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'THE FINAL PLAN WILL BE REVEALED SOON'

# Beach rules, for now



Phuket officials establish 10 per cent umbrella and vendor zones at major tourist beaches, such as Kata, Karon, Surin and Patong.

# With high season underway, rules for zoned tourist beaches remain in limbo

#### By Chutharat Plerin

THOUGH the Provincial Government has established temporary 10 per cent umbrella zones as part of the highly contested beach management plan, the rules applying to the beaches remain in flux as the island's high season kicks off.

The 10 per cent zones, which are areas dedicated for beach vendors to rent out beach mats and umbrellas, and where beachgoers can put up their own umbrel-

las, have been established on Patong, Kata, Karon, Surin, Bangtao, Kamala and Nai Harn beaches.

The temporary zones were measured based on the length of the beach. However, the temporary markers are anticipated to be moved once the Land Department establishes new 10 per cent zones based on area.

"We can only do so much," explained Vice Governor Chokdee Amornwat, who is in charge of the beach management plan. "We need to take each step carefully. In the past weeks, we have scanned the island's major tourist beaches and established temporary zones, which will be given a two-week trial."

Vice Governor Chokdee vowed to make a final announcement on beach rules by the end of the month. Until then, only minor adjustments will be made to the strict bans implemented by former Phuket Governor Nisit Jansomwong earlier this year.

"Cooking, smoking, consumption of alcohol and setting up chairs will remain banned from the sands. Masseuses can ply their trade in the 10 per cent zones and serve non-alcoholic drinks if they wish," V/Gov Chokdee said.

One rule that has already been revised is the ban on wedding ceremonies and photo shoots on the beaches.

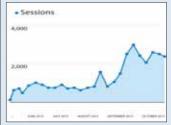
"As long as the photo shoot or ceremony doesn't stake out a piece of the beach for private use, and such activities aren't being held regularly by the same organizer as if they own the beach, then there should be no issues," V/Gov Chokdee said. "Such activities actually help us promote Phuket, as long as they don't disturb...

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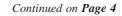


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## Royal Highway Police to help with speedsters

THE Phuket Provincial Government has asked that the Royal Highway Police step in to help bring the deadly chaos on Phuket's roads to a potentially manageable level.

They will be asked to join the Phuket Land Transport Office (PLTO) in setting up mobile speed traps to catch drivers who are aware of the locations of the four stationary Phuket speed cameras.

- Kongleaphy Keam

# One dead, one injured in crash

ONE teenager died and another was seriously injured when their motorbike crashed into a parked pick-up truck in Thalang on November 13.

Natchanon Boonjan, 17, died at the scene while his 17-yearold passenger, Preechaporn Sae Eung, was rushed to Thalang Hospital with severe head injuries and has since been released.

No criminal charges were filed. However, Mr Natchanon's family will have to negotiate with the truck owner for damages.

- Winai Sarot

# Woman stabbed repeatedly by security guards

A KRABI woman escaped death after two hotel security guards brutally stabbed her 20 times on November 9.

Siriporn Jongrak, 29, was driving home from work in Ao Nang when she was kicked off her bike, robbed and attacked

# 23-year-old nailed with Computer Crimes Act



Police hit a Krabi woman with the Computer Crimes Act after she posted a Facebook video of herself verbally attacking the quality of police officers. Sukanya Laiban, 23, recorded the video clip after Sen Sgt Maj Pratum Srichana of the Krabi City Police forced her to move her car from a no-parking zone. For the full story, visit PhuketGazette.net. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

near Chang See cave in Tai Sai.

Hotel security guards Titiporn Pankosee, 23, and Sarawut Minsan, 26 were caught and charged with robbery and assault causing serious injury.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

## Illegal migrant workers, boat captain arrested

THREE illegal migrant workers were arrested on a fishing boat during a random check by the



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# Briefly

Phuket Marine Police and the Royal Thai Navy Third Area Command on November 13.

Myanmar nationals Jor Heng, 30; Nai, 25; and Mong Pu, 24, were arrested on the Choksarawut 18 at Ao Makham port, along with the boat's captain Kittisak Limwattanakpat, 37.

Mr Kittisak has accepted the charge of harboring and assisting aliens to evade arrest, while the three Myanmar nationals were charged with working illegally and entering Thailand without permission.

- Kongleaphy Keam

# Oil smuggler arrested on boat

AN OIL smuggler was busted in Phuket on November 15 after officials discovered 500 liters of illegal oil in a hold on a fishing vessel.

Known as 'green oil' the untaxed oil is usually sold to Thai fishermen at discounted prices

in international waters.

Manoon Muang-ngam, 57, was charged 10,000 baht for smuggling the illegal oil into Thai waters and an additional 5,000 baht for not carrying his captain's licence.

- Chutharat Plerin

# Curfew begins at Saphan Hin

PHUKET Municipality announced new curfews for Saphan Hin in an effort to reduce teen violence in the area.

Starting November 16, the entrances near the Prince of Chumphon pavilion and the Saphan Hin police box will be closed from midnight until 5am, while the entrance from Rattanakosin 200 Pi Road will be closed from 10pm until 5am.

- Kongleaphy Keam

## Pa Khlok boat fire severely burns captain

A SPEEDBOAT captain was severely burned after a fire broke out on a vessel in Pa Khlok on November 12.

Rainbow Runner captain Narong Looklek, 42, was cleaning the back of the boat at Jandara Pier when the fire started, causing a small explosion.

Mr Narong suffered burns to about 40 per cent of his body.

Police believe that the cause of the fire was a short circuit in the boat's electrical compartment and have no plans to press any charges.

– Winai Sarot

### Tourist First Aid Center opens on Koh Racha

A FIRST Aid Center was officially opened on Koh Racha on November 15 in an effort to provide medical facilities to sick or injured tourists.

The center is a joint effort between the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources and volunteer rescue workers.

Relevant officers and tour guides who have been trained in First Aid, CPR and other lifesaving skills will be in charge of manning the facility.

- Kongleaphy Keam

# Package full of kratom seized at post office

PHUKET Marine police seized a 5-kilogram package of *kratom* leaves at the Phuket Town Post Office on November 16.

Though police have the name of a sender and receiver, they are unable to make an arrest as no one was caught in the act of sending or receiving the package.

The *kratom* was taken to the Phuket City Police Station.

- Kongleaphy Keam

# Island receives big budget for CCTV cameras

THE Department of Tourism has approved a 117-million-baht budget to set up 120 new CCTV cameras throughout the island.

The budget has been utilized to purchase 80 CCTV cameras as well as 40 'licence plate' CCTV cameras to aid police and officials with crime solving in hopes that the crime rate will be reduced.

The new cameras will focus on beaches, view points and busy intersections.

- Kongleaphy Keam

# Unconfirmed sighting

# Paris attack suspect 'seen' in Phuket months ago

By Chutharat Plerin

A MAN wanted in connection with the devastating terrorist attacks in Paris that left 129 people dead and more than 240 injured, was reportedly seen in Phuket earlier this year, a well-informed source within Phuket's French-speaking community revealed to the Gazette.

Police forces in Europe are currently hunting 26-year-old Brussels-born Abdeslam Salah for his alleged involvement in the attack.

"This man was reportedly seen in Patong months ago,' the source told the Gazette as it went to print on Wednesday. "However, we have yet to confirm whether or not it was him or just someone who looked similar to him."

The French Honorary Consulate, which has been informed of the report, confirmed to the *Gazette* that it will coordinate with Phuket police to verify the alleged sighting.

"If anyone sees or has any information relating to the man, please inform the French Honorary Consulate immediately," the source said.

The consulate office can be reached at 076-304 050, Mon-



## POLICE NATIONALE APPEL À TÉMOINS

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An unconfirmed report places Abdeslam Salah in Patong months ago. Image: Police Nationale

day through Friday from 9am to 6pm and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm.

"I've yet to receive any official report about this sighting. However, we will look into this matter immediately," Airport Immigration Deputy Superintendent Watcharapol Kanjanakuntorn said on Wednesday.

Phuket Provincial Police Commander denied any knowledge of the reported sighting of

"We will of course look into the issue immediately," Phuket Provincial Police Commander Teeraphol Thipjaroen told the Gazette.

Thailand has tightened its screening for foreign arrivals, particularly at checkpoints along the Thai-Malaysian border, in the wake of the recent bloody attacks in France and Lebanon.

Islamic State (IS) has claimed responsibility for both

"There are IS members in that zone," Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister General Prawit Wongsuwan explained earlier this week before heading to a security meeting.

Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha has already instructed police, soldiers and the National Security Council to put all their effort in preventing any risk of attacks in Thailand.

## All tourists saved from sinking boat



Marine Police were called to the scene. Photo: Krabi Marine Police

A SPEEDBOAT captain was forced to beach his boat full of Chinese tourists after it started taking on water in Phang Nga Bay on November 11.

"The boat, Nong Hong Te, started taking on water at about 6:20pm near Koh Kai [Chicken Island] during a day-trip from Krabi," explained Krabi Marine Police Chief Anurak Parinyasathiragul. "The captain decided that the best thing to do was beach the boat so the tourists and crew could safely disembark."

Marine Police were called to the scene despite another speedboat, Janpailin, assisting in the rescue. All tourists on board were safely transported to shore.

"I am very glad that the captain took a course of action that ensured everyone's safety," Lt Col Anurak said.

- Chutharat Plerin

# Taxi driver fired after complaint goes viral

THE airport taxi driver who was under investigation after a social media complaint from a passenger went viral has been fired, confirmed Phuket Land and Transport (PLTO) Chief Policy Adviser Jaturong Kaewkasi.

Taxi driver Muhammad Arobee Mooshor, an employee of the Airport Limousine and Business Service Cooperative, was initially fined 1,000 baht and had his licence suspended for one month for failing to bring his passengers to their final destination. However, PLTO officers continued to investigate the case.

"The investigation results revealed that Mr Muhammad had told the passengers that he needed to stop by the taxi company's building in Thalang. However, it was just a ploy to let tour companies try and sell



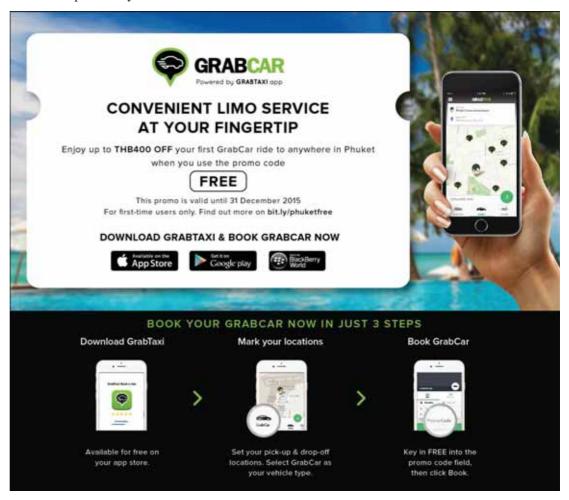
Jaturong Kaewkasi

holiday packages to them," said

Mr Muhammad was fired on November 5. The owner of the taxi that Mr Muhammad was hired to drive has been prohibited from using the vehicle as a taxi for one month.

"This shows the strong cooperation between the PLTO and the Airport Limousine and Business Service company. It should serve as a good example for future cases," Mr Jaturong said.

- Kongleaphy Keam



# Orangutans saved from Phuket sent to Indonesia

A TOTAL of 14 smuggled orangutans were returned from Thailand to Indonesia on November 12 following years of diplomatic wrangling over who will care for them after the majority were discovered abandoned on a roadside in Phuket.

Previous governments sought compensation from Indonesia for the cost of housing and treating the apes. However, the current government in Bangkok waived those demands and pushed ahead with the repatriation.

Of the 14 orangutans, 11 were abandoned in Phuket in 2010. One was rescued elsewhere in the Kingdom, while two were born in captivity to the rescued parents.

- The Nation

# Navy denies extorting beach vendors

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

THE Navy denied on November 12 that officers had taken bribes to secure jobs for Phuket beach vendors.

"We received a complaint that someone was using our name to extort money from the island's beach vendors," said Sayan Prasongsamrej, commander of the Royal Thai Navy Third Area Command. "We will track down whoever is falsely representing themselves as a member of the Navy and take legal action against them."

Vice Admiral Sayan explained that the Navy had been working closely with police, local government bodies and provincial government bodies to ensure that the rules put forward for regulating the island's beaches are fair for all vendors.

"Please do not pay anyone for special privileges. No matter what, you will be treated the same under provincial regula-



The Royal Thai Navy Third Area Command denied that any of its officers were accepting bribes from beach vendors in exchange for special privileges. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

tions," V/Adm Sayan said. "We need everyone to work together to prevent influential people from commandeering our beaches once again."

However, it is not the first time that the Navy has had to deal with issues regarding beach vendors this year.

In early September about 40

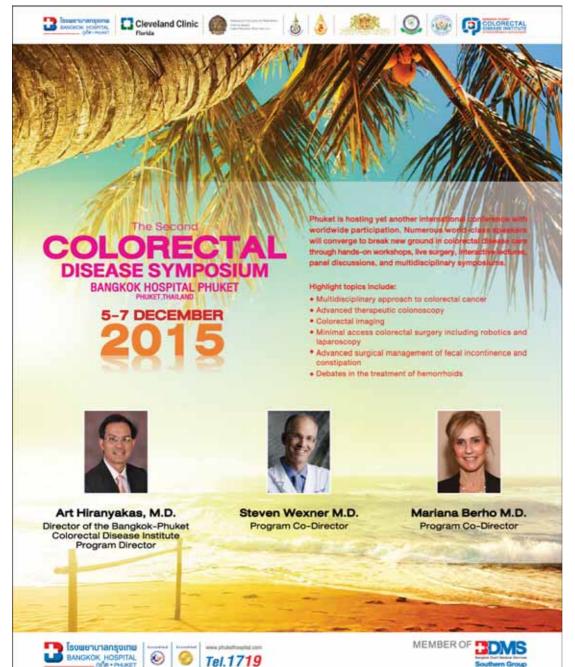
officials, assembled by the Royal Thai Navy's Phuket-based Third Area Command and Phuket Provincial civil defense volunteers, were on hand after the Damrongtham Center (ombudsman's office) received a complaint about old vendors prohibiting new vendors from approaching tourists.

Capt Boworn Promkeawngam of the Royal Thai Navy's Phuket-based Third Area Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) took the opportunity to reinforce the ban on drinking alcohol and smoking on the beach, stating that it is up to local officials to put up signs and enforce the rules.

"However, we mostly focus on the beach vendors," said Capt Boworn.

Capt Boworn noted that if the municipality failed to do their job, then navy officers would do it for them.

Additional reporting by Chutharat Plerin.



# Tentative beach rules remain in place at start of high season

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...other beachgoers."

Until the end of the month, umbrella vendors will not be able to lay claim to any part of the 10 per cent zone with unoccupied beach mats or umbrellas.

"However, this might change. As it could look much nicer to allow the vendors to organize the area with neatly aligned rows," V/Gov Chokdee said.

Provincial and local government bodies will be relying on hotels, guesthouses and resorts to educate their guests about the beach rules once they are finalized, the vice governor explained. Multi-lingual signs will also be installed at primary beach access points to help educate tourists.

"We have done our best to ensure that we return clean, uncluttered beaches to Phuket by establishing this system. We understand the needs of local vendors to support their families and the desires tourists have when they visit our island," V/Gov Chokdee said. "I am confident that our final plans will provide the best solution for everyone."

In addition to zoning being established on major tourist beaches on the island, the vice



TouristS enjoy some shade.

governor named three beaches that will fall under a 'virgin beach' plan. The beaches named were Freedom Beach, Nui Beach and Lay Pang Beach.

"There are some beaches that will not have a 10 per cent zone, which means that there will be nothing there – no umbrellas, no businesses, nothing. All 100 per cent natural," V/Gov Chokdee said "We have yet to decide how many virgin beaches there will be. Each local government is currently working on it."

Complaints about anyone breaching the 10 per cent zone can be filed directly with the Governor's Office at 076-240 396, confirmed V/Gov Chokdee.

THOUGH the page one story of the 2005 November 19-25 issue is without a doubt the sexiest story of the week, it is the editorial that strikes to the heart of an issue that remains unresolved even now, ten years later: land zoning.

Just 15 years ago it was apparently easy enough for corrupt officials in the Land Office to produce a computer-generated contour map showing that just about any piece of Phuket property was in fact below the 80-meter construction limit - pending financial compensation. With that beast somewhat reined in 10 years ago, the Gazette turned its concerned eye to coastal zoning.

It is vital that Phuket gets zoning laws, the Gazette said.

"This would ensure the more beautiful parts of the island are not spoiled by thoughtless development, but are preserved for lowrise, low-key projects, while other, less attractive areas are slated for mega-developments that could, it might be argued, improve the

# The gift of hindsight

coastline. The key to success, of course, will be who decides which is which.'

Phuket, now, does indeed have proper zoning for the coastline. However, who signs off on where those zones actually start and end... well, that is continuing to cause issues.

Perhaps the most recently publicized issue revolves around the Eva development. Given the case has a number of local officials involved and serious amounts of cash tied up in it, and is still under investigation, it's best not to delve too deep into the story. However, the crux of the matter appears to be where the high-tide mark is. The high-tide mark, which admittedly changes with time, as the ocean steals some bits of beaches, is where zoning measurements begin. They are in place to preserve the island's beauty that ten years ago, the Gazette feared would be lost.

Take a walk down some of the Phuket coastlines during high tide – and without naming any names - tell us what you

Don't worry, just because we launched into the meat of the issue, doesn't mean we will be skipping all the sexy stuff on page one. Dutchman Jen Jensen was a hero of sorts – though at the end of the day he was charged with negligent driving causing death.

Mr Jensen gave chase in his truck after a failed assassination attempt, eventually crashing into the suspects on their motorbikes, killing one. Though business or property related assassination attempts are oddly still common on the island – let us not forget about Ae Inside, Phuket media man, or Jintana Mahattanapak, human resource manager and mother of two - Mr Jensen did what many an expat fantasizes about: seeks immediate vengeance. Though those wishing to take the law into their own hands are without a doubt forced to pay the consequences.

- Isaac Stone Simonelli





## Close watch on Thai-Malaysian border after Paris attack

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"There are IS members in that zone," Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister General Prawit Wongsuwan explained on November 16 before heading to a security meeting.

Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha said he had instructed police, soldiers and the National Security Council to put all their effort in preventing any risk of attacks. Security has been boosted at tourist sites.

# Flights cancelled over floating lantern fears

NEARLY 100 domestic and international flights to Chiang Mai International Airport have been cancelled or postponed between November 24 and 26 over fears of passenger safety due to the sky being littered with floating lanterns from the Loy Krathong Festival.

The same concerns have seen flights cancelled or rescheduled at Chiang Rai's Mae Fah Luang Airport after 8pm on November 25.

# Elephant injures nine tourists

A STARTLED elephant barreled into a crowd of tourists at Chiang Mai Night Safari on November 14, mowing down nine.

The 23-year-old pachyderm named Lamduan was participating in the animal parade for



the first time, when it panicked and bolted. Four of the injured were taken to hospital in serious condition. The other five were allowed to go home.

All were offered lifetime passes to the facility and 30,000 baht compensation. The zoo also vowed to cover all medical expenses.

Zoo staff believe that Lamduan, who was normally gentle, might have panicked because of a camera's flash or when a baby lion and tiger joined the parade.

## Child rapist not to appeal ruling further

FORMER train worker Wanchai Saengkhao, whose death sentence for raping and murdering a 13-year-old girl was upheld by the Appeals Court last year, has said he will not take his case to the Supreme Court.

An informed source reported that Wanchai, 23, had asked his lawyer to notify the Hua Hin Provincial Court that he would not appeal again.

# NATIONAL NEWS Briefly

Wanchai killed the girl on a Bangkok-bound train in Prachuap Khiri Khan on the night of July 5, 2014.

## Bangkok bomb suspects named as Uighurs, set to be indicted

THE Military Court's prosecutors will indict two suspects, identified as Chinese Uighurs, for their alleged involvement in the two bomb explosions in Bangkok in August.

The suspects were named as Bilal Muhammed, 24, and Meiraili Yusufu, 26.

Police have charged the duo with many offences, including multiple murders, illegal entry and possession of weapons without a permit.

The Erawan Shrine blast in

Bangkok on August 17 killed 20 people, mostly foreigners, and injured many others.

No one was wounded in the blast at a pier on Chao Phraya River the following day.

## 'Lese-majeste' transfer drive four colonels to depart force

FOUR commissioned police officers have stepped down after being slapped with transfer orders over their alleged involvement in a high-profile lese majeste case. The transfers took place on October 18 and their resignations took effect on November 13.

"There is suspicion that at least two of these police officers had engaged in alleged lese majeste offences. But to date, they have not been identified as suspects," an informed source disclosed.

The source said the available information suggested two of these police colonels allowed Maj Prakrom Warunprapha, who had worked at the Tech-

nology Crime Suppression Division, to use state resources such as guns, vehicles and radio communication devices for personal purposes and helped Maj Prakrom destroy evidence of the alleged crimes.

Maj Prakrom, late fortuneteller Suriyan 'Mor Yong' Sujaritpolwong and his secretary, Jirawong Wattanathewasilp, were arrested in October for allegedly claiming royal connections for their own vested interests.

Maj Prakrom and Mr Suriyan have both died while in custody.

# Spotlight on dengue danger

THAI medical centers are now on full alert for the deadly threat of dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), after the disease left popular actor Tridsadee Sahawong in a critical condition

Tridsadee, 37, is now receiving treatment at the Ramathibodi Hospital. His doctors said on November 11 that although Mr Tridsadee had responded to treatment, his condition remained critical.

DHF has killed 102 people this year, confirmed Disease Control Department Deputy Director-general Opart Karnkawinpong.

# Bombing kills four defence volunteers

A DEADLY bomb attack on a security booth manned by defence volunteers from Ban Khok Khilek village in Khok Pho, Pattani, has badly shaken locals living in a 'strong' community.

Explosion killed four volunteers and injured four others on November 12.

"We never thought that such violence would happen. Our community is strong," village head Pitak Plodpai said on November 13. "Since 2004, many locals have volunteered their services to protect their home town amid the raging unrest."

# Local villagers bust two teens eager to let their hair down

TWO male teens, with perhaps Rapunzel-like intuition of what their future held, were arrested for theft in Chachoengsao Province.

One of the victims of the 15 and 16year-old thieves spotted them driving his stolen motorbike earlier this month. Instead of going directly to police, the man, named by Channel 7 only as Natthawut, rallied the support of other locals and waited to catch the teens in the act.

It wasn't long before the community crime busters got their hands on the pair and hauled them down to Chachoengsao City Police Station. The suspects quickly confessed to police, explaining that they were stealing valuables to sell for cash so that they could save up for hair extensions.

We work at a karaoke shop. We just wanted money to have long hair and be pretty like girls, one suspect allegedly said in his confession to police.

If the pair do any time behind bars at a juvenile detention center, it might be best to keep them from the windows... just in case they have scratched together enough cash for that extra long hair and an escape plan.

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# Time to mobilize

EFFORTS to crack down on speeding and other forms of reckless driving took a serious turn recently with the news that the Phuket Provincial Office is seeking help from the Royal Highway Police to set up radar-equipped 'mobile units' to help catch offenders.

Phuket has emerged as seventh in the nation for most road accidents – and would probably lead the nation in road deaths if such grim accounting were done on a per capita basis.

The island is perhaps the perfect storm when it comes to Thai-style road chaos. A cornerstone contributing factor is our sad legacy of failing to provide convenient and affordable public transport options.

The lack of public transport forces many tourists to [illegally] hand over their passports to rent cars or motorbikes, which can be rented out for as little as 150 baht per day.

Every country and locale has its own 'driving culture', with rules of road etiquette that are generally understood by the vast majority of motorists. A perfect example is the flashing of headlights during daytime hours. In the United States, this means: 'Go ahead. I will slow down for you'. However, in the Land of Smiles it seems to mean: 'If you pull out, I am prepared to ram you, full speed.' What a recipe for disaster for those who fail to get a debriefing before hitting the streets.

Anyone who has driven in a foreign country knows that it is best to proceed with great caution until the local rules sink in. Here in Phuket, however, there seems to be no real 'driving culture' because the vast majority of drivers are not from the area.

Most experienced Thai drivers can make the adjustment from Bangkok-style to rural-Thai driving mayhem, but Phuket is a dangerously unpredictable hybrid that seems to offer the worst of both worlds – bundling together gridlock traffic jams and road rage with rural touches.

Efforts to 'slow down the pros' – airport limousines, taxi drivers, mini-van drivers and tour buses – have been an abject failure because the locations of all four permanent speed radars are well-known to them. Even if they are caught, the 1,000-baht fines are ridiculously low and the Land Transport Department remains powerless to revoke their licences.

The current system of police checkpoints generates revenue for police districts, but does nothing to slow down speeders. The *Gazette* has long championed a more realistic approach. We hope that the Highway Police will take action on this reasonable and long-overdue request by the province.

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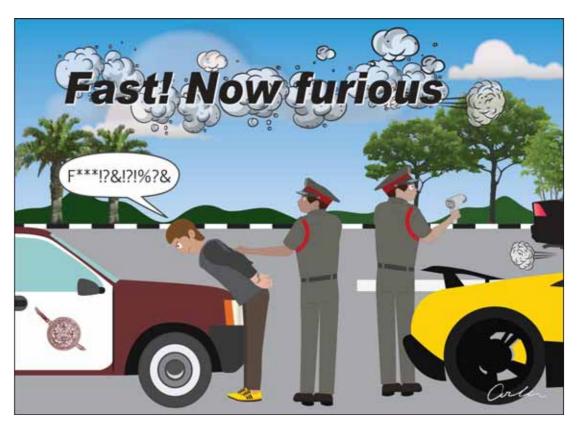
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## Many don't know how to file complaints

Re:Phuket airport taxi driver fired for selling tour packages, November 13

The victims don't file complaints because, as tourists, they don't know where and how to do this.

The solution is easy: Order all taxis to display a clearly visible contact address and phone number for complaints and questions.

This is done the world over, but I can't recall seeing anything like this in Phuket taxis or limos.

> TopcatHKT Gazette forum

# Hope that laws are able to be enforced

Re: Phuket airport taxi driver fired for selling tour packages, November 13

It's a joke. All vans that take passengers from the airport into town or to Patong make a stop and let everyone, including Thais, get down to listen to the tours and other services that are offered, before they are reboarded on the same vans.

People are already tired from their long journeys and it's a nuisance, apart from wasting their time.

Nothing has, nothing can, and nothing will be done about this, I suppose.

Ken Khorana Facebook

# Thank you for saving the trees

Re: Nai Harn museum rede-

## Letters

to the Editor

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

signed to save pine grove, November 11

Thank you Khun Sayjai Mueller for highlighting the destruction of the local environment by the powers that be, as we expats have no influence over this matter, but know it was a bad idea in a precious location.

If they insist on spending the money on this absurd 'tourist attraction', then I suggest building this concrete bunker near to the new workout facility alongside of Nai Harn lake.

> Harry Gazette forum

# Vehicle insurance should be required

Re: Cop-slaying drunk driver hit with civil case, November 11

Why doesn't the van driver have insurance that would pay the family? If this happened in North America, the family would be getting millions of dollars.

I just renewed my insurance yesterday. With road tax, it was over 27,000 baht. That's getting close to what I paid in Canada.

The government should make sure all vehicles have proper coverage. There are too

many drivers with little or no insurance.

Tim Gazette forum

# Irresponsible youth needs life lesson

Re: Police slap Facebook ranter with Computer Crimes Act, November 13

Well done to the police for enforcing the law, especially when it was inconveniencing other drivers.

When faced with not getting her own way, she acted like a snotty-nosed kid who thought she was above all laws and better than everyone else. Then, with ego fueled-anger she irresponsibly used the social media and slandered others.

I hope she faces the full force of the law and learns to start using a little humility.

> Skip Gazette forum

# No investigation for sinking boat?

Re: Tourists rescued from sinking speedboat, November 12

No comment from the Marine Police about an investigation as to why the vessel started taking in water?

Are the maintenance and inspection records for the vessel in order? Does anyone look at this stuff? Is there any legislation covering vessels fit for purpose?

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# A cleansing tradition

#### FIRST PERSON

LOY KRATHONG should be a time for us to reflect on the importance of conserving nature. The tradition is that on the full moon of the 12th lunar month, we ask the river spirits to cleanse us of our sins and the harm that we have done.

Water is the source of all life, so it is appropriate that we come to these spirits to ask for forgiveness and a new start. This is especially true for an island.

The importance of water in all its forms is very clear in Phuket. Equally clear is that Phuket is growing quickly and not taking care of its water resources. Those participating in *Loy Krathong* must reflect on the importance of water and show reverence for it.

Some of us have fouled this precious resource by throwing rubbish into the ocean, rivers and lakes, or have released untreated wastewater into them. All those celebrating *Loy Krathong* this year should ask themselves what they have done to repay the gift of life given to us by water. They should ask that, and then be honest with themselves when they answer.

This is a good time to be honest about these things, as the belief is that we can let go of all these bad things in our *krathong* to establish a new beginning.

Celebrated with this spirit, Loy Krathong also endows our children with respect for the beauty of nature. It is important that families celebrate together, so that kids can have fun and learn the nuances of our culture. Bringing all Thai people together in harmony is an essential part of the celebration.



I know that many people are

Uhai Pattanapichai, 53, is the chief of the Phuket Cultural Office. Originally from Bangkok, she has been living in Phang Nga since 1992, taking up her position in Phuket last month.

She graduated from Suan Dusit Rajabhat University

all natural materials. It is impor-

with a Master's Degree in business administration.

Here, she looks beyond the celebrations of Loy Krathong to the meaning of tradition, emphasizing the need to conserve nature and respect the water resources the island is blessed with.

tant that what we push out into concerned with the multitude of contests on the island, from the water is biodegradable, so krathong-creation competitions even if you are making your own, be to the Miss Noppamas beauty mindful of what pageants. Though celebrations materials you like these are good and creuse. Materials ate a fun atmosphere for visitors, as well as locals, such as banana it is important that we leaves are more tradidon't allow the celebrations to overshadow tional and the real meaning of in-tune the festival. with the To honor these trameaning ditions and be truly behind the respectful of the water festivispirits that are to wash away our sins, participants should only buy krathongs from vendors who have made them with



France thanks Thailand for its condolences. Photo: O.Horbacz

## Ambassador embraces Thailand's compassion

French Ambassador to Thailand Gilles Garachon spoke briefly at the French Embassy in Bangkok before Thailand held one minute of silence in honor of the victims killed in the attacks on Paris on November 13.

DEAR compatriots and beloved Thai people,

France has again been a victim of a vicious attack. Many of our citizens were killed in the incident. This marks the second attack on French soil this year.

The purpose of the attacks was the same both times. They were carried out to silence us and strip us of the values that we hold dearly: freedom, equality and brotherhood.

The only reply we can give to those who want to silence us is to speak louder. The only reply we can give to those who want us to fall to our knees is to rise up and confront them. This is what we will continue to do.

When faced with such dev-

astation as this, it is necessary to stand united. Our Thai friends are well aware of the sense of loss we are facing, as they suffered a similar situation in August. Today, we received an outpouring of empathetic, supportive messages from Thai people from all walks of life. Such support makes our hearts warm.

We would like to thank all the people of Thailand for their friendship and condolences.

Finally, please think of those who were met with misfortune, those who were injured and those who risked their lives for others. Standing together, we will prevail.

Long live the Republic. Long live France.

## Words from the Wise

"My first injury ever was a broken toe, and my mother made me run laps around the mat for the rest of the night. She said she wanted me to know that even if I was hurt, I was still fine."

- Ronda Rousey

"To help a friend in need is easy, but to give him your time is not always opportune."

- Charlie Chaplin

## **Issues & Answers**

### How do I get the green book for my motorbike?

I WANT to sell my motorcycle but don't have the green book, but I do have the import tax receipt and the Surat Thani licence plate. What do I need to do to get a green book for my bike?

> Mike Rawai

Ms Jessadaporn Sornarin of the Phuket Land Transport Office (PLTO) replies:

In order to sell your bike you

must have the green book to transfer ownership to another person.

There are several possible reasons why you don't have the green book, as the green book and plate should have been issued together.

1.) The green book may have been issued several days later than the plate. So if you have the plate and not the green book, you have to ensure that you got the bike through the right channels.

2.) The green book may be with the company or person who first imported the bike. If so, go to them and let them transfer it to your name or the name of the buyer.

However, if you have lost it you will have to go and get a new one at the Surat Thani Land Transport Office.

For clarification, please call us directly at 076-220 791 and tell us your plate number so that we can check the ownership for you. Problems can vary case by case.

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# Growth or value, that is the question



MANY investors do not understand the differences between growth stocks and value stocks with the latter often being synonymous with Warren Buffett, the disciple of Benjamin Graham, who's classic 1949 book 'The Intelligent Investor' is considered the value stock investing bible.

#### **GROWTH STOCKS**

Growth stocks tend to be high-quality stocks of successful companies whose earnings are expected to continue growing at an above-average rate relative to the overall stock market. For that reason, growth stocks tend to have high price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios and high price-to-book ratios.

This means that some investors may view growth stocks as being 'expensive'. However, growth stocks should be viewed the same way you would view high-performance cars. For example, you will pay more for a Ferrari than you will for a Volkswagen, but the former will give you a much better performance. That's why they cost more.

On the other hand, growth stocks can come with more risks as they tend to fall harder on adverse news or any earnings report that does not live up



Investors should include both growth and value stocks in their portfolio. Photo: Ken Teegardin

to the often lofty expectations of Wall Street.

#### **VALUE STOCKS**

Value stocks generally have good fundamentals or potential, but come with low P/E ratios and price-to-book ratios because the market is valuing their shares below their actual or potential value. There can be many reasons why this occurs and often it's because the company is having problems that concern investors, the stock (or the sector it is in) has fallen out of favor or the stock is not yet well known enough on Wall Street

Investors in value stocks

tend to have a long-term time horizon and are betting that the market will eventual recognize a value stock as being undervalued. On the other hand, and as with the items marked down in a store's discount bin, sometimes you are getting what you pay for, such as something that is actually damaged. Plus, there is always the risk that the overall market will never recognize a value stock's true worth.

Investors also need to remember that even when Warren Buffett invests in a so-called value stock or company, he isn't overly concerned about whether or not the market will eventually recognize its true worth. What he is con-

cerned about is how well the company can make profits and cash-flow, because often he is essentially buying the entire business – not just a few shares.

#### WHICH STOCKS TO INVEST IN

Growth and value stock investing are two different investing styles with neither approach guaranteed to be a winner and both coming with their share of risks. There's also no clear historical data pointing to which investing style has conclusively led to the highest overall returns over time.

Moreover, the market tends

to favor one form of investing over the other in cycles and not both at once. For example, value stocks tend to do well early in an economic recovery, as they are often in cyclical industries that get beaten down during recessions and bear markets, while growth stocks tend to lead bull markets when interest rates are low and corporate earnings are increasing.

Since growth and value stocks tend to not move in the same direction at the same time, investors should be invested in both types of stocks to achieve better overall portfolio returns and lower their risk through diversification. In fact, that's usually the investing strategy employed by most professional fund managers with even Warren Buffett once remarking that 'growth and value investing are joined at the hip'.

Still have questions about investing in growth or value stocks?

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# Gov offers tax break

IN AN all-out effort to boost private investment, the Cabinet has approved an unprecedented package of tax incentives to encourage companies to go ahead with their business plans.

The latest package is the third in a series aimed at revitalizing the economy as growth has slowed to less than three per cent this year due to sluggish exports and private investment.

The Finance Ministry will allow businesses to double their capital-expenditure deduction for corporate income tax on approved capital expenditures. This will be valid until the end of next year.

- The Nation



# 'One person, one firm' mulled

THE Business Development Department plans to propose a law allowing a single person to establish a new company.

Currently, Thai law requires each company to have at least two partners for partner company limited and at least three for a limited company.

The law currently exists in 12 countries including the United Kingdom, the United States, China and Singapore. Malaysia also plans to adopt a similar law.

The Business Development Department's Director General Pongpun Gearaviriyapun said that if this law could be enacted, many small businesses would be able to save costs and time while avoiding complex registration procedures and also help to prevent disputes.



Small businesses are likely to benefit from the new law. Photo: Takeaway

Chulalongkorn University has been commissioned to study the potential of this type of law. Ms Pongpun said all of the enterprises contacted by the university had agreed with the idea and were looking forward to the bill.

After its implementation, Ms Pongpun projects that there will be more companies registered in Thailand, because enterprises currently outside the system will be encouraged to register. Within two years of implementation, the number of registered companies is expected to double from 620,000 to 1.4 million, she added.

- The Nation

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# Developing sustainable growth

By Lauren Wafer-Kiddle

IN SIX months, Thanyapura has doubled web traffic and engagement with our audience. But how did we do this? Is it possible for anyone to do so? These are all questions we were asking several months ago when we turned a corner in our marketing efforts and began to look at different strategies to make sure we saw growth, even in low season.

Understanding the needs of our customers, both online and offline, was essential to our level of growth in the past six months.

In the past, our focus was purely on promoting what we were doing, which was good for keeping our audience, but it didn't help us develop sustainable growth.

We began making these changes at the beginning of May when we saw an average of 2,869 weekly sessions. Today, we are averaging 7,802 weekly sessions.

Thanyapura used these four methods to helps double web traffic in six months:

## BUILDING A BETTER EXPERIENCE ONLINE

It is important that potential customers not only find you online, but can also easily navigate through your website. This is why one of Thanyapura's main priorities was running a full audit on the website.

We addressed this by:

Removing 404 errors – Nothing can result in a more frustrating user experience than to navigate through a site only to arrive at a dead end. As a site matures, it is natural to restructure. It is key to redirect this traffic.

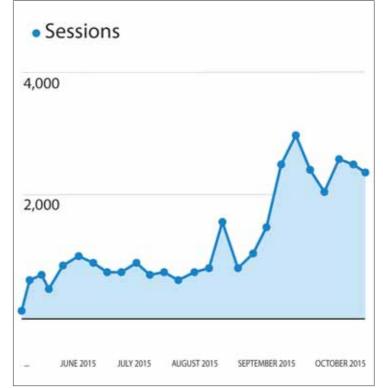
Interlinking – Connecting users to related content is important. It also works as a useful Search Engine Optimization (SEO) tool and can be rewarded in your overall score with search engines such as Google.

Being Mobile Friendly – Google recently updated their search algorithm to favor sites that are mobile friendly. If you haven't done this yet, it's a must, especially with over 50 per cent of our audience now accessing us and most sites via mobile devices.

## CREATING QUALITY CONTENT

Thanyapura is a sports facility with an emphasis on triathlon, swimming and cycling. However, when we began to broaden our content to include fitness, wellness and weight loss we saw an overwhelming response.

This was the content our users really felt engaged with. It



Using four methods, Thanyapura was able to double web traffic.

became important for us to reach out to our audience with the content they found desirable. It was content they could use in their lives and therefore, became a valuable asset to them.

## BECOMING MORE SOCIAL

At Thanyapura, our main focus was to capture audiences across a range of social media plat-

forms, which included YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Stumbleupon, Pinterest, Facebook, and Google+. In doing this, we had to focus on our storytelling skills and create unique and relatable content for each platform.

By building a following and loyal fan base, we became increasingly accessible to new customers as well as managing to retain our existing audience who have become ambassadors for our brand. They do this by freely sharing, commenting and liking pictures and stories we publish on our platforms, which builds our audience even more.

Social media is a wonderful tool to connect B2C and we expect this to grow over the next few months.

#### GEOTARGETING FOR LOCAL SUCCESS

It is very easy to target a broad audience when building a content marketing strategy and neglect your local target market. The very first thing we did to address this issue was to search for Thanyapura on a local level.

We made sure that Thanyapura could be found when someone was searching for Asia, Southeast Asia or Phuket for all of the things we offer. This did not happen overnight. It meant editing a range of content we already had and including alt tags on images, H2 headers, keyword placement and other tricks of the SEO trade.

By geo-targeting our primary pages for services offered in the local area, we were able to build awareness in the local community.

Additional reporting by Aaron Franklin and Isaac Congdon

# Best possible answers



ALL business people tend to have a lot of questions each day about how to do this, what is the best way to do that, where can I find this and so on. More often than not these questions go unanswered and so the problems remain unresolved and our business is no better off.

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## This week's eve

# Work hard, play hard

Angsana Laguna Phuket and Xana Beach Club threw staff a '4 Eyes' themed party to get amped up for the start of another high season on November 6. Party goers donned fun and colorful glasses as they celebrated the night with management.



Brian Connelly ( $4^{th}$  from left), general manager and Sree Valsan ( $3^{rd}$  from left), director of food and beverage, get down with hotel staff.

# Partnering up

Patong Bay Group partnered up with Star Century Pandaho Corporation on November 1 to sign a development agreement for the Patong Bay Hill Hotel and Pandaho Paradise Beach Resort.



Qi Yanli (left), authorized representative of Star Century Pandaho Corporation in Thailand and Dr Chaiyong Patawin, CEO of Patong Bay Group make the public announcement.



Anupong Muttaraid (left), chief operation officer of Pisona Company Limited, welcomes guests to the event.

# Krathongs up and floating

Officials gear up for this year's Loy Krathong by hosting the 'Welcoming Loy Krathong 2015' event on November 6 at Bang Maruan public park.



WELCOMING PARTY: (from L - R) Uthit Limsakul, deputy director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand Phuket Office; Worawuth Songyot, Srisoonthorn mayor; Phuket Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada; Uthai Pattanapichai, representative of the Phuket Cultural Office; and Anirut Bua-on, senior assistant to the Thalang District chief officer.

# Giving a little thanks

The Millennium Resort Patong hosted a thank you party entitled 'Superheroes and Villains', which was attended by partners, suppliers and friends who came together to celebrate eight years of close relations.



Millennium Resort Patong General Manager Esther Wai (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) joins party guests.

# Getting classy in Phuket

The Phuket Classic 2015 took place at Central Festival Phuket on November 8 giving guests and shoppers something to talk about. The event was hosted by female world champion, Wilaiporn Wannaklang.



WINNING BIG: Saksri Kerdphol, event coordinator (middle), gives the award to the winner of the Women's Model Open, Svetlana Svarovskaia (left).

# nts in Paradise

# Fairy tale anniversary at Central Festival



LIVING IN A FANTASY: (from L-R) Pakorn 'Dome' Lum, actor; Anette Jimenez Hochstettar, honorary consul of the Federal Republic of Germany; Pranee Sakulpipatana, Phuket honorary consul of Nepal; Wilaiporn Pitimanaaree, senior vice president; Prajead Augsornthammakul, chief of the Phuket Governor's Office; Wung Huijuan, vice consul-general of the Office of the Chinese Consulate General in Songkhla and head of the Phuket Consular Office; Chanok 'Tangmo' Kaewseenuan, owner of Tangmo Group; and Rasri 'Margie' Balenciaga, actress. Photo: Pacharawat Wasikarn

Central Festival Phuket celebrated its 11th anniversary in style on November 11 under the theme 'Fairy Tale'. Celebrations included shows and concerts, as well as a few famous faces.



ALL THAT GLITTERS: Pakorn 'Dome' Lum (left) and Rasri 'Margie' Balenciaga dressed as a prince and princess for the celebration. Photo: Pacharawat Wasikarn



## French ambassador urges citizens to stand united after attack in Paris

ABOUT 40 French nationals, as well as a few Thai citizens and police officers, joined in a moment of silence observed in Phuket for the victims of the November 13 terrorist attacks in Paris.

"I acknowledge that it was very short notice, but everyone came together to show their support regardless," French Honorary Consul Claude de Crissey told the *Gazette*.

The participants gathered at the French Consulate on Chalermprakiat Rama 9 Road at 6pm on Saturday, November 14.

"Police came to us and asked if they could be of any service. Some of them even participated in the event on Satur-

day. I am very grateful for all of their support," said Mr de Crissey

"It is heartwarming to see people come together at this sensitive time. We are very sorry for what happened to the victims. We wanted everyone to gather together so we could show that we are not scared."

— Chutharat Plerin



Participants at the French consulate, Phuket. Photo: Phuket French Consulate

# Safe-sex drive at university



PSU students volunteer for the safe-sex drive. Photo: PLU

ABOUT 200 students from the Prince of Songkla University (PSU) helped the Phuket Loves You Club (PLU) with a safe-sex campaign where they distributed thousands of condoms in Soi Paradise, Patong and PSU.

The condoms, donated to PLU by Carex, were packed individually with lubricant and a safe-sex message written in Thai, with contact details for the Sabaidee Clinic.

"The only way to address and defeat this issue is through the support of communities," said Ken Miller, chair of PLU's community project 'HIV and AIDS Related Program'.

"Thank you to the Prince of Songkla University to help bridge the gap that keeps LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender] and straight communities from working together to build an understanding that this is not just a 'gay disease', but affects all of Phuket."

– Phuket Gazette

# Superyachts coming to Phuket

THE Asia Superyacht Rendezvous will shine bright again in Phuket from December 16 – 18, while guests can enjoy the many facets of this invitation-only event.

This is Asia's largest rendezvous of superyacht owners, guests, VIPs and crew as they gather together to have fun just before the hectic Christmas season.

Latest superyachts to confirm their participation are M/Y Samax, M/Y Vie San Soucis, S/Y Sunshine, S/Y Lady Thuraya and S/Y Lamima, a stunning 65-meter Gaff-rigged luxury Indonesian classic Phinisi that will be this year's host yacht for the opening night cocktail party.

The venue for the event is Kata Rocks Resort, which recently won the 'Leading New Resort' and 'Leading Villa Resort' awards at the World Travel Awards held in Hong Kong.

"We are proud to be a part of such an amazing event. Sitting pool-side at Kata Rocks, overlooking the magnificent superyachts that attend the event each year is a beautiful sight," said Scot Toon, general manager of Kata Rocks Resort

The year's Rendezvous will



Luxury superyachts such as Samax, a 55-meter feadship motor yacht built in Holland (pictured above), will be featured in the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous. Photo: Asia Superyatch Rendezvous

be featured in 'Roses Favorites' on PGTV, hosted by cultural super fan Rose Maitland Smith.

"The chartering potential here is enormous. With the diversity of the cruising grounds, steady and relatively calm weather patterns and stunning natural scenery, Phuket is a charter client's dream," said Captain Will Bagshaw of M/Y *Titania* who attended the Rendezvous in 2014.

"The Rendezvous is more than three days by the sea. It's a way of life, an ethos, a passion – it's where you can live your dreams," said event manager Andrew Davies.

Event organizers Charlie Dwyer and Gordon Fernandes are true luxury yacht lifestyle evangelists introducing the pleasures of cruising to the Asian market, with Charlie being an ex-America's Cup participant and sailing for over 45 years.

The Rendezvous aims to give the ultra-luxury sector of the tourism market a formidable and unshakable presence in Phuket.

- Phuket Gazette

#### November 18-21. PIST 2015

The Phuket International Sportfishing Tournament is a fun, three-day fishing competition with great parties at the Tamarind Bar with free food and drinks.

It's a great way to help support local charities with all proceeds raised going to underprivileged children at the Phuket Sunshine Village.

The *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV's 'Phuket Today' show, the island's only nationally broadcast television program (aired daily on True Visions MCOT and local provincial cable), are proud to sponsor this event, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year in Phuket

For more details, call

087-278 9966.

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

A week-long carnival of multi-sport fun and tri-related activities for you to enjoy at Laguna Phuket.

Join the Laguna Phuket Triathlon (Nov 22) and the Challenge Laguna Phuket (Nov 29).

For more information, visit challengelagunaphuket.com

#### November 26. Celebrate Thanksgiving at Special AMCHAM Event

The Greater Phuket Chapter of the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) and Angsana Laguna Phuket will hold a special Thanksgiving

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networking lunch on November 26 from noon until 3pm.

Whether you are an American or any other nationality, come and enjoy the very special meal with your friends, colleagues or family.

The event will be held at Angsana Laguna Phuket's poolside Bodega & Grill restaurant, which offers both air conditioned and open-air seating. Entry is 1,100++ baht and is open to all.

For more information contact Ryan at 076-324 101.

## November 26. Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet and Party

Friendship Beach Resort and Atmanjai Wellness Spa will be serving up piles of Thanksgiving goodness as a live jazz band and DJ Tank take the stage.

Everything kicks off at 6pm for 990++ baht for adults and 450++ baht for children under 12 years old. For more information, call 089-728 5304 or 085-213 1259.

#### 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.

#### **December 10. Constitution Day**

This day commemorates the promulgation of Thailand's first constitution by HM King Prajadhipok (Rama VII) in 1932. Parades and fireworks take place throughout the country.

#### December 16-18. The Asia Pacific Supreyacht Rendezvous 2015

The Asia Pacific Superyacht Rendezvous invites Luxury Yachts over 100 ft, their owners, guests and VIPS for 3 days of unforgettable fun.

This is an exclusive invitation-only event that celebrates luxury yachting.

# South sees new routes, developments



#### By Stephen Fein

THOMSON Airways, the world's largest charter carrier, is planning to add direct flights to Phuket using its fleet of fuel-efficient Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

The twice-weekly flights from Manchester to Phuket are scheduled to begin soon and Thomson is already accepting bookings as part of its holiday package deals.

Packages to Phuket currently on offer are typically about 1,500 GBP for an 11-night stay, including meals and accommodation. Thomson has many highly-rated Phuket resorts as part of its partnership network. These include



Thomson plans to add direct flights to Phuket on its Boeing 787 Dreamliner jets. Photo: Aeropixels Photography

the Pullman Arcadia Naithon Beach Resort and Kee Resort and Spa in Patong.

With headquarters in Luton, England, Thomson will also be launching direct flights to the Mauritius Islands and the Indian coastal resort town of Goa.

The Dreamliner's fuel efficiency will make the 12-hour flights out of the recently upgraded Manchester Airport the longest of the long-haul flights to be offered from that airfield.

"The move to introduce new routes is part of our strategy to ensure customers across the UK can fly from their local airport to some of the most exciting destinations, experiencing our ever-expanding portfolio of hotels," a Thomson spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Thailand's

southernmost town of Betong, Yala will finally get an airport linking the popular tourist town with the rest of the country by air, officials say.

Cabinet has already approved 1.9 billion baht in total funding for the project, which will be built some 12 kilometers outside the city center on a rubber plantation. Construction, scheduled to begin next year, is expected

to take three years to complete.

The 1,800-meter runway will be capable of handling smaller aircraft like the ATR-72 series and the Fokker 50.

That being the case, Up In The Air was somewhat surprised to see a number of four-engine jets parked at the airfield in an 'artist's conception' computer graphic distributed to the media during a recent visit to the project site with local officials.

The main terminal, 7,000 square meters in area, is designed to handle 300,000 passengers a year.

For Phuket's growing number of private aviators, the airport could prove to be an interesting new destination and also an easy way to get to the border fast for 'visa runs'. It will be interesting to see what commercial carriers try and launch services to this quintessential niche market after the airport opens.

## THAI execs take pay cut

THAI Airways International's eight top-level executives will be taking a 10-per-cent pay cut in loss-making months until the airline returns to profitability, its president announced amid growing criticism of the carrier's poor management.

"We will cut 10 per cent of our salary in any month that shows a net loss, while in a month that shows a net profit, there will be no salary cuts. This will be effective from this month until our business recovers," THAI president Charamporn Jotikasthira said at a press conference after the company reported a net loss of 9.89 billion baht for the third quarter.

The company reported that revenue from passenger and cargo business was 137bn baht in the first nine months, down 1.4 per cent from 139bn baht in the same period last year.

Mr Charamporn accepted that the national flag carrier's plan to cut overall costs to the tune of 10.7bn baht this year would now be impossible to achieve, as some of the cost-reduction program had not gone according to plan.

"We will cut costs by about 7bn to 8bn baht this year, having cut costs worth about 5bn baht in the first nine months," he said. However, he ex-



Charamporn Jotikasthira

pressed confidence that THAI's business restructuring would enable the company to achieve the target of generating a net profit in the first quarter of next year by cutting costs of up to 20bn baht and increasing revenue over the course of 2016.

The company will also continue the plan to sell 34 assets worth between 5bn and 6bn baht domestically and overseas, such as housing for staff overseas and in Thailand and some of its offices abroad.

"We are ready to sell, but it is dependent on market sentiment. Property values in Europe are still dropping, as a result of which we are still delaying some overseas asset sales," Mr Charamporn said.

- The Nation



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# Festival of Light returns to island

TOURISTS and island residents don't have to go far to explore the wonders of Thailand's rich cultural heritage, as one of the country's most romantic, tranquil and beautiful festivals is just around

Loy Krathong, the 'Festival of Light', takes place on the full moon of the 12th lunar month of the year, falling this year on November 25, this Wednesday.

The holiday will see events, contests and krathong releases throughout the island.

Loy literally means 'to float', while krathong refers to the lotus-shaped vessels that are traditionally made of banana leaves and contain candles, joss sticks and small offer-ings of food and flowers.

> Traditionally, thousands of people across

the nation release their krathong onto rivers, lakes, ponds and the sea. The offerings are made to give thanks to the water spirits and to seek forgiveness for past misdeeds.

Young couples can be seen, especially by the water at Saphan Hin, floating krathong and lighting up khom loi lanterns to release into the sky – an act thought by many to bring good luck and love to those who take part in the festival together.

The festival usually includes beauty pageants, fireworks and krathong-making contests, using materials such as banana leaves, cross-sections of banana tree trunks, coconut bark

or paper. Phuket Gazette

# LOY KRATHO

Patong: At the police box at the end of Soi Bangla
Nov 15, 6pm-midnight: Miss Noppamas beauty pageant for children, a krathong contest, cultural performances by students from Thaksin University Songkhla campus and an adult Miss Noppamas beauty pageant.

Karon / Kata: At Nong Harn Park Nov 21-25, 6pm-11pm: Food vendors, One Tambon One Province (OTOP) vendors and cultural performances. Nov 25, 6pm-11pm: Miss Noppamas beauty pageant and other cultural performances.

Rawai / Nai Harn: At Nai Harn Lake
Nov 23, 6pm-midnight: Look Thoong Sining competition. Nov 24, 6pm-midnight: Miss Noppamas beauty pageant for kids. Nov 25, 6pm-midnight: Krathong contest and Miss Noppamas beauty pageant.

Chalong: the field opposite Ladthiwanaram Temple 'Wat Tai'
Nov 24, 5:30pm-midnight: Krathong contest and a Miss

Noppamas beauty pageant for kids. Nov 25, 5:30pm-midnight: Miss Noppamas beauty pageant.

Phuket City: At Saphan Hin
Nov 24, 7pm-midnight: Miss Noppamas beauty pageant for kids. Nov 25, 9am: Krathong competition and drawing contests. Nov 25, 4pm-midnight: Loy Krathong parade and celebrations

Cherng Talay: At Wat Bantao
Nov 25, 6pm-11pm: Prayers and merit making opportunities.

Srisoonthorn: At the Bang Maruan Lagoon
Nov 23-25, 5:30pm-midnight: 'Remembering the Bang Maruan Mine of Yesteryear' Festival with classic Thai movies on the big screen and vendors selling OTOP products. Nov 23, 5:30pm-midnight: Krathong contest, Loy Krathong Parade and a performance by famous Look Thoong singer Sornchai Mekvichean.

Nov 24, 5:30pm-midnight: Miss Noppamas beauty pageant for kids. Nov 24, 5:30pm-midnight: concert by Look Thoong singer Oijai Danisan.

Thepkrasattri: At Moo Baan Tha Maprao
Nov 25, 9am: Sea boxing competitions, boat racing and swimming competitions. Nov 25, 5:30pm-midnight: Miss Noppamas beauty pageant for kids, Krathong contest and stage performances.

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# Landlord rights under the law



IT'S a goal for many people to become a landlord. They purchase property for the purpose of renting it out for passive income. The property owner interviews perspective tenants, ensures that they sign a lease agreement and put down a deposit. However, all of this does not prevent bad tenants from revealing themselves after they have moved into the property.

There are several possibilities. The tenant may stop paying the rent. The tenant may not maintain the property. Or the tenant may violate the terms of the lease, such as allowing multiple families to move in or allowing pets to live in the home. In such cases, what is a landlord to do?

The first thing the landlord needs to do is to review the lease agreement. The lease agreement generally contains the terms by which the tenant agreed to abide. A properly prepared lease should contain the grounds for the termination of the lease and the notice requirements for the eviction, if the tenant does not respond to the notice.

It is also important to review the length of the lease



The legal process for evicting tenants is painstaking and can take many months. Photo: Claude Boucher

agreement. If the end of the lease term is near, it might be easier to just send notice to the tenant that the lease is not going to be renewed and the tenant will be required to leave the premises at the end of the contract.

There are many foreign nationals who lease property on a 30-year lease. One of the important elements of a 30-year lease is that it must be filed with the local land office. Under Section 528 of the Thai Civil and Commercial Code, if the lease agreement is not in

writing, signed and registered with a 'competent official', then it is not valid for more than three years or the life of the parties.

After the end of the lease period, the lease agreement is generally extended on an indefinite period. This allows any of the parties to provide notice of the termination of the lease with a minimum of one rent term or maximum of two months notice. If the tenant refuses to leave the property, the landlord can file a lawsuit against him.

If the landlord is able to establish in court that the tenant violated the terms of the lease agreement and that they abode by the legal requirements for eviction, the court will rule in favor of the landlord barring extenuating circumstances. If the tenant refuses to abide by the order of the court, the landlord can request an enforcement of the judgment.

The landlord can then request that police remove the tenant from the premises. They can also terminate electrical and water services to the property. It is important to note that the landlord cannot enter the property, remove the tenant's belongings and change the locks on the door, unless it is allowed within the lease agreement, or with a court order. During the entire legal process the landlord can file a claim for the rental costs and opportunity cost as a result of the tenant refusing to leave the premises.

Leasing property is a popular way to obtain passive income or to pay for mortgaged property. However, as with any type of income-generating business, there are risks. For landlords, there is the possibility of renting to tenants who do not maintain the property, violate the rules of the lease agreement or stop paying the rent.

The legal process for evicting tenants is painstaking and can take many months. It is important to scrutinize potential tenants and check their rental history and current financial status prior to entering into a long-term lease agreement.

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# Brighter future for inmates

WELL-BEHAVED inmates at the Ayutthaya Provincial Prison will get an opportunity to do vocational courses and obtain qualifications while serving time, thanks to a new initiative launched on November 16.

Akanit Klangsaeng, deputy chief of the Office of Vocational Education Commission, and Wittaya Suriyawong, chief of the Corrections Department, signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the department's head office in Nonthaburi province to initiate the pilot project.

The pilot program consists of 120 Thai male first-time offenders aged between 18 and 30, serving five to 15 years and having a record of good behavior.

The three areas of study are mechanical technology, welding and computer graphics, with the most popular one being mechanical technology.

The scheme is part of a



Vocational training will improve inmates' future prospects. Photo: jbolles

larger project called 'specific purpose prisons', which will include Education prison, Vocational prison, Agricultural prison and Labor prison, said Pontip Chocksamai, director of the Rehabilitation Bureau.

"Prisons will become schools where inmates can achieve vocational certificates. Thus, when they are released they can make a decent living and won't return to prison," said Mr Chadaporn Raksasap, head of the correctional education project committee.

The prison was selected for this scheme because the province has eight vocational schools that have agreed to provide courses for the prisoners.

- The Nation



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# Marriott to purchase Starwood

# Takeover to create world's biggest hotel chain, antitrust issues unlikely

By Ankit Ajmera and Mike Stone

MARRIOTT International Inc (MAR.O) will buy Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc (HOT.N) for US\$12.2 billion to create the world's largest hotel chain with top brands including Sheraton, Ritz Carlton and the Autograph Collection.

The combined company will have over 5,500 hotels with 1.1 million rooms worldwide, giving Marriott a greater presence in markets such as Europe, Latin America and Asia and allowing it to better compete with apartment-sharing startups such as Airbnb.

Airbnb is expected to eat into hotels' business as it signs up more and more homeowners, analysts warn.

About three-quarters of Marriott's rooms are in the United States. About half of Starwood's rooms are outside North America, but accounted for nearly two-thirds of its revenue in 2014.

"Our success has been driven by our ability to anticipate market shifts and meet those changes head on," Marriott Chief Executive Arne Sorenson, who will lead the combined company, said during a conference call on Monday.

The deal, one of the biggest since Blackstone Group LP bought Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc (HLT.N) for US\$26 billion in 2007, could spark industry consolidation.

Starwood shares fell as much as 8 per cent to US\$68.96 on Monday, way below the offer price of US\$72.08, before closing 3.6 per cent lower at US\$72.27.

Two sources briefed on the deal s a i d Starwood s h a r e s had rallied on media reports that the

company was in talks with several potential buyers. Starwood left 'no stone unturned' in its process of seeking a buyer, said the

seeking a buyer, said the sources, who asked not to be named because they were not authorized to speak on record.

Marriott shares fell as much as 3.2 per cent, before closing 1.3 per cent lower, as hotel and airline stocks weakened on heightened concerns that the share held. They will also get about US\$7.80 per share from the spinoff of Starwood's timeshare business and subsequent merger with Interval Leisure Group Inc (IILG.O), announced in February.

Starwood, owner of the St Regis and Aloft hotel brands, had essentially put itself up for sale in April, when it said it was considering

ing out to InterContinental Hotels Group Plc (IHG.L), Wyndham Worldwide Corp (WYN.N) and sovereign wealth funds for a possible deal since July, sources had told Reuters

Hyatt Hotels Corp (H.N) had also been involved in the sale process, one of the sources said on Monday.

A Hyatt representative declined to comment.

Marriott estimated US\$100 million to US\$150 million in charges related to the deal and annual savings of at least US\$200 million starting the second year after the transaction closes.

Analysts said they did not expect antitrust objections as the combined company would

hold less than 20 per cent of all US hotel

Starwood share-holders will own about 37 per cent of the combined company. Marriott expects to add three Starwood members to its board, bringing the total to 14, after the deal closes in mid-2016.

Lazard and Citigroup advised Starwood on the deal and Deutsche Bank Securities advised Marriott. – *Reuters* 

# MARRIOT

Paris attacks on Friday could curb travel.

## ANTITRUST ISSUES UNLIKELY

Starwood investors will get 0.92 Marriott Class A shares and US\$2 in cash for each

strategic alternatives.

The sources said competing bids for Starwood comprised a mix of stock and cash worth about the same as the Marriott offer.

Starwood, with a market value of US\$12.67 billion as of November 13, had been reach-

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# Seacon Home branches into luxury project construction

SEACON Home Co is expanding its home-construction service into building luxury residences for property firms, targeting revenue of 1.6 billion baht next year.

Up to 300 million baht of that total will be from its new business of building homes for developers, and 1.3bn baht from its existing business of building-to-order for individual customers who want to erect homes on their own land, managing director Supitcha Chaipipat told a news conference on November 12.

"Our target is for revenue from the new business to reach 25 per cent of our total revenue within five years," she said.

This year, the new business serving developers will generate 100mn baht. Existing



Supitcha Chaipipat. Photo: The Nation

business currently generates 1.1bn baht.

"We expanded into this market segment when we saw [rising] demand for construction of high-end homes," she said.

Building luxury homes for property firms is the next step

in expanding the business because many developers want a professional team to construct their houses. The company has already constructed dormitories, apartment buildings, factories and myriad small and mediumsized housing projects.

"We expanded to that level by partnering with companies that already have land and need to develop it for sale, rental or private or commercial use. These partners are categorized as small and medium-sized enterprises that have few units.

"This is an effort to see our business have sustainable growth for the long term at a time when demand from individual customers who own land and need to build a home is seeing slim growth," Ms Supitcha said.

- The Nation

# Chasing middle-class segment

By Chutharat Plerin

BOAT Pattana Co Ltd announced a new 400-million-baht residential development in Chalong that aims to target middle-class families.

"We don't think any other properties are really targeting

this segment with a project concept like ours, they seem to have forgotten the importance of family space," said Panupong Kritchanarat, chief executive officer (CEO) of Boat Pattana.

The daring move to start selling units at The Hideaway Valley Chalong comes as many property sectors outside of the luxury market in Phuket are

struggling.

"Though the economy is quite slow right now, we believe that our customers will understand our sincerity in helping them create a home. We are confident that middle-class people working on the island

will take advantage of this opportunity and choose us," said Mr Panupong.

The 60 stand-alone housing units on 20 rai of land in Chalong will be located a few hundred meters from Chao Fa West on Yodsanee 2, providing both seclusion for the neighbor-

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**CEO Boat Pattana** 

hood and easy access to greater Phuket. Additionally, The Hideaway Valley Chalong will have a public park, club-

house, fitness center and swimming pool.

The classic European housing will feature designs swinging between retro and vintage, in order to bring a little of 'home' to expats working in the tropics. House sizes will range from 200 square meters to more than 400sqm, with prices starting at 4.99 million baht and topping out at about 15mn baht.

"We want to present our cus-



Boat Pattana CEO Panupong Kritchanarat announces that sales for the property will start in January.

tomers with a new idea, a development that brings them back to the happy days when people gathered together as a family and spent precious time together," said Niyom

Boonmee, chief operating officer of Boat Pattana. "We want to create a place that draws on the idyllic memories of mum's garden, dad's garage and grandmother's kitchen." The project is expected to take about 15 months to finish, which puts its completion at about the same time that construction for the Chalong Circle Underpass will be finished.



For more information or to arrange a visit to show units at the Property Centre in Laguna Phuket, please call **076 362 333** or visit **www.lagunaproperty.com** 

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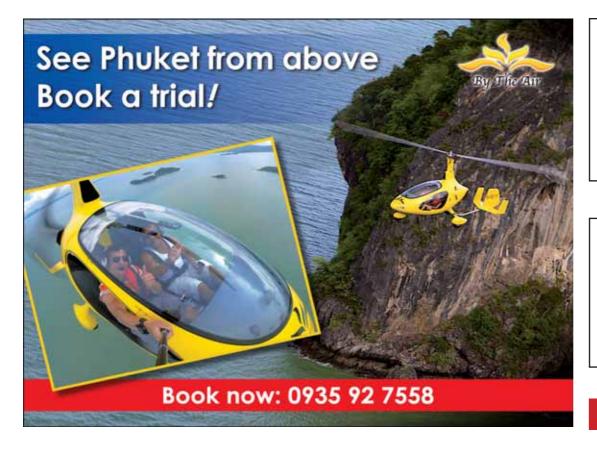
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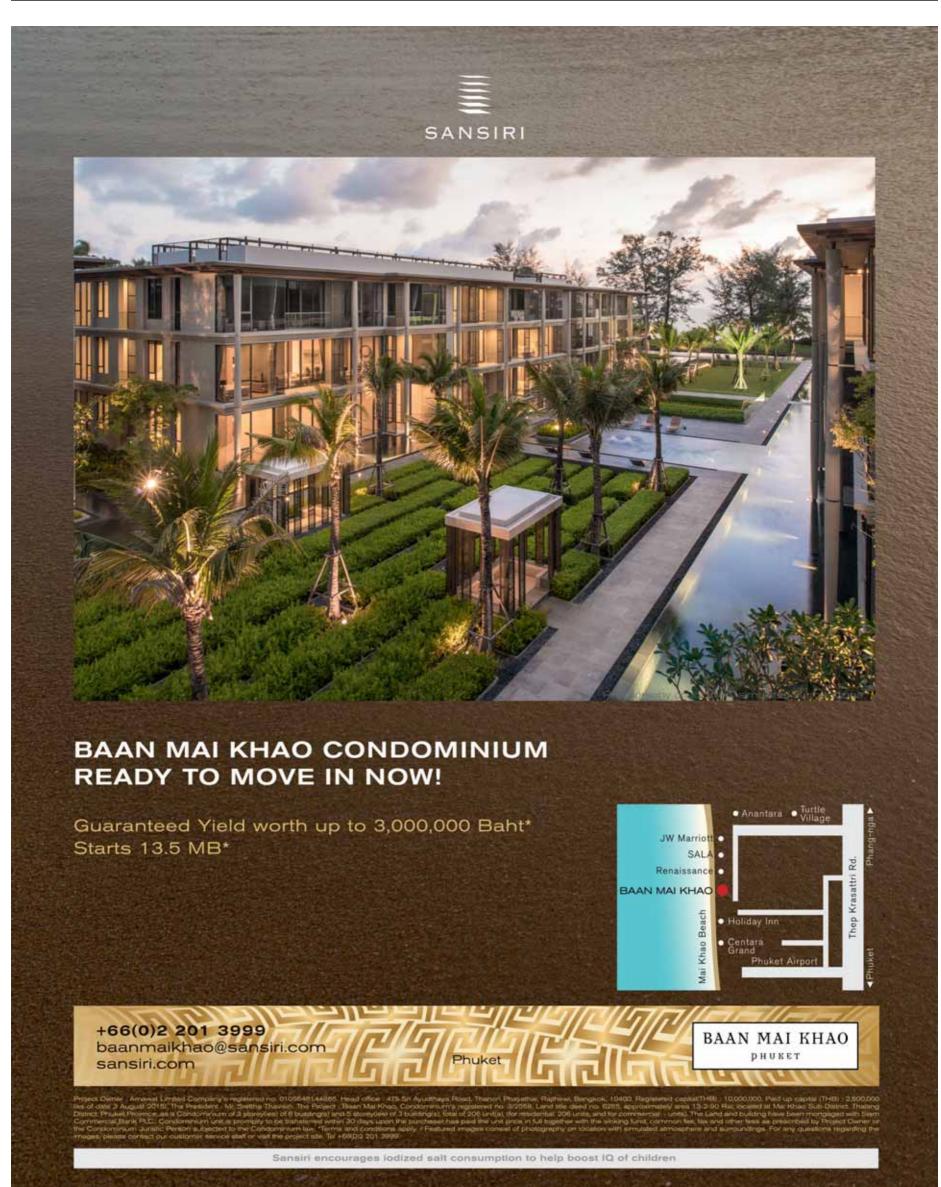
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