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A working holiday

IT WILL BE a tropical Christmas for Prawit Janyasittikul this year, as he co-ordinates the season's celebrations at Patong's largest shopping complex.

K Prawit, CEO of Jungceylon, rarely has the time to take a break during the high season, but if he does manage to get away from Thailand for a while it's on "shopping trips" – not just looking to fill suitcases with gifts, but to fill his head with ideas and experience how other cities create their top-rated seasonal decorations.

"If I get a holiday, I go abroad. I go to places like Tokyo. Last year, I went to Hong Kong to celebrate with family and friends," K Prawit explains.

"I choose these destinations because they're short trips. I can go for four or five days and don't have to plan much. If you go to Europe, you have to plan in advance. But for Tokyo and Hong Kong, if you think you want to go, you can go right now," he says.

"I like to walk around the big shopping centers – I enjoy shopping, but I can also see the decorations inside the shopping centers, that gives me inspiration for Jungceylon next year."

Despite enjoying his travels, K Prawit's favourite memories of the season are always at Jungceylon. This is hardly sur-



SHOPPING HOLIDAY: K Prawit often uses his holidays to visit malls around the region for inspiration. IMAGE: Jungceylon.

prising because, since it's inception, the Patong shopping complex has always put on some truly memorable events at this time of year.

2015 is no exception. Christmas Day will see the a Dazzling Dance Party take place in the Port Arena zone and New Year's Eve will be serenaded out by stars from The Voice Thailand.

The entire holiday week will be themed 'Viva Celebrations' and will include the adventures of Jessica and Ryu – two characters who, other than loving to shop, also love taking selfies of themselves shopping, as an encouragement for other shoppers to take part in the 'Jungceylon Shoot & Share' competition.

The fun won't stop with the end of the old year either, because Jungceylon will also be welcoming the New Year at 7pm on January 1 with a Thai concert by Khun In and Off Beat Siam and regular street shows throughout the day.

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"I really enjoy Jungceylon's Christmas holidays. Now – eight years later – I'm still enjoying our Christmas parties. I think it's a good party for my friends and family, and sometimes we have some of the tenants join us for dinner."

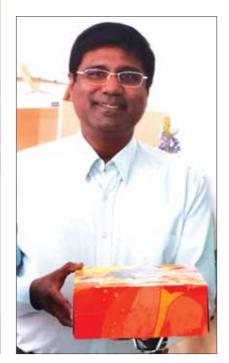
So, should the Christmas fairy visit K Prawit this year, what

would be the one wish he would want granted.

"I run a retail business in Patong, so my wish for this year would be that the number of quality tourists in Phuket increases. If the Christmas Fairy granted me that one free wish, it would be for the overall business on the island to increase."

While K Prawit enjoys the New Year Eve fireworks, as he walks around Patong and Jungceylon that evening what he most hopes to see are the happy smiling facing of tourists enjoying the holiday celebrations – many, many quality tourists.

All I want for Christmas...



CHANDRAN MENON is Silkair's Thailand manager and is often far from his home. As he will be in Phuket for the season we asked him how he likes to celebrate it.

Where will you be celebrating the season?

I will be with friends and celebrating at a resort.

How do you prefer to celebrate the season? At home with family, or out on the town with friends?

Since I'm staying alone, I will be celebrating with friends.

What is your favorite Christmas memory?

The atmosphere is different and the feeling of joy, peace and happiness is all around you. It is a time for sharing and giving too.

If the Christmas Fairy offered to grant one free wish for you, what would it be?

Let there be love and peace on earth.

Where would you like to celebrate the New Year?

Where there is lots of cheer and joy among friends. It can be anywhere. It is the company that matters.

Amari Phuket, Patong

The Amari will be hosting two unique Christmas Eve dinners.

At Rim Talay restaurant you will be able to enjoy the excitement and enchantment of a traditional Christmas under the starlit sky, with a festive buffet extravaganza featuring a range of traditional delicacies and finest Phuket seafood choices.

A welcome glass of mulled wine, carol singers and a visit from Santa and his helpers will make the evening go with a swing.

THB2,800++ per person. 50 per cent discount for children under 12.

La Gritta Restaurant will be staging a Christmas gala dinner with a fourcourse à la carte set menu, specially prepared by Chef Patrizia from Rome, Italy.

Home-made mulled wine and a chance to meet Santa and his helpers are also on the cards.

THB 3,000++ per person. 50 per cent discount for children under 12.

For reservations, call 076-340 106 or reservations.phuket@amari.com.

Angsana Laguna Phuket

Bodega & Grill will be offering a very special menu for Christmas Eve created by Executive Chef Mirko Cappa.

Prepare to have your taste buds explode as the chef treats you to seared goose liver with cinnamon and prosecco braised pears.

The bollito misto will be, a degustation of double stewed veal tongue, pig's trotter, beef rump with braised lentils and salsa verde.

Dessert will consist of gingerbread and chocolate mousse with caramelized cumquats, while guests are entertained with a live acoustic performance and a kid's choir singing carols.





HAM FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Whatever your taste in Christmas fayre, pretty much everything can be found on Phuket, such as this beautiful ham at the Amari Phuket.

THB2,950++ per person or THB3,950++ including selection of beverages paired with the courses. Children up to 12yo get a 50 per cent discount and children up to 6yo eat for free.

For reservations, call 076-324 101 or bodega-lagunaphuket@angsana.com.

The KEE Resort, Patong

The Gala Dinner Buffet BBQ will feature a cornucopia of delicious tastes, including crab meat soup.

Main dishes will include Christmas Ham, Kalbi Pork Ribs and Sweet & Spicy Glazed Duck Confit among many other dishes.

The resort will also be serving up live music from Plug & Play, dancing, lucky draws, games and carol singing.

THB1,850 net per person, THB925

THB2,950++ per person or per child under 12. 10 per cent discount HB3,950++ including selection of bev- for bookings made before December 22.

For reservations, call 076-335 888 or fb@thekeeresort.com

Mom Tri's Kitchen, Kata

While still offering the traditional Christmas fayre, Mom Tri's is also putting some other tasty dishes on the menu, including Red Snapper and a rabbit apricot & bacon terrine.

Mixing east with west, the Kitchen is also preparing Lamb Hang Lay, loin of lamb in a spicy Thai curry sauce, and baked rock lobster with creamy tom yam herb sauce.

THB3,800++ per person.

 $For more info and \ reservations, email info @villaroyalephuket.com.$

Banyan Tree, Laguna Phuket

The Banyan Tree will be staging a choice of two Christmas Eve feasts

At the Watercourt, guests will be able to enjoy a buffet featuring such delicacies as chilled Canadian lobster, King prawns and fresh oysters.

There will also be a very lemony station where you can find a whole range of ceviche.

Over at the BBQ station you'll find Wagyu sirloin, Australian lamb chops, Kurobuta pork loin, while fresh South American lobster, Andaman king prawns, tuna and Salmon cutlets will be available at the seafood station.

The carving station will offer honey brown sugar glazed ham, roasted turkey with apricot pinenut stuffing and roasted suckling pig with apple and rosemary.

THB7,000 net person.

For something not quite so extravagant, the resort's Tre restaurant is offering a full Christmas set dinner.

THB4,400 per person.

For reservations, call 076-372 400 or fb-phuket@banyantree.com.

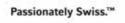


VILLA ROYALE: Mom Tri's Kitchen will be serving plenty of Xmas yums.

BE PART OF AMARI PHUKET'S BRANT FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS New Year's Eve Christmas Eve Thursday 31 December 2015 Thursday 24 December 2015 **Delectable Traditional Christmas Buffet** New Year's Eve under the Stars at Rim Talay from 19:30 at Rim Talay from 19:00 Enjoy a buffet of traditional Christmas delicacies, fresh seafood, and festive beverage, in the company of carollers. Celebrate with our spectacular gala dinner and entertainment-filled evening, and a fireworks display to welcome in the new year. The buffet is priced at 2,800 THB++. The celebration is priced at 5,500 THB++. Christmas Gala Dinner New Year's Eve Gastronomic Dinner at La Gritta from 19:00 at La Gritta from 19:00 Savour a four-course set dinner prepared by eminent Chef Patrizia Battolu, complete with festive beverage and carols Celebrate New Year's Eve with a five-course set dinner showcasting a premier selection of festive dishes and delicacies The celebration is priced at 3,000 THB++. Dinner is priced at 4,900 THB++. *Remark: All prices per person, excluding beverage and are subject to a 10% service charge Take New Year's Eve to New Heights % VAT. Children below 12 years, will receive a 50% discount at The Clubhouse from 19:30 Celebrate New Year's Eve exclusively with a five-course buffet at The Clubhouse rooftop terrace overlooking Patong Bay Entry is priced at 5,900 THB++. Reservations: +66 (0) 7634 0106-14 or reservations phuket@aman.com Address: Amari Phuket, 2 Muen-ngem Road, Patong Beach, Kathu, Phuket 82150

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Usher in 2016 at our striking New Year's Eve extravaganza, entitled '365° Reflections'. Lucky draw with a four-night stay in Dubai as a Grand Prize! Several shows are guaranteed to keep the party pace at an exceptional level at our Grand Ballroom. The menu includes International and Thai cuisine, a variety of seafood on display, rack of lamb, prime rib of beef and spectacular desserts... Join us for an unforgettable experience and count down with us the last seconds of 2015! Priced at THB 6,500 net per adult. For more information, please call +66 76 396 139 or email at stefano.colombo@movenpick.com





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Le Meridien Phuket Resort, Karon

Pakarang Restaurant will host a Traditional Christmas Buffet with all the trimmings. Live music and shows will make for a fun day, as will the free flow of soft drinks and mineral water.

THB2,500++ for adults THB1,250 for children.

For reservations, call 076-370 100 ext 5307 or restaurant.phuketbeach @lemeridien.com.

Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket

La Trattoria will be serving up a 4-course Christmas dinner, starting with Tuna Carpaccio, potato gnocchi with lobster and zucchini. Main courses will see pan roasted salmon fillet and grilled beef tenderloin, with semi freddo and poached strawberries for dessert.

For reservations, call 076-362 999 ext 5307 or dtlp@dusit.com.

Banyan Tree, Laguna Phuket

Christmas Day at the Banyan Tree will be another chance to indulge in the resort's iconic brunch buffet, with highlights including a foie gras station and a carvery replete with roast turkey and spit roasted lamb.

Make sure to leave room for dessert, as there will also be a sweet crepes & pancakes station, homemade ice cream and much, much more.

THB3,100 net per person.

For reservations, call 076-372 400 or fb-phuket@banyantree.com.



BOOM INDUSTRY: People of a nervous disposition should probably avoid Patong on New Year's Eve. Or you could watch from a safe distance, such as from one of the three venues at the Amari Phuket .



Amari Phuket, Patong

Rim Talay Restaurant will host a spectacular gala dinner, complete with an array of international and Asian delicacies, treating guests to a traditional Thai cultural show, live band and DJ performances before the fireworks light up the bay at midnight.

THB5,500++ per person.

There will be a gastronomic dinner at La Gritta with a five-course set menu. After the dinner, guests will join the fun at the Rim Talay Pool Bar to dance beneath the stars, while enjoying the Patong Bay fireworks display.

THB4,900++ per person.

Meanwhile, up at the Clubhouse guests can partake of a sumptuous five-course buffet menu while listening to live music and awaiting the arrival of Patong's spectacular fireworks display.

THB5,900B++ per person. Children under 12yo get a 50 per cent discount.

For reservations, call 076-340 106 or reservations.phuket@amari.com.

Mom Tri's Kitchen, Kata

With quail & pancetta roulade, barramundi fillet, Wagyu Rossini, and banana parfait among the many dishes, prepare to meet 2016 in a state of sated bliss.

THB7,400++ per person.

For more info and reservations, email info@villaroyalephuket.com.

Holiday Inn Resort, Patong

See in the New Year at Sea Breeze Cafe & Terrace where you can spend an "evening with the stars" and dine on a huge international seafood buffet.

The evening's entertainment will include live band, musical stars, a deejay and show from Simon Cabaret.

THB3,800++ for adults THB1,500++ for children 6-12yo.

For reservations, call 076-370 200 or sham.rahman@ihg.com.

Moevenpick Resort & Spa, Karon

To be held in the Grand Ballroom, Moevenpick's gala dinner will feature a huge range of delicacies with a focus on the BBQ Grill and the carvery station where chefs will slice you some rosemary garlic roasted leg of lamb, cajun spiced prime rib of beef and baked salmon filet wellington. There will also be a "live" pastry station.

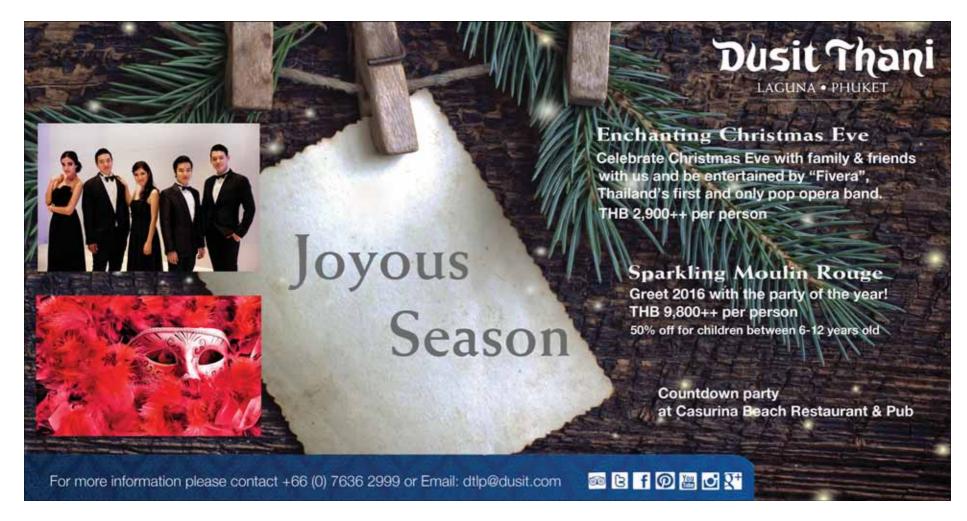
Themed '365 Reflections' the evening's entertainment will include percussionists, a deejay and light shows.

THB6,500 net per adult with a 50 per cent discount for children 7-12yo.

For reservations, call 076-396 139.



DESSERT OF THE YEAR: Mom Tri's Kitchen in Kata will be serving this yummy tiramisu to its guests on New Year's Eve.



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Santa's Treasure Game

Abundant of surprises for your festive season pleasure

21 December 2015 - 1 January 2016

Surprise Flying Bonus

Maximize you X-mas joy and try your luck with Santa's Treasure Game to win a Jessica & Ryu collection when spend up to 1,000 Baht or more.*

*Please visit our Promotion Booth @ The Port Arena For more information and full T&C.

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These spectaculars are your best chance to catch the sounds of the season



Dazzling Dance Party

25 Dec 2015

7.00 pm.

Make your move and adorn yourself with temporary tattoos and painting - perfect for dancing the night away at Jungceylon dance party.



The voice season 4: The Soulful Live!

31 Dec 2015

7.00 pm.

Let your hair down with an impressive number of pop songs from The Voice latest season's top talents.
You'll get nothing less than fantastic fun music from this concert.



Happiness of Thai melody: Khun In / Off Beat Siam

I Jan 2016

7.00 pm.

Live in the happy moment with Khun In, an elegant xylophone player from Thailand, featuring 9 professional classical Thai musicians with a mix of fusion music.



Jungceylon Street Show

31 Dec 2015 - 1 Jan 2016 2.00, 4.00, 6.00 and 8.00 pm.

Jungceylon gathers top street performers to entertain the entire family.

Get ready for magicians, comedy and every kind of spectacular entertainment.

Jungceylon Shoot & Share

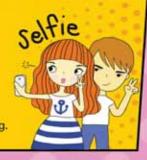
31 Dec 2015 - 2 January 2016



Get ready to swoon at the sight of Jungceylon at its festive best.

Come to take a photo with us and tag #Jungceylon on Instagram,

get FREE a Polaroid photo. Unlimited sharing, unlimited printing.









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TROPICAL CHRISTMAS EVE UNDER THE STARS
24 DECEMBER 2015 AT POOLSIDE
Festive Christmas Eve Buffet with Live Music and Shows
Free-flow of Soft drinks and Mineral Water
THB 4,200/Adult – THB 2,000/Child

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FESTIVE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

25 DECEMBER 2015 AT PAKARANG RESTAURANT Traditional Christmas Day Buffet with Live Music + Shows Free-flow of Soft drinks and Mineral Water Portofino Terrace: THB 2,500/Adult – THB 1,250/Child



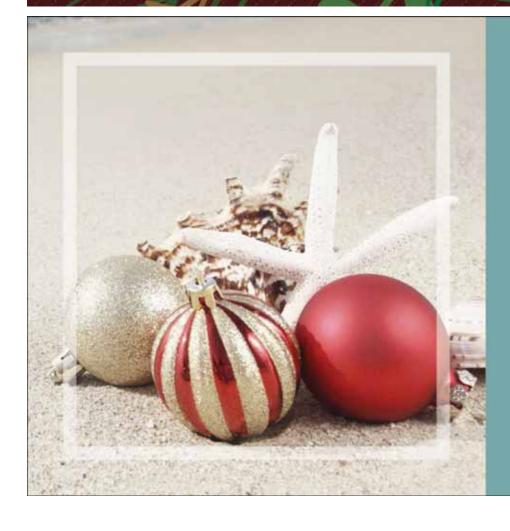
Prices are subject to 10% service charge and applicable government tax. Children's price is available for children aged 12 years and below only. Advance reservations recommended.

Reservations: 076 370 100 ext. 5307 or restaurant.phuketbeach@lemeridien.com



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New Year's Eve Celebrations

31 December 2015

Celebrate the arrival of the new year in an extraordinary setting while counting down the hours to New Year and enjoy dining of international delights. At midnight, you will enjoy the fireworks overlooking the Andaman Sea and welcome the New Year in style.

We look forward to celebrating the arrival of 2016 with you!

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Celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eve with your loved ones or the entire family in our relaxing Sea Breeze Cafe & Terrace.

Merry Christmas

The festive experience is enhanced by the Resident Trio Band and local carol singers and of course a visit by Santa Claus.

Christmas Eve International Buffet Dinner. THB 1,800 ++ for adults. THB 800 ++ for kids 6 - 12 years old. Free for kids below 6 years old.

Happy New Year

New Year's Eve Seafood Galore International Buffet Dinner with Live Band, Musical Stars, DJ and lucky draw prizes.

THB 3,800 ++ for adults.
THB 1,500 ++ for kids 6 -12 years old.
Free for kids below 6 years old.

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