the two men killed and we reached an understanding about what had happened and what would happen. However, those who were not able to directly address started spreading misinformation through social media.

We thought our work was done, as the families understood what actions would be taken, then the riot broke out. This is the perfect example of people knowing their rights and knowing how to follow orders. I received a direct order from the Minister of Interior to proceed in a way that would not lead to anyone else being seriously injured. This meant that the police who were guarding the building could not fight back. They are human. They have feelings. However, they did what was necessary to avoid any Phuket people being injured.

There are a number of large tasks for me to tackle during my time here as Governor, and this is just one of many serious situations that requires my attention. Once my role in this is finished, I will start tackling



**Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada** arrived on the island on September 30 to take on his new position.

Governor Chamroen is a Phuket native with a master's degree in political and administrative science from the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) and served as the island's vice governor from 2012 to 2014.

Here he clarifies his role as a leader and supporter of Phuket and outlines the need for everyone to understand their rights, follow the rules and love the island for what it is.

other problems. However, I've yet to decide what is at the top of the list, as I have a number of projects that were handed over to me by the former governor, as well as policies that I was working on when I was a vice governor here.

No matter what projects I decide to start with, I can't do it alone. It is necessary to have a strong team and the support of the island so that we can work together to move forward.

For the moment, there are at least beach management and jet-ski rules, so I am happy to leave those for the time being. I not only want to push forward the policies presented by the central government, but also those ideas from local government offices, as we all work together for a better future.

There is no need to stick to the same routine. I am hoping that people will put forward creative and interesting ideas on how to boost tourism on the island and fix the issues we are facing. This type of creativity is what the central government

wants to see.

The core issue of almost all of the problems on the island is that too many people only want to take from Phuket, and are not willing to give back.

Simply being considerate of those around you and the rules set in place is a way to give back to the island. For example, if a person sees a curb painted red and white, they know it means no parking. But they break the rule anyway, because it interferes with what they want. They don't care about how their selfish action will affect others living in this society with them. We see the same kind of mentality from those making dangerous turns in front of the Darasamuth underpass. The list goes on forever.

Every society has bad and good people. However, we must come together and follow the rules so those that break them feel like outsiders to our society and realize that their actions are not normal or permissible on Phuket.



Protesters take to Soi Bangla in August over police allegedly beating a Patong bouncer. Victims, such as the Aussies who were recently attacked, should not be afraid to seek justice. Photo: Gazette file

## Neolithic bouncers

### Island View

By Alex Stone

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THE tradition of bouncers beating punters more than likely goes back to the first brewers and distillers. The first confirmed creation of fermented beverages dates back to 6,650 BC. However, it is widely believed that humans were brewing beverages as early as the Neolithic period (10,000 BC), which very likely indicates a long history of those protecting their fermented drinks by sternly reprimanding family, friends and clients. So what's all the fuss about these Aussie lads on Soi Bangla?

The real issue, of course, is the fact that it happened in Phuket, a place both easily accessible to the world and exotic.

The story of the five bouncers brutally beating the Australian tourists would not have made international news if it had happened in Glasgow, London or New York City. However, it happened on the paradise island of Phuket at about the same time that the central government has made it clear that tourism is the most important source of revenue for Thailand.

To add to their poor judgment and brutishness, the bouncers are mentally better equipped for the Neolithic period rather than for the modern world, where publicly beating men to the ground in front of a crowd of people with video cameras, Facebook and YouTube access

is not going to pass unnoticed. It is the age of citizen journalism, so it's best to be a brute behind closed doors.

All that aside, however, Patong Entertainment Business Association President Weerawit Kurasombat should be commended for his response. Though it shows a level of sensitivity that is probably not necessary – as originally pointed out, bouncers beating punters is a bit of tradition around the world – it also shows an awareness that is essential for Patong to develop its nightlife environment as it looks to start promoting classier clubs among the sois of dancing bar girls.

Mr Weerawit taking a strong stance here draws a line of what is acceptable and what is clearly not. However, there is no way to prevent such incidents from eventually reoccurring – every bouncer has a tipping point – so it is up to citizen journalists to collect evidence and spread the word. Hopefully, next time – and there will be a next time – the victims will have enough faith in Thailand's police to seek justice.

## Words from the Wise

**“Friendship... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything.”**

– Muhammad Ali

**“History is a gallery of pictures in which there are few originals and many copies.”**

– Alexis de Tocqueville

## Issues & Answers

### What do I do if I leave something on the songtaew?

IF I forgot something on a songtaew, am I able to get it back? Is there a lost and found somewhere? Who would I contact?

**Sudarat Choothong of the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) replies:**

The pink Pho Thong (songtaew) is under the responsibility of the PPAO. If you have lost something or left an

item on a songtaew, you can call us at 076-210 806, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, except on public holidays.

It is helpful if you can remember the details of your route and the exact time you were on the songtaew, as well as details of the items lost. We will then contact the driver of that specific route to look for your items.

We can not guarantee that we will find your things, as

there are many other passengers on the bus. However, we will do our best to look for them.

In cases where we find lost items, they are sent to the transportation division of the PPAO located near the PPAO Hospital in Koh Sireh. This is where you would be able to collect your things, should they be found.

We recommend that you have a person who can speak Thai to help you when you call us.



## Asset trade discussed by SET, BOT



Sathit Limpongpan (left). Photo: The Nation

SATHIT Limpongpan, chairman of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, said that he would meet with the new governor of the Bank of Thailand, Veerathai Santiprabhob, in the coming weeks to discuss allowing investors to trade Thai assets in currencies besides the baht, such as the US dollar or Chinese yuan, to help expand the SET's market capitalization.

One of the remaining challenges for the bourse is to beat Bursa Malaysia (MYX) and Singapore Exchange (SGX) in market cap by encouraging more foreign companies and state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to go public, Mr Sathit said.

The SET has one of the most reliable transaction and clearing systems in the region with well-balanced investor types and a risk-management system in place, Mr Sathit said. Its average daily turnover of 46 billion baht means that it is the most liquid in Asean, but its market cap is still far behind SGX.

Mr Sathit's two-year term as SET chairman ended on September 5 but he is staying on until the appointment of the new chairman at the next meeting of the committee of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is expected to be held before the end of this month.

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# Gold glitters amid economic woes

## Finance

By David Mayes

GOLD is such a different asset class that it can really be very confusing thinking about it. As I write, gold is forming a classic technical trading pattern known as a symmetrical triangle, which makes it an interesting time to talk about it.

These consolidation patterns usually result in a big move one way or the other, but let me be clear that even a technical breakout to the upside wouldn't necessarily mean this is a good time to invest. It could simply be a retracement before another big decline.

What has made gold potentially interesting again is that with the fall of the Chinese market and delay in US interest rates being raised by the Fed, there is a potential scenario that could be good for gold if things in the world economy take a turn for the worse. This is a big 'if' of course, and there is still plenty of downside risk for the precious metal. As Warren Buffet likes to point out, gold is a useless shiny rock that produces no cash-flow and thus cannot be valued using traditional cash-flow analysis. Its value is derived from perception, which makes it a lot of fun to discuss, but not so much fun to predict.

However, looking back at past price action can give us a guide to the types of events that typically influence our perception of the metal and thus drives the demand, which in turn effects the price direction. Stock markets and the gold price have both crashed simultaneously before, so in terms of gold being a pure safe haven you cannot be so assured.



If a major crash does come, easing into gold may not be a bad bet. Photo: Kotivalo

However, it has done very well before periods of inflation, which is most directly caused by money printing. If the world economy does head for the gutters, with interest rates so low, printing is pretty much the only tool left to major central banks.

The efficient markets theory states that current market expectations are generally built into the price of assets, and this is the only part of that theory that I tend to agree with. Market participants had been mainly expecting a gradual increase in interest rates, or a tightening of the money supply, which is generally not good for gold. However, this is based on the assumption that a recession is not imminent, but rather a con-

tinuation of the recovery. This is where things have the potential to get interesting for gold.

If the recent sell-off in China is an indicator of what's in store for the global economy, there could be some printing coming that is not yet expected. Economic numbers can go from mediocre to bad to horrible very quickly and become a self-fulfilling prophecy as everyone throughout the supply chain begins to slow down their activity in anticipation of worse conditions and the wealth effect causes households to spend less. This would be the perfect storm that could lead to a new shiny day for gold.

Of course there are a lot of assumptions underlying this

possibility, but if things begin to look worse it may be a good idea to begin watching gold again and seeing how it reacts. If a major crash does come, easing into gold may not be a bad bet with a small portion of a portfolio. I surely wouldn't be buying in now, but I will be watching it with increased interest if things get worse.

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## Analysts confident 4G licences will go ahead

MARKET analysts believe that the auctions of fourth-generation telecom licences are highly likely to take place as scheduled this year, though there is still some concern about a possible legal challenge.

Sukit Udomsirikul, managing director of Maybank Kim Eng Securities (Thailand), said investors had high hopes of seeing the auctions, especially for the 1,800-megahertz spectrum.

They might wait to see when the auction of 900MHz licences will take place. But in general the market believes

the auctions of both spectra will be held, Mr Sukit said as one of the panelists at a seminar at the Stock Exchange of Thailand on 4G and its effects on the Thai economy, co-hosted by the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission and the Money Channel.

Waraporn Wiboonkanarak, senior vice president of KT Zmico Securities, said many believed the auctions would happen but might not feel 100 per cent certain, as the spectra to be sold off had been held by

the state telecom agencies.

Ms Waraporn believes that it is highly possible that the 1,800MHz licences will be auctioned, while in the case of the 900MHz licences, people would have to wait to see if TOT would mount a legal challenge against the auction.

Pisut Ngamvijitvong, vice president for research of CIMB Securities (Thailand), said foreign investors were waiting for certainty on whether the auctions would definitely take place.

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# CFA Cat Hospital first of its kind

By Katie P Arnold

THE team behind the Chaofa Andaman (CFA) Pet Hospital has stepped forward to corner the feline segment of the pet healthcare market by opening Thailand's first-ever cat specific hospital next to their existing business on Chaofa East Road in Chalong.

Open since July 2010, CFA Pet Hospital grew increasingly aware that cats were more stressed than other animals while visiting their clinic and saw the need to open a separate facility for them.

"It's in a cat's nature to be independent. However, they are easily stressed when they smell other animals, particularly dogs," says CFA veterinarian Sasithorn Trairatthanom.

The opening ceremony for the CFA Cat Hospital, held on October 9, was graced by Thailand's famed Johnny the



Chaofa Andaman Cat Hospital in Chalong is Thailand's first-ever feline specific clinic.

Cat, who was brought all the way to Ranong from join the ribbon cutting.

The new space allows cats in the waiting room to roam freely or sit with their owner while they wait for treatment,

giving them opportunity to explore without the stress caused by the smell or presence of other animals.

"CFA Cat Hospital also offers feline specific medical services, medication and sur-

geries with high-tech equipment, just as you would find in other leading [pet] hospitals abroad," Dr Sasithorn says.

Dr Sasithorn, a graduate of the University of Sydney

Australia's Faculty of Veterinary Science with a concentration in feline medicine, notes that the company's primary client base are people who treat their cats like members of their own family, stressing the importance for medical staff to treat the felines that way as well.

"We pride ourselves in giving feline specific treatment, offering quick and accurate diagnoses in order to prevent or cure any ailments properly and promptly," Dr Sasithorn says.

"We chose to open near the Chalong Circle because it is a main area that people drive through to connect to other parts of Phuket. However, we are available to go on house calls for clients who can not drive or have very ill cats."

CFA Cat Hospital is open daily from 9am to 9pm. Veterinarians can be reached at 076-283 356 or 083-501 8488.

## Facebook: when 'like' isn't enough of a user reaction



**Business Buzz**  
**Simon Wetherell**

AFTER many people asking for it, and rumors abounding of how it will work, it is finally here: Facebook has announced a trial in Ireland and Spain for a new series of emoji called 'Reactions'.

Users now have the choice to rate posts with a 'like', 'love', 'haha', 'yay', 'wow', 'sad' or 'angry' emotive. Very similar to the emoji responses readers of the *Gazette Online* are able to use at the bottom of every story.

The idea is that we can give a more opinionated response to what people are posting. It looks like the 'sad' and 'angry' buttons are as close as we are going to get to the 'dislike' button that people have been desperately wanting for ages.

Still its early stages, this new system will eventually be rolled out globally. But for the time being, it is only available in these initial markets, as

Facebook believes they are the best test markets for the system.

Interestingly, from a marketing perspective, it seems that Facebook hasn't quite worked out how it is going to rate these, as currently they are all bundled in as a 'like' for ad tracking purposes. However, a more detailed breakdown will be given in the advertiser's insights tab – so you will be able to see the impact it is having on your audience and its costs.

This will pose a new challenge to marketers, as now when they boost a post it will be necessary to weigh up the possible consequences of getting a negative consumer response.

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Phuket City Deputy Mayor Kawee Tansukatanon takes the lead in distributing masks.

## Breathing easy

AS THE thick Indonesian haze descended on the island Phuket City Municipality distributed hygiene masks on October 6 to the employees of the Medical Division Phuket City, as well as those attending the Phuket Municipal Kindergarten School, Bangniew Childhood Center 1 and Bangniew Childhood Center 3.

By October 9, air pollution levels in Phuket had dropped back down to safe levels. The 24-hour average was down to 89 micrograms [PM10] per cubic meter, which is already within the safe limit, set at 120 PM10.

## Anda Focus welcomes the Nine Emperor Gods



VEGETARIAN FESTIVAL STARTS: (from L-R) Supannika Pornrattanasoron, director of Deevana; Apiwat Chaiyarat, sales manager of Anda Focus Division 3; and Thida Sasidecho, sales manager of Anda Focus Division 4.

## New hospital opens doors

Bangkok Hospital Group's Dibuk Hospital held its grand opening on October 8. Dibuk is the island's newest hospital for medical treatment (see cat hospital on page 11) and 24 hour emergencies.



MEET THE TEAM: (from L-R) Dr Nagamonchon Sangsorn, pediatrician; Dr Adisorn Manusarn, internal medicine specialist; Dr Tanat Incharoen, emergency medicine specialist; Dr Apantree Iamsakul, ear, nose, and throat specialist; Dr Prauk Sethasathien, obstetrician and gynecologist-oncologist; and Dr Suchada Sarattha, radiologist.



READY TO CURE: (from L-R) Dr Piriya Atisook, Dibuk Hospital director ; Lt Phummisak Hongsyok, board committee member of Bangkok Hospital Phuket ; Pareeya Jullaphong, general support manager of Bangkok Hospital Phuket; and Dr Kongkiat Kespechara, CEO and managing director of Group 6 Bangkok Dusit Medical Services.

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# Bangkok Airways launches Phuket-Hat Yai route



**IN QUEUE TO FLY:** (from L-R) Witchayane Piaklin, better known as 'Gam The Star'; Suraphon Kampalanonwat, president of the Tourism Business Federation of Songkhla; Songkhla Vice Governor Ekarat Leesen; Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth, president of Bangkok Airways; Ariya Prasarttong-Osoth, vice president – sales for Bangkok Airways; Somporn Siriponanon, president of the Songkhla Chamber of Commerce; and Surachai Chaiwat, president of the Phuket Chamber of Commerce. Photos: Phuket Best Events

**BANGKOK** Airways now serves daily flights between Phuket and Hat Yai, on a 70-seat ATR72-500/600, with flights from Phuket departing at 7:25am and arriving in Hat Yai at 8:30am and departing Hat Yai at 9:10am and arriving in Phuket at 10:15am.

Bangkok Airways offers several direct flights between Phuket and popular destinations throughout Thailand.



**MEDIA ATTENTION:** (from L-R) Punnaporn Eamso Guinault, managing director of The Guide Phuket; Varong Israsena, sales director of Bangkok Airways and Oranee Hildebrand, managing director of the Phuket Gazette.



Passapong Jirawattanasak, Bangkok Airways's regional and international corporate communication department manager and Uthit Limsakul, deputy director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand Phuket Office, join Phuket's media at Hat Yai International Airport.



Uthit Limsakul (middle), deputy director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Phuket Office, arrives at Hat Yai International Airport with members of the Phuket media.



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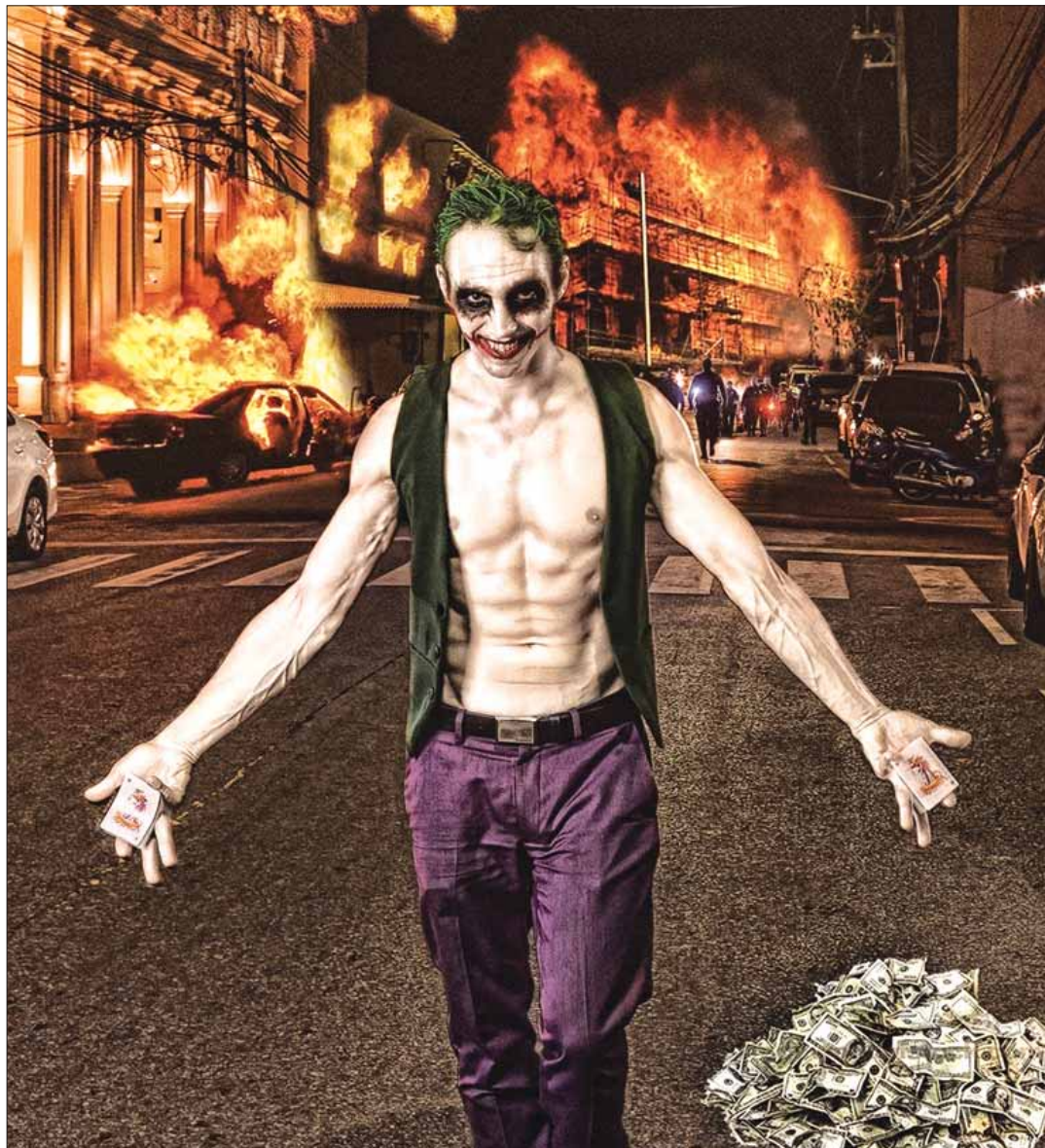
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# Fat Man's Defeat

## Rise of the Phuket Town Joker



**VIDEO REPORT:** Catch the final episode of the Phuket Today's 6Week6Pack Challenge, as Isaac Simonelli teams up with photographer Adriano Trapani and make-up artist Lisa Allen. Photo: Adriano Trapani

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# Island 'Sax Idol' returns to region

DUTCH-BORN, multi-talented saxophone player, singer, DJ and performer Gerard Cornielje made his debut in Thailand in 1995. Back then, Gerard performed as a live act at the island's 'hottest' nightlife venues: Timber Hut, Titanic and Safari Pub. Crowds went crazy as the 'Singing Dutchie with a Backpack full of Sex Appeal' took the stage.

Given his immediate success, Gerard was quickly picked up as a full-time performer by the Holiday Inn on Patong Beach in 1997. He continued to put on shows at the 4-star hotel until 2004.

The Dutchman picked up the saxophone in 1975, when he was just a 13 year old kid. Since then, he has performed in more than 60 countries, including Greece, Spain, Turkey, Morocco, Switzerland, France, Belgium, the United States, Britain and Saudi Arabia. Gerard also shared floor spaces on the stage with big stars such as Tina Turner, INXS and Robbie Williams, as well as popular DJs Carl Cox and Sven Väth.

Now, the virtuous Sax Idol is back in Thailand and will have music lovers begging for more at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Khao Lak. Gerard has recently been appointed as the resort's entertainment manager, with a focus on 'Sunset Sax' live performances right on the beach, as well as performances at the resort-owned Za Bar and the Mediterranean restaurant Olive. Gerard will also be hosting wedding ceremonies at the resort.

To ensure you get to meet the Sax Idol in the flesh, while enjoying selected drinks and delicious food prepared by international chefs, call 076-584 888 and ask for Gerard's daily schedule. Performance venues are chosen anew every day to taken into account special events provided by the JW Marriott and, of course, Mother Nature (the weather).

— *Phuket Gazette*



**Gerard Cornielje started performing in Phuket in 1995, and now he's back.**

For more about this outstanding performer's career and to download free music visit Gerard's website: [www.saxdj.rocks](http://www.saxdj.rocks).

## Pup of the Week

MY NAME is Blondie. I'm a three year old female doggie and am currently living at the Bodhi Shelter in Phuket. I am not very happy living in a shelter with 130 other dogs. I am a very loving and quiet girl. I adore gentle affection from kids, adults and other dogs.

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**Blondie wants a new owner.**

person many kisses and cuddles throughout the day!

— *Blondie*

If you are interested in adopting Blondie or another dog, please contact Tina at 084-628 8077 or [athenatina@gmail.com](mailto:athenatina@gmail.com)

### October 23. Chulalongkorn Memorial Day

Chulalongkorn Day commemorates the reign of Rama V, who is best remembered for introducing many progressive reforms, and for the abolition of slavery in Thailand.

### October 30. Phuket Tourism 'By The Numbers' at AMCHAM Event

The American Chamber of Commerce Greater Phuket Chapter will present a tourism event led by STR Global's Area Director for Asia/Pacific Jesper Palmqvist, in the Similan Ballroom at the Outrigger Laguna Phuket Resort.

STR is the leading global performance indicator for hotels and will showcase the past, present and future out-

## WHAT'S ON in Phuket

look for the island.

Mark Simmons, Outrigger Hotels and Resorts' vice president of sales and marketing in Asia Pacific, will join Jesper on stage and lead a discussion providing insights on strategy in a volatile marketplace.

Registration begins at 4:30pm. The session runs from 5pm to 6pm.

To sign up for the event, visit [www.amchamthailand.com](http://www.amchamthailand.com) or contact Sarudha Netsawang at [orn@amchamthailand.com](mailto:orn@amchamthailand.com)

### November 22-29. Challenge Laguna Phuket Tri-Fest

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### December 5. HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Birthday

HM The King's birthday is also marked as Father's Day in Thailand, with festivities taking place throughout the country.







# Ocean Emerald: Licence to charter



## On Deck

By Duncan Worthington

THE visually stunning super-yacht *Ocean Emerald* is the first superyacht to receive one of the recently launched 12-month superyacht licences. Currently based in Pattaya at Ocean Marina Yacht Club, *Ocean Emerald* is being heavily promoted in Phuket by numerous locally-based charter agents.

Designed by Norman Foster and built in Italy, the 41-meter *Ocean Emerald* is one of four built to the same space-age design. Since she received her licence-to-charter, all and sundry have been promoting the fact that she can be chartered in Thai waters and she is apparently expected in Phuket for the high season.

*Ocean Emerald* is the first of what the government hope will be many more, but so far



The 41-meter *Ocean Emerald* was built in Italy and designed by Norman Foster. Photo: Yacht Solutions

she is the only superyacht that is legally available to charter in Thai waters.

But does one boat make an industry?

Not really, but then I'm playing devil's advocate. I'm being

facetious. *Ocean Emerald* is the first, but hopefully not the only, superyacht to get the licence. More will apply and be approved in due course. The superyacht licence move is a positive step for the industry,

however, let's not lose sight of the rest of Thailand's charter industry. An industry that has over the years shown robust growth and has been relatively resilient to the challenges Phuket and Thailand's tourism

industry has faced.

Phuket (and Thailand's) charter industry is still an unpolished gem. It promotes the best of what Phuket and Thailand is all about, leaves a minimal environmental footprint (at least compared to other tourism activities), yet apart from the odd Tourism Authority of Thailand overseas exhibition presence, roadshow or photo in a brochure, it gets scant attention.

It's time for change. It's time for a more holistic look at the country's marine industry. If the powers-that-be did, I think they would be pleasantly surprised at what they saw.

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## Canter around Cannes

CANNES, playground to the rich and famous along the sunny French Riviera, was the venue for the Cannes Yachting Festival 2015. Featuring over 500 luxury yachts, the event brought together builders, owners, brokers, exhibitors and yacht enthusiasts from all over the world to view and possibly purchase from a splendid array of the latest yacht technology and designs.

This was my very first boat show in Cannes and I was greeted with scenes straight out of Hollywood. The beautiful people, expensive restaurants, party atmosphere, sunny skies, blue water and, of course, the incredible array of yachts and boats both in the water and on land. What a thrill it was for me. A promising start to the next four days of excitement and visual treats of boats, people, parties and more boats.

I was there with Princess Yachts from Bangkok and Phuket, which coincidentally was celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, as well as exhibiting its latest yachts, including the Princess 35M superyacht, described by the Plymouth shipyard as "the evolution of its M class". This long-awaited model combined a spacious and luxurious interior with sleek and sexy external lines, offering with a good turn of speed



Princess Yachts stand in Cannes. Photo: Quin Bisset

without sacrificing stability. A yacht befitting the rich and famous indeed.

I was also impressed with the Princess S65 SportBridge series, a new generation of high performance versatile luxury cruisers ideal for all yachting occasions.

The boat show was not just about the latest yachts. I spotted a classic looking yacht at the far end of the marina that happened to be the Princess Project 31. This was the original and older model Princess yacht that had been restored to its previous glory. For me, it stood out from all the other yachts, sitting proudly in the water, in a class of her own.

I wonder who was the lucky owner... I wished it was me.

The Cannes Yachting Festival is a great experience and an education on all things yachting, and I will be back next year.

— Rossarin Maitland-Smith



# Welcome to wild west of cliches

## Books

By James Eckardt

THERE was a time, for about three decades in the middle of the last century, when Westerns were the predominant form of American entertainment. Books, magazines, movies and television shows were all devoted to tales of the Old West. Cowboy writer Louis L'Amour was the country's bestselling author, and even the great Elmore Leonard got his start writing pulp Westerns.

Along the way, some real literature was created: *Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurtry, *Blood Meridian* by Cormac McCarthy and *True Grit* by Charles Portis. The latest candidate for this kind of immortality is Robert Bausch's *Far as the Eye Can See* (Bloomsbury, New York, 2015, 307pp).

Alas, it doesn't even come close to raising the bar. While the aforementioned novelists fully inhabited their 19<sup>th</sup> century characters, Bausch remains stubbornly apart, a sentimental 21<sup>st</sup> century voice of political correctness – showy reverence for nature and the American Indian – despite a stab at ungrammatical narration. The plot is contrived, the characters shallow, the



After the war, Bobby Hale joins a wagon train going west with a mare named Cricket. Photo: Larry Lamsa

philosophizing lame.

The narrator is Bobby Hale who had made a living during the Civil War by collecting recruitment bonuses, deserting, and then claiming a new bonus under a new bogus name. He did this seven times. Nevertheless, he did get caught up in some battles – Fredericksburg, Chickamauga, Spotsylvania – and acquitted himself well.

After the war, in 1869, he joins a wagon train going west, equipped with a fast mare named Cricket and an Evans repeating rifle with a magazine of 34 bullets. His vague idea is

to find land and a wife in Oregon or California. Instead, he wanders off hunting and trapping in 'the paradise' of the Rocky Mountains with a giant Crow Scout named Big Tree. "I've said it before and I'll say it again, there wasn't never a man more free on earth than an Indian," Hale observes.

In line with every cliché, Big Tree is both magnificent and silent. In any event, after five years in the wilderness, Hale never picks up any Indian language. He does acquire an Indian bride, a tall Sioux named Morning Breeze, but she runs

off with Big Tree, leaving Hale to return to white civilization in Bozeman, Montana.

Here he winters in a covered wagon with two sisters, Eveline and Christine Barkley. He becomes informally betrothed to Eveline before going off to scout for the US cavalry in Yellowstone Valley. This is in the spring of 1876, just before Custer's Last Stand. Hale promises to return to Eveline in June. Instead, through more improbable plot contrivances, he winds up fleeing both the Indians and the cavalry. He shoots a stalking Indian only to find his victim is

a half-white woman named Ink, captured by the Sioux at age 16 and fleeing her warrior husband of five years, named Hump.

As Ink is recuperating from her wounds, Hale gives her this phony little speech: "I been where most folks never go. I seen what most folks never seen. I fought in battles... I foraged and roamed the countryside like a wild animal with other wild animals. I know what I'm doing."

Hale and Ink head for the Fort Buford in North Dakota where Ink's white father was last seen. In their wanderings, they adopt a cute little Cheyenne orphan boy, Little Fox. They sleep by day and travel by night, afraid of the relentless Hump, but it is a group of white renegades who rape and abduct Ink, leading her to decide to stick to the Indians, specifically the Nez Perce, who have a reputation for tolerance and peace.

Thus, the novel ends tied in a tidy bow, decorated with more leaden philosophizing. In case this is not enough, the author appends a windy afterword, continuing his lecture on Native Americans 101. The moral is that white men are bad: "They believed that God blessed them in their endeavors... This meant 'civilizing' and 'saving' those who were not of the same belief, and eradicating those who could not accept it."

## Miss Thailand stops traffic

THAILAND has a new national costume – well, at least Miss Thailand Universe Aniporn Chalermburanawong has one.

But you'd look terrific in it too, and judging by the first images we've seen, it's definitely an outfit to consider with Halloween coming up.

Hirunkrit Phatharaboriboonkul has won this year's edition of the costume-design competition with a rig that looks like the front end of a tuk-tuk. The reaction on the social media has been mirthful.

Ms Aniporn won't be wearing hers for trick-or-treating but rather in an attempt to become Miss Universe, Queen of All the Cosmos, when the mother pageant takes place later this year, apparently somewhere in China.

It's a stunner of an outfit, dark blue with gold trim and a nice set of headlights – no, not where you think. Mr Hirunkrit, 35, works for the Culture Ministry, so he's got to show at least some



Ms Aniporn. Photo: The Nation/Anan Chantarasoot

measure of propriety. There's one headlight right in the middle (like on a real tuk-tuk), just below the bust line and two more to either side on a flat mock-up tuk-tuk 'face' that Ms Aniporn will wear like a superhero cape.

In fact, she'll look like a super-heroine in this outfit, shoulders bared and with a silver necklace, a short skirt and thigh-high stockings with a tyre-tread pattern. Mr Hirunkrit might have been thinking about Wonder Woman of DC Comics fame, because the costume truly is a marvel to behold.

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# Castlewood to open flagship hotel

SINGAPORE commercial real estate developer Castlewood Group has announced the launch of their flagship luxury hotel development in Phuket, the Dream Phuket Hotel & Spa. This is the first project cementing the recently established strategic partnership with Debut Hotel Group – a part of New York-based Hampshire Brand, Hotel and Asset Management – for the development and operation of Dream Hotels, and its expansion strategy throughout Asia.

“Dream Hotels and the Debut Hotel Group are both innovative and exciting brands that share Castlewood

Group’s vision of delivering world-class hotels and experiences,” said Chris Comer, CEO of Castlewood Group.

“We are confident that our first development launched with Dream will pave a strong growth story for both parties, as well as rewarding returns for our buy-to-lease investors,” he said.

“Partnering our deep experience in the Asian market with Dream’s unique and edgy brand offering, we have created something truly remarkable.

**“We are confident that our first development launched with Dream will pave a strong growth story for both parties.”**

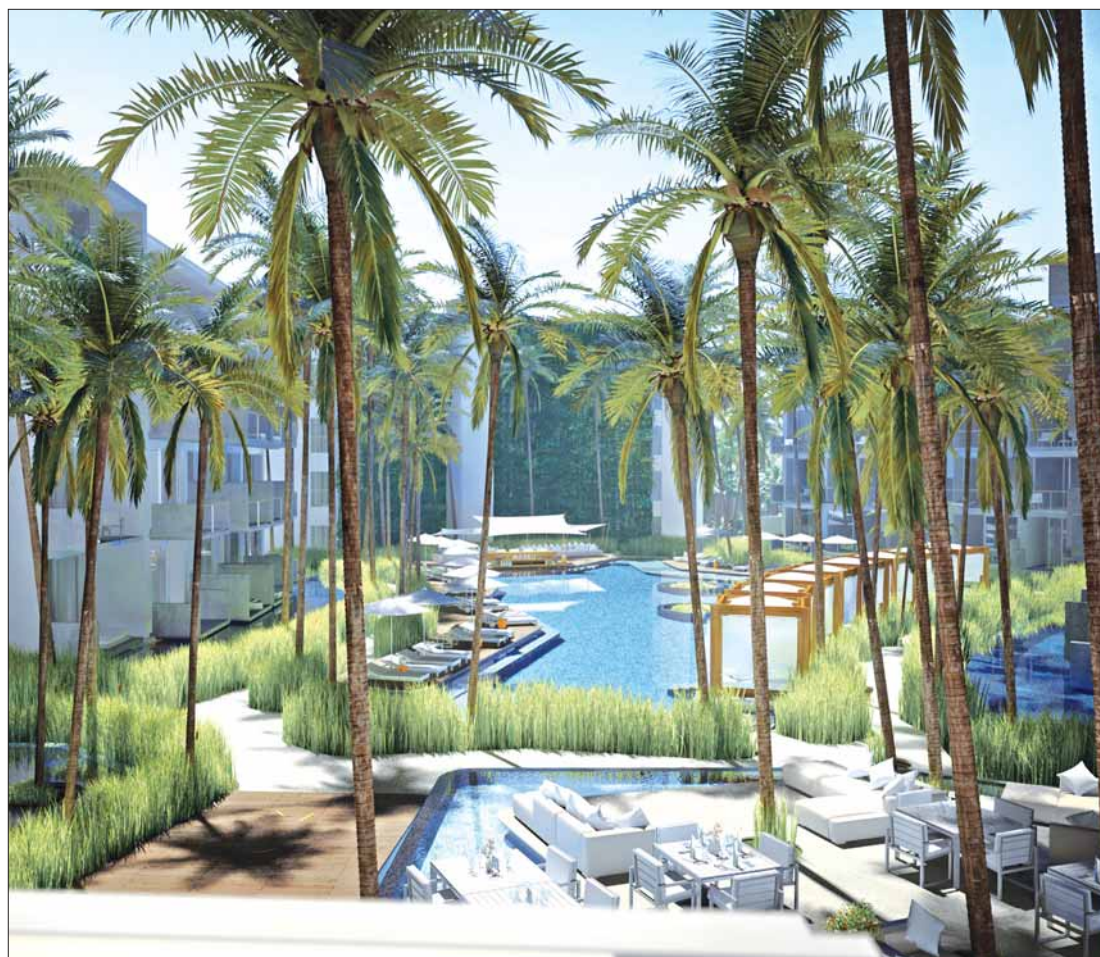
The opening of Dream Phuket Hotel & Spa is just the beginning of more success stories to come.”

The hotel will open on November 15 with 174 guest rooms, suites and villas located on the northern peninsula of Bang Tao beach.

A three-time winner of New Hotel Design and Construction Thailand from International Hotel Awards Asia Pacific, the hotel is going green with environmental-friendly features to

reduce its eco-footprint. Passive ventilation designs encourage airflow and reduce power expenditure, while overhanging balconies and ‘green’ walls provide natural shade. On the roofs, grey water collection and filtration processes reuse rainwater for irrigation.

“We are extremely excited for Dream Phuket Hotel & Spa to start its commercial operations later this year,” said Gavin Brooking, Principal Hotels & Resorts, Castlewood Management Limited. “Catering to the global tourist who appreciates design and bespoke guest experiences, Dream Phuket Hotel & Spa



The Dream Phuket Hotel & Spa is set to open its doors next month on November 15.

will curate services that shape each moment for great memories, starting from venues that set the dynamic stage, playlists that color the mood and menus that push culinary boundaries.”

The hotel’s signature restau-

rant, Trilogy, will bring Michelin-inspired menus designed by three world-class chefs who have been awarded three Michelin stars among them. This will be the first of many such restaurants Castlewood Group plans to

open in Asia.

About five minutes from the hotel, on Layan Beach, the company will also be opening Dream Beach – which is being touted as ‘Phuket’s most happening beach club’.

– *Phuket Gazette*

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## Weaker baht boosts market demand

LEADING residential developers are boosting overseas sales of their luxury projects via roadshows and other initiatives, especially in Asian markets such as China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and Taiwan, thanks largely to the baht's depreciation this year.

The unit weakened sharply, from 32.95 per US dollar on January 1 to 36.43 last week.

“We sold units in our two condominium projects under the brand, the Line – in Chatuchak and Sukhumvit 71, worth 1.8 billion baht in total – in the first nine months of the year, due to the baht’s weakness,” said Uthai Uthai-sangsuk, Sansiri’s executive vice president of business development and project development division (high rise).

Most of the company’s foreign customers are from Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan, with additional business being drummed up by road shows in these key markets.



Hong Kong buyers book units at the Line Sukhumvit 71 condo roadshow. Photo: The Nation

These buyers, along with plans to enter China by the end of the year, are expected to boost full-year foreign presales to 3 billion baht, Mr Uthai said.

Eastern Star Real Estate is also holding a roadshow for its two condominium projects – the Starview on Rama 3 and the Nara 9 on Narathiwat Road – via the ‘China Real Estate Business Exhibition 2015’, which is touring the cities of Chengdu, Chongjin, Kunming and Gulyang during the re-

mainder of the year.

“This is part of our efforts to boost sales in the final quarter, having seen strong demand from foreign buyers following the baht’s weakness,” said a member of the company’s management.

Nuttaphong Kunakornwong, chief executive officer of SC Asset Corp, said that when the baht began to depreciate, it challenged foreign buyers to expand their investment in residential projects in Thailand.

For example, the firm succeeded in selling units in the 900-million-baht Saladaeng One after introducing the project to customers last week. The condominium project does not open to the general public for bookings until May 23.

Last week’s interest in the company’s latest offering shows that demand for luxury homes is still strong from both foreign and domestic buyers.

– *The Nation*



# Protection from property fraud



**Property Watch**  
Desmond Hughes

RECENTLY a video produced by a global news outlet about property and fraud in Phuket went 'viral'. The video covered serious subject matter, involving people who had been injured and who had their rights violated. However, what many people I spoke to found, was that the presentation of the video, and representation of Phuket was fundamentally unfair. It is good to strike a balance when reporting on the negative aspects of a community.

## TAKE PRECAUTIONS

'It will never happen to me' is a common active or subliminal thought that most humans carry around with them as a method of getting through life without simply freezing all actions and risks under the weight of the potential for things to go wrong.

That said, there are many precautions most of us take in our lives with the usual exceptions to the rule manifesting themselves as prominent incidents.

After we have been burgled or seen others close to us burgled, we remember to lock doors; secure windows, and may even invest in a CCTV and alarm system.



If you are a victim of fraud, it's important to accept some of the blame yourself. Photo: andronicusmax

After we have had a bag snatched or pilfered, or a mobile phone taken from the table in front of us, we may start to keep our personal possessions more safe.

Small companies, which become big companies often have to reinvigorate their compliance and anti-fraud measures, exert additional care on cheque signing procedures and review the authority of accountants and auditors.

Similarly, people that think about investing in a new country that has a completely different legal system and culture to the one they are used to, should also take care by applying measures to avoid or at least mitigate the risk of being

subjected to fraud.

## REDUCING RISK

1. Don't put property you have paid for in somebody else's name
2. Keep title deeds safe. If they get lost, obtain replacements
3. Take out property insurance and make sure you are the named beneficiary. Make sure the value of the property on the policy is kept up to date
4. If your life partner has debt, bear in mind that they will try to pay it off and if they own property they may take out a registered or unregistered loan using the property as collateral
5. Remember that a building in law is different to land and

therefore security and contracts should address the difference

6. Don't invest your entire life savings in one thing, or one property

7. Keep some money overseas

8. If you don't like your lawyer, or no longer trust your lawyer, appoint a new one. Double-check the previous lawyers work. Don't choose a lawyer based on their fees alone. You get what you pay for is a rule that applies in most situations, although not all.

9. Invest time in understanding the property system; the criminal legal system; the civil justice and court system. Try not to learn about those systems after the event. Understand the waters you swim in. Watch

out for the Red Flags.

## BLAME CULTURE

A colleague questioned why I ever read the comments sections on social media, news websites and forums and why I sometimes get irritated about the extreme lack of thought and analysis in writing a 'one-liner' about topics that are sometimes of great importance and enormity. I have to say I can't resist scrutinizing and being hungry for the opinion of others as a litmus test of the actively commenting parts of society.

Many express the view that we live in too litigious an environment and that we should learn to settle our differences without wasting years of our lives and others in the courts.

When that line is drawn, a point can be made, and compensation paid. However, if you find yourself a victim of fraud or a bad incident – don't blame everyone – only blame the perpetrators; don't blame 'Phuket'; don't blame every single person working for the government. Don't blame the country you chose to live in. Try and accept some of the blame, for yourself.

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## Discounts at House and Condo Show

ABOUT 600 residential projects from 200 property developers offered promotional campaigns at the 33rd House and Condo Show that ran last weekend at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center in Bangkok.

The show was conducted by the Thai Condominium Association, the Housing Business Association and the Thai Real Estate Association.

During the event, Pruksa Real Estate held a promotional campaign for all of its residential projects, including free transfer and mortgage fees, discounts of 10,000-200,000 baht per unit, and free furniture.

LPN Development offered special prices for 10 condominium projects starting at 700,000 baht per unit and Ananda Development's 'Super Deals' campaign offered booking fees of only one baht per unit.

"We targeted sales worth up to 3 billion baht from the four-



Homebuyers check out discounts at the 33rd House and Condo Show. Photo: The Nation

day event," said Prasert Taedullayasatit, president of the Thai Condominium Association.

"Although the government has not launched measures to boost the market, because most of the property firms have launched promotion campaigns [including] free transfer and mortgage fees, they do not need the government's support.

"The promotions also [encourage] customers to make purchasing decisions now rather than waiting to see the government's measures."

Organizers catered to the

expected 100,000 visitors at the four-day House and Condo Show.

Meanwhile, Siam Paragon kicked off its own 'Luxury Property Showcase' that will run until October 18.

The event featured 15 residential projects comprising 4,000 units including luxury detached houses, condominiums and resorts.

Chanisa Kaewruen, deputy managing director of marketing events and business relations, Siam Piwat Co, said the 11-day event was expected to generate more than 2.5 billion baht in sales, a 25-per-cent increase from last year's show.

Potential homebuyers and investors who visit the event will benefit from special marketing campaigns. The Tier 1 benefit is discounts, and the Tier 2 benefit is a lucky-draw coupon for every 10,000 baht of reserved payment.

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Further details including the Selection Criteria and instructions on how to apply for the positions are available at [www.thailand.embassy.gov.au](http://www.thailand.embassy.gov.au) under "About Us" and "Job Vacancies".

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