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# Outrage over amnesty bill

Protesters gather against controversial bill at Phuket's largest political assembly

By Chutharat Plerin

PHUKET staged its largest-ever political rally, to protest the amnesty bill, last Sunday, yet within hours more than 1,000 of the demonstrators had already fled the island to join the mass protest in Bangkok.

About 5,000 people from throughout the region turned out during the six-hour protest in front of Phuket Provincial Hall last weekend.

Then, the protesters who travelled to Bangkok did so separately, many on chartered tour buses, and many others in tour vans and personal vehicles, explained protest co-ordinator Apharat Chartchutikumjorn.

"We did it this way so we could avoid police preventing us from travelling to Bangkok. We encountered this problem during the Pitak Siam protests against the amnesty bill earlier this year," Ms Apharat said...



Continued on Page 6 Protesters rally against the perceived injustice of the amnesty bill. Photo: Saran Mitratat

## Marine safety top concern after Pattaya ferry kills 6

THE day after a Pattaya ferry sank, killing six, officers in Phuket conducted a marine-safety inspection at Rassada Pier.

Officers checked captains' licenses and ensured that boats had the necessary number of life vests.

The Rassada Pier is the main jump-off point for tourists leaving Phuket to explore the islands dotting Phang Nga Bay.

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## Woman falls for Facebook scam artists

A WOMAN fearful of having been scammed through a person met on Facebook, filed a complaint to police after having already been convinced into transferring over 2 million baht out of her account.

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## Tuk-tuks told to take a hike

PHUKET'S top cop is expected to unveil a plan in two weeks that will remove many of the tuk-tuks stationed bumper-to-bumper along the Patong beach road, and similar locations, in order to make car parking spaces for the public.

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# Pattaya ferry deaths spur marine checks

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

POLICE Region 8 Commander Panya Mamen Monday morning led a team of officers on a safety inspection of passenger vessels at Rassada Pier, a major jump-off point for tourists boarding ferries and tour boats to islands in Phang Nga Bay and along the Andaman coast.

The safety blitz followed a heavily overloaded ferry from Pattaya capsizing off Koh Lan, in the Gulf of Thailand, leaving six tourists dead and at least 26 injured (see page 8).

Pol Col Suwan Cheawnvithavat told *The Nation* on Monday that a Russian man, a Russian woman and a Chinese man were among the six dead. Two Thai women and a Thai man were also recovered dead.

"Witnesses said that there were neither enough tubes nor life vests on the ferry. Some of those who could not swim had to cling onto coolers or ice containers until rescuers came," Col Suwan said.

At Rassada Pier on Monday, Lt Gen Panya announced, "Tourist safety is our first priority. A lot of tourists who come to Phuket want to go to other islands, such as Phi Phi and so many others."



Officers check life vests on a Phuket ferry. Photo: Phuket Marine Police

"Authorities must keep an eye on tour operators to make sure they follow all safety regulations," he stated.

"They especially must not overload their vessels with passengers. Also, life-saving equipment must be provided to all tourists on board," Gen Panya added.

Officials including Marine Police, Marine Officers and members of the Royal Thai Navy assisted in inspecting vessels at the port.

"I am confident that all officers are ready to carry out rescue missions in response to any accidents that may occur at sea," Gen Panya assured.

"I have ordered officials in both Phuket and on Samui to be strict on marine safety," he added.

"Please take the Pattaya case as a lesson to be learned from. We should be able to prevent such tragedies from happening," Gen Panya said.

## Former Outrigger General Manager found dead in luxury villa by wife

A FORMER General Manager of Planning – Support for Outrigger Hotels and Resorts Asia Pacific was found dead at his luxury villa in Cherng Thalay Sunday.

William Marshall, 55, was found in his bed by his wife. There were no signs of a struggle, police said.

Mr Marshall's wife, Grace Lee Marshall, 49, told police that the couple had slept in the same bed the night before.

"When I got up, I didn't notice anything unusual," she said. "After a few hours passed, he didn't get up. I went to wake him, but I couldn't."

Mrs Marshall called the police, who arrived at the house at about 1:45pm to find her and the



William Marshall Photo: LinkedIn

couple's son and daughter crying by their swimming pool.

Mr Marshall's body was taken to Thalung Hospital to determine the cause of death.

– *Thawit Bilabdullar*

## Beach closed over crocodile scare

GOVERNOR Maitri Inthusut asked hotel staffers and local residents on Monday to help keep people out of the water along Mai Khao Beach after a 2.5-meter-long crocodile was spotted in the area on Sunday.

The alarm was raised at 8:30am by a staffer at the Maikhao Dream Villa Resort and Spa Phuket, at the southern end of Mai Khao Beach.

"A crocodile was seen a few hundred meters from shore," said Kritsada Boonta, a 25-year-old officer at the nearby Mai Khao Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) rescue center.

"Tourists and local villagers were frightened," Mr Kritsada said.

In response, the beach was closed.



Tourists, locals and officers all started to search the water for the 2.5-meter-long crocodile.

"To ensure the safety of tourists and residents, Governor Maitri declared the area a no-swim zone," Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR) Phuket office chief Tanet Munnoy said.

"There is no hunt for the crocodile. Village headmen and villagers have been told not to kill the animal if they spot it. We are only attempting to return it to its natural habitat," Mr Tanet said.

Officers believe that the reptile is a freshwater crocodile that came from Pru Jae Son Lake.

"This is the first time that we have spotted a crocodile swimming in the sea near Mai Khao Beach," Mr Tanet said.

"Though tourists might be scared, this animal is not normally aggressive and a great number of them can be found in the right habitat," he said.

The crocodile has not been sighted since Sunday.

– *Irfarn Jamdukor*

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# Woman duped of B2mn through Facebook scam

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

A WOMAN believed by police to be entangled in an intricate Facebook scam transferred 2 million baht into a Thanachart Bank account and 48,000 baht into a Bangkok Bank account based in Phuket.

The 53-year-old woman, named only as "Ms A" by police, filed a complaint on October 30 after being asked to transfer an additional 2.3mn baht to a bank account in order to allegedly pay off Malaysian Customs and "international police".

Ms A found herself caught up in the drama after meeting a man on Facebook months ago who claimed to be Nick Henry from America, explained Sub Lt Suporn Muangkai of the Wichit Police.

"At the beginning of October, Mr Henry told Ms A that he had sent her a parcel containing a bag, a watch, an iPhone, chocolates and some cash. He said he had sent it through a logistical service," Sub Lt Suporn said.

Ms A followed the tracking number on the company's website. "The website looks very similar to that of a world-renowned logistical service," added Sub Lt Suporn.

The package appeared to go



'Ms A' filed the complaint only after transferring more than 2mn baht to the scammer's bank accounts, one of which is based in Phuket.

from the United States to England and then to Malaysia.

"On October 11, I received a call from a lady who claimed that she was staff from the company in Malaysia," Ms A said.

"She told me that the parcel had been seized by Malaysian Customs, and that I needed to pay the company 48,000 baht for them to take care of the situation," she said.

Ms A transferred the money to a Bangkok Bank account based in Wichit.

"A few days later, I received a call from a man who claimed that he was the Southeast Asia regional manager for the company. He said that he had been contacted by international police, who had found 270,000 euros in a brown envelope inside the parcel," Ms A said.

The man told her that police suspected her in money laundering and were pursuing their investigation of her.

"However, he said it all could be dealt with if I transferred 2mn baht to him," Ms A said. "I believed him and transferred the money to a Thanachart account."

The man called Ms A again on October 28.

"He asked for an additional 2.3mn baht. He claimed that the Malaysian Customs and international police were demanding more money," Ms A said. "I did not have enough money, so I talked with some foreign friends. They suspected I was being scammed, which is why I filed the complaint."

Wichit Police Inspector Passakorn Sonthikun contacted Phuket Immigration and the Technology Crime Suppression Division (TCSD) in Bangkok to see if either of them could verify if Nick Henry was in their systems.

"We will also contact Bangkok Bank and Thanachart Bank to check for the bank account details," Lt Col Passakorn said.

Wichit Police Superintendent Chaowalit Petchsripia warned social media users to beware of trusting anyone they meet online.

"And never give out private information," he said.

## In brief...

### Top cop warns recruits over bribes, extortion

PHUKET'S new top cop has warned the island's police reinforcements that swift disciplinary action will be taken and criminal charges will be levied against them if they go crooked.

"The most important thing is to not use your career to benefit your own pocket," Phuket Provincial Police Commander Ong-art Phiwruangnont told the 97 recruits, all recent graduates of the police academy, at an assembly on November 1.

"If you accept bribes or extort people, or do anything else illegal for financial gain, you will face not only disciplinary, but also criminal charges," Maj Gen Ong-art warned.

### Dozing driver brings blackout to north Phuket

A MAN who fell asleep at the wheel while returning home from dropping his girlfriend off at Phuket Airport before dawn on Monday slammed into a power pole and caused a blackout across a large residential area in Thalang.

"Luckily I was wearing my seat belt," said Anusak Srikwan, 30, who escaped with no broken bones and no concussion, but damaged his Toyota Fortuner beyond repair.

### No more naked weapons, thanks

GUN owners with permission to carry their weapons in public may no longer do so in tourist areas, police announced on Tuesday.

The order issued by the Royal Thai Police applies nationwide and is part of an ongoing effort to improve tourist safety.

## Man stabs taxi driver friend to death, turns himself in

THE man who fatally stabbed a Karon taxi driver in Samkong early last Friday morning turned himself in later the same day.

Jirawat Kongtanote, 22, has been charged for the murder of his neighbor, Teeranang Phongkrathin, 29.

Mr Jirawat accepted the charge, saying, "We were friends and I stabbed him."

The stabbing occurred following a run-in between the two men, said Phuket City Police Deputy Superintendent Prawit Engchuan.

"I was riding my motorbike home and saw Teeranang on his bike at the entrance to the

street where I live," Mr Jirawat told police.

"He called me to stop and said 'Lately, you've been ignoring me when I talk to you.'

"Then he punched me in the face," Mr Jirawat said.

Mr Jirawat rode off and gathered some friends to look for Mr Teeranang. They found him drinking with a group at Samkong Shrine, said Lt Col Prawit.



Jirawat Kongtanote

"Teeranang threw a bottle of water at me," said Mr Jirawat.

"We fought, and I stabbed him once, and then ran away," he said.

When police arrived at the scene at about 3:30am, they found Mr Teeranang lying on the road with a knife protruding from his chest.

Mr Jirawat had fled to the home of relatives in Srisoonthorn.

Police quickly secured an arrest warrant for him, but by 9:30pm he had arrived at Phuket City Police Station with his parents to turn himself in.

— Kritsada Mueanhawong



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# Preventing high season jet-ski drama

## Governor Maitri inspects operators in Patong to ensure safety, professionalism

By Irfan Jamdukor

GOVERNOR Maitri Inthusut stepped out onto the sand on October 30 to inspect Patong Beach jet-ski operators.

As the island gears up for an increased number of tourists during the high season, the governor made it clear that jet-ski safety was of utmost importance.

“Jet-skiing is a popular activity for tourists in Phuket, and it can also be dangerous,” Gov Maitri said. “It is essential that we manage the conduct of jet-ski operators and jet-ski zoning to ensure that tourists participating in the activity have positive experiences.”

Over 100 of the 350 jet-ski operators on the island have been trained in customer service, foreign languages, first aid and jet-ski instructing, said Deputy President of the Phuket Jet-Ski Club Nucha Petchvimol.

“All of our operators passed the Marine Office Region 5 tests in order to receive their jet-ski operator’s license,” Mr Nucha said.

These are the staffers who will



Gov Maitri (left) made it clear jet-ski cowboys would not be tolerated. Contracts are now available in Chinese (top right), as well as Russian and English. However, the user manual is only in English (bottom right).



accompany tourists on a jet-ski, he explained.

However, tourists can opt to take a jet-ski out without a licensed operator by signing a contractual agreement, the Jet-ski Rental Agreement and Insurance Policy.

Three years ago, a Russian version of this agreement was drawn up. Before that, it was only avail-

able in English and Thai.

“Just about five months ago, we also had the agreement translated into Chinese,” Mr Nucha said.

“The instruction manual is only in English and Thai, but we are planning on translating that into multiple languages too,” he said.

Conflict usually arises between jet-ski operators and tourists

when a tourist breaks the Jet-Ski Club guidelines, Mr Nucha said.

“Operators are now under strict rules to just call the police, rather than trying to handle the situation themselves,” he explained.

In fact, the first case heard by the Phuket Tourist Court was that of Danaichet Yomjinda, a 25-year old jet-ski operator, who, attempt-

ing to handle a conflict himself, attacked two tourists with a “No swimming” flagpole.

“If any of our members attack a tourist, they will be fired,” Mr Nucha said.

Jet-ski operators receive 20 per cent of the rental fee for the jet-skis they rent, averaging an income of about 1,500 baht per day during the high season, Mr Nucha said.

“We established the pricing for jet-ski rentals based on the cost of fuel, insurance, maintenance and transportation to and from the beach,” he said.

Also on the table this high season is establishing jet-ski zones for the five beaches where operators are allowed to rent the machines: Patong, Kata, Karon, Bang Tao and Koh Naka.

“We will have a meeting to establish zones for jet-skis, boat anchoring, parachute boat rides and swimmers,” said Nachapong Pranit of the Phuket Marine Office.

The zones, designed to keep people safe, are expected to be set in about two weeks, he added



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## ‘Brother Pom’ says he’s clear of extortion charges; DSI disagrees

POM Sukkasem, the leader of the Central Festival taxi group arrested in September on extortion charges, has announced that the charges have been dropped.

However, the Department of Special Investigations (DSI) begs to differ.

“I reported to the Criminal Court in Bangkok on Monday as required, and I was told that the prosecutor decided not to pursue my case,” Mr Pom said.

Mr Pom and his brother Sern Sukkasem were both charged with three counts of extortion against taxi drivers in the taxi group of which Mr Pom was head. Both men denied the charges and were released on bail.

The brothers’ arrests were part of a concerted effort by multiple government bodies to clean up “taxi mafia” in Phuket.

Despite Mr Pom’s announcement, Somboon Sarasitt of the DSI told the *Gazette* on October 31 that the case against Mr Pom and Mr Sern was not over yet.

“It is not true that the Public Prosecutor has decided not to pursue the case,” Lt Col Somboon said.



Mr Pom is back from his Bangkok court visit to run Central Festival’s taxi co-op. Photo: Gazette file.

“The Prosecutor ordered investigators to get more evidence to support the extortion charge. That does not mean the case has been dropped,” he affirmed.

“He has yet to make a decision about that whether or not to pursue it,” he said.

“The DSI is continuing to work on reducing the power of whoever is behind illegal taxis in Phuket,” he added.

Meanwhile, Mr Pom continues in his role as head of the Central Festival taxi drivers.

– Chutharat Plerin

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# Tuk-tuks told to 'go go'

By Chutharat Plerin

AS THE clock starts to tick down on a plan to remove tuk-tuk drivers from parking spots in Patong, response from tuk-tuk drivers varies from flat refusal to requests for fairness in the application of any new measures.

The announcement that tuk-tuk drivers would be asked to give up parking spots in Patong, was made last week by Phuket Provincial Commander Ong-art Phiwruangnont.

"We'll have new parking zones set up in two weeks," he said on November 1.

Police called in the heads of every taxi stand in Patong to make it clear that tuk-tuk and taxi drivers could not take up all the parking along streets they waited for customers.

Driver response has varied. "Most tuk-tuk drivers will not agree to move off the road. Where would we work then?" asked Sakol Srisompoch, who earlier this year led a group of tuk-tuk drivers to file a complaint to Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut about illegal tuk-tuks.

"Police should focus on arrest-

ing illegal tuk-tuk operators, not us," he said.

"From what I've heard, a lot of people are not willing to move from their parking spots. We will wait and see what the order is," he said.

Not all drivers are taking such a strong stance.

"I don't have a problem obeying whatever is agreed on," said one tuk-tuk driver who declined to give his name. "As long as it's fair, I'm willing to adjust to the rules."

"But police need to talk to rental bike stations and illegal taxis too," he said. "The cops also need to have a way to make sure black plate taxis aren't stealing the spots."

President of the Patong Taxi Association Settasak Buason believes that police should call in every tuk-tuk driver who works on the Patong beachfront road.

"It's not enough just to talk to the heads of the stands," he said.

Mr Settasak said he hoped for a peaceful resolution, adding, "I hope police can find a solution that meets the drivers halfway."

"Most of the tuk-tuk drivers on the beach road have been there for a long time. They manage the



A plan to free up parking spaces is due in two weeks. Photo: Gazette file

parking by themselves," he said.

Patong Police Inspector Ekkarat Plaiduang noted that tuk-tuk drivers who have been using the same spot for over 20 years may feel

like they own them.

"Right now we are still in the discussion phase," he said.

Maj Gen Ong-art's scheme is due to be unveiled within two weeks.

# Airport thieves to be grounded

A NEW policy is in place at Phuket International Airport for dealing with airport shoplifters.



Mr Kanpat

Passengers suspected of stealing from airport shops before boarding their flights will be asked to deplane and will be arrested. However, the arrest and the removal of the passenger's luggage from the plane must all be completed within an hour, in consideration of others on board the flight.

The announcement, made on October 29, was in response to a theft at the airport duty-free shop on October 16. Although security staff responded to the theft call within three minutes, by the time they arrived, the tourist had already boarded his flight and the captain would not allow security personnel to board.

"The passenger should have been arrested," said Phuket Airport Deputy Director Kanpat Mangkalsiri. "If there is enough evidence to make an arrest, then the arrest must be made."

- Saran Mittrarat

# Cops get social to crack down on drugs

A POPULAR social networking application that police recently used to locate a missing man with Alzheimer's disease will be used to help crack down on drugs.

The provincial government has established a group on LINE called "Mr Drug", which will allow people to use their mobile devices to notify authorities of drug abuse, Vice Governor Chamroen Tipayapongtada announced on October 31.

"There are about 18 million Thai users of LINE. This technology makes us more accessible to



Police will be more accessible.

the public. It's easy for residents to notify officers of drug issues, and it can also help build closer relationships between members of the general public and the police," he said.

The use of LINE will be part of Phuket's 9.9 million baht drive to reduce drug-related crimes in Phuket during the 2014 fiscal year.

"Generally, our plan will focus on seven areas: treatment of drug addicts, law enforcement, grassroots prevention, preventing drugs from being smuggled into the province, public warning messages, inclusion of different nationalities in drug reduction efforts and cooperation between departments," V/Gov Chamroen said.

- Saran Mittrarat

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## Thieves choose wrong car to hitch ride with

TWO men who snatched a gold necklace last Sunday night were arrested after they waved down a police pickup truck to hitch a ride as they fled.

Preeda Adam, 25, and Somsak Puangcharoen, 23, kitchen hands at the Royal Phuket City Hotel, were arrested a few hours after committing the robbery.

Police began their search for the men after Pitchaniya Kladme, 50, a reception manager at the Phuket Merlin Hotel, reported that two men on a motorbike had snatched her gold necklace as she waited at a red light near the Phuket Post Office at about 10pm.

"Police learned that two men were seen running into Bang Yai Canal, so officers began searching the area," Lt Col Chao Phomna of the Phuket City Police explained.

The two men were next spotted in front of Phuket Wittayalai School on Chumphon Road, where they waved down a pickup truck in the hope of hitching a ride as their getaway. However, the pickup truck was a police patrol vehicle out scouring the streets in search of them.

"When they realized it was a police truck, they ran, but they didn't get away," Col Chao added.

The men accepted the charges of theft by snatching and using a vehicle to flee the scene of a crime. - *Kritsada Mueanhawong*

# SuperCheap Burmese staff miss reporting deadline

NONE of the 100 Myanmar nationals who reportedly quit SuperCheap after an enormous blaze demolished the megashop on October 17 reported to the Phuket Provincial Employment Office (PPEO) by the November 1 deadline.

"The workers were required to report their resignation to us by November 1, but until now none of them have shown up," PPEO chief Yaowapa Pibulpol told the *Gazette* on November 6. "And I have not heard anything back from SuperCheap concerning this."

Human Resources Chief at SuperCheap Sirirak Kongkum reported on October 22 that

by that date, 100 Myanmar employees had quit.

Ms Yaowapa has reiterated to SuperCheap the necessity of ensuring their Myanmar staffers report to the PPEO.

"I believe they might still be busy checking with their employees at this time, so I have extended the deadline by a week," she said.

If the Myanmar nationals do not present themselves, Ms Yaowapa confirmed that she would be forced to contact SuperCheap to establish the cause of the delay.

SuperCheap had 700 migrant workers on staff before the fire, Ms Yaowapa said.

- *Orawin Narabal*



The SuperCheap blaze was one of the biggest ever in Phuket history. Photo: Isaac Stone Simonelli

# Protesters fight amnesty

From page 1

...Meanwhile, Boonsupaa Tanthai, president of the We Preserve Phuket Club, noted that the protesters came from all walks of life and transcended the usual political allegiances.

"Many Phuket people are travelling to Bangkok individually. However, we all have the same purpose: to join others from around the nation who do not want the amnesty bill," he said.

"We want to demonstrate the power of the people and have the government, and the world, see what is happening in our country... We all have the same mind, to protest the bill that is about to change wrong to right. It is not acceptable," Mr Boonsupaa added (see page 8).

However, Ms Apharat conceded that to the best of her knowledge the successful passing of the amnesty bill would not directly affect a single person in Phuket.

However, she rated the issue a national one of such importance it demanded action from Phuket residents.

"If the amnesty bill becomes law,



Last Sunday marked Phuket's largest political protest. Photo: Saran Mittrarat

it will not directly affect anyone in Phuket, but it will affect Thailand. It would undermine our entire legal system," she said. "In the future, anyone with enough money and power to form his or her own government would be able to pass a law to clear themselves of any wrongdoing. It cannot be that way," Ms Apharat said.

In the two weeks leading up to last Sunday's protest, the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) fell

1.8%, mainly on concerns over rising political temperatures in Thailand, *The Nation* reported.

Leading the decline were stocks in the tourism sector, which fell 5.7%.

Yet, Phuket Tourist Association Vice President Sarayuth Mallum remained confident that the island's tourism industry would continue to perform admirably.

Mr Sarayuth remained convinced that inbound tourists

understand that Bangkok and Phuket remain realms apart, geographically and politically.

Mr Sarayuth was clear that Phuket had no legitimate form of recourse if the Pheu Thai majority that controls the central government wanted to punish the province because its citizens joined the amnesty bill protests.

"We cannot do anything to stop the government from cutting any budget funding for Phuket," he said.

"But if Pheu Thai wanted to punish Phuket by slashing our budget, they would have to make the same budget cuts nationwide, because the people demonstrating against the bill are from all across the country.

However, if Phuket participation in the rally did become a contentious issue, Mr Sarayuth said he believed Phuket's role as a leading tourism province would aid the island's cause.

"Tourism and Sports Minister Somsak Pureesrisak is likely to support Phuket's tourism, and I believe he will defend our needs," he said.

Additional reporting by Saran Mittrarat

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## Thais ready to oppose ICJ's temple ruling

THE International Criminal Court (ICC) is set to rule on the Preah Vihear Temple dispute on Monday, with Thai nationalists already vowing to oppose the verdict if it fails to go Thailand's way.

Cambodia and Thailand have been disputing the ownership of the temple and the land surrounding it for more than 50 years.

On Monday the ICJ will release its interpretation of its 1962 verdict awarding the temple to Cambodia, *The Nation* reported.

Cambodia asked the court to rule over the sovereignty of the 4.6 square kilometers of land surrounding the temple.

Chaiwat Sinsuwong, leader of the Thai Patriotic Network, said his group would oppose the verdict as they did not trust the Pheu Thai government, which he claimed was ready to cede territory.

The group lodged a petition with the government and the United Nations to announce that Thailand was rejecting any possible verdict from the ICJ as it deemed the court did not have jurisdiction over the temple.

# Thais rise against amnesty

THAI citizens of all political stripes and backgrounds have risen up to oppose the wide-ranging amnesty bill that the ruling Pheu Thai Party is attempting to ram through Parliament, reported *The Nation*.

The bill in its current form would wipe the legal slate clean for everyone accused of political crimes since 2004.

The Pheu Thai Party claims the law is intended to help the country reconcile following years of turmoil, though some observers believe its latest draft is primarily aimed at benefiting the self-exiled former premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

The original form of the bill, submitted by Pheu Thai MP Worachai Hema, would have applied only to ordinary protesters.

But following the bill's first reading last month, a House committee amended the law to include protest leaders, government officials and people with corruption cases stemming from investigatory bodies set up following the 2006 coup – a provision clearly aimed at Mr Thaksin.

Democrat leaders Abhisit Vejjajiva and Suthep Thaugsuban would also be freed from the



Protesters from around the nation gather in Bangkok to denounce the amnesty bill. Photo: The Nation

criminal cases they face relating to their roles in the 2010 protests.

But the Democrats oppose the bill, which they say is mainly aimed at benefiting Mr Thaksin.

Mr Suthep is leading the party's protests against the law, last week drawing crowds of thousands at the politically significant Democracy Monument and vowing to shut down the city until the bill

was dropped.


The Democrats have been joined by several other protest groups, some of whom say they aim not only to defeat the law but to bring down the government of Yingluck Shinawatra.

The red-shirts are split over the move. Many of them, including notable leaders such as Nattawut Saikua, Jatuporn Prompan, Thida

Thavornset and Weng Tojirakarn oppose the bill because it would exonerate Mr Abhisit and Mr Suthep, who they hold responsible for the killing of red-shirt protesters in the 2010 riots.




Other red shirts support the bill because they want to see the return to Thailand of Mr Thaksin.




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The accident has caused officials to boost marine safety. Photo: The Nation

## Six die in Pattaya boating accident

SIX people died when an allegedly overloaded ferry capsized in waters off Pattaya on November 3.

Preliminary lab tests indicated that the captain, Samarn Khwanmueang, 48, may have abused drugs before the accident, *The Nation* reported.

The ferry, which was heading from the island of Koh Lan back to the mainland, capsized in the evening, throwing more than 200 Thai and foreign passengers overboard before sinking.

Six people died and 24 were injured. Among the dead were three Thais and three tourists: two Russians and a Chinese national.

When this issue went to press, the authorities had ordered ferries to suspend services between Pattaya and Koh Lan to allow them to search for survivors.

Shortly after the boat departed on Sunday an engine problem sent the passengers on the first deck

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rushing to the second floor, causing the ferry to flip on its side and eventually sink.

"Witnesses said there were neither enough tubes nor life vests on the ferry. Some of those who could not swim had to cling onto coolers or ice containers until rescuers came," Pol Col Suwan Cheawnvinthavat said.

Mr Samarn has been suspended by the Marine Department, which has ordered the ferry company to pay 500,000 baht to the families of passengers who died.

Mr Samarn will be charged with recklessness leading to death or serious injury.



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## In brief...

Governor sentenced  
18 months jail for  
shooting women

A CAMBODIAN appeals court on Monday upheld an 18-month prison sentence on a former governor for shooting and injuring three protesting women workers at a factory supplying sportswear giant Puma.

The women were wounded when Chhuk Bundith opened fire on protesters demanding better working conditions in February last year.

Mr Bundith was removed as governor after the shooting, and ordered to pay a total of US\$9,500 in compensation to the women.

- Cambodia Herald

Militia in Myanmar  
sign peace accord

SEVENTEEN armed ethnic organizations last Saturday signed a common agreement for a nationwide ceasefire at a conference in Laiza, Kachin state.

A framework for holding political dialogue between ethnic armed groups and the government is to be laid down within 60 days.

- Eleven Media

'Super typhoon'  
nears Philippines

SUPER TYPHOON Haiyan on Wednesday was forecast to make landfall in the eastern Visayas by Friday, affecting the Visayas and parts of Luzon and Mindanao.

The typhoon, to be locally named "Yolanda" when it enters the Philippine area of responsibility, was last observed 1,560km east of Mindanao, packing winds that are expected to gust up to 240kmh.

- Philippine Daily Inquirer

Singapore on high alert  
in wake of cyber attacks

By Kevin Lim

THE Singapore government went on heightened alert for cyber attacks earlier this week after people claiming to be from international hacking collective Anonymous defaced several websites in the city-state and threatened further action.

"Government agencies have been on heightened vigilance and have enhanced the security of their IT systems in response to the declared threats against the government's ICT [information and communication technology] infrastructure," the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) said in a statement.

The comments came a day after hackers claiming links to Anonymous defaced dozens of websites belonging to Australian businesses and Philippine government agencies.

In those attacks, 38 Philippine government websites were attacked in response to the slow legal action being taken against alleged corrupt officials involved in the "pork barrel" public funding embezzlement scheme.

At the same time, a group calling itself Anonymous Indonesia posted on Twitter a list of more than 100 Australian sites it had hacked, saying the action was in response to reports of spying by Australia.

Several websites in Singapore have also been hacked over the past week, including one belonging to the town council of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's con-



The cyber attacks on Singapore government websites came days after a warning by hacktivist group Anonymous saying they would be carried out to protest against new licensing rules on news websites. Image: YouTube

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stituency and another belonging to a secondary airport.

IDA said the problems in accessing several Singapore government websites over the weekend were due to technical problems that arose during maintenance last Saturday afternoon. While the glitches have been rectified, people accessing these websites may continue to face problems as maintenance continues.

On Monday, the website of Singapore's largest newspaper, the pro-government *Straits Times*, was inaccessible for hours, three days after a section of its site was successfully attacked by a person claiming to be from Anonymous.

The website of the National Trades Union Congress, closely associated with Singapore's ruling People's Action Party, also appeared to have technical problems, with its eServices down.

"Some users might have had difficulty accessing the straitstimes.com website late last night and some SPH websites today... The SPH Information Technology Division is investigating the matter," publisher

Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) said in response to media queries.

The disruption comes three days after a hacker who called himself "The Messiah" posted a lengthy message on the paper's online blog page to criticize its report about an internet video by another person claiming to be part of Anonymous.

That person, who wore one of the Guy Fawkes masks that have come to symbolize the group, had threatened to attack Singapore government websites to protest against new licensing rules on news websites.

Guy Fawkes Night was celebrated in the United Kingdom on Tuesday.

- Reuters

## Sumatra volcano fires up

THE Mount Sinabung volcano, located about 500km south of Phuket on the Indonesian island of Sumatra, erupted for the third time in as many months last Sunday.

The volcano spewed a column of ash 7,000 meters into the air, forcing local officials to evacuate all people within three kilometers of the crater.

The military helped evacuate 1,293 people from four villages, sited about 88km from the provincial capital, Medan. The number of evacuees was expected to rise.

No casualties were reported.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesperson Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said the Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation Center (PVMBG) had raised Mount Sinabung's "alert level" as increased seismic activity was detected in the volcano.

"Based on volcano-monitoring data, it was found that increased seismic activities had occurred in Mount Sinabung while it contin-



Ash from Mount Sinabung spiraled 7km into the air. Photo: Reuters

ued to spew ash rising kilometers into the air," said Sutopo in a statement.

About 14,000 people were forced to evacuate when the volcano showed signs of activity in September. Sinabung is one of nearly 130 active volcanoes in the world's fourth-most populated

country, which straddles the "Pacific Ring of Fire".

The most deadly volcanic eruption in recent years was of Mount Merapi, near the densely populated city of Yogyakarta in central Java, which erupted in late 2010, killing more than 350 people.

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**In brief...**

**Merkel: US ties not to be put at risk for Snowden**

ANGELA Merkel reaffirmed the importance of Germany's ties to the United States on Monday, making clear a domestic debate over granting asylum to former US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden must not be allowed to harm relations.

Calls have grown in recent days from opposition politicians and leading German cultural figures to offer Mr Snowden asylum in exchange for his testimony in a looming investigation into alleged US bugging of Mrs Merkel's phone.

**French journalists executed in Mali**

FRANCE said on Sunday two French journalists found dead in northern Mali had been "coldly assassinated" by militants and vowed to step up security measures.

Radio journalists Claude Verlon and Ghislaine Dupont were abducted after interviewing a member of the MNLA Tuareg separatist group in northern Mali.

Their bodies were found on Saturday by a French patrol.

**Biden visits Asia to assert US pivot**

US VICE President Joe Biden will travel to China, Japan and South Korea in the first week of December, a trip designed to emphasize the US commitment to a policy pivot toward Asia.

# Mursi appears in court to chants of 'execution'

By Yasmine Saleh and Yara Bayoumy

OUSTED Egyptian leader Mohamed Mursi, given his first public forum since his overthrow in a trial where he could face execution, declared on Monday he was still Egypt's legitimate president and shouted: "Down with military rule!"

Mr Mursi, an Islamist who was toppled by the army in July after mass protests against him, spoke with anger and passion, interrupting the first day of his trial repeatedly from his cage during an unruly hearing that the judge adjourned to January 8.

State television aired brief footage of Mr Mursi, the first public sighting of the president since his overthrow in July. Mr Mursi, Egypt's first freely elected president, had been kept in an undisclosed location since then.

"I am Dr Mohamed Mursi. I am president of the republic," said Mr Mursi.

Inside the courtroom, anti-Mursi Egyptian journalists chanted "execution", "execution" as the deposed leader did his best to challenge the authority of the court, shouting repeatedly at the judge whose legitimacy he refused to accept.

"We are in a state, not a (military) camp. Down, down with military rule," said Mr Mursi. "I



Not all those that gathered outside the court wished for death. Pro-Mursi protesters flash a four-fingered hand sign in support. Photo: Reuters

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am a witness that what is happening is a part of a military coup. I ask the Egyptian judiciary to not act as a cover for the military coup."

The judge repeatedly asked Mr Mursi to stop giving long speeches. "Please answer the question, do you agree to have a lawyer representing you?" the judge said.

Opponents of Egypt's army-backed government deride what they call a "show trial" as part of a campaign to crush Mr Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood movement and revive the police state of Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule that ended in a 2011 popular revolt.

Hundreds of people were killed in the months that followed Mr Mursi's overthrow, including many hundreds shot dead by police and troops who cleared out a weeks-long protest vigil by Mr Mursi's supporters. Thousands of followers have been rounded up.

Egypt has become fiercely divided, with state media lionizing the military and police for their crackdown on "terrorists", while the Brotherhood, once the country's most powerful political force, has retreated to the shadows where it spent more than 80 years as an underground movement.

Mr Mursi, 62, who like many Islamists was also jailed under Mr Mubarak, now faces charges of inciting violence that could carry the death penalty.

Mr Mursi and 14 other Islamists face charges of inciting violence relating to the deaths of about a dozen people in clashes outside the presidential palace in December after Mr Mursi enraged his opponents with a decree expanding his powers.

Hundreds of Mr Mursi's supporters gathered outside the court building. One sign read: "The people's will has been raped".

Trial proceedings were not aired on state television and journalists were barred from bringing telephones into the courtroom.

## LAX airport gunman kills TSA officer

THE suspected gunman in last week's deadly attack at Los Angeles International Airport wrote a note saying he intended to die after killing at least one security officer, the chairman of a key US security committee said on Sunday.

Twenty-three-year-old Paul Anthony Ciancia is accused of shooting dead a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer, the first employee from the agency to die in the line of duty since it was created after the September 11 attacks in 2001.

Authorities charge that Mr Ciancia walked into the



An officer at the airport. Photo: Reuters

airport's Terminal 3 on Friday morning, took an assault rifle from his bag and opened fire, shooting dead Gerardo Hernandez, a 39-year-old TSA officer at a document checkpoint. Then he went on to shoot and wound two other TSA employees and a passenger, prompting a panicked evacuation of the world's sixth-busiest airport.




Airport police shot and wounded the gunman, ending the rampage.

In a message on Twitter, the Los Angeles Airport Police Division warned passengers to expect delays on Sunday as the airport returns to "full operations."

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# Diamond condo sparkles

By Mark Knowles



DIAMOND Condominium, the latest project to be developed in Phuket's high-end Bang Tao Beach area, is located just 400 meters from the beach, and minutes from the Laguna resort complex.

The six rai (9,600sqm) property will contain four separate buildings surrounding a central swimming pool and landscaped community recreation area. In all, the four buildings will contain 388 units with the total building size of 8,200sqm.

Pre-sales are underway for the first 172 condos in buildings B and C, with prices ranging from 1.89 to 5.9 million baht – equating to an average of 74,000 baht per square meter. Construction is expected to start in April next year, with a projected three-year completion date.

There will be a range of floorplan configurations available for both one and two-bedroom condos. Room type A, at 33.8sqm, is the entry level one-bedroom offering and includes a bathroom/toilet, kitchen and dining area, as well as a bedroom and living area separated by a movable glass dividing wall. The 41.6 sqm, Type A1 adds a balcony and built in Jacuzzi.

The two-bedroom units start at 50.4sqm for the type B and the Type B1 goes up to 62.3sqm with the inclusion of a large balcony and built in Jacuzzi.

There is also the option for a door to join two adjacent units, to increase living

area, which can be included at the buyer's discretion when purchasing.

The condominium will be located within walking distance of amenities such as Tesco Lotus, a local Thai market, several mini-marts, and of course the many beach clubs and restaurants located on Bang Tao Beach. On top of its prime beachfront location, other key selling points for the project include free built-in furniture, kitchen and wardrobes, 24-hour security guard, car parking, fitness center and the large swimming pool and community area with native plants.

The building design has been inspired by its beachfront location and will feature white, blue and green tones to represent the sand, sky and water of the local area.

The project is the brainchild of Belgium-born business partners Jo D'Hondt and Rudy Maes, who were also involved in the development of the nearby Diamond Beach Club. Mr D'Hondt spoke at the recent soft opening of the project's sales office in Bang Tao and described his vision for the condominium.

"I want to build something I would love to buy myself. We want to make something in Bang Tao that people can buy [that has] good quality and good value in a good location for a low price," he said.

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The centerpiece of the project will be the landscaped community area and pools. Photos: Supplied



The one and two-bedroom units will range from 41.6 to 62.3 meters squared.

years for those purchasing two; and five years for those purchasing three. Rental arrangements will be operated with a hotel-like management style to ensure that tenancy rates remain high.

For more information about the project, you can visit the Diamond Condominium sales office on the main road in Bang Tao or the sales booth at Central Festival. Visit their website at: [diamondcondominium.com](http://diamondcondominium.com)



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# Not so vanilla in Manila

MANILA'S gamble on becoming a Southeast Asian Macau is changing the entire tourism metric. A few weeks ago, I found myself navigating through the grim antiquated Ninoy Aquino International Airport, which remains a stark contrast to the slick series of mega-projects that are casting an entirely new lights on the country.

There are two emerging planned casino districts with Newport City near to the gateway airport and PAGCOR Entertainment City in the Bay area. Longtime government gaming entity PAGCOR is making a transition from operator to more of a control mechanism. There remain a few of the older facilities such as the ones connected to the Hyatt, Pavilion and Midas, along with a free-standing operation in Paranaque, all which remain steeped in the older, traditionally local market.

The lines between business and entertainment have been drawn clearly as the reigning CBD district of Makati is continuing to spawn new hotel properties including recent openings by Raffles Fairmont and Holiday Inn. Leading Philippine developer Ayala, who control the area, have continued to evolve it over the past few years with posh new international retail outlets and a push toward high-priced condominium projects which has buyers lining up to buy.



**Property Watch**  
By Bill Barnett

Real estate continues to be an anomaly with many of the estimated 11 million Filipinos who reside abroad fulfilling their long-time dream of owning an upscale investment property or second home back in their home country. Century Properties tapped into the trend by teaming up with Donald Trump, Philippe Starck, and even Paris Hilton on a series of successfully-branded real

ing multi-national business outsource processing that relies on a skilled and educated English-speaking base of young Filipinos.

One of Asia's best-kept secrets is Bonifacio High Street, which is a modern community with a pedestrian-friendly town center that has an impressive assortment of landscape art and is a pet-friendly environment. Strolling through the area, you have the feeling of chic West Los Angeles vibe. As usual, the Philippines remains strangely intertwined between the old and new world.

Two key hotel products at BGC are the upcoming Shangri-La and Grand Hyatt. The latter are connected to a luxury hotel branded residence development which is mirroring the urban property marriage of hospitality and property that has spread like wildfire across Asia's gateway cities.

But back to gaming and the first dip in the water a few years ago for mega-integrated developments was Resorts World at Newport City. Three

hotels here include a Marriott and the RW's own Remington and Maxim's properties. A large casino, entertainment venues, retail outlets and condominiums have continued to spread.

Two new international affiliated hotels by Sheraton and Hilton are in the ground and a complex MICE facility of over 9,000 square meters will make for one of Manila's leading meeting spots.



**WHAT HAPPENS IN... : Will gamblers favor Manila over the gaming hot spots of Singapore and Macau? Above: The Solaire Casino. Photos: Supplied**

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Meanwhile on the Bay, across from historic Roxas Boulevard is PAGCOR Entertainment City. Leading developer SM built the massive Mall of Asia which has continued to pack in locals and visitors. There is the legacy Sofitel city resort property nearby as well.

This year saw the opening of the area's first integrated resort Solaire which despite a luxury offering and tailoring to Vegas and Macau inspired grandeur, has been enveloped in a media feeding frenzy after splitting from its international operator.

Another recent development is the City of Dreams project which is a joint development between Australia's MELCO, Macau's

Lawrence Ho and local firm SM. Three hotels are on the way including a Crown Tower. Close to this is the Japanese-financed Okada, a mixed-use resort which is a site dotting with tower cranes and an endless line of cement trucks. One final entry at PAGCOR Entertainment City is a second Manila Resorts World project which will offer multiple hotels, tourism attractions and yes, a casino.

So that's just a small slice of what's coming up in fast-paced Manila. Questions remain about how much tourism gaming can command and the geo-political rift between the Philippines and China has cast a shadow of doubt over the potentially game-changing market. At the end of the day, as in the *Field of Dreams*, the Filipino's are building it, and it remains to be seen just how many will come.



**WINTER WONDER LAND: The ice rink at the Mall of Asia.**

estate offerings. In their latest offering, a 60-storey tower called the Century Spire features interiors by Armani's Casa design.

Nearby to Makati, a second CBD named Bonifacio Global City or BGC is sprouting wings. High-rise office buildings which play home to the surging BPO sector have an insatiable appetite. BPO's are on the country's lead economic indicators offer-

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# Shopping safely

CENTRAL Festival Phuket has become the first Central shopping mall in Thailand to have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for use in the treatment of heart attack victims.

Motivated by the death of a patron about four months ago, Central Festival made the AEDs available in conjunction with a new medical bay operated by Phuket International Hospital which opened in the mall on October 31.

"One of our customers had a heart attack after eating dinner in a restaurant in the mall," said Central Festival Phuket General Manager Wilaiporn Pitimanaree.

"He was a Singaporean here on vacation with his family," she said.

"He left the restaurant and suddenly fell to the floor. We called our medical team to do CPR and then transferred him to the nearest hospital, Phuket International, but he didn't make it. His heart had stopped for too



Photo: Chutharat Plerin

One of three news AEDs.

long," she said.

"I witnessed the situation myself. I was so shocked seeing his wife and child crying while he received CPR," she said.

"That gave us the idea to cooperate with the hospital to

have a clinic here, and to have the AEDs available," Ms Wilaiporn said.

Access to defibrillators gives heart attack victims a higher chance of surviving, by allowing first aid to be provided before paramedics arrive, she said.

"Heart attack victims need their hearts restarted within three to five minutes," said Phuket International Hospital Director Suchart Areemit, who was on hand for the opening of the medical bay.

"One of the AEDs will be at the medical bay on the third floor near the food court. Two other AEDs will be located on the first and second floors," Ms Wilaiporn added.

Phuket Governor Maitri Inthusut also attended the opening of the new medical facility, and praised the shopping mall for providing life-saving services for its patrons.

— *Phuket Gazette*



Vice Governor Sommai Prijasilpa describes the project. Photo: Saran Mitratat

## Honoring Phuket's historical figures

NINE important figures in Phuket's history will be honored with statues in Thalang by the beginning of next year.

The goal of the 26-million-baht project is to remind Phuketians of their brave ancestors who defended Phuket from Burmese invaders, said Phuket Vice Governor Sommai Prijasilpa.

"We chose nine figures to honor HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej because he is the ninth king of the Chakri Dynasty," she said.

"Some of the figures we chose were war heroes and others were closely connected to the royal family," said Secretary of the Heroines' Foundation Koraticha Wattanapan.

The two most prominent war heroes are the sisters Thao Thepkrasattri and Thao Srisoonthorn, who defended the island against the Burmese during a five-week battle in 1785, and are already commemorated by statues at the junction of the two roads named after them: Thepkrasattri and Srisoonthorn.

Others who supported the sisters will also be honored, including purveyance controller Mae Prang, strategic planner Phraya Thalng Nai Tongpoon and

cannon operator Tongpen.

Two leaders of the Royal Thai Navy who helped battle the Burmese at other times are also among the nine: Phraya Yokrabut Jui and Thao Thepkrasattri's son Phraya Thalng Thian.

The two non-military figures are Niam, who was the first Phuketian to work as a royal page, to Rama I, and Chao Chom Manda Thong, the only Phuketian consort to Rama I who bore him a daughter.

The nine statues will stand about 2.5 meters tall and be cast in bronze by the Asia Fine Art company in Ang Thong province, said V/Gov Sommai.

The Phuket Office of public Works and Town & Country Planning has started to clear an area in the Thalng Victory Memorial Field in order to build a platform for the statues.

"In addition to being a reminder of our ancestors, we also intend it to be a tourist attraction," V/Gov Sommai said.

"In the future, we hope to build up the area around them with period houses to create a historical atmosphere and imitate how people lived in the past," she said.

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Staff demonstrating a cardiac arrest case drill. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

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## Not another brick in the wall

By Steven Layne

OUTBURSTS in the *Gazette* offices are not all too common, nor are they rare. Usually, they are stemmed in an intense newsroom debate – the merits or evils of fluoridated water, whether or not *yerba mate* should be referred to as a tea... these are just a few examples.

Last Monday, there was a different kind of outburst raising curious *Gazetteer* heads from out of their busy cubicles. A Western walk-in addressed me loudly and proudly; though this was clearly not due to a disgruntled or aggressive motive – unmistakably, it was purely passion fueling the Chilean man's vocal chords as he excitedly explained his purpose and vision in Phuket.

Ignacio Espoz Babul, Director of Santiago-based LatinGreen, an innovator and installer of "Green Walls" explained:

"I have just come from

China... My company has a patent for a special substrate which can only be found in the South of Chile. With just a tiny amount of this substrate, we can build environmentally sustainable walls, roofs and buildings – ones that are not only superior in aesthetics, but in thermo-insulation properties, enabling a home or business to reduce its energy consumption and carbon footprint of course. Above all, minimal maintenance is required unlike conventional garden spaces."

Ignacio went on to talk about his travels around the world – sharing his passion and knowledge at various green building expos and conferences – leading up to his arrival in Thailand last week.

"I've been to many places, and I must admit: Phuket is such a beautiful place. However, I can see that there is a big building boom taking place now, and slowly but surely, the environment is being destroyed. Breathtaking landscapes are be-



Ignacio Espoz Babul. Photo: Supplied

ing replaced with ugly grey concrete... It doesn't have to be this way, though, and I want to do something for the people here."

Be sure to grab next week's *Gazette* issue for a comprehensive interview with Ignacio about his previous projects as well as plans and visions for Phuket and beyond. In the mean time, Ignacio can be contacted by emailing: iespoz@yahoo.com.



# Stay and eat at home

A new food delivery service has arrived in Phuket. Will they change the island's dining habits?

By Maciek Klimowicz

YOU didn't buy this luxury villa to be forced to leave it every time you feel hungry. So if you're tired of fast food and pizza – the most common delivery foods – there is a new solution for you. Online food delivery company, Foodpanda has just entered Phuket and plans to change islanders' dining habits. The *Phuket Gazette* talks to Kuba Piotrowicz, Foodpanda Global Operations Manager, to learn more about their service and why its expansion into Phuket is good news for local foodies and restaurants owners.

**Foodpanda is an international company. How long has Foodpanda been present in Thailand and where are your services available?**

We entered the Thai market in early 2012, beginning with Bangkok. We currently operate in Bangkok, Pattaya, Chiang Mai, Samut Prakan, and now, Phuket. Foodpanda is an example of a 'born global' company; we started simultaneously in several countries in Asia and since then, have expanded to 29 countries on five continents. Our headquarters is located in Germany and currently we are the biggest food delivery company [that uses an] online platform worldwide and one of the fastest growing internet companies.

**How long have you been present in Phuket?**

Phuket is our latest project. We launched the service on the island in September, 2013 and after a moderate start, we've seen incremental growth over the last few weeks.

**How can restaurants and customers benefit from your business model?**

We are always bringing additional orders and new customers to the restaurants; we are a new channel of marketing and sales that is bringing exposure and brand awareness. If you think about booking a flight or hotel, you think about certain websites; the same applies to buying books, electronic devices or food. If you know exactly which airline to use, you go directly to their website but most of the time you are not sure and want to shop

around to first check what options are available. This is when customers looking for food come to foodpanda.co.th. Customers are hungry and want to eat, but they would like to have a choice. Even if you memorize all the four digit numbers for fast service restaurants, sooner or later you will feel like trying something different. Foodpanda.co.th is an online platform; it is much faster, easier and more fun than the traditional phone call. When at home, you can visit our website and when you are out and about, our app is the best solution. It doesn't take long to get accustomed with the app; it takes 20 seconds to place an order – good luck with doing it over the phone. Online ordering leaves almost no space for human errors and misinterpretation. For me, the most important advantage is that you can see the food pictures on our website. Personally, I can hardly remember the names of Indian dishes, but I can always tell you from pictures what I'd like to eat!

**How does it work, how is delivery organized? What are the costs for the customer and what are the costs for the restaurant to join the program?**

In new cities, we first focus on restaurants that already have a delivery service. If the number of such vendors is too small to offer variety to our customers, we establish our own delivery hub to support restaurants with this service. In contrast to our competitors, we enforce a 'no mark-up' policy which simply means that the price of food at foodpanda.co.th is the same as in the restaurants. The terms of cooperation with the restaurants, we negotiate individually to match their business model and their needs. Cooperation with Foodpanda is always a win-win situation and currently we are able to generate up to 30% of orders for some restaurants. If our partners have high quality and delicious food, they just need more exposure and which we can provide in abundance.

**After two months in Phuket, what's your impression of the local market, how different is it from Bangkok and other cities?**

Yes Phuket bears some resemblance to Pattaya and Chiang Mai when it comes to food delivery, both places have a lot of tourists, seasonal workers in the hospitality business and short term residents. In Phuket, each beach could be seen as a different city while in Bangkok, although the city has no typical downtown, the orders are more concentrated.

**Do you have a Phuket office or are you thinking of opening**



There's more to food delivery than fastfood and pizza. Gourmet food – soon at your doorstep. Photo: vxia

**one? How many people are working on the Phuket project?**

Right now we don't have a dedicated office in Phuket but we are thinking of opening one soon and bearing that in mind, we are also open to hire freelancers working with us there, or 'entrepreneurs-in-residence'.

**On average, how many deliveries do you organize each day in Phuket? How much money do Phuket foodies spend every day via Foodpanda?**

Every week is better than the last. We are growing 5-10% weekly. The average basket size in Phuket is higher than in

Bangkok. Many factors contribute to that, most importantly the distance and number of affluent residents and tourists.

**How many restaurants do you have in your system – in Thailand and in Phuket?**

In Thailand we have more than 300 restaurants working with Foodpanda and adding more every week. In Phuket, right now we feature only vendors doing their own delivery so we have about a dozen of them but we are looking to expand quickly.

**What are/were the biggest challenges when expanding**

**your business to Phuket?**

One word – delivery! Restaurants do not want to get into the food delivery business unless they have free staff members to do it or their business model is based on delivery. On the other hand, they almost always have capacity to prepare and sell more food. In Bangkok, delivery can be easily arranged as restaurants are not that far from the customer locations. We always strive to get the food as fast as possible to maintain its high quality and flavor. Also, the road infrastructure in Phuket is not comparable to other cities we operate in.

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# The high price of protests

LOCAL outcry over the amnesty bill recently passed by the House is understandable, but there should be concern about establishing the island as a regional center for political protests.

The protest last Sunday at Sanamchai, the large open field opposite Phuket Provincial Hall, was relatively peaceful given the huge numbers of people who took part (see page 1). Many came from across the region to attend, and it could easily have been the largest crowd ever assembled on the island; for a political cause it certainly was.

The right to assemble in this way is enshrined in the Constitution, as it should be. Yet the powers that be in Phuket, with its tourism-based economy, need to think long and hard about the effects, both immediate and potential, that can result from hosting such gatherings. Put bluntly, this is not the kind of event we need.

The main problem with political protests being held far from the capital is that they may do more harm locally than good. We were lucky that last weekend's protests ended with no loss of life and limited property damage. But the potential for disaster when so many people converge in one place, at one time, always needs to be considered. We dodged a bullet with the SuperCheap fire, but bullet-dodging is another exercise that seldom ends well.

Also, Thailand has a long history of political protests that have ended in brutal violence. But what have we gotten back from all the lost lives, spent bullets, burned calories, wasted time and plummeting tourism figures?

Not much, apart from developing the embarrassing reputation as a world leader in this sad realm. Even when carried out peacefully, generally all that results from political protests in Thailand is more of the same problems. "Cutting off the head" does not work.

Thailand seems to have overtaken South Korea internationally as the country most often associated with protests, which highlights the repeated failings of our democracy. Meanwhile, most Thai political protests have been limited in their long-term impact because they occur within the same social framework that allowed the underlying problems to develop in the first place: a toxic substrate of widespread corruption.

Local political leaders need to understand that adding "protest" to the reasons to come to Phuket is a bad idea. And passing off local movements as "grassroots" is particularly hard to do when so many life-long politicians are involved.

Not only do we have much to lose from hosting large-scale political protests, but such events also seem at odds with an island that markets itself as a tropical resort destination.



## Airport immigration, go paperless

Re: Gazette online, Phuket airport tackles Chinese tourists' immigration queue congestion, October 31

Malaysia dispensed with using immigration cards about six months ago, resulting in fast clearance at the counters and huge savings for the country. Simple. Clean. Impressive.

Art Anderson  
Gazette forum

### Beware of scammers

Re: Gazette online, Phuket woman transfers over 2 million baht to alleged Facebook scammer, October 31

This is not confined to Thailand. This is a well-known scam, prevalent all over the world. All it takes is a lonely and gullible victim of any nationality.

These predators infest the social networks phishing for naive people. Older people are prime targets as they age through changes in brain chemistry. However, at age 71 I don't trust anybody!

William  
Gazette forum

### Power problems are all year round

Re: Gazette online, Enough power to keep Phuket aglow this high season, October 29

In Cherng Thalay, particularly around and in the Laguna area, we're averaging at least two or three electrical outages a month. It has become completely routine and is very substandard for electricity service in the year 2013.

Mediocrity is a difficult thing to shake off, especially when the victims (the public) are so accepting of it. In Germany we'd be lynching the management of our service provider and quite possibly refusing to pay the bills.

Dieter von Grossman  
Gazette forum

## Letters to the Editor

Do you have an opinion to voice?  
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### Commander, take a closer look...

Re: Gazette online, New Region 8 Police Commander demands crime-free beaches, October 29

Yes, it would be nice to have crime free beaches, but what about the really big problems of tuk-tuks and corrupt government officials?

Focusing on the beaches is artful and great for public relations, but the dirty and dangerous beaches are just a symptom of Phuket's pandemic corruption. Why not focus on the disease?

Sage  
Gazette forum

### ... but not in uniform

Re: Gazette online, New Region 8 Police Commander demands crime-free beaches, October 29

If he would like to see the truth, all he needs to do is to visit Bangla out of uniform and take a walk.

Steve  
Gazette forum

### Help us save lives

Re: Gazette online, Central Festival Phuket installs life-saving automatic external defibrillators, November 1

Thank you for this great story. We teach AED use to our dive students and tried to put one on our boat so we could better respond to customers in case of heart attack or other forms of heart failure.

It was impossible to import one. The one we ordered was stopped by customs and we were told that importing one is only possible with a medical license which

we do not have and cannot get.

Everybody praises Central but the fact is there is no easy way to do this because of current laws blocking access to this kind of equipment.

Benno Brandon  
Kata

### Give us a camera too

Re: Gazette online, Speed cameras coming to Phuket roads, November 1

We also urgently need a speed camera on the highway between Chalong and Rawai because at night there are always drunk people driving at high speed along that road.

Residence  
Gazette forum

### Focus on tangibles rather than climate

Re: Gazette online, Phuket Opinion: Climate change of opinion, October 29

I'd rather see more focus on pollution and urban planning and development.

Climate change and global warming are political hot potatoes surrounded by too much hype and sensationalism. As of today, we have many "experts" on both sides of the debate but no clear mandate for policies and action.

Unfortunately, this paralysis has rippled through the green movement and places like Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok and China have serious toxic waste problems.

I believe that our global eco-system is inter-connected, finite and fragile. I wish that governments, NGOs and other "powers that be" would focus more on measurable specifics like waste management, urban renewal, water treatment, education and so on.

Bill  
Phuket

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# Keeping the spirit

## FIRST PERSON

I WAS born and raised in Phuket, and though I've travelled the world and lived in different countries and worked in Bangkok for years, I have never stopped thinking of myself as a Phuketian. I go home whenever I have a holiday, and one day I will move back permanently.

I've seen a lot of changes in Phuket over the years, and though some of them are good, there are a couple which make me unhappy because they are changing the very essence of the island.

One is uncontrolled development, and the other is the growing numbers of foreigners.

Every time I come back, I notice new roads and new buildings. In some sense we can say that these are positive signs of development, but they make me a little sad, because I think the growth is happening too fast, in too many directions, and without real organization. It is causing the destruction of Phuket's most valuable resource – its natural beauty.

Something similar is happening because of the growing number of foreigners on the island. I'm not against foreigners, and I think their presence has some positive features – they contribute to our economic growth and bring elements of international culture and lifestyle.

However, too many of those outside cultural elements could cause our own way of life to be affected and irreparably changed, as we adjust our lifestyle to theirs.

Just as the government should plan and control development



Here she talks about the changes she sees when she returns to Phuket and how they could be better managed.

General Manager of Business and Network Development at DaimlerChrysler (Thailand) Co Ltd, **Pannate Rangsinturat**, 36, is a Phuket native. She graduated from Chulalongkorn University with a degree in international relations and has earned a master's degree in European studies from Cambridge University.

carefully, they should also take care in terms of how much foreign influence they allow, whether it be investment, expats or tourists. They should carefully screen foreigners who come here.

Not all the changes I've noticed are bad ones. People in Phuket are growing more appreciative of our traditional culture, and that's a great thing. They're organizing more events and activities that celebrate our history, such as the Old Phuket Fair and Baba Yaya events.

And they're taking steps to preserve Sino-Portuguese architecture.

When I was younger, I dreamed of spending my life abroad, in Europe, because I love countries with long histories and unique cultures. I spent two years in England and four years in Germany, and my business trips have taken me to many other countries.

All that travel and living abroad made me realize there's no place like home. Europe is my second home now, but it's only in Thai-

land that I can truly rest my mind.

And where I really want to be is Phuket. To me, Phuket offers a unique harmony between city life, business life and nature. That's its special charm. And it's this mix that makes Phuket people who we are. We are easy going, but active; down to earth, but confident. We are strong and direct.

I grew up in Phuket back in the days before kids had to go to tutor sessions after school. I just focused on my lessons while I was in school. I think that's enough for children. I have very fond memories of my schools, Muang Phuket Municipal School, Satree Phuket School and Phuket Wittayalai School. I am what I am today partly because they taught me so well.

With my Phuket education I was able to study at universities in Bangkok and abroad, and feel confident competing with others. I'd like to tell parents who let their children study in Phuket, you've made the right choice. There's no need to send them anywhere else, I'm proof of that.

My dream now is to return to Phuket and open a boutique hotel and coffee shops. I miss the beach!



Who's to stop them from getting rained on? Photo: Steven Layne

## Who deserves a consul?

I READ recently that the South Africans may open a consulate on Phuket, and my first thought was, South Africans? They need a consulate?

Apparently about 80,000 come here per year. It's not that I think they don't deserve a consulate, let them have one, by all means. But there's another group of foreigners who live here year round in much higher numbers who have an even greater need for representation – the Burmese.

A steady stream of ambassadors and consuls come to Phuket to take a stand for their people – 17 European ambassadors were here last June asking Governor Maitri Inthusut to improve tourist safety and get rid of jet-ski scams. The Chinese ambassador was here two weeks before that with a six-point list of requests that included tourist safety, as well as a stop to police extortion of Chinese tourists.

Who do Phuket's Burmese residents have to fight for them? To argue for their safety at work? For appropriate clothing on construction sites and weather-proof transportation to their jobs?

They need someone in an official position to push for equal wages, reasonable working hours, hygienic living conditions and fair treatment at immigration.

I'm not saying that Phuket's Burmese workers are a downtrodden lot who need to be rescued. Most of the Burmese men and women I've known here are hard workers

## Island View

By Leslie Porterfield

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with the pluck and ambition you'd expect of immigrants. People like the three young hotel engineers I taught English to on Racha Island, where we worked together.

There was shy and exquisitely polite Myo, who dropped out of school at age 10 to help his father farm their rice plot. After many years, he left the hotel and got a job in a small restaurant. He took only two days off a month, gained experience as a waiter, then told himself, "Now you have to go up," and found work at one of Patong's biggest restaurants.

And there was independent and strong-principled Solin, who moved to rubber cutting and then back to hotel engineering, got promoted to supervisor and now wants to set up a maintenance business with Thai friends.

And there was Soe, who loves his new job as a waiter and wishes he could study design and business. On his day off, Soe goes to coffee shops, orders a cappuccino, puts in his ear buds and listens to music. "The world is not big," he told me. "People on the island think it is, but it's not."

Myo, Solin and Soe pay taxes. They never asked for a voice, but they deserve one. We all do.

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

### Why the seizures?

When the police arrest suspects, why do they seize things that seem unrelated to the case?

Angela Chalong

### Sermphan Sirikong, Phuket City Police superintendent replies:

We seize everything that may be involved in the case.

In a drug case, for example, we will seize a motorbike if we believe the suspect used the bike to buy or sell drugs.

We have the authority to return property if the suspect can prove that it was not involved in the crime. Once we transfer the case to the prosecutor, it's up to the judge to decide what to do with it.

In the case of stolen property, we try to find the owner and return it to them. If we can't identify the owner, we sell the property.

### Tawan Suknirundorn, Phuket Provincial Prosecutor, replies:

Seized illegal drugs are sent to the Phuket Provincial Public Health Office to be destroyed. Illegal guns are destroyed too.

With other property, if the judge determines that it was not involved in the crime, he can order it returned.

If the suspect is found innocent, the property is returned to him. If the suspect is found guilty, the seized properties will be sold by the police, and the proceeds sent to the Phuket Provincial Office.

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## How to extend a holiday visa

We will be coming to Phuket for 36 days. Our visa is good for 30 days. How do we extend our visas in Phuket?

Mike Sanders  
Canada

### Lt Col Napat Nusen, Phuket Immigration, replies:

You can obtain an extension to stay at any immigration office.

If you enter Thailand on Tourist Visa Exemption status, you will be granted 30-days' stay in the kingdom.

Before the visa expires, you can apply for a maximum seven-day extension, at a cost of 1,900 baht.

You can apply for the extension only once per visit, and after the seven-day extension expires, you must leave the country.

If you apply for a tourist visa

at any Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate before you come to Thailand, you should be able to obtain a 60-day tourist visa. In that case, you would not need to apply for an extension.

Those with a 60-day tourist visa can apply for a maximum 30-day extension to their stay. The cost of a 30-day extension to stay is also 1,900 baht.

The fine for overstaying your visa – payable when you leave the country – is 500 baht a day.

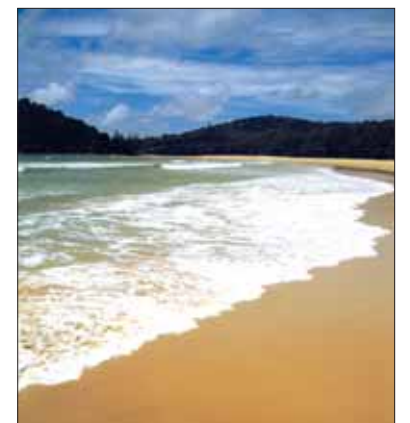
To apply for any extension to stay, you must bring to the immigration office:

1) One two-inch photo clearly showing your face

2) The original and one copy of your passport and permit-to-stay (stamped into your passport when entering Thailand)

3) 1,900 baht to pay the fee

For more information, please contact the Phuket Immigration Office at 076-221905. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.



Don't hurry off, stay a little longer. Photo: Leslie Porterfield



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## PROPERTY of the week

**PLAZA DEL MAR**  
Entrance to Laguna Phuket



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## JOB of the week

**INTLAW OFFICE**  
สำนักงานทนายความ  
และ  
ที่ปรึกษากฎหมาย

**International Law Office**

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## WHEELS & MOTORS of the week

**2012 TOYOTA CAMRY**



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## Properties For Sale

### Land for sale **Prime plot of Koh Yao Yai**

Plot 1:  
64 Rai, 3.2 MB./Rai  
Plot 2:  
71 Rai, 4 MB./Rai  
Plot 3:  
51 Rai, 6 MB./Rai  
Koh Yao Noi  
4-2-72 Rai, 18 MB.

Tel: 081-921 5981  
Email: samexact@hotmail.com

### Land for sale **Khlong Muang, Krabi**

Beachfront Near Sofitel 13-2-06 Rai  
**30 MB./Rai**

Prime land on mountain, seaview close to Sofitel 12-2-20 Rai, 2.5 MB./Rai

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### Condo in Patong for Sale/Rent



87 sqm. beautiful condo with 2 bedrooms 2 bathrooms, fully furnished complete with kitchen utensils, microwave, coffee machine, toaster etc., bed sheets, towels for 4 people, internet, TV etc. available from Nov 2013; 50K baht for 1 month, 35K baht/month for 6 months and 28K baht/month for 1 year contract.  
CALL: 081-891 5602 or 081-432 6587

### QUALITY 3-BEDROOM POOL VILLA



7.9 million baht. Rental yield above 8% easily achievable. One left! Tel: 081-077 1765. Email: kez\_turn@hotmail.com

### URGENT SALE/RENT



Patong. Newly built 40sq wah, 2 storeys, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, 2 aircons, kitchen with hood, refrigerator, dining room, living room, hot water, cable TV and internet. Near Sea Pearl Project Patong. Tel: 086-476 9612.

### HOUSE FOR SALE IN BAAN PROMPHAN

2.5 floors, 5 mins to town, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. A good place to stay! 2.85 million baht. Tel: 083-506 9155. Email: sumitra.saetan@gmail.com

### BEACHFRONT LAND

10 rai of land in Ao Yon. Fantastic sea views. 6 meters from beach. 40 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-895 0475 (English & Thai).

### CHEAP LAND & HOUSE FOR SALE



The land of 35 rai and a house with aircon, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and kitchen at Tumbon Bomok, Prachuap Kirikhan, 20km from Prachuap Kirikhan town. The land is 1.3km from Petchkasem Road. Price is only 10 million baht. Nor Sor 3 title deed. Please call 085-894 6118, 086-615 9719 or send email to nana1225@gmail.com, lamkookaiz@yahoo.co.th

### THE SANDS, NAI HARN

2-bed, 2-bath, ground-floor condo, close to Nai Harn lake and island. 125sqm unit with large living-dining room. Fully furnished and ready for occupation. Only 6.6 million baht. Large common pool, gardens, 24hr security, free WiFi & cable TV, and only a 3-min walk to popular Nai Harn beach. Motivated seller. Don't miss this opportunity! Tel: 089-652 1951 (English & Thai). Email: phuket.pn@gmail.com

### CHALONG. 2.1MB INVESTMENT

Detached house, 2 bedrooms, large walled garden. Close to the sea. No title. Contact me for details and more photos. Tel: 089-817 4864, 082-270 9733. Email: pwhittall@aol.com

### CONDO AT RATCHAPORN PLACE



In Kathu for sale or rent. Near Phuket Country Club Golf Course. 36sqm furnished, aircon. 1 bedroom. Sale: 1.75 million baht. Rent: 13,000 baht per month with 1-year contract. Common area included. Tel: 089-472 9118.

### LAND/SEA VIEW FOR SALE

Beautiful (1,048sqm) seaview building land on the Andaman mountain, overlooking Patong Beach. Concrete road. Electricity and water. Only 8 million baht. Contact Mr Crane. Tel: +44-788-548 8091 (English). Email: craneprop@hotmail.co.uk

### D CONDO 1, KATHU

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-29.70sqm, mountain view, price 1,280,000 baht.  
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-29.70sqm, pool view, price 1,365,000 baht.  
Contact Vutdy. Tel: 081-892 3709.

### LAND NEAR MISSION HILLS



Pa Khlok. 2 rai 32sq wah, 60m wide. Chanote. Located on Tha Ruea-Pa Khlok-Muang Mai Rd. 11 km from Heroines' Monument. Price: 7.8 million baht. Tel: 089-472 9118. Email: honda.1437@hotmail.com

### 2,400SQM NEAR LAGUNA PHUKET

2,400sqm near Laguna Phuket, 1.5 rai for sale. Chanote title, top of Pasak Soi 8. Can be divided. Agents welcome. 8.3 million baht. Tel: 089-875 9609 (English), 087-461 9234 (Thai). Email: claudebaltes@gmail.com

### LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

1 ngan, nice flat land, quiet area, Chanote. In Pasak Soi 5. Price: 2 million baht. For more information, please call 089-472 9118.

### SEAVIEW CONDO IN PATONG

Fully furnished with all furniture, aircon, ready to sale and rent on short / long term. Please call 081-797 7199, 086-683 0786.

### CHEAP LAND FOR SALE

Close to Phuket International Airport. 4 rai, Chanote title. 3.8 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-868 7676. Email: phuketann@gmail.com

### CONDO AT ROYAL PLACE



Condo at Royal Place Project, Bypass Road, opposite Tesco Lotus. 37sqm, 2 floors, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, kitchen, fully furnished, 2 aircons, washing machine, refrigerator, TV, microwave, cable, 24hr security with key card etc. Please call for more details. Tel: 086-476 9612. Email: annanoi1@hotmail.com

### UNOBSTRUCTED SEAVIEW LANDS

Seaview land at Yamu Hills with 180° panoramic seaview, 2 rai, 2 Chanotes, 5.5 million baht/rai. Tel: 084-625 5090. Email: phuket.turquoise@gmail.com

### HOUSE CHALONG

400sqm, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, jacuzzi, swimming pool, 4 aircons, 2 TV, Western kitchen. Sale: 5.6 million baht or rent: 25,000 baht per month. Tel: 082-809 2873.

### LAND FOR SALE

1 rai of flat land with Chanote title in quiet area of Pa Khlok. Looking for quick sale. 3.3 million baht o.n.o. Email: jase.shanahan@virgin.net

### LAND FOR SALE

4+rai, Mission Hills Golf Course. 12 million baht. Tel: 081-892 7082, 087-884 9288. Email: nokey@loxinfo.co.th

### HABITOWN, KOH KAEW

115sqm, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 4 aircons, includes built-in furniture, 2 floors. Resale down 130,000 baht. Tel: 089-772 7012. Email: gyb\_giff@yahoo.com

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#### CONDO AT ROYAL PLACE



Phuket city, bypass road, opposite Tesco Lotus. 45sqm, 3 Fl at the corner with swimming pool view. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, kitchen, fully furnished (2 aircons, hot water, washing machine, refrigerator, TV, microwave, 24 security and internet provided). Pls contact 086-4709612. Email: [annanot@hotmail.com](mailto:annanot@hotmail.com)

#### B.L. APARTMENT

At Kathu, 1 bedroom, 1 living room, aircon, cable TV, ADSL, hot shower, swimming pool, garden and car park. Rent: 7,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-692 3163.

#### KATA OCEAN VIEW CONDO

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#### SINGLE HOUSE FOR RENT/SALE



In Thanapa Park View village in Koh Kaew. 57sq wah, with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, a carpark and a garden. Rent: 11,000 baht per month. Sale: 2.25 million baht. Contact owner. Tel: 089-615 9719. Email: [nana1225@gmail.com](mailto:nana1225@gmail.com)

### PHUKET VILLA 5 VILLAGE



No agents! Not furnished, with 4 aircons, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and car park. Behind Kajonkiet International School on Chao Fa West Road, 5 minutes to Central Festival. For short or long-term rent, 16,000 baht per month. For sale: price: 4.2 million baht. Call to see 087-270 9093.

#### 4 BEDROOMS WITH POOL

Near Laguna Phuket, large garden and pool-terrace, open style Western kitchen, fully furnished, 5 bathrooms. Available from February 2014. Tel: 089-875 9609 (English), 087-461 9234 (Thai). Email: [claudabaltes@gmail.com](mailto:claudabaltes@gmail.com)

#### LUXURY POOL VILLA

Near Laguna, has all in a lush tropic garden. 1-year lease. 28,000 baht per month. Tel: 089-594 4067.

#### NAI HARN 2-3 BED APARTMENT

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### HOUSE AT PRIME PLACE VILLAGE



Near Heroines' Monument. Furnished, aircon, 3 bedrooms, cable TV, kitchen. Tel: 086-607 7493.

#### STUDIO APARTMENT IN PATONG

Living room with kitchenette, separate bedroom and bathroom, aircon, UBC ready, free WiFi, quiet location, Western standard, nicely furnished. Long term: 11,000 baht per month. Tel: 084-185 8536.

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## Available For Rent Offices / Showrooms

40/80-120 sq. meter units available.

### PLAZA DEL MAR Entrance to Laguna Phuket



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[www.plazadelmar.nphuket.com](http://www.plazadelmar.nphuket.com)



#### CONDO IN PATONG

One bedroom, swimming pool, parking. For long-term rent. Tel: 081-892 1621.

#### LUXURY APARTMENT

Fully furnished, 1 bedroom, 65sqm, located in the heart of Patong, now available for short-term rent. For details, please call 087-887 9070. Email: [ianscondo@yahoo.com](mailto:ianscondo@yahoo.com)

#### SEAVIEW POOL VILLA PATONG

3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, kitchen, sea view, private pool. For rent monthly. Tel: 080-521 1222, 081-883 9983. Email: [Jakrapopw@yahoo.com](mailto:Jakrapopw@yahoo.com)

#### PATONG HILLSIDE

Complete seaview, 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, lounge, European kitchen, parking, UBC, WiFi. 40-75,000+ baht per month. Contact Mike. Tel: 087-268 1170. For further details, please see our website at [www.phuketrealstate.com](http://www.phuketrealstate.com)

#### SUPALAI HILL FOR RENT/SALE

2-storey house, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished, WiFi. Please call 083-649 1218.

#### BEACHFRONT POOL VILLA

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The Phuket Gazette seeks to fill the following position:

### WEB GRAPHIC / CSS DESIGNER 1 POSITION

- ▶ Thai Nationality
- ▶ Minimum one year experience in web design
- ▶ Working knowledge of standard graphics tools, e.g. Photoshop, Illustrator
- ▶ Excellence in web design, CSS, web layout, HTML, template design and JavaScript
- ▶ Experience in creating pages for portable devices (iPhone, Windows Phone, BlackBerry, etc) would be a plus
- ▶ Excellence in web/mobile user experiences
- ▶ Knowledge of HTML5 would be a plus
- ▶ Knowledge of responsive web design a plus
- ▶ Knowledge of JQuery a plus
- ▶ Knowledge of SEO a plus
- ▶ Good communication skills including ability to convey creative concepts and rationale to other team members
- ▶ Able to work efficiently under pressure with careful attention to detail

Qualified candidates are invited to send a CV to **Khun Big (IT Manager)**, by email, fax or post to:

#### The Phuket Gazette Co Ltd

79/94 Moo 4, Thepkrasattri Rd, T. Koh Kaew, A. Muang Phuket 83000  
 Tel: 076-273555, ext 705 Fax: 076-615240  
 Email: Big@phuketgazette.net

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The Phuket Gazette seeks to fill the following position:

### REPORTER

- ▶ Thai national (able to read, write, speak fluent Thai)
- ▶ Ability to communicate clearly in English
- ▶ Clear thinking in order to identify what makes a good news story
- ▶ Initiative and enthusiasm to track down a story
- ▶ Photography skills
- ▶ Able to manage own time effectively
- ▶ Knowledge of Burmese an advantage
- ▶ Driver's license

Good salary for the right candidate.

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### WAITRESS WANTED

Thai national, waitress in restaurant. Good salary + benefits! Email: info@phuketfit.com

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Resort looking for 1 bartender + 1 breakfast attendant. Salary 11,000 baht. 1 day off per week. Tel: 076-398422, 080-698 8335 (English).

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### DRIVER (MULTI-FUNCTIONAL)

Swiss manager I seeks a multi-functional driver, administrative and household assistant. Thai national, male, 25-40 years old, car driving license, good knowledge in English language, good education and appearance. Non-smoker and non-alcohol drinker is a plus. Also night shifts. start ASAP. Salary according to abilities, experience and references. Please send your CV (resume) with picture and salary request by Email only. Tel: 083-551 3373 (English). Email: ppv37@bluewin.ch

### MARKETING MANAGER

Thai only. Min 2 years experience at vacation or holiday club, or similar field. Salary + bonus + com. Tel: 076-376186, 088-450 1833. Email: george@davidvacationclub.com

### HOUSEKEEPER

Thai housekeeper with good English for one expat, and other staff. Good salary. Please call. Tel: 081-787 9774.

### OFFICE ASSISTANT

Thai national, female, 25-40 years old, self-motivated and attention to details, enthusiasm for learning new things, good communication skills in English and good computer literacy (Microsoft office). Tel: 076-613680, 087-267 3747 (English). Fax: 076-613680. Send CV to helena@phuketabc.com

### SALES STAFF NEEDED URGENTLY

A busy Phuket Town gallery requires a Thai national with good spoken English. Excellent salary + commission given. Tel: 086-509 7510. Email: simon@colonial-connection.com

### JOB OPPORTUNITY PHUKET

RMC Client Services are seeking to employ appointment makers / telesales staff in Phuket. The job roll will be to arrange appointments for one of our consultants and market the companies services. OTE 80,000 baht per month plus bonuses. Spoken English must perfect. Email: kevin.hodges@rmc-client-services.com

### DRIVER

Thai driver with good English for one expat. Good salary. Please call. Tel: 081-787 9774.

### OAK MEADOW INTL SCHOOL

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### KARON CLIFF

Hostess, maid, engineer, waiter, and kitchen staff wanted. Tel: 087-265 6089.

### PROPERTY RENTAL AGENT

Tropical Properties is looking for a Thai national to join our company as rental agent. Good command of English, written and spoken, is a must. Experience preferred. Good salary + commissions for the right person. Tel: 087-882 2856 (English). Email: luc@phuket-tropical-real-estate.com

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**Taurus Travel**



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### PATONG

- ▶ **Taurus Travel** (Aroonsom Plaza) Tel: 076-344521-2
- ▶ **Khun Woody's Sandwich Shoppe** (Aroonsom Plaza) Tel: 076-290468
- ▶ **Deli Supermarket** (Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Rd) Tel: 076-342275

### PHUKET CITY

- ▶ **Earth Language Training Centre School** (Phang Nga Rd) Tel: 076-232398
- ▶ **Sin & Lee** (Thalang Rd) Tel: 076-258369
- ▶ **iTree complete printing service** (Tesco Lotus Phuket Town) bank zone Tel: 076-255425

### CHERNG TALAY

- ▶ **Chaba Supermarket** (at the Laguna gateway) Tel: 076-325586

### RAWAI

- ▶ **The Network property office** (Saiyuan Rd) Tel: 076-613173

### KARON

- ▶ **EuroStyle Tailors** (Luang Por Chuan Rd) Tel: 076-396911





## Marketing Staff Wanted

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**Please call 089-594 6888. Email: info@arthouse.asia**

## Ocean Resort Group

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**► Bakery Chef**

Contact Human Resources Department  
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 email your CV to [hrrsunwing@oceanresortgroup.net](mailto:hrrsunwing@oceanresortgroup.net),  
[www.sunwingphuket.com](http://www.sunwingphuket.com)

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**OPEN POSITION**

- **Accountant**

**Qualifications:**

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- Knowledge of Accounting Program Quick book 2008
- 5 years of work experience in accounting
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- Computer skills

Please send English resume with work experience, references, recent photograph and expected salary to the following email: [sam@ilo-phuket.com](mailto:sam@ilo-phuket.com)

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**Location Phuket Town, Thailand**

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Well established tourist magazines looking for Sales Executive, experience in sales an marketing job, can work from home.

Send resume to : [ajapply@yahoo.com](mailto:ajapply@yahoo.com)

**OFFICE MANAGER**  
 Thai male wanted, in Patong, know English and have computer skills. Tel: 081-088 1451

**OPERATIONS MANAGER**  
 Western English speaker, able to understand Thai, maintenance experience. Flexible hours, own car and must have license. Send CV to: [phuket villasrental@hotmail.com](mailto:phuket villasrental@hotmail.com)

**1 CHEF & 1 WAITRESS**

Thai National: 1 Chef and 1 Waitress wanted. Good salary + benefits! Tel: 085-783 0141. Email: info@phuketfit.com

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 New beach club in Surin Beach is seeking for: Manager, Supervisor, Waiter & Waitress, Beach boy, Chef. Fluent spoken English and helpful with team work. Please contact by sending CV to Catherine or Jariya at [info@morel-catherine.com](mailto:info@morel-catherine.com) or call. Tel: 081-367 7965, 081-271 5415.

**PROJECT COORDINATOR**  
 Design studio is looking for a creative and focused individual to join our expanding team. Responsible for keywording images, analyzing market trends, planning photography shoots, and assisting in general office administration. Successful candidate will have an excellent command of English. Contact J aey. Email: [photomorphicimages@gmail.com](mailto:photomorphicimages@gmail.com)

**COPYWRITER**  
 Siam Real Estate urgently require an experienced English speaking copywriter to write property listings. Can work from home in own time. Training given. Average listings: 60 per month. Good commissions paid. Tel: 076-288908. Email: [richard@siamrealestate.com](mailto:richard@siamrealestate.com)

**THAI TEACHER NEEDED**  
 Qualified Thai teacher wanted for small kindergarten. Email: [millingtonjackie@hotmail.com](mailto:millingtonjackie@hotmail.com)

**CUSTOMER RELATIONS REP**  
 Must speak and write English. Thai national. Good Salary. Email: [info@phuketfit.com](mailto:info@phuketfit.com)

**MARKETING EXECUTIVE**  
 Working at the booth in Central. Thai female, good command in English, we pay basic salary plus commission and bonus call Alexander by phone Tel: 089-594 6888. or Email: [info@arthouse.asia](mailto:info@arthouse.asia)

**ENGLISH TEACHER URGENTLY NEEDED**  
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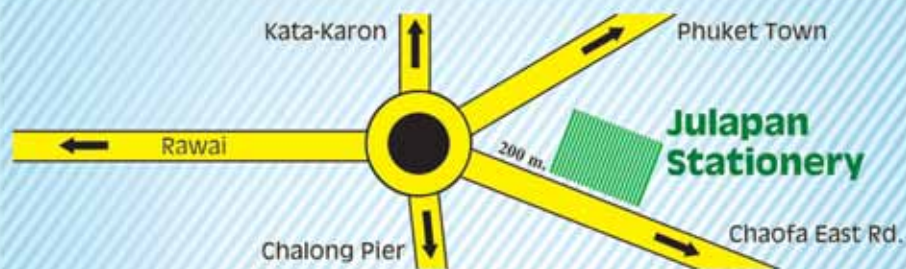


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# A breath of fresh air



DJ MGA and ACE NYC spin the beats every Friday and Sunday.



See Pompot's fantastic fire show after sunset.



Grab a juicy shish kebab hot off the coals.

## By Mark Knowles

MOST of Phuket's beach clubs through the sands of the west coast, but O2 Beach Club is bucking the trend and bringing great food, music and beach-side fun to the southeast coast at its stylish venue near Chalong Pier.

Walking through the imposing ancient-style entrance gates, you enter a hidden oasis, the centerpiece of which is a huge jade-green swimming pool tempting you to dive right in before you even order your first cocktail.

Once you've cooled off in the pool, it's time to grab a table or a beach chair and take in the serene view of Chalong Bay as you peruse the menu and order some appetizers and drinks to get you started. The share plate of crispy spring rolls, chicken satay skewers, *krathong thong* and *larb gai* will keep everyone happy, but if you want something a little different, I suggest you try the marinated duck breast salad with raspberry dressing, mixed leaves, avocado, snow peas, cherry tomatoes and papaya this eclectic salad is bursting with flavor and goes particularly



O2 has burgers aplenty to choose from.



The huge green pool is the centerpiece of O2's elegant beachside venue. Photos: Mark Knowles

well with a fresh fruit cocktail.

There's no need to rush to the main course though, you can work up an appetite with a game of beach volleyball on the dedicated sand court, have another swim, or just laze on the sand and listen to the chilled-out beats while you work on your tan.

As night falls, O2 really starts to come to life, as resident DJs Ace NYC and DJ MGA spin the latest and greatest hip-hop, soul and party tracks. Bring your camera for some great shots of expert fire twirler Sompot's dazzling act, performed right on the beach.

By now, you'll have surely worked up an appetite, so it's time to get stuck into something more substantial from the menu, and if burgers are your thing, then O2 has you covered. There's beef, chicken, tuna, lamb and even veggie burgers to choose from. But for my money, it's got to be the beef tenderloin steak sandwich – simplicity itself – a juicy steak with lettuce, tomato and grilled onions, topped with barbecue sauce inside a crunchy baguette.

Some beach clubs tend to get a bit pricey food-wise but the team at O2 have kept their food prices at sensible levels and you

can get perennial favorites like basic pastas, caesar salad, green curry and pad Thai all for around 200 baht, while the burgers are all around 250 baht.

If you want to knock it up a notch, try the succulent "Mandalong Valley" lamb cutlets with cous cous vegetable caponata, melted haloumi and roast bell pepper infused lamb stock reduction. Or, this being a beach club after all, indulge in some seafood with the king scallop and streaky bacon brochette, that's a skewer to you and me, with crisp calamari, spicy tomato salsa and roasted garlic aioli, all served over homemade squid ink pasta.

So if you want to kick off your high season with a bang, make sure you get down to O2's "Hot Day's, Cool Nights" season opening party on Saturday, November 30. Where there will free food and drink from 7-9pm and a great party atmosphere. But if you miss out, don't worry, every week throughout the high-season there are different themed parties, all guaranteed to be fantastic fun.

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O2 Beach Club's relaxed atmosphere makes it a great place to catch up with friends over dinner and a few drinks.



**WHAT'S ON  
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**Nov 8 - 9, 2013, 7am-5pm, BIS Phuket International Football Tournament**

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

**Nov 9, 9pm to 1am. Salsa Night at Royal Phuket Marina**

We are delighted to invite you to our Salsa Evening at Royal Phuket Marina. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor. For reservations and inquiries, please contact Khun Mai on 084-306 6729

**Nov 11, 7-11pm. Photo Exhibition 'Shades of Grey' by Jerry Minoret**

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**Nov 13 - 16, 2013, 5am-6pm, Phuket International Sport Fishing 2013**

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

**Mexican Night at Two Chefs, Nov 15, 6pm-11:30pm at Two Chefs Karon**

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**AMCHAM Real Estate Event, Nov 22, 4pm-6:30pm at Angsana Laguna Phuket**

The topics to be covered at this event at the Angsana Laguna Phuket resort include the regulation of real estate agencies, the trends in leasehold ownership, and current issues and directions in the Phuket property market. Speakers include: Stuart Reading, Director - Laguna Resorts and Hotels; David Simister, Chairman - CBRE Thailand; Dex-

ter Norville, Director - Jones Lang LaSalle (Thailand) Limited; Olaf Duensing, Partner - Duensing Kippen; Andrew Batt, International Group Editor - PropertyGuru.com; Nina Serebryakova, Managing Partner - Sereb (Phuket); Natasha Eldred (Moderator) - Shine Public Relations The event is open to the public and offers a good opportunity to gain valuable insights into the topics and trends on the agenda. It should appeal to real estate professionals, those working in any real-estate-related business, and those invested

in (or thinking of investing in) real estate in Thailand. Registration for the event, which is co-organized by the Greater Phuket Chapter and Legal Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), begins at 4pm, with the proceedings scheduled to run from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Admission is 100 baht and includes one free drink. To sign up for the event, please visit the website or contact Sheree Tanpensuk by email or telephone. If phoning, ask for extension 212. Contact Sheree Tanpensuk, AMCHAM Bkk on +66-2-254 1041, email sheree@amchamthailand.com or visit: amchamthailand.com

**Nov 24-Dec 1, 2013, 5am-11:30pm, Challenge Laguna Phuket Tri-Fest 2013 at Laguna Grove, Laguna Phuket**

The Challenge Laguna Phuket Tri-Fest gets underway on November 24 with the 20<sup>th</sup> Laguna Phuket Triathlon, and culminates with the inaugural Challenge Laguna Phuket a week later on December 1. Between these back-to-back world-class triathlons, take in the excitement of the Challenge Laguna Phuket Tri-Fest. Rub shoulders with visiting pro athletes; take part in training camps led by triathlon experts; and enjoy social events at our hotels. To register visit: challengelagunaphuket.com or contact Nantanee Chuaychu on +66-76-362300.

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You're not alone. Computer stuff is changing so fast, it's very hard to keep up - and some of the new stuff is so insanely great, it makes living overseas much, much easier. If you know the tricks. Join "Khun Woody" Leonhard's US-based friend, Live Wire (who's a geek emeritus and well-known computer author), in this final series of FREE Computer Clinics, now through the end of January. Bring your questions, bring your problems, bring your hatchets, don't forget your sense of humor, and we'll see what kind of headway we can make. No experience necessary - "beginner" questions are the best ones of all, because they usually have definitive answers.

The clinics run from 10am to noon on Sunday mornings, at the new Baketastic. It's in Kathu, just east of the gas station, opposite the new Krung Thai Bank. Parking around back. Seating's limited, so get there early for a chair.

**Phuket today**  
Phuket Gazette

Phuket Today is a 30-minute lifestyle show about Phuket. The show features resorts, villas, restaurants, yachts, private aircraft, nightlife, sports, leisure activities and events. Produced by PGTV, the television arm of the Phuket Gazette, the show is designed to promote Phuket to tourists and the international community resident in Thailand.

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# Climbing to the top of the list

By Maciek Klimowicz

THREE establishments from the greater Phuket region found the formula for a perfect wine list and grabbed top spots in the 2013 Wine List of the Year Thailand competition.

Over 60 leading food and beverage establishments and media gathered at Crave Wine Bar & Restaurant in Sukhumvit's Aloft Hotel to witness the 2013 Wine List of the Year Thailand.

Now in its second year, and gaining strength, 10 awards were handed out in this annual competition aimed at recognizing the efforts and expertise in the development of wine lists and wine culture in the Kingdom.

The Koh Samui restaurant, Treetops Sky Dining, inside the Anantara Lawana property scooped the most awards including best list Koh Samui, Best Resort List and the National Prize for Best Wine List in Thailand.

Prominent winners from Bangkok included Nahm Restau-

rant which secured both the Best Wine List in Bangkok and the Best National Restaurant List categories and L'Appart Restaurant, Sofitel Sukhumvit conquering the Best List By The Glass category.

But Phuket wasn't far behind, with three major awards ending up in the hands of local establishments, namely Dusit Thani Laguna (Small List Award), Boathouse Wine & Grill (Cellar Award) and The Sarojin, Khao Lak (Phuket and Region Award).

Founder of the Awards, Jon Hyams said: "The Sarojin clearly led the field in Phuket. Over the past two years, they have truly stepped outside the square and provided their consumers with a well researched, interesting and diverse wine list without going overboard on numbers of wines."

"The Sarojin have recognized that the wine list can bring in significant revenue to the establishment, and in fact many customers have made bookings

as a result of last year's award, - Best National Wine List."

So what's the secret of an award-worthy wine list? One of the competition's judges, Peter Scudamore-Smith MW (Chairman) explained: "A good wine list should be fresh, uncomplicated, brief and accessible to customers to buy glasses of wine. Lists which clearly communicate what is for sale and that have some connection to the venues' cuisine and origins are in favor."

"Judges were particularly tough on two areas this year: the inappropriate use of wine critics scores as an aid to market wines on the list. Secondly, the encyclopedic, cumbersome lists with no real purpose were penalized in favor of more progressive, consumer friendly lists," said Hyams.

The aim of the competition is not only to appreciate the efforts of restaurants, hotels and resorts in creating modern, interesting wine lists, but also to promote wine culture in Thailand.

"Despite the heavy taxes imposed on wine in Thailand, there are signs of a healthy wine culture developing here. It is encouraging to see Thailand's wine scene grow in the Asia Pacific's gastronomic scene," says Hyams. "The Wine List of the Year Thailand promotes a wine culture from the ground level, encouraging importers and F&B establishments to act in a cohesive manner to develop wine culture," he concluded.

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Jon Hyams: 'There are signs of a healthy wine culture developing here.'

## Winners take all

Here are the winners of the Wine List of the Year Thailand 2013 competition

### Best National List

Winner- Treetops Sky Dining, Anantara Lawana Koh Samui

### Restaurant/Wine Bar Award

Winner - Nahm Restaurant, Bangkok  
Runner up - L'Appart, Sofitel Sukhumvit, Bangkok

### Resort/Hotel Award

Winner - Treetops Sky Dining, Anantara Lawana Koh Samui  
Runner up - The Sarojin, Khao Lak

### Small List Award

Winner - Ruen Thai Restaurant, Dusit Thani Laguna

### Cellar Award

Winner - Boathouse Wine & Grill, Phuket  
Runner up - Mom Tri's Villa Royale, Phuket

### Wine by the Glass

Winner - L'Appart, Sofitel Sukhumvit, Bangkok  
Runner up - The Sarojin, Khao Lak

### Chiang Mai and Region

Winner - Dhara Dhevi  
Runner up - Four Seasons

### Koh Samui and Region

Winner - Treetops Sky Dining, Anantara Lawana  
Runner up - Jahn Restaurant, Conrad

### Phuket and Region

Winner - The Sarojin, Khao Lak  
Runner up - Ruen Thai Restaurant, Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket

### Bangkok and Region

Winner - Nahm Restaurant  
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# Wisdom from the East



EASTERN wisdom is famous for its profundity. Here are a few gems I've culled from various sources. (Note that "East" depends on where you're standing; some of these come from East China, Maine.)

"No money, no honey." This wise saying, which is often erroneously attributed to Bernard Trink, is extremely ancient. It may be regarded as the ultimate guide to survival in any time or place.

"Shit happens." This terse but earthy insight may have originated in East Hoboken, New Jersey.

"[A] woman is most beautiful with her mouth shut." This observation is anonymous, and wisely so.

"When a man marries a woman, he thinks she'll never change. When a woman marries a man, she thinks she can change him. And they're both wrong." - Either Ann Landers or Dear Abby. (I could never tell them apart.)

"A 30-year-old man should marry a 12-year-old girl, and a 24-year-old man an eight-year-old girl. Men must make their women dependent day and night... A woman is not fit for indepen-

dence... He should keep her busy cooking food and looking after the furniture." - The Laws of Manu, an ancient textbook of Hindu laws. Luckily for Manu, he's not around today. He wouldn't last long.

"The Brahmin stays where he finds the banana." - Nepali proverb.

"The lower classes in the West are not only ignorant of their scriptures and immoral, but they are also rude and vulgar." - Swami Vivekananda, in the 1890s. That was over a hundred years ago. He should see us today.

"They alone live who live for others." - Indian maxim. It doesn't tell us what the others are supposed to live for.

"Live in the now, but make sure you've got a good retirement plan." - A new age guru who later became a marketing man.

"The meaning of life is that it stops." - Franz Kafka.

"Life is a goddamned, stinking, treacherous game, and 999 men out of 1,000 are bastards." - Theodore Dreiser, quoting a newspaper editor who was evidently in a very bad mood.

"They say that man is half ape and half angel. And it looks like the ape is winning." - Sometimes attributed to Charles Darwin.

"All of man's problems are caused by his inability to sit



Just one of the many profound nuggets of wisdom that have come from Eastern philisophers. Photo: J MR Photography

quietly in a room." - Blaise Pascal.

"The earth is slow, but the ox is patient." - Chinese proverb.

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"The superior man knows what is right. The inferior man knows what will sell." - Confucius.

"If what we watch on televi-

sion defines us, we are all in very deep doo-dah." - Anonymous.

"Politics is the life of the Party." - Mao Zedong.

"Serve the people, and be a bright screw in the great machine." - Lei Feng, Chinese Communist Party hero and role model.

"If you think man has screwed up this planet, wait till you see what the machines are going to do." - Anonymous.

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# Beasties and beauties



**CREEPY CRAWLY:** Centipedes prey on small insects, possibly earthworms. Photo: Thomas Brown

IN A recent email, a colleague enclosed some photographs with the observation: "At home I came across this group of [tiny] mantids – about 100 maximum" which appeared to be mimicking ants. He added: "Have you ever seen so many?" My response was "No", but I said I suspected they had just emerged from the safety of their protective casing, a foamy construction in which the female may lay several hundred eggs. Mimicry is an effective strategy for vulnerable insects. In this case the young mantids were not only imitating the posture of ants but staying together. Safety in numbers.

Normally adult mantids don't need protection. They are solitary hunters, lying in wait for prey before grabbing the victim with barbed forelegs. The larger female will tackle sizable insects including male mantids, even geckos and, in America, hummingbirds, though their main diet consists of grasshoppers. Fascinating creatures and certainly the gardener's friend. But like spiders, they are often feared, perhaps because of their capacity when threatened, to stand upright on their hind legs and assume a "praying" posture. Tiny green religious robots.

Other garden inhabitants which get a mixed press include centipedes. Like most predatory insects they are very rapid movers and their venomous claws can deliver a painful bite. The Thailand version is large: an orange creature with a segmented, flattened body. Centipedes need moist conditions, so avoid putting your hand in damp leaf axils of palms. Unlike detritivore millipedes which hide under stones and are cylindrical and coppery-brown to black, centipedes prey on small insects and possibly earthworms. Indeed, the combined efforts of millipedes and centipedes may be one reason for the disastrous lack of earthworms in Phuket's soil.

Last week I mentioned mosquitoes, midges and ants as particular nuisances to people. Other creepy crawlies do more damage, usually undetected to your precious plants. Snails and slugs come into this category, though they are less of a menace here than in Europe. Maybe more toads and frogs to eat them, maybe the long spells of dry weather make life difficult for them. You can make it more



## Gardening

By Patrick Campbell



**BEAUTY:** Hawk moth caterpillars are worth tolerating, if you want butterflies. Photo: Primejyothi

difficult still by ensuring there are no dank, shaded, man-made hidey-holes where they can lurk during the day, such as the gaps between stacked flower pots or piles of wood. But believe me, they do get out during the dark hours to munch on shoots and foliage. One recent piece of research found that they may travel as much as 20 meters from base during the night. So don't expect to find them on your plants: they are best apprehended back in their dark, damp lairs.

I have no compunction about squashing slugs and snails, but my feelings about caterpillars, the larvae of butterflies and moths, are more equivocal. Frankly, if you want beautiful butterflies, you will have to allow some caterpillars to survive. My potted *tabernaemontanas* and *adeniums* are always being invaded by oleander hawk moth caterpillars. I just wish they would live up to their name and tackle the much more vigorous oleander bushes.


They are, incidentally, a wonderful example of camouflage. The huge emerald green caterpillars exactly match the foliage


which they are silently devouring, usually from underneath the leaves. But the adults are worth waiting for – olive and lavender beauties which pollinate at dusk, whizzing around like humming birds.

One eco-friendly solution is to grow plants especially for butterflies. The best varieties include *buddleia paniculata*, *asclepias* (Indian milkweed), Rangoon creepers (*quisqualis*), passion flowers (*passiflora*), much favored by lacewings, any of the citrus family, on which the larvae of yellow Helen butterflies feed, *hibiscus schizopetalus* and the humble *lantana camara*. Standing supreme is the Indian milkweed, a focal point for varieties of monarch and related butterflies, both for their caterpillars and for the nectar feeding adults. Unlike temperamental *buddleias* and honeysuckles, powerful magnets for swallowtails, milkweeds are very easy to grow, vigorous, and with attractive, fragrant clusters of flowers.

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

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## Tip of the Week

### Pottering around again

THERE ARE so many of you who are a part of dwellers that I make no apologies for re-visiting the topic of container gardening. Though potted plants beautify any balcony or patio, it is worth remembering that they will, in time, need re-potting.

This is because they become root-bound – they take up so much space with their roots that little of the original soil is left. Roots sprouting through the base



A root bound pot plant in dire need of re-potting. Photo: Richard Masoner

are a sign of this condition. Affected plants will dry out more quickly and need additional feeding. Better to transplant them to a larger container with fresh soil, to tease out

ables the plant to find water in conditions of drought. Pot plants do not have this natural advantage. Hence more watering is needed.

roots which will have become densely compacted.

In open ground, many plants and especially trees, possess not only a widespread system of surface roots, but also a tap root which goes straight down, often to several feet, and enables the plant to find water in conditions of drought. Pot plants do not have this natural advantage. Hence more watering is needed.



# A boy with a gift

By Maciek Klimowicz

Benjamin "Gift" Boonyasit, 13, was the winner of the channel 3 TV national competition "Singing Kids". To get to the top, he had to beat 1,000 children from all around Thailand, not to mention the three other singers in the final.

It was his interpretation of Whitney Houston's classic "I will always love you" that granted him the top spot in the competition and a 100,000 baht cash prize. "The first audition was in Jungceylon in Patong in September last year. [I had] just one minute to sing, no background track, nothing," remembers Gift.

When I ask him why he chose this particular song, he says: "I will always love you' is not an easy song to sing but I love Whitney Houston and I want to sing her songs. My friends like different music – modern pop, Justin Bieber, but my family loves Whitney Houston and so do I."

Gift's family not only influenced his musical taste, but they also support his passion for singing. "My first audience was my parents," he says proudly.

But the times of singing just for his relatives are long behind. Now Gift performs for bigger audiences, and is learning to love it more and more.

"Going on stage is the biggest challenge.

When I was eight-nine years old, I sometimes forgot the lyrics, my voice would break and I was shy. But over time, I got used to being on stage and got more confidence."

"To beat stage fright I just remember I'm there to make the audience happy, to make them smile. When they hear me singing, they will be happy and clap. The applause boosts my confidence too."

It was that growing confidence in his own voice that made Gift sign up for singing lessons when he was just eight years old. Since then he's been on a constant journey to improve his voice.

"I practice a lot to keep my voice in good condition, to expand its limits. I practice everyday, for one hour or more, usually at home, in my living room. My dad bought me a stereo and a microphone and that's what I use," he says, adding: "Practice is more important than talent. Talent just makes it easier."

Gift's parents might have bought him the necessary equipment but they also make sure that he keeps his options open for a different career and put as much effort into his studies at the British International School Phuket as he does into his singing practice.

"My parents told me I have to have a job but I can do singing in my free time. My parents want me to be a doctor but in Thailand many doctors are singers, actors and so on."



Winner of the 'Singing Kids' competition, Benjamin Boonyasit. Photo: Maciek Klimowicz



Gift performing Whitney Houston's classic 'I will always love you'. Photo: Supplied

And when I ask him who he'd really like to be when he grows up, he replies without hesitation: "I want to be a singer. Whenever I watch Whitney Houston or Beyonce on stage, I want to be there, to feel the same way. I want to hear people clap, I want to have a fan club."

"I'm ready for fame, I'd love to be a singer, I can deal with the attention. I was born to perform."

To see Gift performing, drop by BISP grounds on November 9 for the BISP International seven-a-side Football Tournament. The entertainment part begins at 11.30am.

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# FIVB Phuket Open



By Maciek Klimowicz

IT'S not that Phuket suffers from a lack of beautiful women. But if you visited Karon beach last week, you might have been struck by the overabundance of perfectly conditioned, slender bodies. No, it wasn't another beauty contest, though many times it might have seemed so. This time crowds gathered to celebrate a great sporting event – the FIVB Phuket Thailand Open Powered by PTT.

All in, 84 teams representing 32 countries arrived to Phuket to compete for the prize money, amounting to more than US\$100,000 in total. And they sure put up a fight! It's hard to imagine any of the supporters who filled the stands in Karon left their seat disappointed – it's not everyday that we get the opportunity to watch, free of charge, over 50 of the world's top women's beach volleyball teams vying for the top honors. The tournament, divided into three phases, begun with the qualifications held on October 29, followed by Main Draw pool play starting on October 30 with two days of pool play before changing to Main Draw single elimination where eight teams competing for the championship, through quarterfinals, semifinals and the grand final in which Chinese team Chen Xue and Xinyi Xia challenged American pair, Emily Day and Summer Ross.

It took just two sets for the Chinese to beat the Americans and win the gold medal. Day and Ross failed to crack the great Chinese wall despite numerous attempts and the high flying, petite Xinyi Xia, whose precise blows earned her team precious points and loud applause from the audience.

In a spectacular match for third place, Maria-Clara/Carol team beat their fellow Brazilians, Agatha/Antonelli leaving the spectators hungry for more world class sport events on the island.



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## Ladyboys splash for charity

INSPIRED by informal ladyboy volleyball tournaments on the beach in previous years, last year's Ladyboy Water Volleyball Tourney in Pattaya was a huge success. The 'girls' — more than 40 ladyboys from various bars around Pattaya and one team from Phuket — netted 285,854 baht for the Pattaya Orphanage/Children's Home Foundation Pattaya and the Rotary Club of Jomtien-Pattaya's Water4Life project.



From an informal beach game to a full swing tournament. Photo: supplied

This year, eight teams representing eight bars from around Thailand, competed in the tournament and collected more than 500,000 baht. A 250,000 baht donation by Cocktails & Dreams Cabaret Bar in Patong, was received by Mr Friedrich Sam Fauma, senior partner, director and advisor of Phuket's Life Home Project Foundation and K Noppatol, the foundation's manager.



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# Healthy home pedagogy

## 10 simple tips for families, parents to improve their child's learning

LEARNING does not just happen in school. The role that family members can play at home is so important. Talking with a child about their learning and helping them to see that learning happens all the time and all around them in everyday life can have a huge impact.

So what can you do to support your child with their learning? And what can you say to your child that will encourage their learning and keep the learning communication going at home?

Here are ten tips from the experts at the International Primary Curriculum who work with teachers and children throughout the world to support them with their learning. These simple suggestions can help to make a big difference:

1. Say to your child the word "yet" as often as you can. For example, when your child says "I can't do fractions", you say: "You can't do fractions yet". Help them to see the possibility that they will be able to achieve it in the future.

2. Say to your child: "You're getting better" whenever the opportunity allows. Learning is all about improvement and learning a skill needs patience and practice (and practice and more practice) to improve. Your child needs lots of support along the way.

3. Ask your child: "What have you learned today?" This question is a lot more specific than "what did you do today?"

4. Say encouraging things as often as you can when your child is beginning to learn something new and encourage them when something still isn't perfect. Remember how much encouragement you gave your child when they took their first wobbly steps? Children need that same encouragement whenever they start learning something new. Learning is always harder at the beginning.



LEARNING PROCESS: Children need to be positively reinforced, and should not be afraid to make mistakes. Photos: Supplied

5. Say things to your child to show you can see that there's improvement, however small. Compare "then" and "now" and praise the difference. Learning is about getting better; lots of "getting better" steps.

6. Say to your child: "Of course you've made a mistake, but keep going, you're learning." Every child needs to know that making mistakes is all part of the learning process. Mistakes can be good because you can learn from them. You never really learn something well if you don't make mistakes along the way. Make sure your child knows that mistakes are OK.

7. Say to your child: "Your brain is wired in lots of different ways, some ways are better than others. Let's try to make each part work as well as it can." Few of us will be brilliant at everything but we can get better at everything.

8. Say to your child: "Take a break, do

some exercise, then start learning again." The brain needs blood, oxygen and rest to keep going. If it doesn't get them, then it doesn't keep going.

9. Say to your child: "If you find facts difficult to remember, then it's ok to use a 'hook' to help you remember." There are just too many facts to remember so your child should only worry about remembering the ones that really matter. For these, it's perfectly fine to give their brain some help if they need to: making connections and linking to other related knowledge that your child already knows helps a lot. Reading or talking about the knowledge in different ways is hugely beneficial too. Little rhymes to remember a list of facts can be helpful and fun.

10. Say to your child: "I found 'x' easy to learn, but I had to work harder at 'y'." Make sure your child knows you went through similar learning struggles

as they are going through. Show your child realistic models of learning; don't fake your own excellence. On the other hand, don't promote inabilities either – unless you are promoting how much better you could have been if only you'd kept trying.

– International Primary Curriculum

This learning advice comes from the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) which is used in schools in over 85 countries around the world, several of which are in Thailand including Palm House Primary School in Phuket, Panyaden School in Chiang Mai and Harrow International and St Stephen's International School in Bangkok. The IPC is a challenging yet creative and exciting way for children to learn their subjects as well as personal skills, and also to learn about the way other people live all over the world. It is a curriculum that is acclaimed by parents, schools and advisers globally. If you would like to know more about the IPC, go to [greatlearning.com/ipc](http://greatlearning.com/ipc)

## Quality qualifications to be offered online in Thailand

THE University of New England, Australia's leading regional and online university, is redefining the rules of learning and taking a new approach to 'un-packaging' education for students in Thailand.

On a recent visit to Bangkok, James Bell, CEO of unOpen, reiterated his firm's key message –



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offering students the ability to choose and access the best of education via technology, in a way they want, for the reasons they want to learn, and offering real value for their education investment.

Mr Bell said that students want to be able to pick and choose the way they receive education, and decide for themselves if they prefer more traditional face-to-face lectures, more online study or a combination.

"By 'un-packaging' or 'unbundling' education and delivering tailored education solutions, unOpen is now able to offer an education experience driven by customer choice."

"We have had a very warm and receptive welcome from allied education providers in Manila and it is clear there is a very large appetite for open access to qual-

ity education delivered online via technology and bandwidth."

"Our education partners in Thailand will play an important role at a local level offering face-to-face lecture sessions, which means students can study at home in Bangkok and obtain Australian and world-recognized qualifications," Mr Bell said.

Mr Bell says unOpen is now at the forefront and riding the "next wave" of the Open Education Resource (OER) movement, which truly provides learning to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

"This is a very exciting social mission we have started to help more people access a real university education with academic and professional outcomes that deliver meaningful credentials for students and represents excellent value for their investment in education."

## 'Little Mouse' finalists heading to Singapore

A HANDFUL of young, Thai story-tellers and chefs-in-the-making have won a free field-trip to Singapore as part of the "Little Mouse Food Story Tellers" (*Noo Noy Nuck Lao Nitaan Ahaan*) and "Little Mouse Creative Food" (*Noo Noy Nuck Saan Sun Ahaan*) contests. Organized by National Food Institute or NFI under Thailand's Industry Ministry, the contest emphasizes on four themes, namely eating, playing and (story) telling.

Among the winners, little Ms Supisara "Noo Na" Sae-hao was named Little Mouse Food Story Teller champion with her story, Grandma's treats (Khanom Khawng Yai); meanwhile Ms Kritsawee "Ton Naam" Sinwawhut took top honors in the Little Mouse Creative food



Ton Naam got creative with food.

six to nine-year-old category; champion of the nine to 12 years category was Panwora "Pun" Leupong.

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## Changing Phuket's future starts today

THE Faculty of Technology and Environment at Prince of Songkla University Phuket Campus is organizing a special seminar on "Beyond Sustainable Development - Towards Ecological Modernization". The audience will have a chance to listen to Prof Dr Dai-Yeun Jeong from the Asia Climate Change Education Center in South Korea. The seminar aims to improve the ecological sustainability in Phuket and the adjacent region so that a good environment can be maintained for the future generation. The event will take place on November 14 from 1pm in room 6303 on the 3rd floor at building 6 Prince of Songka University Phuket Campus, Kathu, Phuket. - *Phuket Gazette*

For more information visit [te.psu.ac.th/vichakarn56](http://te.psu.ac.th/vichakarn56). To receive an application form for the seminar email: [lakana.w@phuket.psu.ac.th](mailto:lakana.w@phuket.psu.ac.th)

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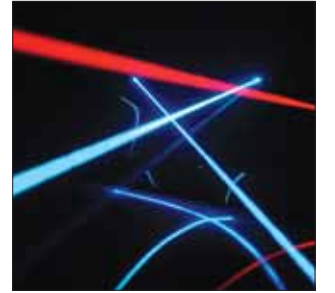
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Director, Asia Climate Change Education Center, Korea  
Emeritus Prof. at Jeju National University, Korea

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- Emergence Process of Sustainable Development
- Debates on Sustainable Development in the 1990s
- Emergence of Ecological Modernization in the 2000s
- What to Overcome for Ecological Modernization? (Capacity Building)



### NOVEMBER 9

- 1872 The Great Boston Fire of 1872.
- 1887 The United States received rights to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 1937 Japanese troops took control of Shanghai, China.
- 1953 Cambodia gained independence from France.
- 1967 The first issue of Rolling Stone Magazine was published.
- 1985 Garry Kasparov, 22, became the youngest World Chess Champion.



LIGHT 1967 Photo: Jeff Keyzer



MAGAZINE 1967 Photo: Rolling Stone

### NOVEMBER 10

- 1775 The United States Marine Corps was founded.
- 1940 The 1940 Vrancea earthquake struck Romania.
- 1951 Direct-dial coast-to-coast telephone service begun in the US.
- 1970 The Soviet Lunar probe Lunokhod 1 was launched.
- 1989 German citizens started to bring the Berlin wall down.

### NOVEMBER 11

- 1889 The State of Washington is admitted as the 42nd State of the US.
- 1918 Germany signed an armistice agreement in WWI.
- 1918 Poland gained independence after 123 years.
- 1926 The United States Numbered Highway System was established.
- 1942 Nazi Germany completed its occupation of France.



OUTSTED 2011 Photo: paz.ca



SPORT 1859 Photo: Pierre de Coubertin

### NOVEMBER 12

- 1793 Jean Sylvain Bailly, the first Mayor of Paris, was guillotined.
- 1905 Norway held a referendum in favor of monarchy over republic.
- 1918 Austria became a republic.
- 1933 First known photos of the Loch Ness Monster were taken.
- 2011 Silvio Berlusconi resigned as Prime Minister of Italy.

### NOVEMBER 13

- 1887 Bloody Sunday clashes in central London.
- 1918 Allied troops occupied the capital of the Ottoman Empire.
- 1927 The Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River opened to traffic.
- 1947 The Soviet Union completed development of the AK-47.
- 1994 Sweden decided to join the European Union in a referendum.



FRIEND 1947 Photo: Cpl. D.A. Haynes



COLLAPSED 1989 Photo: zak mc

### NOVEMBER 14

- 1533 Conquistadors from Spain arrived in Cajamarca, Inca Empire.
- 1921 The Communist Party of Spain was founded.
- 1922 The BBC began radio service in the United Kingdom.
- 1952 The first regular UK Singles Chart was published.
- 1967 The world's first laser patented.
- 1969 NASA launched Apollo 12.

### NOVEMBER 15

- 1859 The first modern revival of the Olympic Games took place in Greece.
- 1920 First assembly of the League of Nations was held.
- 1926 The NBC radio network opened with 24 stations.
- 1949 Ghandi's assassins were executed.
- 1969 First Wendy's restaurant opened.
- 1971 Intel released world's first single-chip microprocessor.
- 2006 Al Jazeera English launched worldwide.



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**Your weekly pith:**

“Hard work never killed anybody, but why take the chance?” – *Edgar Bergen*

“Happiness is good health and a bad memory.” – *Ingrid Bergman*

This quote was taken from Ian Hewitt's book 'QUOTES for PROSPERITY'

**COFFEE break**

**Across:**

- 9. Determined set isn't in order (9)
- 10. Puts in the ledger again concerning deficient rents out East (8)
- 12. Every one to ache badly (4)
- 13. Ha! Monk cooked Thai dessert (6)
- 14. Spell out old girl friend ugly (7)
- 15. Print unit could be green about note coming out (9)
- 17. Time sees salt becoming savorless (9)
- 18. A split, a disruption, existing in space (7)
- 20. M.S. copier maybe cribs note (6)
- 21. A Southern one, a large area of land (4)
- 24. Second gnat disturbed ant still (8)
- 26. False display of wrong present echo (8)
- 28. Unusual to find in the rear (4)
- 29. A good way, nag new foreigner in Thailand (6)
- 31. All rest relaxed, having star quality (7)
- 34. Stranger out of line, a choker! (9)
- 36. Lets a tile shift in the space station, for example (9)
- 38. Unspoiled North at Russian river (7)
- 39. Try on a scheme to become a legal official (6)
- 40. Use a different biblical character (4)
- 41. Foxtrot, and a new century, note erotic performance (3,5)
- 42. Public relations act I almost left, being hard-headed (9)

**Down:**


- 1. See, fills out, though apathetic (8)
- 2. South Korean singer, almost

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- he has spirit (6)
- 3. An alcohol made from loam, then? (8)
- 4. Can set out point of view (6)
- 5. More port arranged for the organizer of an event (8)
- 6. Fee blend is maybe justifiable (10)
- 7. New poster about park closure (7)
- 8. Acres out East in the fold (6)
- 11. Uncommon strange (7)
- 16. Smile broadly, go as a foreigner in Mexico (6)
- 19. Change later perhaps (5)
- 20. Southeastern tango group (3)
- 22. Natural fiber to make sails (5)
- 23. Show clergyman, echo a learner (6)
- 25. Maybe dare nab all the fertile fields (6,4)
- 26. Hold down same as past, for example (3)
- 27. Now sent rep out first (7)
- 30. A river park keeper, one who puts things in order (8)
- 31. University road has satay outside one day of the week (8)
- 32. Feeling sorry in French street, in every respect (8)
- 33. In time, impolite to encroach (7)
- 35. Desert brown local furniture material (6)
- 36. Is put out, son, by abdominal exercises (6)
- 37. Small creature in separate group (6)

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

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

 Trying to assume too much control in the world of work can bring trouble for some Scorpios this week. The stars advise more patience when dealing with people whose ideas happen to be different from yours. Following the path of least resistance is also advisable in the realm of romance. If your birthday is due in the coming week, travel is forecast to figure strongly during the year ahead.

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


 If your motives are less than genuine, this will be transparent to others as the astral atmosphere encourages honesty during the remainder of November. Sagittarians who are not truly confident that they can pull off a work project should admit this before it is too difficult to get out of the situation. Those seeking romance are likely to find out that a water sign is more interested than they appeared to be.

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


 Your attention is captured by money making possibilities until the middle of the month. The stars suggest that Capricorns' talents for turning ideas into reality will help them get out of a boring rut.

Other earth signs can be useful to put projects on the production line, but you will need to make clear agreements about finances beforehand. Romance with air and water signs is well-starred this weekend.

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


 Something that didn't make sense now becomes crystal clear to those born under the sign of Aquarius. If this relates to the world of work, expect to be given the chance to prove yourself around the middle of November. If romance with a fire sign has been hard to understand, the stars indicate that your questions should soon be answered. This is an auspicious week for putting personal finances in order.

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


 Pisceans who have paced themselves since the start of the month will be ready to tackle another busy week at work. Those who have been distracted by personal matters could be burning some midnight oil to catch up. The stars suggest that the second half of November will be a more laid back time. In the realm of romance, an air sign partner is planning something out of the ordinary for this weekend.

**YOUR horoscope**  
By Isla Star

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

 Others are predicted to try and persuade you to go against your will this week. There are hints that Arians can be caught off guard more easily on Monday and Tuesday – it would be wise to stop and think twice before accepting offers. The stars advise that combining work and romance with a water sign may not be as easy as you anticipate. Finances can benefit from a lucky break this weekend.


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

 Those Taureans looking to re-locate are forecast to find possibilities thin on the ground, but the stars suggest that there will be more choice closer to the end of this month. Where work is concerned, you can be inspired by a water sign's success this week. In the realm of romance, you are reminded to be aware of what tomorrow can bring and not dwell too deeply on the past.


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

 Your energy can be scattered until the middle of the month and the stars advise waiting until then before making new work commitments. Starting something as you mean to go on is recommended for those Geminis who are aiming to be taken more seriously. Your self confidence can be positively influenced by a minor makeover – an earth sign friend has some tips to spice up your appearance this weekend.

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

 More security is highlighted for those born under the sign of Cancer this week. Domestic issues can be solved between now and the middle of the month as the cosmic climate encourages more harmony at home. In your financial zone, the stars hint that a windfall is likely during the second half of November. Dreams give you food for thought where new romance with another water sign is concerned.

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

 Tensions at work or in your private life can dampen Leos' spirits this week. The stars advise taking temporary distance from people who you haven't been seeing eye to eye with recently. The astral

atmosphere will support smooth communication closer to the middle of the month. In the meantime, enhancing your domestic environment is forecast to encourage you to spend more time at home. Finances are lucky on Monday.

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

 Investing in more luxury can be tempting for those born under the sign of Virgo and the stars suggest that you deserve a little spoiling. However, making expensive purchases on the spur of the moment is not advisable this week. Where romantic complications are concerned, the astral atmosphere encourages you to wait until events have unfolded before jumping to conclusions. Money matters go your way on Wednesday and Thursday.

**LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23):**

 Creative pursuits are highlighted to help Librans relax. Commitments at work since the start of the month have probably left you feeling somewhat stressed. The stars show that another air sign friend can inspire you to take up a new hobby. Finances can be affected by a cloudy cosmic climate and you are advised to retain some skepticism until more facts have come to light. Love is luckiest on Tuesday and Wednesday.



# England's rub of the green

By Patrick Campbell

IN A display more spirited than skillful, England came from behind to defeat Australia 20-13 at Twickenham and regain the Cook Cup. The win means they stay third in the world rankings ahead of their arch rivals. More importantly, a decade on from England's solitary World Cup win, it gives momentum to Stuart Lancaster's young side as they seek to develop ahead of the 2015 tournament.

The win, in the first of three autumn internationals against Southern Hemisphere sides, was achieved without five injured Lions and an untried midfield pairing of Billy Twelvetrees and league convert Joel Tomkins. In the first half, the rustiness showed: the team failed to capitalize on forward dominance, missed three penalties, committed handling errors and conceded a soft try to Australian center Toomua – after both Chris Ashton and Twelvetrees had fallen off tackles.

When English nerves were beginning to fray in the second half, two opportunistic tries in the space of eight minutes turned the tables. Both had an element of good fortune about them. Captain Chris Robshaw was first to a



England's Billy Vunipola (left) breaks through the Australian ranks during their international rugby union test match in London. Photo: Reuters/Toby Melville

loose ball close to the Australian line and dived over after Will Genia's relieving kick had been charged down by Mako Vunipola. That made the score 13-13. Then fly half Owen Farrell, spotting a gap between Stephen Moore and Ben Mowen,

strolled over unopposed. The video official ruled that Hartley had not obstructed would-be tackler Moore – a close call. Now bolstered by a raft of substitutions, England improved their continuity: the final scoreless quarter was

dominated by an England team bent on denying the Australian backline good ball.

After the game, coach Lancaster understandably preferred to dwell on the positives, saying: "You never know how youngsters playing for the first time at Twickenham are going to deal with the situation, but I was delighted with their maturity." But it was the old heads, Captain Courageous Robshaw and "man of the match" Mike Brown who coped best with the pressure.

Although Australia had the edge behind the scrum, they will be unhappy at their continuing sequence of defeats, a run which has seen them lose eight of their last eleven internationals. They possess, in scrum-half Will Genia, enigmatic outside half Quade Cooper and full-back Israel Folau; world class backs, but the front row, where Ben Alexander endured a torrid afternoon, is a continuing cause for concern.

As for a youthful England team, they should go into next week's encounter with Argentina as a more cohesive unit, confident of extending their winning run. But the match against the All Blacks a week later will provide a severe examination of the team's caliber and character.

## Points, Thompson set for Thailand Golf Championship

TWO PGA Tour winners, DA Points and Michael Thompson, will attempt to beat the heat, and three major champions at the third edition of the Thailand Golf Championship, scheduled for December 12-15.

Asia's flagship professional golf tournament will take place at Amata Spring Country Club in Chonburi. Thompson and Points, both of whom are ranked inside the world's top 60, will join a stellar cast of international stars who have already confirmed their participation at this year's tournament. These include defending champion and 2011 Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, 2013 US Open champion Justin Rose, Bubba Watson,

winner of the 2013 Masters as well as Spain's Sergio Garcia and American duo Hunter Mahan and Rickie Fowler. The current Race to Dubai leader, Henrik Stenson, who recently claimed both the Tour Championship and FedEx Cup crowns, will also travel to Thailand to challenge for the title.

The presence of Thompson and Points, each with a PGA Tour win this year, will no doubt add depth and additional color to the world-class line-up. The 28-year-old Thompson is no stranger to the tournament, having come third in the inaugural tournament in 2011. Points, on the other hand, will be making his first

appearance at the prestigious Thailand Golf Championship.

The younger of the two players by eight years, Thompson has enjoyed a fine season that included a win at the Honda Classic and three other top-10 finishes. He was also impressive at The Masters and PGA Championship this season where he recorded top-25 finishes.

Points, who grew up in Pekin, Illinois, has had a similar year to his compatriot, with a title at Shell Houston Open in the spring and three other top ten finishes. In the majors, he did not quite match the results of Thompson but still produced solid performances to finish at tied-38<sup>th</sup> and

tied-40<sup>th</sup> at The Masters and PGA Championship, respectively.

Sarath Ratanavadi, chairman of the organising committee for the Thailand Golf Championship, said: "We are delighted that these two wonderful players will be joining us at the Thailand Golf Championship this year. Michael Thompson and DA Points are two seasoned professionals who have achieved a lot in their careers. They will be a real asset to the tournament."

The Championship aims to help develop professional golf within the region and promote Thailand as an international sports destination and regional event hub.

– *The Nation*

## Dubai Petanque decimated in Phuket

PHUKET Petanque Club brushed aside Dubai Petanque Club at Saphan Hin last weekend, in the first-ever Grand Slam Tournament to take place between the two sides. Phuket won 48-20, and made it look easy against the Dubai side which obviously lacked tournament-competition experience.

Six doubles matches on Saturday saw Phuket win 24-12, with doubles pairing Jaruwat Chernongsong and Jaroon Gerchoo taking six out of six. The home side's consistency saw an even more dominant performance in Sunday's triples, with a 24-8 victory. Phuket's accuracy in play was just too much for Dubai, with Boonta Salaman's triples unit unbeaten on the second day.

Teams led by Karim Kahla, a member of the Tunisian team that was runner-up at the World Petanque Championships in Monaco in 2001, offered Dubai's only resistance, winning four out of six doubles, and three of four triples



Members of the Phuket and Dubai Petanque clubs. Photo: Supplied

matches. The rest of Dubai's teams failed to win even half their games.

Dubai's only recent tournament experience was all the way back in May 2012 when team members helped make up the New York side that defeated London in a similar challenge.

"Phuket is a Class B, not a Class A, club," said Khun Lungtormor, an official at Phuket Petanque Club, perhaps hoping to soften the blow to Dubai's pride.

Princess Srinagarindra of Thailand became a devotee of petanque while living in Switzerland and from the 1970s on, encouraged

the game in schools as well as throughout the police, civil service and military. Thailand now has around 80,000 competitive players and is one of the game's world powers.

"For the first time, Dubai Petanque has gone out of Dubai [flying the city's] colors. [Our destination was] Thailand, one of the most prominent [petanque] countries in the world," Dubai captain Marc Molatte said.

"Of course, the level of Dubai cannot be compared to the level of Phuket – Dubai is just a friendly group of people playing petanque and not even an official club. We have no federation," he added.

Still, along with his Dubai teammates, Molatte is looking to the future and hoping that the fixture can become an annual outing, cementing the Dubai club's official status at home.

"The important thing is that we have created an event," he said.

– *Phuket Gazette*

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## Sport

# Hydration: not too little, not too much

TRAINING and racing in Phuket requires special attention to fluid intake due to the heat and humidity.

Water maintains your blood volume, body temperature and proper muscle contraction. Sweating keeps the body's temperature in place by evaporation through the skin. Body fluid loss will increase your temperature and cause poor performance.

How much do I need to drink?

Check your weight loss after your exercise. If the weight drop is 1% or less your fluid intake has been sufficient during your workout. If you lose more you need to drink more.

Weight loss of 2% or more will make you go much slower and can cause some health issues. Develop a hydration strategy for your workout and races, and please start your activity well hydrated but not over hydrated.

If you start urinating too frequently and feel bloated, you did drink too much. During your exercise you should start drinking at an early stage. 100ml every 10-15 minutes should be the minimum in Phuket conditions.

During racing and intense workouts your body might need more fluids, electrolytes and carbohydrates.

Minerals are important for many body functions including proper muscle contraction.

Replacing the electrolytes lost through perspiration is essential during hard-core activities. Most sport drinks have a good balance of minerals.

Carbohydrates restore your energy and maintain your blood sugar level. The harder you go, the more carbs you need. Pick a sports drink that tastes good, your body absorbs well and does not upset your stomach. If you take your race seri-

ous, you should find out what is being served on the course and get familiar with that drink during your training sessions.

And yes, you can drink too much! Over-hydration is as bad as dehydration. Too much water lowers your sodium blood level and causes edema. This is risky and can ruin your race as well.

I had this experience at IRONMAN Hawaii 1998 when I dropped from 1st to 248th place due to this condition, which is also called hyponatremia. I looked like

the "Michelin Man" with swollen arms and legs. I ended up walking after I got told by the race doctor to avoid water and stick with electrolyte drinks and salt crackers for the rest of the race.

Please, if you are training and racing in Phuket, drink a lot...but drink responsibly!

This tip was provided by Thanyapura's Triathlon Senior Head Coach, Jurgen Zack. Email: triathlon@thanyapura.com



Jurgen Zack can attest that drinking too much water can ruin your race.

## Amazing Thailand The Tin Mine Open 2013

October 26 - Results



Winners of the recent golf competition in Phuket.

### Overall Low Gross

- The Winner: Tae Kon Park

### Flight A (HC.0-12)

- The Winner: Chana Jitgnaam
- 1st runner up: Wasana Suthanon
- 2nd runner up: Boontop Laanthong

### Flight B (HC.13-18)

- The Winner: Alan Boswell
- 1st runner up: Chrester Enocksson
- 2nd runner up: Le Bouveer

### Flight C (HC.19-24)

- The Winner: Nopparat Thongprasert
- 1st runner up: Chanan Panittisophon
- 2nd runner up: Maria Huber

### Flight D (HC.25-36)

- The Winner: Henry Mierczak
- 1st runner up: Pokamat MacDonald
- 2nd runner up: Klaus Dieter Haenke

\*Booby Award: Nopparat Junamnuay

# Healthy snacking for active kids

GOOD nutrition is important for everyone but it's especially important for young athletes.

Kids today are involved in so many different sports that it is important they have the proper fuel in their body in order to be able to perform to the best of their ability.

Ideally each athlete would arrive at practice or a game with enough stored energy to get them through the duration of the competition, but this is often not that case, as most athletes spend hours at the field, pool, tennis courts with times of competition followed by times of rest.

These rest times are when snacking becomes vitally important in order to continually provide energy to the athlete. Most children, if properly fed before competition, will not require a snack at half-time but rather will need to replenish lost fluids. Water is the most commonly used, but juices and some

sports drinks are also useful for rehydration. Depending on the duration and intensity of the competition, snacking needs can be very different for athletes of the same age. See the accompanying chart of some ideas of potentially helpful snacks for young athletes.

Once the game or competition is over, it is important to get food into the athlete fairly soon after competition. Often it is unrealistic to get a full meal into them on the pool deck or soccer pitch, but providing them with a proper nutritious and healthy snack will help to start the recovery process right away. The sooner you are able to start the recovery process the better prepared the athlete will be for the next competition or training session.

This tip was provided by Thanyapura's Operation Manager, Brian Finniss. For more information, email: tslc@thanyapura.com

Sport Nutrition for Athletes and Coaches				
Snack Quality Chart				
Snack	Sport Support	Overall Nutrition	Dental Health	Healthy Environment
Oranges, watermelon, etc.	✓	✓	⊖	✓
Raisins, dried fruit	✓	✓	⊖	✓
Chocolate milk	✓	✓	⊖	⊖
Fruit juice (tetra packs or cans)	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖
Commercial sport drink	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖
Trail mix	✓	✓	⊖	⊖
Peanuts, sunflower seeds, etc., in shell	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cheese strings	✓	✓	✓	⊖
Popsicles	✓	⊖	⊖	✓
Stushies	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖
Fig/Fruit Newtons	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖
Sport bars	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖
Sport gels	✓	⊖	⊖	⊖
Granola bars	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Home-made whole grain/nut muffins	⊖	✓	⊖	✓
Store-bought muffins/scones	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Cream-filled cookies	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Doughnuts	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖

You are what you eat, so make sure your kids eat well. Image: supplied

## Top Thai striker loaned to top-tier Spanish club

THAI Premier League club Muang Thong United have allowed national striker Teerasil Dangda to join high-flying Spanish side Atletico Madrid on a season-long loan deal.

Teerasil announced his move to Spain after featuring in Muang Thong's 3-3 draw with Chainat FC in their final league match at the weekend. Muang Thong relinquished the league title to Buriram United, who completed the season in top spot with 78 points from 32 games.

Muang Thong director Ronnarit Suewaja said the club decided to loan Teerasil out to the Madrid-based club, currently sitting in second spot in the La Liga with 33 points from 12 matches, as part of the swap deal it had with the Spanish side, one of its partner clubs.

- The Nation



# Sport

# BISP goes Brazilian

By Steven Layne

BRITISH International School Phuket (BISP) have officially announced plans to launch an unprecedented football academy in collaboration with Phuket FC and top-tier Brazilian football club, Cruzeiro EC.

The plans were formally presented to local media at a press conference held on October 31 at the expansive BISP campus in Koh Kao, just north of Phuket Town.

Presiding over the conference were representatives from the academy's three main stakeholders, including BISP Headmaster Neil Richards; Phuket FC's President Pamuke Achiriyachai and Vice President Eam Thavornwongvongse; and Cruzeiro EC Youth Coach Jonathas Candido and International Business Manager Pedro Moreira.

Also representing Phuket FC at the conference were Brazilian Head Coach, Stefano "Teco" Cugura – who was confirmed by Pamuke to continue in his position next season – along with Cameroonian goalkeeper coach Kam Arthur Philippe, and a number of the local squad's popular

Thai and international players – Brazilian forwards, Luiz "Dudu" Purcino and Cruzeiro loan, Cristian Alex; Cameroonian striker Ludovick "Bull Dog" Takam, Japanese defender Yusuke Sato, French midfielder Geoffrey Doumeng, Georgian striker Giorgia Tsimakuridze and Thai striker Eakartit Somjit, among them.

In addition to confirming that Jonathas has been put on the BISP payroll to lead the academy, the talented coach set to take up residence at BISP starting this Monday, the conference was also given a teaser about the full scholarships that will be made available for local youth with potential.

In their opening speeches, Mr Pamuke, Mr Richards and Mr Moreira reinforced each others' sentiments that the three sides would work closely together to build the footballing infrastructure in Phuket. They also spoke about their plan to develop a local youth league that is hoped to ultimately feed talent to the pro clubs of the province, country, region and world.

The executives also acknowledged local expat and



Representatives from Phuket FC, BISP and Cruzeiro EC celebrate plans for the new academy. Photo: Steven Layne

businessman, Bobby Duchowny for his pivotal role in bringing all the stakeholders together in what is an unprecedented partnership.

Bobby's two talented sons, Micah and Jonah recently took part in a training course with the

Cruzeiro EC Academy in Brazil.

Although scouts from major Thai clubs have eyed the two boys, Bobby (as well as Mr Richards) insists that the boys will be staying in Phuket, with the aim of ultimately joining Phuket FC.

Full details about the other scholarships were announced at BISP's recent international seven-a-side football tournament.

For more details, please check [phuketgazette.net/phuketsport/](http://phuketgazette.net/phuketsport/)



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# Low conclusion for 2013 season

By Steven Layne

PHUKET FC ended their Yamaha League One (YL1) 2013 season on a low note, falling to their final position of 12<sup>th</sup> place following a 3-0 away loss to Nakhon Ratchasima FC last Saturday in Thailand's Northeast.

Following the opening exchanges, it was Phuket who looked to be the most threatening, with Giorgi Tsimakuridze netting the ball in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute – but only to be denied by the lineman's flag.

With the scoreboard untroubled by half time, it was looking like the match could go either



Phuket captain, Eakartit Somjit. Photo: S Layne

way, though the home team clearly had more to prove in the second half.

The final result, featuring two back-to-back goals by Promphong Kransumrong – skillfully netting his 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of the season on 63 and 64 minutes, respectively – was cemented in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute by Korat's top scorer – Yusuke Kato, who outpaced his markers to connect with a brilliant through ball and score the Japanese's 15<sup>th</sup> of the season and finishing joint-sixth top scorer of the YL1.

The score remained 3-0 to the final whistle.

With 54 points, Korat finished the season 5<sup>th</sup> of the 18-team league. Phuket – with 39 points from eight wins, 15 draws and 11 losses – technically would have finished 13<sup>th</sup> place based on goals scored (36) and goal difference (-6). However, due to their previous win over Nakhon Pathom, who also have 39 points but have more goals scored (47) and a better goal difference (-4), Phuket were bumped into the higher spot in accordance with the YL1's head-to-head priority.

In other important YL1 matches, Singtharua FC secured their ticket back to the Thai Premier League with a final tally of 65 points following a 2-1 win over Airforce AVA FC, who had already secured promotion as league champions with 69 points.

The third team earning their place in the elite league next season was PTT Rayong with 63 points following their 2-2 draw to Bangkok FC who just missed out finishing fourth with 61 points.

The other two

Rayong-based teams – Rayong FC and Rayong United – will also say goodbye to YL1 action next season, having been relegated in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> positions, respectively.

Since the number of teams to compete in both the TPL and YL1 next season will increase to 20 per league, only one team got relegated from the TPL – Pattaya United; despite not playing one match all season due to political/organizational complications, Si Saket FC – formerly Isaan United – will retain their place in the TPL.

Meanwhile, four more teams will be promoted to the YL1 next season, to be determined by the results of the AIS League Division 2 champions league playoffs, currently halfway through, and being contested by 10 teams, including one team from Southern Thailand.

The teams in contention are Luk Esan, Nara United, Phitsanulok, Kasetsart, Roi Et United, Prachuap, Ang Thong, Nakhon Nayok, Chiang Mai, Sukhothai, Udon Thani and Paknampo NSRU.

The promotion playoffs will conclude by December, while the YL1 and TPL 2014 season will commence in February, next year.

Meanwhile, a number of popular Phuket players are rumored to be in the process of leaving the club. Namely, Geoffrey Doumeng, Luiz "Dudu" Purcino, Ludovick Takam, Nenebi Tra Sylvester, Giorgi Tsimakuridze, Chana Sonwiset, Sukree E-tae, Thanatthep Jiaradab, Chatchai Mookkaseam, Thongchai Kuenkhunthod, Wuttipong Sittitanyakit, Kornprom Jaroonpong, Watchara Kriaram, Jakrapong Somboon, Awut Noochet, Narakorn Wisetthanakarn, Niran Panthong, Thodsaphon Kanplook and Koset Kersuk.

## YAMAHA LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	TEAM	P	GD	PTS
1	Air Force ▲	34	23	69
2	Port Lions ▲	34	21	65
3	PTT Rayong ▲	34	17	64
4	Bangkok	34	15	62
5	Korat	34	14	54
6	Trat FC	34	-1	47
7	Saraburi	34	7	47
8	Ayutthaya	34	-1	44
9	Krabi	34	-5	41
10	BBCU	34	-12	40
11	Royal Navy	34	-5	40
12	<b>Phuket</b>	34	-6	39
13	Nakhon Pathom	34	-4	39
14	TTM FC	34	-10	38
15	Sriracha	34	-5	37
16	Khon Kaen	34	-14	36
17	Rayong FC ▼	34	-14	36
18	Rayong Utd ▼	34	-20	27

## PHUKET FC TOP SCORERS

1		<b>LUIZ PURCINO</b>	<b>7</b>
2		<b>LUDOVICK TAKAM</b>	<b>5</b>
3		<b>CRISTIAN ALEX</b>	<b>4</b>
3		<b>GIORGI TSIMAKURIDZE</b>	<b>4</b>
4		<b>EAKARTIT SOMJIT</b>	<b>3</b>
4		<b>GEOFFREY DOUMENG</b>	<b>3</b>

## YAMAHA L1 TOP SCORERS

1		<b>LEANDRO DE OLIVEIRA</b>	<b>24</b>
2		<b>LEE TUCK</b>	<b>23</b>
3		<b>RECIO MATIAS EDUARDO</b>	<b>19</b>
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## Thanyapura, local foundation to support and develop running talent, alleviate poverty

ASIA'S leading active and healthy lifestyle destination, Thanyapura Sports & Leisure Center, is extending its commitments to developing sporting excellence in athletes and enthusiasts of all abilities and ages by teaming up with the Phuket Community Foundation to host an altruistic training program led by local Thai triathlon star and Thanyapura Academy's Coach, Ricky Ekkarat.

Ricky recently was the overall winner of the Sprint Duathlon of Malakoff Powerman Asian Championship 2013 with more than 2,000 duathletes and 800 in its sprint category.

The "Born Free to Run" project is focused on sourcing local young sporting talent to nurture the future generation of running athletes. The program offers free access to Thanyapura's world-class sports facilities.

"It's an inspiring environment here for children; training alongside professional athletes, Olympians and world record holders gives a sense of tangibility to their aspirations. Training at the same facilities as these sporting greats shows them that their goals are attainable with the right outlook and support," said Thanyapura President Robert Hauck.

Inspiring and helping athletes achieve their true potential, Thanyapura provides a challenging and performance-focused environment dedicated to athletes of all ages and abilities, utilizing expert coaches, state-of-the-art facilities, proven training principles, sport science, sport mind training and the breathtaking surroundings of a national park to help improve performance and build confidence leading to a lifelong



love of their sport.

"This is an initiative by The Phuket Community Foundation. Born Free to Run's main focus is on spotting future running talent, as well as encouraging local youths to choose a healthy and active lifestyle, free from drugs and other substance abuse, by promoting a healthy competitive spirit among the children participating," said Cindy Ratcliffe MBE, Manager of the Phuket Community Foundation.

The Phuket Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Phuket for everyone, regardless of their origins or their beliefs, with an emphasis on poverty alleviation, education, preserving the environment, promoting art and culture, improving road safety and boosting public health.

Training sessions are taking place at Thanyapura every Wednesday from 5pm-6:30pm and Friday, from 4:30pm-6:30pm, with more to be confirmed. Athletes participating in the

Born Free to Run program will go on to compete in events on the following dates:

- Nov 11 @ Cherng Thalay Phuket.
- Nov 17 @ Klokloy Municipality, Phang Nga.
- Nov 30 @ Thanyapura - Thanyapura Junior Challenge Triathlon Phuket.

For more information about Born Free to Run, contact [bornfreetorun@gmail.com](mailto:bornfreetorun@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/bornfreetorun](https://www.facebook.com/bornfreetorun). For more information about the Phuket Community Foundation and its projects visit the website: [phuketcharity.org](http://phuketcharity.org) or send an email to [cindy.ratcliffe@phuketcharity.org](mailto:cindy.ratcliffe@phuketcharity.org)



**BORN TO RUN:** Thanyapura Academy's Coach Ricky Ekkarat recently was the overall winner of the Sprint Duathlon of Malakoff Powerman Asian Championship 2013. Photos: Supplied

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nonda International School, QSI International School of Phuket, Shrewsbury International School, Bangkok, St. Andrews International School, Bangkok, The Regent's School, Pattaya and the Youth Football Home, Phuket. The other schools represented were from throughout the region.

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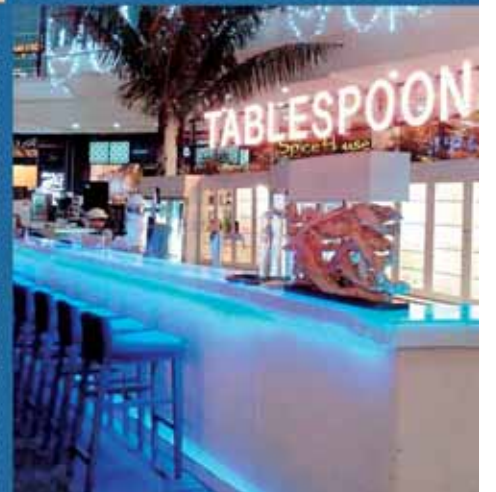


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