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‘TRAVELLERS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY’

## AIRPORT SECURED

■ A look behind the scenes and security tech making HKT one of Asia's safest airports

By Zohaib Sikander

NEWS about the grand opening of the international terminal at Phuket Airport has littered the airwaves since its official opening in September. Like every new, large-scale project in Phuket, and even elsewhere in the world, the new terminal has had its fair share of teething problems – something the public has been quick to notice and criticize.

However, one area where the new terminal has been commended so far – for not only meeting, but exceeding expectations – is its state-of-the-art security system, including a full body scanner to match the level of security provided at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok, the biggest in the Kingdom, and the sixth busiest airport in Asia.

The mammoth task of implementing this new system at Phuket International Airport was entrusted to ASM Security Management Company Limited (ASM), which was formed in August 2006 as a joint venture between Loxley Public Company Limited and ICTS Europe Holdings BV.

Loxley is a business leader in many areas of commerce and industry, covering telecommunications, broadcasting, and general infrastructure that includes power, transport, environment and construction materials.

The company was originally involved in the export of primary products, such as rice and lumber from Thailand, and later made a move toward the import and sale of industrial and advanced technology products.

With a 74-year history as the market pioneer in cutting-edge technology, Loxley partnered up with ICTS due to its position as the leading provider of aviation security services serving more than 45 airports in 20 European countries.

ASM mainly works to improve standards in security training and measure the



Passengers line up to run their bags through the new bag scanners that ASM has incorporated into Phuket Airport's new terminal, before walking through a high-tech security net of full-body scanners and highly trained security personnel. Photo: Chutharat Plerin

quality of implementation of those standards.

“The security standards we have implemented at Phuket International Airport are similar to what you see in the UK and all over Europe. We provide the airport with manpower and we train all our staff, about 1,400 people in all,” says Karn Thongyai, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of ASM.

Not only are they required to meet the minimum standards set by the local regulators – Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand, in this case – but also standards agreed as per their contract with the client, which is Airports of Thailand (AoT).

The company aims for continuous im-

provement of standards, and is tested by international auditors, including European, American and Australian regulators, on a regular basis.

Their staff is trained using high-tech simulation software known as CBT, or computer-based training.

“We have a dedicated training facility and have invested a huge amount of money in CBT. During training, staff can use the simulation machines to understand and interpret the information that is presented to them,” says Keith Hollingdale, PQCT Director at ASM.

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### Man denies part in riot, pays B500k bail bond

A PHUKET man claims wrongful arrest after being arrested on suspicion of joining the riot in Thalang last October. He says police should be looking for a man with a tattoo.

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### Bad brakes blamed for Patong crash

THE driver of a coach full of Chinese tourists says he lost control of the vehicle when the brakes failed on Patong Hill on November 21.

The coach was heading down the hill into Patong when at 10:23pm driver Uayporn Rattanaeng, 51, hit a motorcycle carrying two people and then slammed into a roadside power pole on the raised embankment outside the Wyndham Sea Pearl Resort.

Motorcycle rider Nattachai Janmala, 33, and pillion passenger Ratchanok Masjula, 22, were badly injured. All 19 of the coach passengers and the driver escaped unscathed.

The coach driver told police his brakes had failed as he took the steep bend, causing him to hit the motorcycle before riding up the embankment, Patong Police Captain Wutthiwat Liangboonjida told the *Phuket Gazette* on November 22.

Mr Nattachai and Ms Ratchanok were taken to Patong Hospital.

Police charged Mr Uayporn with reckless driving causing injury until they could determine the actual cause of the crash.

– Chutharat Plerin

### Clam carrying Russian tourist chastised

NATIONAL park officials in Krabi on November 17 decided to educate locals and tourists on animal preservation after they caught a Russian tourist on his way to Bangkok with a Giant Clam and conch at the Don Mueang Airport.

Chief of Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR) Krabi office, Wittaya Khunsan, said that it was useless to arrest the man as many tourists are not aware of these things.

“Our team as well as Noppharat Thara – Mu Ko Phi Phi National Park officials asked the tourist to hand over

## Jack-knifed truck causes delays on coastal road



An articulated truck jack-knifed on the hilly coastal road at Laem Singh between Surin and Kamala beaches on November 18, blocking traffic in both directions until a crane was called in to right the heavily-laden vehicle. No injuries were reported at press time. Photo: Winai Sarot

the remains of the sea creature. He refused, claiming that he had purchased it from Koh Chang, Trat Province before coming to Krabi and it had been cleared at the previous airport,” said Mr Wittaya. “We explained to him through a translator that it is wrong to take protected animals out of the park, after which he gave us what he had and disappeared.”

“We now plan to install warning signs in both Thai and English to educate everyone.”  
– Kritsada Mueanhawong

### Elderly lady busted with bags of leaves

A 74-year-old woman was arrested on November 20 for ‘looking after’ more than 58 kilograms of kratom leaves and 45 bottles of cough syrup used to make concoctions of illegal sedatives.

Acting on a tip-off, military officers led by the 41st Military Circle’s Major Sathit Naikoon arrested the pensioner at 10am on November 21 at a house in Soi 6 of the Saphan Ruam community in Rassada.

“We found kratom leaves and bottles of cough mixture in the first house that we inspected but then we saw an elderly

woman acting suspiciously as she disappeared into a neighboring property,” said Maj Sathit.

When we inspected that house we found Ms Jai, 74, along with more kratom leaves and bottles of cough mixture wrapped in packs and ready to sell on the black market. “When we questioned her, she revealed that she was paid 200 baht a day to look after the kratom and cough mixture,” said Maj Sathit.

Maj Sathit said they asked neighbors to contact the owner of the two houses but the landlord refused to show up. Officers also found in the properties 13,000 baht in cash, which they believe is from sales of the concoction.

Ms Jai was not immediately charged with any offenses until investigators could catch up with the owner of the properties used to store the illegal substances.

– Winai Sarot

### ‘Unidentified’ backhoes written up

PHUKET Marine Office representatives have warned they will punish anyone who decides to encroach on Mai Khao

Beach.

A Facebook user named as Sulaimarn Kaewngamdee posted 14 photos of several backhoes working on the beach – destroying its natural environment.

The post read: “Locals saw this being done. We don’t know what is behind this activity but no body has dared to ask. I saw the Mai Khao OrBorTor president come and judge the situation. He ordered the workers to stop what they were doing as authorities are investigating who’s behind all this.”

On November 22, Bophit Chomchuey from the Phuket Marine Office went to the site and filed a complaint at Tah Chat Chai Police Station, against whoever was involved in the work. Police are now working on the investigation to verify who is responsible for it.

– Kritsada Mueanhawong

### Sharp objects removed from Kamala Beach

KAMALA officials on November 22 worked on removing sharp objects that recently appeared on the beach after several complaints from anxious locals as well as tourists.

Kamala Police talked to representatives of Kamala OrBorTor regarding the metallic object, that only appeared during low tide in the morning.

Officials, along with workers, spotted the object – an iron rod connected to a post which was in turn connected to a beam.

Lt Col Pramuan Jaikratok of Kamala Police told the *Gazette* that the rod was buried deep into the sand.

“We had to cut the iron rod that was sticking out of the sand, which was very difficult to do,” confirmed Col Pramuan. “However, we managed to take care of it.”

It couldn’t be confirmed, though, as to why the object was there to begin with.

Several Line app groups as well Facebook users distributed pictures of the object, which had created a lot of discussion regarding the matter on social media.

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### Study claims sea gypsies old inhabitants

A research study by officials and experts claims that sea gypsies have been inhabitants of the island for more than 400 years, and urged relevant authorities to take action on the matter.

At a seminar held in Rawai to unveil the 7th annual sea gypsies reunion on November 21, the matter was presented to the guest of honor, Phuket Vice Governor Snith Sriwihok.

The seminar was jointly led by Gen Surin Pikulthong, head of sea gypsies land dispute committee; Professor Wicha Mahakun, Dean of Law Faculty Rangsit University; Human Rights Committee Representative Tuenjai Deetes; Dr Prajiad Aksornthammakul, former vice governor and other relevant officers, as well as sea gypsies representatives.

“Sea gypsies in Thailand comprise three ethnicities – Moken, Moklen and Uraklawoi. Their ancestors have been living in Thailand for more than 300 years in about 44 communities, with a total population of 12,000 spread throughout five Andaman provinces including Phuket, Phang Nga, Krabi, Satun and Ranong,” said Ms Saengsom Hantalay, head of the Koh Lipe sea gypsy community.

– Winai Sarot

# Military removes beach front stalls at Naithon



Snack stalls and massage beds at Naithon Beach were dismantled after the stall-holders ignored warnings that they were in breach of the government's beach management policy. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

MILITARY officers removed 29 roadside vendors at Naithon Beach on November 18, demolishing makeshift stalls set up among trees lining the beachfront.

About 50 Thalang and Sakoo District officers along with national park officers, civil defense volunteers and Navy personnel assembled at

the beach at 10am and spent two hours assisting vendors taking down the snack stalls and massage beds on the beach.

Thalang District Office Chief (Palad) Siripong Leprasit said the vendors had already been informed that they had to move during a previous inspection visit but they had ignored the orders.

"The vendors were in breach of the beach management policy

so we came this morning to remove them. They all cooperated and allowed us to demolish the stalls while they removed their belongings. Some of the vendors helped us take down the structures," he said.

The clampdown on beachside vendors in Phuket began in earnest in April, when officials moved in to demolish bars and restaurants along Surin Beach.

# Vendors gripe over new buildings at Nai Yang Beach



Disgruntled vendors complained as new buildings were constructed on the area from where they were kicked out. Photo: Winai Sarot

VENDORS who were kicked out of Nai Yang Beach two years ago lodged a complaint on November 21 with the Damrongdharma (Ombudsman's) Center, claiming that private property developers are still encroaching on about 5 rai of public land.

Two local vendors, named as Amnuay Phongtoi and Ketujat Sanam, along with 20 others who used to operate stalls at the beach, said new buildings for restaurants, spas and accommodation have been built without permission, on the land they left in 2014. They claim that these are new buildings, since the old ones were demolished.

The land in question is a public area called Thung Sagnuan

Leang Sat, located at Laem Pit in front of Nai Yang Beach.

"As per the Government's beach management policies, military had ordered to demolish the buildings. It is not fair at all," said Mr Amnuay

Mr Amnuay stated that the land title holder had several SorKor 1 deeds that covered about 9 rai of land. "The landlord has encroached over an additional 2 rai of land," he claimed. Some buildings were demolished completely, while others remained and were rebuilt.

Ms Wannee Sirikhan of Damrongdharma Center accepted the letter from the group and agreed to look into it based on legalities.

- Winai Sarot

# Thailand visa fees reduced

VISA FEES for entering Thailand, including those for visas on arrival, are to be reduced for three months starting on December 1.

The move is intended to boost tourist arrivals, a key economic engine for the country.

"The fees will be cut to 1,000 baht," Tourism Ministry representatives announced on November 22.

The change was announced less than two months after visa fees were increased to 2,000 baht on September 27.

The Kingdom of Thailand currently offers visas on arrival for citizens of 19 countries - Andorra, Bulgaria, Bhutan, China, Cyprus, Ethiopia, India,



For a three-month period, starting December 1, travellers will be charged 1,000 baht. Photo: Gazette file

Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Arabia, Taiwan, Ukraine and the Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Uzbekistan. Romania, San Marino, Saudi

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# Riot suspect claims wrongful arrest

By Kongleaphy Keam

A PHUKET man has denied involvement in a riot last October in Thalang, during which the district's police station was firebombed, after police hauled him in for questioning.

The riot flared up on October 10 last year after two suspected drug dealers were killed while trying to flee police on a motorbike.

Eleven months later, police acted on an arrest warrant issued for Uthai Sooklian and charged him on September 20 with ten different offences, including inciting public disorder, assault of police officers and arson.

The arrest warrant had been issued after Mr Uthai was identified as a suspect from CCTV footage taken during the riot. Mr Uthai was locked away for the night and then shown the CCTV footage the next day.

"It was not me in the footage. The man they are looking for has a tattoo. I don't have one, but they [police] don't believe me," Mr Uthai told the Phuket Damrongdharma (Ombudsman) Center when he filed a complaint there on November 18 for wrongful arrest, following his release from police custody on



Photographs of the suspect, who has a tattoo on his left arm, are held up against Mr Uthai's tattooless arm. Photo: Kongleaphy Keam

500,000 baht bail.

"Now I have to pay half a million baht in bail.

"I don't have that kind of money and have had to ask others for help. This has cost me time away from work as

well," said Mr Uthai.

Damrongdharma Center officer Thasanee Naparat accepted the complaint from Mr Uthai and promised that the center would look into the matter.

# Krabi local believes rare fish will bring him luck



A GOLD-COLORED snakehead fish was found in Khao Phanom District in Krabi on November 18, by a 67-year-old local fisherman. However,

Pongsakorn Engchuan, an official at the Department of Agricultural Extension, said that it might only be a genetic mix up. Wichok Tuaithong, the

fisherman who found the fish, has decided to take care of the fish regardless, as he believes it may bring him luck.

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# Securing the Kingdom one airport at a time

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"They learn how to use that information to make a decision on whether something poses a threat and how to deal with it. Things like body and luggage searches are also part of the training."

The training also includes being able to recognize and mediate if any articles such as knives, scissors or sharp objects – as well as blunt items that can be used as weapons, firearms, corrosives, explosives or any other prohibited items as defined by International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations – are found on a passenger's person or in their luggage.

After two weeks of simulation-based 'classroom' training, security staff are then given extensive on-the-job training.

"During that period, staff actually come into the operation and their activities are monitored by more experienced members. This is when they get to practice what they've learned and get feedback about how they're doing and where they need improvement. What you can't replicate in a classroom environment is meeting people and dealing with problems as they occur. It's necessary to get hands-on experience for that," says Mr Hollingdale.

The team at ASM brings with it extensive knowledge and experience from having worked in diverse fields and settings worldwide.

Mr Karn, who is also the Executive Vice President of Loxley, has more than 30 years of experience with the company.

"In terms of security, I hadn't seen any company in Thailand doing what I thought needed to be done to bring us on par with other countries around the world. When I was first introduced to ICTS – which had been running this system in many European countries already – I became interested in bringing the same standard to Thailand," he says.

"My background is not from the area of security at all, but I

saw the opportunity and gathered the right people to work with me and make it happen. I'm lucky to be surrounded by many good people who helped me put this together, and we have had great success, both at Suvarnabhumi and in Phuket."

Mr Hollingdale has worked at Loxley for six years, before which he spent more than a decade working with ICTS Europe.

"We have a really good team here in Phuket and all over Thailand who are really interested in what they're doing and see the benefit of their work. I've travelled around the world and in some countries, you don't get this level of enthusiasm. The people are keen to learn and apply the knowledge they have acquired during training. Justifiably, they feel a lot of pride in what they're doing. You can see that they really do care about their work."

Ruij Sangkhavipa, Vice President Operations Task Group at Loxley and Chief

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Operating Officer at ASM, has decades of airline industry experience. His previous tenures include working as the station manager for Scandinavian

Airlines at Suvarnabhumi Airport and as a security system consultant for AoT during the move from Don Muang to Suvarnabhumi Airport.

"The message we would like to give travellers is that security is everyone's responsibility. If you see something suspicious, you must raise an alarm. You cannot only rely on security officers, especially at the airport," he says.

"We hope that when you come to the airport, you understand that we are following regulations laid down by the authorities – at times we may have to confront you about things. I just want to clarify that this is being done for your own safety. Our staff is under immense pressure, not only because there are a lot of passengers going through, but also because of the things they sometimes have to do as part of their job."

# Construction camp boss orders hit on laborer



Mr Bun was charged with gang murder. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

A MYANMAR camp boss suspected of ordering a hit on a workmate was apprehended within an hour by police late night on November 20 at a worker camp in Kamala.

Lt Col Somnuek Damkaew of Kamala Police arrived at the scene after he received reports of the incident at about 11:54pm.

The head of the workers,

named Kyaw Sein Win @ Bun, had reportedly had several previous arguments with Ta Zai U Kyi, 35, as he was paid too little and was going to resign. When police arrived, they saw a Myanmar man standing over Mr U Kyi's body that lay in a pool of blood.

"Witnesses told us that about 8:20pm, they saw Mr Bun, 47, and another Myanmar national named only as Uan, arrive at Mr U Kyi's accommodation,

where Mr Bun ordered Mr Uan to kill Mr U Kyi," said Col Somnuek. "Mr Uan took a meter-long crowbar and hit Mr U Kyi on the head thrice and ran away. Another witness told us that he heard the commotion and ran out to see Mr Bun and Mr Uan jumping on to a motorcycle and running away. He called for help but it was too late."

Police spotted Mr Bun at the scene of the crime while they were questioning witnesses.

"We arrested him, but he claimed that he only tried to stop Mr Uan from hitting Mr U Kyi. He also told us that he was scared so he rode away with Mr Uan to throw away the murder weapon in a pond nearby. Mr Bun took us to Mr Uan's friend's camp later, but he'd already left," confirmed Col Somnuek.

"We took Mr U Kyi's body to Patong Hospital."

Police have yet to find Mr Uan and the murder weapon, while Mr Bun was charged with gang murder.

# Volunteer divers sought for Phuket seahorse release



Phuket Aquarium is located at Cape Panwa. Photo: The Nation

PHUKET Aquarium is recruiting 20 volunteer divers to help release 989 seahorses into the Andaman Sea on December 5.

The organized release of the aquarium-bred thorny seahorses, aged three months to one year old, is in dedication

to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The aquarium is based at the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources' Andaman Marine and Coastal Resources Research and Development Centre at Cape Panwa.

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## Krabi rice sell-off boosts profits for hard hit Sisaket farmers



Krabi consumers snapped up eight tonnes of jasmine rice from Sisaket in three hours, raising 900,000 baht for the provincial co-operatives. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

By Kritsada Mueanhawong

EIGHT tonnes of jasmine rice from Sisaket Province sold out in just three hours in Krabi on November 17 in a government-led initiative to supply rice at a reduced price directly from farmers to consumers.

The 2pm sell-off of rice stocks was jointly organized by

the Krabi Provincial Co-operative Offices and Sisaket Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Limited (AMC) with the aim of helping rice farmers hit by a recent drop in the wholesale price of rice to just five baht a kilogram.

"Farmers are facing hardship as a result of monopolizing of the market by middlemen paying

low paddy prices to farmers so we arranged this campaign to help give the farmers better profit margins," said acting chief of the Krabi Provincial Cooperative Office Suchon Chanakhum.

Sisaket AMC manager Wuthikrai Suebsang said the rice sold that day raised 900,000 baht.

## Jellies return



A park official erects jellyfish warning signs on a beach in Krabi. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

NATIONAL park officials on November 17 installed warning signs on Koh Hong to educate and warn locals and tourists about jellyfish ahead of the high season.

"The signs are in Thai and English, one featuring pictures of jellyfish to help identify which ones are venomous and which not. The other explains what to do if stung by a jellyfish," said Jampen Pormpakdee, chief of the Koh Hong protection zone at Than Bok Khorani National Park.

Similar warning signs were installed back in April, when thousands of purple-colored jellyfish appeared off Krabi

"The old signs may not have reached everyone," chief Jampen added. "We are installing many more to make tourists fully aware of jellyfish as well as other dangers and safety regulations that need to be followed in the area."

A 1669 hotline has also been set up for emergency calls.

- Kritsada Mueanhawong

## Good Samaritan in Koh Samui returns Swiss tourist's lost bag



A relieved Marku Joost with new friends who returned his lost bag full of valuables. Photo: Suchat Hankij

A GOOD Samaritan on November 16 returned a Swiss tourist's lost bag, after it had gone missing the previous day.

The black bag, which belonged to Markus Joost, contained 16,000 baht in cash,

credit cards, an iPhone and a passport.

The 32-year-old Samui resident who found the bag, Sarawut Somsawat, works as a gardener at Anantara Hotel. He reportedly found the bag in

front of a picture of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on the side of the road near Resofel Beach Resort.

Mr Sarawut made a post on Facebook saying that he was looking for the bag's owner

and later took the bag to a nearby police station.

Mr Sarawut said it would have been wrong to take the money. The owner of the bag would be upset if he lost his valuables.

"It's common knowledge that if you find something that belongs to another, you should return it to them. I also feel that I did this for my King as I found the bag in front of his picture," said Mr Sarawut.

Mr Joost was reunited with his bag at The White Pearl Bang Poo Resort, where he met Mr Sarawut accompanied by police officers.

Mr Markus was ecstatic when he was handed the bag, and took pictures to post on social media. His Facebook post read: "Thank you so much for returning my bag. I was riding around on my bike around Chaweng Beach looking for it.

"I would like to thank the Thai police. Most importantly, I want to say that I really appreciate the fact that the people of Thailand are good people because of their King."

- Suchat Hankij

## National unity event held countrywide

THE government invited people all over the country to pay tribute to His Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej on November 22 at a special nationwide event, aimed at boosting national unity to move the country forward.

Deputy Prime Minister General Tanasak Patimapragorn said the event, 'Rurm Palang Haeng Kwarm Pakdee', which the government staged at various venues around the country, allowing people to pledge their loyalty to the Royal Family in front of the King's portrait and sing the Royal Anthem together.

"On this occasion, I would like to thank all Thai people who are united together in this time of grief. This is the power that will drive our country to a stable future, which the international community admires us for - we have to preserve it dearly."

The main event venue was the Government House, where Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha led the Cabinet and civil servants in pledging their loyalty before the King's portrait and then sing the Royal Anthem.

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## Councillor falls to his death in Bangkok

PHETCHABUN provincial councillor Kasapong Chawan-santati, 30, fell to his death from a condominium in Bangkok's Sathorn District on the morning of November 21.

After the alarm was raised by security guards and Mr Kasapong's girlfriend, police found his body on the building's ground-floor access road. There was no sign of a disturbance in the councillor's 18th-floor apartment.

Pol Captain Apichai Seesang of Thung Makamek precinct said Kasapong's girlfriend Patraya Kulchok-at, 31, told police that she and Kasapong had gone with friends to drink beer in Ekkamai before returning to the condominium, where they had moved in after a year together.

When she woke at 6:20am and couldn't find him, she went downstairs and discovered his body.

Apichai said police suspect Mr Kasapong accidentally fell off the balcony, although they would interview relatives, check the autopsy report from Chulalongkorn Hospital and inspect CCTV footage.

A source said Mr Kasapong, son of former Phetchabun MP Narongkorn Chawansantati, completed his council term last year but still held the acting position, in accordance with an order from the National Council for Peace and Order.

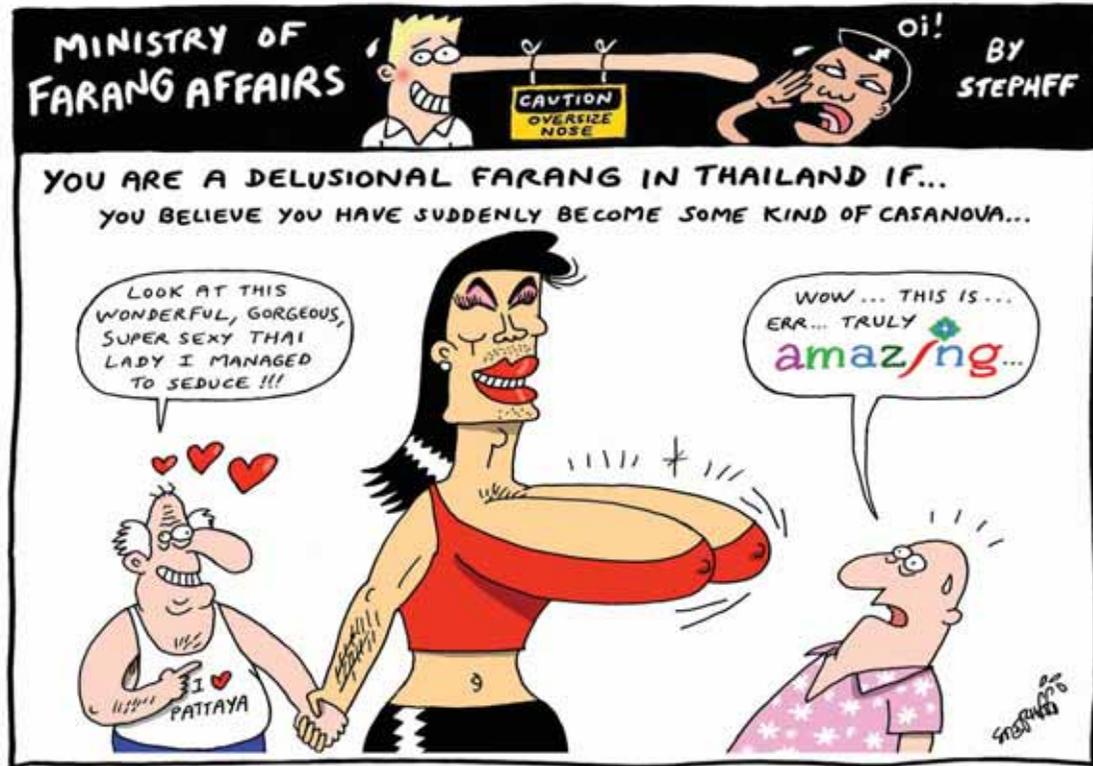
## Students participate in awareness drive

AUTHORITIES have been recruiting school students to help raise public awareness about overuse of antibiotics as part of a plan to cut cases of drug resistance by half in five years.

Excessive or unnecessary use of antibiotics can lead to drug resistance, which has led to many deaths.

Each year, more than 80,000 people in Thailand are found to have developed resistance to antibiotics. Of these patients, between 20,000 and 30,000 will die. In Saraburi Province, secondary school students at Thairath Wittaya 68 School have proven very effective in raising public awareness of the need to use antibiotics reasonably.

"They can successfully raise



awareness about rational antibiotics use among local residents, students and their families," Drug System Monitoring and Development Centre director Dr Niyada Kiatying-Angsulee said at the Antibiotics Awareness Week 2016 forum on November 18.

She said the centre was working with medical practitioners in community hospitals and provincial public health offices in more than 30 provinces to raise awareness of rational antibiotics use among community residents.

"We want them to realise that antibiotics cannot treat the usual sicknesses," Dr Niyada said.

She said there were examples of antibiotic-free communities where no antibiotics were sold in grocery stores, as the result of cooperation between the centre and community leaders, volunteers and local schools.

## Zika virus growing in religious sites

THE DISEASE Control Department (DCD) has found that religious sites are the main breeding grounds of the Aedes aegypti mosquito that can spread Zika. Its recent survey showed that almost 86 per cent of religious sites were found to have mosquito larvae.

The recent survey by the DCD showed mosquito larvae had been found at 85.71 per cent of religious sites.

"These larvae are mostly found in largely overlooked stuff that can contain water

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such as tree pots or unused tyres," DCD director-general Dr Jedsada Chokdamrongsuk said on November 19.

He said 63.64 per cent of schools had hosted mosquito breeding grounds. Larvae had also been found in a quarter of hotels and about 18 per cent of factories.

DCD deputy director-general Dr Panumard Yarnwaisakul said Zika had already become an endemic disease in Thailand with new cases being reported on a daily basis. He said the department is currently monitoring one case of microcephaly.

Public Health Ministry permanent secretary Dr Sapon Mekthon said that in order to fight against such communicable diseases, it was necessary to crack down on mosquito breeding grounds.

"If we can launch a complete crackdown, we can prevent the spread of not just Zika virus but other [mosquito-borne] diseases such as dengue fever and Chikungunya fever," he said.

Sapon said 33 new Zika virus patients were reported during the past week in 12 provinces.

He said about 80 per cent of Zika-infected people do not know that they have caught the disease because in healthy adults the virus hardly causes any symptoms.

Thailand has reported more than 680 cases of Zika since January.

## 30,000 plus in volunteer for Dad program

THAMMASAT University reported that more than 30,000 people had volunteered for work to honour HM the King over the past month.

The university's "Volunteers For Dad" program was carried out in cooperation with the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration to assist millions of Thais who flocked to the Grand Palace and Sanam Luang to pay their respects to the late King.

All 33,517 volunteers as well as donors, who provided bottled water, snacks and first-aid medicine to visitors, were thanked for their contributions from October 19 to date.

## Relatives parade coffin of dead punter

ABOUT 20 relatives and friends of punter Don Daengchantip, 34, who died after allegedly being assaulted by seven Suttthisan policemen during a raid on an illegal gambling den in Huai Khwang in Bangkok on November 3, brought his body in a coffin to Suttthisan Police Station on November 21 to demand justice.

They want the seven officers who have been charged to be fired, according to Sira Jenjakha, a former member of the now-defunct National Reform Council, who led the group.

The family had a second autopsy done at Thammasat University's Forensic Science Institute, as they believed the police procedure had not been thorough, Mr Sira said. Initial findings of the second autopsy suggest Mr Don suffered blunt force trauma, resulting in bruises all over his body, and his skull was fractured.

This contradicted reports from Metropolitan Police Area 2 that Mr Don had died from blood circulation failure combined with chronic ischemic heart disease.

The family has produced a medical certificate stating that Mr Don did not suffer from any such chronic illness.

They also urged the PM to sack the seven police, as well as probe the medical examiner who did the autopsy, and make the police provide aid to Mr Don's family.

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# Taking technology for granted

ONGOING infrastructure improvements at the newly-expanded Phuket International Airport (HKT) have resulted in some long delays for passengers arriving at peak hours recently. One area, however, where systems were fully in place at the time of launch is Airport security.

The *Phuket Gazette* commends Airports of Thailand (AOT) and their subcontractors for their dedicated work in getting security staff at the airfield fully up to speed in manning the new full body scanners and related technologies. We hope that other departments can also follow suit so that it will be 'all systems go' by the time the peak season for tourism arrives next month.

In the meantime, we ask that passengers heed official requests for patience while other measures take effect.

Reminding readers of how quickly we take new technology for granted has become a recurring theme in this space in recent years.

Safe and affordable air travel certainly ranks highly among the modern marvels we not only fail to fully appreciate, but are also remarkably quick to gripe about.

If all goes according to plan and we travel ten time zones with no unexpected delays, we still tend to give ourselves a mental pat on the back for having endured such a 'grueling ordeal'.

Of course not every journey goes as smoothly as we might wish. As we stew in our own juices waiting for our turn to be processed by overworked officials, it is easy to fall prey to the forces of frustration.

At Phuket Airport, in particular, such feelings of dissatisfaction tend to be made even worse by the prospect of having to engage in futile negotiations with greedy taxi drivers for a reasonable fare to one's final destination.

It is at times like these that travellers might be better served by reflecting on all of the under-appreciated benefits of modern air travel than by fixating so squarely on its shortcomings.

From a broader perspective, even deploying the most state-of-the-art technology at Phuket Airport can only go so far in protecting us from terrorism and other modern-day threats.

In the end, these devices can only be as effective as the security personnel who operate them, which is why the operators should be afforded time to provide all the necessary training.



## Can't always blame brake failure

Re: *Motorcyclists injured in coach collision on Patong Hill, Nov 22*

Brake failure seems to be the all too easy excuse for runaway trucks and bus accidents on Patong Hill.

How many more people will be seriously injured or killed before something is done?

How about all heavy vehicles have the brakes tested at the base of the hill at either end before going over the top?

Just a brief check by a qualified mechanic would not take more than a minute or two.

Seht1912  
Gazette forum

## Letters to the Editor

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have spring up in front of the cemetery and even right across from the Police Station! But no one 'seems' to ever see it.

Mister Ree  
Gazette forum

would like the floats to last more than the two or three seconds they get to float in the water before they are torn apart by youngsters looking for money.

Surely their must be a law enforcement that prohibits such activity until the next morning?

As it really spoils the affect of the floats on the water, plus the people that make them

Frank Stevens  
Gazette forum

## Need signs in Russian and Chinese

Re: *Russian man stopped at airport with protected sea shells, Nov 21*

"We now plan to install warning signs in both Thai and English to educate everyone about our endangered species."

Since it was a Russian and you had to get translators, wouldn't it make sense to have the signs made with Russian as well?

Also, since Chinese take everything they see you should put their language as well.

John C  
Gazette forum

## No coastal roads for big trucks

Re: *Truck blocks coastal road between Surin and Kamala, Nov 18*

Big trucks like that should not use that coastal road, as it does not even have two proper lanes.

How can such trucks take the sharp turns?

Jacky  
Gazette forum

## Pensioners in need of more care

Re: *Phuket pensioner busted with illegal concoctions, Nov 22*

Perhaps if the pensioners were paid fair compensation, they wouldn't have to resort to 'watching' other people's drugs for them.

The fact that she's 74 speaks volumes about this fact.

Vanessa Mason  
Facebook

## Turning off cellphone is the sensible thing to do

Re: *Opinion: No cellphones while re-fuelling, Nov 20*

A sensible thing to do. Effective in Europe for years and needs to be respected. People's lives matter.

Alessandro Baldieri  
Facebook

## Kamala in desperate need of beach clearance

Re: *Military removes stalls at Naithon Beach, Nov 19*

One wonders why Kamala remains exempt for the clearances. Some businesses have never closed along that beach. More and more businesses

## Stricter checks on Loy Krathong floats

Re: *Waterways lit with thousands of lanterns for Loy Krathong, Nov 19*

Like most tourists, I like the Loy Krathong festival but I

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# Safety always a priority

## FIRST PERSON

BESIDES government hospitals, there is another place on the island for HIV patients to turn to. The Life Home Project Foundation located in Koh Siray was set up for the sole purpose of helping women and children in need of assistance in this regard.

We take care of any HIV-positive women and children who turn to us for help. Some of them have been ostracized by their communities, and some have even been rejected by their own families. Here, we provide them with food, shelter, water, clothing and anything else they need free of charge. The foundation also provides scholarships for children to acquire an education.

Nobody treats them any differently from those who do not have HIV. It's a much better environment for them to be in.

We also provide services for these women to get medical check-ups and anti-virus treatments from hospitals. We give them advice about how to live happily and how to adjust themselves within society.

Our shelter can accommodate up to 30 people by law. We take care of women and children who are infected with HIV. The children are either HIV-affected or orphans of people with AIDS who have now passed away.

Beside those who live in the shelter, we also take care of others out there as well. Some of our members initially came to live in the shelter, but left when their health improved and they were in a better state, both physically and mentally. These



**Noppadol Pongpun** is the Project Manager of the Life Home Project Foundation, a non-profit organization with the goal of offering children, women and patients suffering from HIV (Human Immuno-deficiency Virus) and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) a more dignified life.

Originally from Surat Thani, Mr Noppadol has lived in Phuket and worked for the foundation since 2002. He graduated with a degree in engineering from Siam University.

He first started out as a volunteer and was appointed as the project manager in 2013. Here he talks about how HIV patients can get access to treatment and why people need to protect themselves and prevent the virus from spreading.

women are now living a much happier and more productive life. They are able to find work for themselves and become contributing members of society.

However, I am worried that HIV is still spreading. Part of the reason is that some people don't take the threat very seriously and fail to protect themselves. It is usually very hard to tell who is the carrier, so I'd like to warn everyone to please be aware and realize that it is all around us.

Many people believe that HIV is something very far removed from reality and not likely to affect them, but that is not the case. It is impossible to tell just by someone's appearance whether that person is HIV positive. It is only until we see evidence in the form of blood test results that we can tell. Until then, the best option is to protect yourself.

Patients who have HIV can live for many years, just by following a simple anti-virus treatment. We now also have

treatments that prevent transmission of the virus from mother to child during pregnancy.

I am glad that both government and private sectors are working together to fight HIV and ensure better treatment for patients. Several agencies are also doing PR activities to raise awareness about how to get access to treatment, what kinds of treatment are available and how to protect yourself from contracting the disease.

More people are becoming aware of it and adopting a more open attitude towards HIV patients. The important thing is that the patients themselves should seek treatment in order to live a happy life, without endangering others around them.

*Mr Noppadol noted that the project does not have a main sponsor and no regular source of funding. If anyone is interested in making a donation, call 076-614060 or 089-729 3410, visit [info@lifelhomeproject.org](mailto:info@lifelhomeproject.org) or visit: [lifelhomeproject.org](http://lifelhomeproject.org).*



Chillva is one of the new markets in Phuket and is well worth a visit. Photo: Facebook/Chillva

## Never at a standstill

### Island View

By Sukhsam Supachai

*Do you have an opinion to voice? Email [Editor@PhuketGazette.net](mailto:Editor@PhuketGazette.net)*

I HAVE LIVED in Phuket for about 12 years now and seen plenty of things come and go. While some things have changed for the better, others perhaps not so much. Anyone who last visited Phuket a decade ago would be faced with a very different spectacle today.

One thing I have noticed in the past few years is a marked increase in the number of night markets in Phuket. For many years, the only two dominant night markets were Naka weekend market, and Thalung walking street market. This is where locals and foreigners alike went for a unique local shopping and dining experience.

These days, the choice of such venues is much wider, and this is not including nightly street side markets, such as those that line the beachfront in Patong. New night markets have now popped up in Phuket Town, Cherg Talay, Thalung and several other places all over Phuket.

The thought occurred to me a few weeks ago, when I drove from Koh Keaw to Phuket Town with my wife. The two of us were looking for a place to grab some dinner. My wife wanted to check out a new night market in the area, which made me think about all the new options that are available now.

Additionally, you'll now find a night market every day of the week, not just the weekend. Some markets are open from Monday to Wednesday, others from Thursday to Saturday. I found not just one, but several night markets all over Phuket Town, selling Thai and fusion cuisine, snacks, fresh juices, clothes, souvenirs, and so on. Most of the markets are quite reasonably priced and have a lively ambience.

Ever since that night, my wife and I have begun exploring new markets. Some of the interesting ones we came across were Chillva Market near Tesco Lotus Samkong, Phuket Indy Market near Limelight Avenue and Lad Nai Muang at Phuket Boat Lagoon, but there are plenty of others left to explore, including the Floating Market in Kathu. The experience has been fun for both of us, and helped us rediscover the city we fondly call home.

## Words from the Wise

**“Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.”**

– Oprah Winfrey

**“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”**

– Barack Obama

## Thai idioms and their meanings

IDIOMS in the Thai language are usually derived from various natural or cultural references. Many include rhyming and/or alliteration, and their distinction from aphorisms and proverbs are not always clear.

One such idiom is *ko kho mai kradik hu* which literally translates into 'not wiggling an ear' and used when referring to an illiterate person.

Another interesting idiom is *gradtai maai jan* which literally translates into 'the rabbit dreams of the moon' and refers to desiring unattainable goals.



The rabbit and the moon. Image: Pete Birkinshaw

One notable idiom is *kla nak mak bin* which literally translates as 'so bold, usually

ends up chipped' and actually means being too bold usually results in danger.

## Seven key execs join Rosewood



Rosewood's Phuket property is set to open in the second quarter of next year. Photo: Supplied

ROSEWOOD Hotels & Resorts has hired seven executive committee members ahead of next year's opening of the group's new Rosewood Phuket property – their first ultra-luxury hotel in Southeast Asia.

Scheduled to open in the second quarter of 2017, the resort has 71 villas and 32 residences to accommodate up to 250 guests at a time, offering wellness programs with alternative therapies at the hotel's restaurants and bars.

The line up of new hospitality professionals joining the resort's managing director Andrew Turner have been 'hand-picked' to oversee the opening.

Director of Sales and Marketing Jodie Clark has 15 years experience in hospitality marketing, including a 7-year stint at Starwood Hotels & Resorts.

Food and Beverage Director Giovanni Palmaccio, also

has 15 years' experience in luxury hospitality, including at two popular set ups in Shanghai.

Award-winning Executive Chef Jusman was named as 'Singapore's Best Rising Chef' at the 2008 World Gourmet Summit.

Phuket-based Chutima Boonsanong is the new director of human resources following a tenure as director of human resources at Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort and other international hotel brands, including Marriot, Anantara and Phuket luxury brand Twinpalms.

Sixteen-year Starwood veteran Tunyawan Kraseewat has joined as director of rooms, and native engineering expert Kittikorn Poolsin joins as director of engineering, along with new director of finance Naruemol Jirakittikul.

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## Hostel launches coworking space



Co-working spaces have been opening up all over the world as they provide a new progressive environment for digital nomads and professional bloggers, in addition to entrepreneurs. Photo: Lub d Phuket Patong

The recently opened Lub d Phuket Patong hostel – the largest hostel in Asia – has teamed up with leading Hong Kong-based co-working set up providers Garage Society to jointly open 'the most modern and connected co-working space in Phuket'. Following the soft launch back in September, Garage Society and Lub d officially opened on November 19 to support networking in Phuket.

The Garage Society and Lub d management and team welcomed members in the startup press community at Lub d Phuket Patong.

With its open design, the co-working space gives millennials, digital nomads and independent business travellers a creative space to think outside the box. A 'couch corner' gives the 'Garagers' a space to work casually and mingle with fellow Garagers at the same time. They can alternatively use the multi-purpose tables if you're working as group.

However, if participants prefer having their own private space to work in, dedicated desks with LAN cables have been provided.



Leading Hong Kong-based co working space provider Garage Society has teamed up with Lub d in Patong. Photo: Garage Society

Moreover, the open terrace provides a fresh new look for users to appreciate.

Besides the co-working space a meeting room is also available which can accommodate up to 15 people at a time, complete with office facilities and high speed internet, that is expected to help create business ideas uninterrupted.

"If Garagers plan on having a workshop, seminar or event, the

space can be set up accordingly. A common area with a cafe and bar is also available on the premises. A swimming pool is also located nearby.

"Garage Society at Lub d Phuket Patong is a community where people can openly exchange experiences and advice with people coming in from around the world," said James Bernardo, Programming Director, Garage Society Hong Kong

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## NESDB puts GDP growth next year at 3-4 per cent

GROSS domestic product is expected to grow by 34 per cent next year mainly from an export rebound, a rise in agricultural production, and strong tourism, according to the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB).

NESDB Secretary-General Parametee Vimolsiri said Monday that higher exports would encourage investment by the private sector, and a stronger agricultural sector would stimulate household spending. There would also be more investment from the government sector.

“Total export value will grow by 2.4 per cent, household spending will rise by 2.7 per cent, and total investment will climb 5 per cent year on year,” he said.

The NESDB said third-quarter GDP grew by 3.2 per cent, compared with 3.5-per-cent growth in the second quarter. As a result, the economy in the first nine months of 2016 grew by 3.3 per cent.

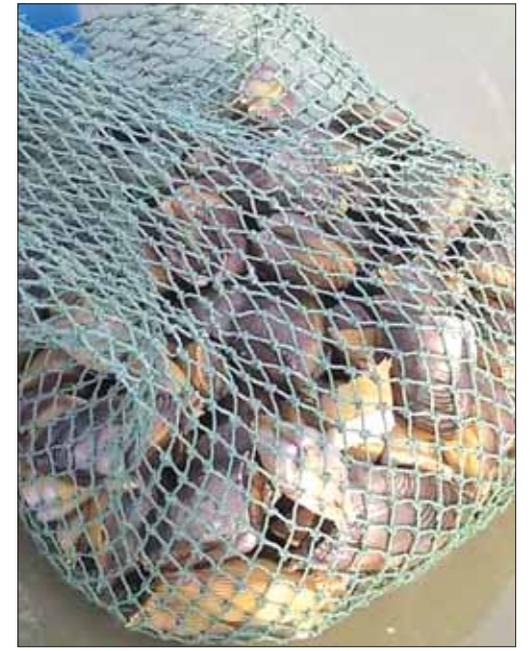
On the production side, for the agricultural sector, easing of the drought resulted in higher crop production in the third quarter.

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# Where there's muck there's brass



Left: Hundreds of people can be seen in the mornings, poking sticks in the sand along Thung Talay Beach in Koh Klang sub-district, looking for tapao shells, which are found a few inches under the surface. Right: the shells fetch up to 420 baht per kilogram. Photos: Kritsada Mueanhawong



By Kritsada Mueanhawong

ENTERPRISING villagers on Koh Lanta are earning up to 3,000 baht a week getting their hands dirty collecting sea shells.

The coastal village entrepreneurs are making ends meet by digging in the wet sand at a nearby beach for ‘tapao’ shells – a type of edible clam-like mollusk that appears in the area at the end of the monsoon season – and selling them for about 420 baht per kilogram.

The clams are selling well locally and are also a hit with Hong Kong diners, who pay more for having the mollusks imported.

Hundreds of people can be seen in the mornings, poking sticks in the sand along Thung Talay Beach in Koh Klang sub-district, looking for the shells, which are found a few inches under the surface.

For some of the shell hunters, the mollusks are a source of food as well as a source of extra income.

The shell collectors say the price per kilogram for the shells has recently risen from 130 baht to 420 baht as the delicacy grows in popularity here and abroad, earning them between 1,000 to 3,000 baht a week.

Local resident Putphong Raktua, 40, got in on the act after joining her neighbor for 5am forays, collecting about 3kg of the shells each day. “We eat a lot of them too. They’re delicious,” she said.

Ms Putphong said the shells cannot always be found there.

“We are rushing to collect them now because they are only here for short periods in the year”.

Lanta Fishery Office chief Sakda Thaweemueng said the mollusks arrive in Krabi with high tides just after the monsoon season. They are collected during low tides.

“They are tasty and can be used in a variety of dishes, making them popular domestically as well as for export, fetching between 360 and 420 baht per kilogram,” said Ms Sakda.

## Economy growth slow as public debt rises



A slower than normal growth was recorded. Photo: Benh LIEU SONG

THE THAI economy recorded a slower growth rate of 3.2 per cent in the third quarter as the country’s outstanding public debt increased slightly amid a large drop in treasury reserves due to revenue shortfalls and higher public expenses.

Gross domestic product growth was 3.5 per cent in the

second quarter and for the first nine months of this year, growth averaged 3.3 per cent, while next year’s economic outlook will heavily depend on US president-elect Donald Trump’s economic and other policies as well as on the country’s agriculture prices and tourism sector.

Domestic paddy prices have dropped to a 10-year low while the tourism industry is facing a negative impact from a government crackdown on illegal Chinese tour operators in Thailand, resulting in a sharp drop in tourist arrivals from China.

Over the past several years, China has been the biggest source of foreign tourists in Thailand, accounting for almost a third of the 30 million tourist arrivals to the Kingdom last year.

According to the Public Debt Management Office, Thailand’s outstanding public debt as of September 30 increased slightly from the month before to 5.98 trillion baht, representing 42.73 per cent of GDP.

In August, the public debt was at 5.95 billion baht, or 42.64 per cent of GDP.

Of the total amount, B5.64tn was domestic debt,

representing 94.21 per cent of the total public debt, and B346.43bn was external debt, accounting for 5.79 per cent of the total.

Compared with the previous month, public debt increased by B39.05bn in the latest count.

The country’s treasury reserves, however, dropped significantly to only B235bn in October due to revenue shortfalls and higher expenses.

According to Kritsada Jinavijarana, director-general of the Fiscal Policy Office, budget disbursements totalled B435bn in October while the government’s revenues amounted to B154bn. The government also borrowed B52.7bn in October.

As a result, the country’s treasury reserves fell to B235bn in October from the previous month’s B441.3bn.

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# To be number one

Fourteen teens from local dance group DW SouthTimez were selected to represent the province in the southern chapter 'To Be Number One Dancercise 2017' on November 18. DW SouthTimez's choreographer was hip hop dancing star Ajarn Beam from the Phuket Dance World Studio. The 'To Be Number One' initiative is a youth activity campaign under the royal patronage of HRH Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana.



Teen dance group DW SouthTimez received national recognition for their talent.

# International athletes take time out after 23rd Laguna Phuket Triathlon

Many of the international athletes who competed in the gruelling Laguna Phuket Triathlon on Sunday have been hanging around at the luxury resort to recover after the 1.8K swim, 50km bike race and 12km run, including triathlon legends such as Mark Allen, Greg Welch, Craig Alexander, Paula Newby-Fraser, Michelle Jones, Chris McCormack and Chrissie Wellington.



Professional athlete Michael Raelert (right) with Angsana Laguna Phuket's general manager Brian Connelly. Mr Raelert spent more than a week at the resort so he could also compete in the Ironman 70.3 Thailand triathlon on November 27.

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# Rites held for temple to honor Vichitsongkram

The Phuket Reporter Club and Phuketians of note, including dignitaries, executives from private corporations and students gathered to hold a merit-making ceremony on November 13 at the partially complete Vichitsongkram Temple near Provincial Hall in Phuket Town. The temple is a monument dedicated to Vichit Songkram, who is considered the founder of Phuket Province.



From Left: Phuket Reporter Club members Sarapee Srithammarut, Am-nuay Thongsom, club president Janjira Sittabutr, Prompassorn Jornjarunthanapong, Korkwan Insawan, Phatcharathorn Srirasran and Orawan Poonwong.

# Royal Thai Navy marks 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Royal Thai Navy Andaman Region 3 Admiral Suraphol Kuptapan presided over a three-day Buddhist ceremony held at the province's naval headquarters to mark national Navy Day and 110 years since the founding of the country's marine armed forces on November 18.



Admiral Suraphol Kuptapan makes merit in the grounds of the Region 3 Navy HQ.



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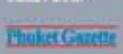
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# 40 nationalities compete at Laguna

GERMAN athlete Michael Raelert finished first in the 23rd annual Laguna Phuket Triathlon on November 20, completing the 1.8km swim, 50km bike race and 12km run in 2 hours, 19 minutes and 13 seconds – beating his own record by 11 minutes, which he set when he won the contest last year.

In second and third places in the men’s category were France’s Antony Costes (02:21:18) and Australian Brad Kahlefeldt (02:23:21).

The first across the line in the women’s field, 17 minutes after Raelert, was New Zealander and Laguna Triathlon first timer Amelia Rose Watkinson, who crossed the finish line in 2 hours, 36 minutes and 29 seconds. Her win for Watkinson was her ninth out of 10 races this year.

Second in the women’s division was World Duathlon Champion Emma Pallant from Great Britain (02:42:30) followed by Radka Vodickova of the Czech Republic (02:43:22), who has won three Laguna Phuket Triathlons before.

After his win, Mr Raelert said he was ‘very happy’ with the race. “It’s fantastic. Definitely I’ll return. I love it here in Phuket,” he said.

Watkinson has been training in Thailand since March and this year’s Laguna Phuket Triathlon was her first race in



Runners set off on the 6km fun run of the 2016 Laguna Phuket Triathlon in the morning of November 20. Photo: Laguna Phuket Triathlon

Thailand. “I am excited to be here. The weather is quite nice, not too hot but still with high humidity. I tried to keep pushing, especially on the bike course and those hills so that it’s not too hard on the run leg,” she said.

“I will spend this holidays season back home (in New Zealand), and will return to Thailand next year to train, and definitely defend my title at the next Laguna Phuket Triathlon,” she said.

Altogether 1,100 individual

pro and age-group athletes of more than 40 nationalities competed in the triathlon as well as 55 relay teams and many more in the 6km fun run.

First for Thailand was Jaray Jearanai (02:38:48) while Artiwaru Kongmalai, Thai-

land’s number one rock star best known by his stage name “Toon Bodyslam” finished his individual race in 03:54:07. Thai champion in the women’s field was Nichakarn Ruttanaporn, came in 03:12:43.

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Top finishers in the men’s and women’s categories celebrate victory.



New Zealander Amelia Rose Watkinson finished in 2 hours, 36 minutes and 29 seconds.



The race included a gruelling 50km bike course. Photos: LPT

### 2016 Laguna Phuket Triathlon Top 10 Finishers

Men	Swim	Bike	Run	Overall
1 Michael Raelert (DEU)	00:22:54	01:11:35	00:42:39	02:19:13
2 Antony Costes (FRA)	00:22:56	01:10:58	00:45:15	02:21:18
3 Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS)	00:22:58	01:15:26	00:42:58	02:23:21
4 Ritchie Nicholls (GBR)	00:23:04	01:16:51	00:42:00	02:23:46
5 Alberto Casadei (ITA)	00:23:00	01:15:25	00:44:13	02:24:42
Women	Swim	Bike	Run	Overall
1 Amelia Rose Watkinson (NZL)	00:25:20	01:18:27	00:50:27	02:36:29
2 Emma Pallant (GBR)	00:25:24	01:25:32	00:49:32	02:42:30
3 Radka Vodickova (CZE)	00:25:22	01:25:32	00:50:15	02:43:22
4 Imogen Simmonds (GBR)	00:27:44	01:23:00	00:51:36	02:44:50
5 Annelise Jefferies (AUS)	00:27:44	01:29:47	00:52:32	02:52:44

# Curate diving with kind words

## Diving

By Isaac Stone Simonelli

YOU'RE going to be hard pressed to find an easily accessible warm water dive site anywhere in the world that wasn't more glorious ten, twenty years ago. However, shallow tropical water sites, which have been most heavily transformed from global warming and other human impacts, are still capable of inspiring, mesmerizing and filling a diver's heart and mind with awe.

Those of us in Phuket's dive industry keep forgetting these two key points. And though we seek to promote our diving to the outside world, the words we use when describing it within the community or even to loyal customers undermines that message – a message that I believe to my core is fair: diving in the Andaman from Kata Beach shore dives to liveboards in Hin Daeng and Hin Muang is great diving.

Writing the *Phuket Gazette* dive columns for nearly the last five years has been one of my greatest pleasures on the island, as it opened the doors to the wonders below the Andaman Sea's surface to me. So, as I ink my final dive column for the *Gazette*, I ask that those in the industry attempt to see Shark Point, King Cruiser, Koh Dok Mai, even Racha Noi through the eyes of divers new to the region. More importantly, I ask that Dive Masters and Dive Instructors, help curate a culture that leaves even divers with thousands of dives under their belt arriving at the surface after 45 minutes of bottom time with a smile on their face.

The best piece of advice I've ever had was from Nick of Scuba Nicks: "When I hit the surface after a dive, no matter how boring or bad it was, I smile and I say, 'Wasn't that amazing?' And then I find something, anything, that was interesting and start talking about it."

I am, of course, paraphrasing.

That start to a dialogue refocuses our clients or even our dive buddy on something positive. Even if what you saw was a fish trap on a coral reef, it opens up a conversation that engages the diver as he or she begins to understand his or her role as a custodian of the underwater world.

Vince Moy, who for a long time was working on the island with Kiwidiver, embodied this



Although the times are gone when you could easily spot a leopard shark at Shark Point, the point is not to create a culture of despair. Photo: Matthew Field

mentality to the point that grabbing a beer with him at Happy Days on Chalong Pier Road was always a pleasure. Without exception, no matter how tired and worn out, Vince was teeming with excitement about some nudibranch, species of sea horse or even change in grass bed conditions that he witnessed on a recent dive. Unconsciously, or possibly consciously, Vince was constantly nudging me and those around him to take better care of the ocean, to explore and to be inspired, because if you look hard enough, every dive can reveal something unique and beautiful.

In 2009, Richard Thaler published his book *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness*, where he explores Nudge Theory – a concept in behavioral science, political theory and economics which argues that positive reinforcement and indirect suggestions are capable of influencing the motives, incentives and decisions made by people and groups.

The use of verbal nudges within the dive industry to change our attitudes and the experiences of clients or even our dive buddies is essential to ensure the industry thrives in the region, especially as oceans and the wonders beneath it change.

Only the other day, in Chiang Mai of all places, I overheard a woman recounting her experience during a PADI Instructor Training Course where the director used the term "tea bagging" on several occasions.

In the diving industry, tea bag-

ging refers to taking Discover Scuba Divers and basically holding onto their tanks and dragging them around underwater before bringing them back to the surface. If I was taking my mum to a scuba shop to get her DSD, because I want to share the underwater world with her, I would not be happy to hear some arrogant dive instructor filling up tanks in the back going on about tea bagging clients.

To stop thinking about it as tea bagging, we need to stop calling it tea bagging.

Of course such language isn't for clients' ears. However, words we use impact the way we perceive them; it plays out on a larger scale and creates a culture

– read Mr Thaler if you want to get the full argument about nudges.

In the same way, our constant whining about Shark Point no longer having sharks or the corals not being the same in the shallows after the coral bleaching of 2010 is also creating a culture of despair. Yes, it was easier to collect a fat tip from a happy client when all you had to do was float around Shark Point to spot one or two Leopard Sharks. Those times are gone. And that's fine. Now, it's necessary to peer under small overhangs and go slow to find a Bamboo Shark or perhaps a couple colorful nudibranchs. And... there is always the chance

you do cross paths with the iconic spotted shark.

If my dive instructor hits the surface and starts rattling on about how cool it was to see a Mantis Shrimp because they punch so fast that they create an air bubble, which kills its prey with sound waves as the bubble collapses, I'm going to be pumped about having seen a Mantis Shrimp. So, why not share some insights and inspire your dive buddies and clients?

However, by changing the language we use, we don't have to ignore the problems we are facing. Divers are serious stakeholders and custodians of the underwater world and we have a responsibility to fulfill those roles. Getting students involved with dive site cleanups and programs such as Shark Guardian, Spot the Leopard Shark or Manta Trust or even looking at coral nurseries off Phi Phi Don is an important part of helping our students develop as responsible members of our community. These are also great ways to engage more experienced divers who might yawn in your face when you start talking about Mantis Shrimps.

Scuba is a tool. It's a tool to explore our world and understand it. Though we need to show our students that the underwater world is changing and that it does need us to step up our efforts, we have to remember that it is still a wondrous place, even if it's changed from what we remember when we first went beyond our comfort zone, strapped on a tank and began to explore below the surface of the Andaman.

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# A big world on a small planet



LOUTS and hooligans are often accused of 'behaving like animals'. Unlike most clichés, the expression is a complete fabrication and does a grave disservice to animals everywhere.

The world is full of human beings behaving badly. Homo sapiens, not your wild creature, is the lout, mindlessly bent on destruction, not only of others but ultimately of himself. Animals kill to survive: no wild creature murders randomly and excessively; no animal perversely destroys its own living conditions, or poisons its environment.

The latest World Wildlife Fund (WWF) report sounds alarm bells. Not that Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump would care. Neither of them, in what is the most hyped show on earth, has bothered to mention what is the greatest threat to us all – climate change and the collapse of wild life.

Consider a few stark facts. 50 per cent of the world's forests have vanished in the blink of an eye, 30 per cent of the earth's soil. The number of animals is set to fall by two thirds by 2020. Global populations of fish, birds, mammals, amphib-



More than 300 species of mammal are being eaten into extinction. Rivers, lakes and wetlands are the most affected habitats, with populations down by 81 per cents since 1970. Photo: pixnio.com

ians and reptiles declined by 58 per cent between 1970 and 2012. We are about to enter a new and terrifying phase - the Anthropocene - a geological era in which humans dominate the planet. Not good news... Marco Lamberti, Director General of WWF says: "lose biodiversity, and the life systems, as we know them today, will collapse. We completely depend on nature for the quality of the air we breathe, water we drink, climate stability, the

food we use and the economy we rely on, and not least for our health, inspiration and happiness." Instead, we are consuming and destroying resources as though we had 1.6 earths at our disposal.

The destruction of wild areas due to logging and farming, plus uncontrolled poaching for food, has hit mammals particularly hard. According to recent research, more than 300 species of mammal are being eaten into extinction. Rivers, lakes and

wetlands are the most affected habitats, with populations down by 81 per cent. Since 1970, a combination of pollution, excessive water extraction, and dams. Even the common eel is losing ground. Unsustainable fishing has emptied our seas To take one example close to home: the Asian trade in shark and ray parts mostly to China – is nearing one billion dollars per year.

The good news? Give Mother Nature the ghost of a

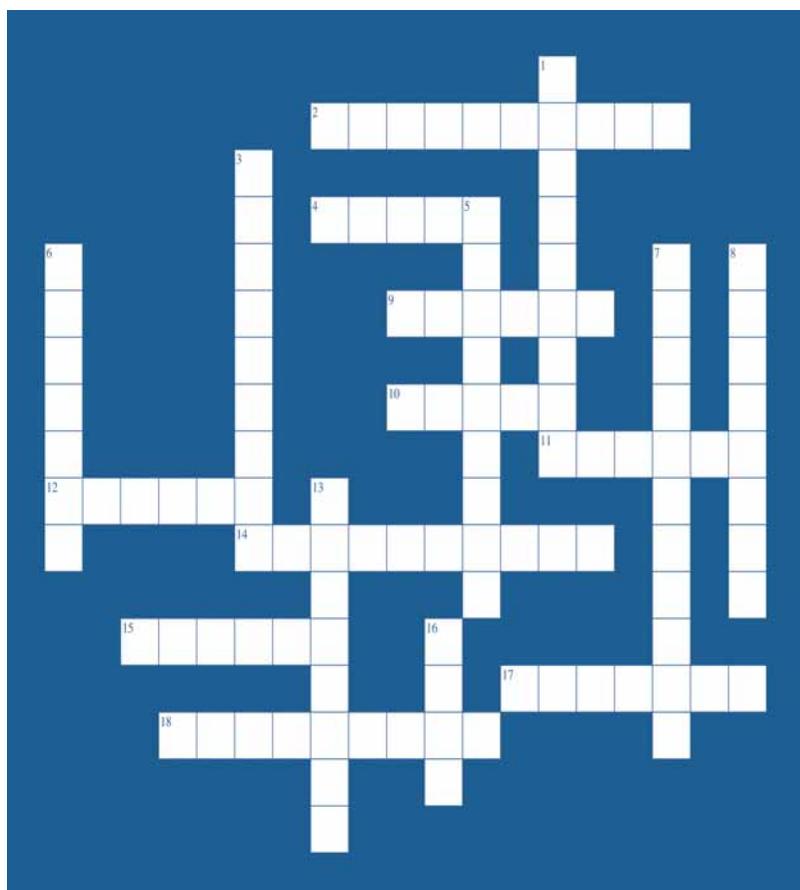
chance and she will come back smiling.

We are giving the Antarctic that chance by declaring its 14 million square kilometers a protected area. The cynical will say it is only because it is so cold and desolate that this has been agreed. Maybe, but it is still home to vast numbers of penguins, seals, whales, icefish and albatrosses.

Despite the fact that 2016 is about to set yet more records for global warming, CO2 emissions have begun to stabilize over the past two years. Maybe China's coal burning may have peaked too. Some protected species have actually grown in numbers. The Chinese panda and the Eurasian lynx have recently been removed from the endangered list, while tigers worldwide are increasing in numbers.

New protection for pangolins, one of Thailand's most hunted species, has been introduced. Likewise for rosewood, a native Thai tree, and the most trafficked wild product of all.

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## Gazette Crossword

Test your local knowledge and word power.

### Across

- 2. Patong mall
- 4. America's new CEO
- 9. Irregular
- 10. Southern province of coal power dispute
- 11. Bordeaux color
- 12. Cause damage with alterations
- 14. Local racing events
- 15. Phuket's first major industry
- 17. Low-cost Malaysian airline
- 18. Branded outlet

### Down

- 1. Inter-dependent relationship
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Phuket; New direct Thai Airways route
- 5. Premium local fruit for 1,543 baht
- 6. Move to a new location
- 7. Local full moon festival
- 8. Rebuke severely
- 13. Royal sailing event
- 16. Retirement fund: \_\_\_\_\_ egg.

Solution on opposite page.

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# It's never too late for the iron age

By Lisa Dolbear

THIS weekend athletes of all ages from around the world compete in the Foremost Ironman 70.3 Thailand triathlon, including Ironkids from Thanyapura, at Bangtao Beach.

But if you think triathlons are just for those not yet 'over the hill', take some inspiration and tips from 75-year-old Ironman regular Peggy McDowell-Cramer.

Ms Cramer completed her first Ironman at the age of 57 against her better judgment.

"As a sports sociology and exercise physiology teacher at a college I thought it was a bad physical idea, despite having a great deal of endurance experience," the Kona qualifier says. She heads to the big island as the 2016 Ironman World Championship's oldest female competitor.

Ms Cramer's first triathlon was at the age of 51 after her sister recommended they try it together. "She had seen the San Jose Danskin race and thought we should do it. I had no idea how long it would take, but that first race was to be a fun adventure, and I did it with what I had on hand," she recalls. With a mountain bike, she finished fourth in her age group, a moment that made her begin to think of the possibilities moving forward.

By the age of 53, Ms Cramer's multisport resume included making team USA and competing in the ITU world



75-year-old Ironman regular Peggy McDowell-Cramer entered her first triathlon at age 51. Photo: Ironman

championships. Her interest in 140.6 (km) grew when she realized a family member was an Ironman. It was a family wedding and I was seated next to my cousin. I'd been racing in triathlon for a full year at that point, so the topic came up. He talked about completing the Ironman race in 1984. I remember telling him how hardcore he was."

Now with nearly 25 M-dots under her belt, Ms Cramer has entered hardcore status herself – adopting a 'use it or lose it' philosophy on fitness.

"One of the most challenging things for me as an older athlete is trying to train well enough to offset the muscle mass/strength loss that's the inevitable bane of age," she says. "I read a lot of things to see what might fit for me. In



Foremost is backing Ironman 70.3 Thailand and Ironkids Thailand as the title sponsor this year as part of the dairy food producer's Drink.Move.BeStrong campaign. Photo Gazette file

reality, I think I train about the same as other Ironman athletes, just slower." Ms Cramer is a high volume swimmer, likely hitting the pool more often than the average athlete.

Swimming is known to benefit the body with the rewards of aerobic exercise, without the wear and tear that can come from higher impact sports like running.

The real secret to Ms Cramer's longevity though is her positive attitude and healthy approach to a sport that can be notoriously obsessive among many athletes. "One of the most important things to remember is that triathlon is part of life, but it's not all of life. We're all one bike crash away from being former triathletes, so it's not a good idea to have it define life. It's a great part of my life and

being able to do it is a gift. I'm grateful for all of it, but it's surely not the center of my life and relationships," she notes. Although, as many triathletes know, this is a sport that almost guarantees life-long friendships with fellow athletes. It has been no different for Ms Cramer. "I just got to Kona and I've already seen four of my friends. It makes being here really great."

One of her fondest memories is a photo taken with Mike Reilly, Ironman New Zealand's Jane Patterson and Janette Blyth. "It was entitled 'Friends: the gift of Ironman,' and it's a favorite of mine."

When Ms Cramer isn't training, you may find her preaching. "I've been a Presbyterian minister for 30 years," she says. "Just a normal, stand-in-the-pulpit-and-preach minister. I've

loved it and I've thrived with it, although I'm mostly retired now, I still preach some." She's even officiated the wedding of pros Maik Twelsiek and Hillary Biscay.

As race day approaches, Ms Cramer's focus will shift from festivities to function. "I try to stop myself from what I call 'impractical thinking,'" she says. "Some of my missteps and accidents have come from thinking on the bike and the run instead of paying close attention to the surroundings. I tend to think about the immediate job at hand or what's next up. Things like how I'll take a bottle at the hand-off, how to prepare for the dismount off the bike, and the order of the things I'll take at the aid stations on the run." When the functional thinking isn't enough to carry her through, she falls back on her faith.

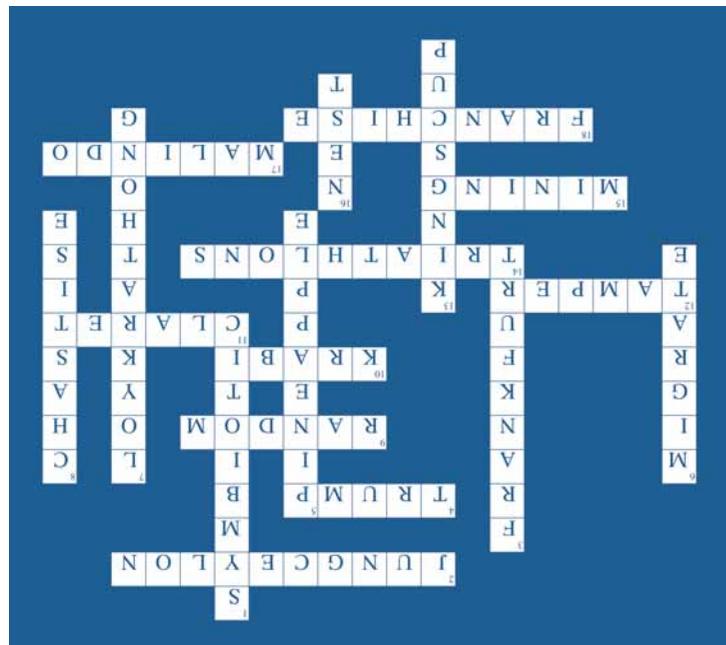
"The closest thing I have to a mantra is probably saying to myself, 'Lord, please just get me there,'" she says.

With so many accomplishments and unique experiences in multisport, one might surmise that Ms Cramer invests a lot of time in triathlon training and racing, but in fact, the opposite is true. "My life has always been pretty full. It's training that has to fit around other components," she remarks.

Ms Cramer's casual, healthy attitude to the sport has given her longevity as an athlete. When it comes to her secret for staying in the sport, it's quite simple. "Just keep doing what's enjoyable and good for you."

## Crossword Solution

Turn the page upside down to read the answers.



# First 'Superyacht Winner's Cup' up for grabs at 2016 rendezvous



Some of the finest superyachts in the world will be gracing the waters off Mai Khao Beach for the 16th annual Asia Pacific Superyacht Rendezvous at SALA Resort & Spa December 16-18. Photo: ASR



This year, the prestigious event begins on December 16 with an opening night cocktail party for owners and captains aboard the beautiful phinisi-style *Dunia Baru*. Photo: ASR



The superyacht races are friendly but highly competitive and this year the overall ASR Race Winner will take home the first ever 'Rendezvous Cup'. Photo: ASR

STUNNING sail and motor superyachts are meeting at the prestigious 16th annual Asia Superyacht Rendezvous (ASR) at SALA Resort & Spa December 16-18.

ASR 2016 co-sponsor Benetti Yachts, along with Asia Pacific Superyachts, Lux Media Group and a range of high-end sponsors as well as global and national media partners join organizers in announcing the friendly but highly competitive superyacht races and first ever 'Rendezvous Cup' award for the overall ASR Race Winner.

The races are to take place off the 9km long Mai Khao Beach.

Among the participating yachts at ASR 2016 will be the stunning schooner *Dallinghoo*. This full-keel topsail gaff-rigged beauty combines the classic design and romantic feel of a tall ship with all the comforts of a modern yacht. *SY Dallinghoo* will be sailing around the course on ASR race days, taking VIP guests on board and hoping to claim the ASR Winner's Cup.

Racing superyachts will be accompanied by motor superyachts and gorgeous motor yachts will be anchored around the course for a truly spectacular sight.

Gordon Fernandes and co-organizer Captain Charlie

Dwyer said it is a privilege to be affiliated with an international superyacht sailing regatta that attracts some of the world's top performing sailors during the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous, held at Asia's superyacht hub, Phuket. They also encourage pleasure sailors to sail around the course.

The prestigious event begins on December 16 with an opening night cocktail party for owners and captains aboard the beautiful phinisi-style *Dunia Baru*, before the next day's opening race. The historic two days of racing will culminate with the awarding of the ASR Race Winner's Cup ceremony at the closing VIP Gala Dinner.

The Asia Superyacht Rendezvous generates a great deal of excitement while boosting Phuket as a superyacht destination. *S/Y Bliss'* Captain Andy Sheltrum said he and his crew had a wonderful time at last year's rendezvous. "It was well organized, loads of fun, and to top it off we got some great sailing in. With or without guests on board, I highly recommend the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous to any superyacht, I guarantee you will have a fantastic time," he said.

Mr Fernandes said this year's line-up of sponsors and media partners are recognized for their active support. "Sponsorship of

a successful world-class superyacht social and racing event is one of the best branding investments a corporation can make as it reflects the status and credibility of the company. This year will be even better and we are expecting thrilling races from the some of the world's finest superyachts and best sailors," he said.

For an invitation to join ASR 2016 email [gordon@asia-pacific-superyachts.com](mailto:gordon@asia-pacific-superyachts.com). For the schedule, photo history and race / social events visit [asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com](http://asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com).

The *Phuket Gazette* is proud to be a media partner in this event.

– *Phuket Gazette*

# Ready for a wet 'n' wild year end?



**On Deck**

By Duncan Worthington

ARE you ready for the busiest time of the year? Not Christmas and New Year but the six or so weeks of marine industry madness that is upon us.

Kicking things off is the Ocean Marina Pattaya Boat Show. From 24th to 27th November eyes are on the Gulf of Thailand as boat brands from around the world join the show to celebrate all things boating. Organizers expect about 30 boats – the largest boat line-up ever – as well as a busy onshore collection of luxury properties, marine products and accessories, water sports and more.

In my last column I mentioned that Pattaya and the Gulf of Thailand are growing exponentially as the Customs Department lays down the red carpet for visiting foreign yachts, allowing them to stay longer. The boat show is set to be the ideal boost for that.

For those needing to dash back to Phuket after the show



The second Thailand Yacht Show, December 15-18 at Ao Po Grand Marina, is just one of several world-class marine leisure events in Phuket this December. Photo: Gazette file

and start preparations for the next event on the marine madness calendar, there are daily flights direct to Phuket from U-Tapao International Airport (just 15 minutes from Ocean Marina). Don't panic.

Back in Phuket, the next happening is the Phuket King's Cup Regatta. Held December 3-10, this is the 30th anniversary and in the current circumstances, some of the social side will be appropriately toned down. Check the official

website for the latest updates on the social program. I've heard there will not be a social function or candle-light ceremony on December 5 this year, while the traditional sail-past will take place on December 9 in honor of the late Rama IX.

This year, the affable Frank Pong and his multi-national *Jelik* crew will not be competing. However, this won't detract from the on-water competition, which is expected to

be as fierce as ever.

The second Thailand Yacht Show will take place December 15-18 at Ao Po Grand Marina. Following an impressive inaugural edition earlier this year expectations are high, and based on the in-water line up of boats of all sizes – including some of the region's most impressive superyachts – and some exciting onshore exhibitors, there will be plenty for visitors to see and do.

There's one more event be-

fore the year end. The Asia Superyacht Rendezvous, December 16-18, is celebrating its 16th year with a new venue: SALA Phuket Resort & Spa. The organizers are adding some new twists this year, including a 'Superyacht Winner's Cup', and are expecting a strong turnout.

Now, there is time to squeeze in a quick Christmas and New Year, and as you look for another Bloody Mary the 14th Phuket International Boat Show arrives January 5-8 2017. The first boat show in Thailand is again hosted at Royal Phuket Marina and will bring to a close the six-and-a-bit weeks of marine madness.

After all that you'll be ready for a holiday. However, it's high season. Enjoy!

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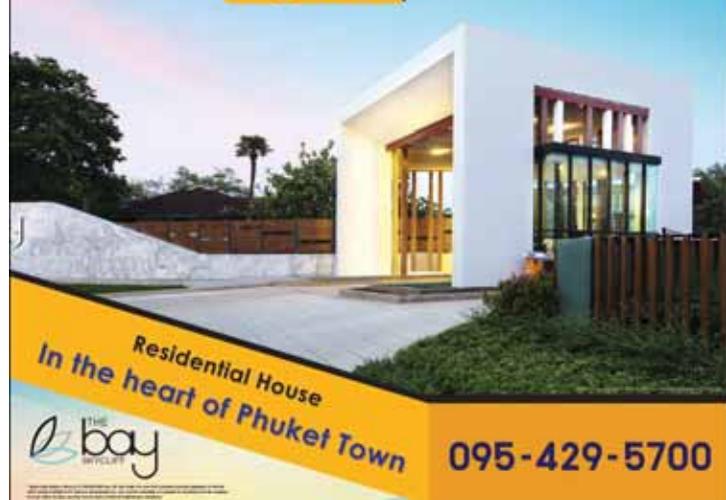
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Long-term rent. Great location, fully furnished 2-bedroom/2-bathroom condo with kitchen next to new Duty-Free Mall, overlooking lake. 100m swimming pool, gym, internet, 2 cable TVs, 3 aircons, washing machine, parking. Security. Close to all shopping malls. 25,000 baht/month. Located in Kathu. Please call 081-893 9127 (English), 087-886 7895 (Thai). Email: duncaneclipse@yahoo.co.uk

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In small friendly atmosphere building close to the markets & shops in Kata Beach center with indoor pool, sauna, elevator. **1)** 65sqm apartment, completely furnished, first floor, close to the pool. 24,000 baht/month. **2)** 60sqm apartment, third floor, new luxury furnishing (never used). 24,000 baht/month. **3)** Fourth floor 60sqm apartment also new furnishing. 26,000 baht/month. Tel: 081-788 8280. Email: maurice.phuket@gmail.com

## ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

### LUXURY 1-BED CONDO, PATONG

1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, condo in central Patong. 500m to beach, 1km to Bangla. Quiet. Tel: 091-874 9505. Email: yes geoff@gmail.com

## GENERAL CLASSIFIEDS

### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

#### SAILING COMPANY

Established in 1999 - Sailing School, Charter service, Yacht Chandlery and Management for sale complete - yachts, dinghies, vehicles, and advance sales, with all staff and infrastructure in place. Many opportunities for growth and expansion. Capital for four work permits. Sale due to the principal's health. Contact by email or call. Tel: 076-397942, 081-370 1995 (English). Fax: 076-397942. Email: inq@sea-yss.com www.sailing-thailand.com

#### RESTAURANT FOR SALE

Restaurant located in Boat Avenue, Cherng Talay. High traffic area, great location. Fully equipped, ready to go. Buy now and reap the benefits of the high season. Tel: 081-090 1608. Email: savita.shastry@gmail.com

#### INVESTOR WANTED

Very successful property business in Phuket offering joint venture/partnership opportunity. For more information, please call 095-036 4962.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

#### BLUE CANYON

Blue Canyon corporate membership (2 players). Special offer: 700,000 baht including transfer fee. Tel: 081-737 5085 (English). Email: phuketcrille@gmail.com

#### GOLF MEMBERSHIP

Phuket Country Club lifetime family membership. 450,000 baht. Shared transfer (30k ea). Tel: 091-034 0495, 082-805 3403. Email: mikecahill1806@gmail.com

#### BLUE CANYON MEMBERSHIP

Lifetime membership for sale: 700,000 baht, transfer fee paid by buyer. Tel: 081-970 9055. Email: inzentive@gmail.com

### BULLETINS

## Alcoholics Anonymous

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Daily Meetings

Patong, Phuket Town, Chalong, Surin, Karon

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### BAR & RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT

#### RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Lots of equipment in good condition for sale. Stainless steel tables, dishwasher, etc. Located in Phuket Town. Tel: 093-783 5609 (English & Thai). Email: tbtgroupthailand@gmail.com

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

#### REFRIGERATOR FOR SALE

Only 1 year old. Price: 40,000 baht. Tel: 082-421 6414.

### BUSINESS PRODUCTS & SERVICES

#### BABYSITTER SERVICE

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## JOBS / RECRUITMENT

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### VACANT POSITIONS



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#### Island Based Positions Vacant

- Rooms Division Manager
- Assistant Exec. Housekeeper
- Reservation & E-commerce Manager
- Spa Supervisor
- Bar Supervisor
- Chef de Partie (Bakery)

#### Profile:

- ▶ At least Vocational certificate to Bachelor's degree
- ▶ At least 3-5 year experience in the field
- ▶ Strong result oriented, people management and leadership skills
- ▶ Strong in English communication skills and computer literacy
- ▶ Strong in analytic, problem solving skills and execution of work

#### Fringe Benefits:

- ▶ Good salary + sharing service charge
- ▶ Group insurance, social security, workmen's compensation
- ▶ Duty meals in the staff canteen / Officer check at hotel restaurant as per position category
- ▶ Private dress / uniform laundry
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- ▶ Accommodation as per your position at resort

Thai national and foreign applicants will be considered. Please send your CV to [hr@zeavola.com](mailto:hr@zeavola.com) [preecha@zeavola.com](mailto:preecha@zeavola.com) or call [Preecha Onkong](tel:075-627000). Tel: 075-627000 for an appointment.

#### Human Resources Department

Resort: 11 Moo 8 Laem Tong, Koh Phi Phi, Ao Nang, Muang, Krabi 81000 Thailand  
Tel. 075-627000 ext. 1400 or 1401 and Fax. 075-627025



### Marketing Coordinator Wanted

Real estate company is looking for marketing coordinator.

- Excellent English
- Male/female, Thai national
- Driving licence

Please call 089-594 6888. Email: [info@arthouse.asia](mailto:info@arthouse.asia)

#### LIVE-IN NANNY

30+ years old to cook, clean, drive car, take care of 2 children, know some English. Good salary. Tel: 064-243 8528.

#### FEMALE GALLERY MANAGER

Art gallery in Phuket Town needs Thai female with previous sales experience. Good English and Chinese essential. Great salary offered. Located in Phuket Town. Send CV by email. Tel: 087-884 8271 (English & Thai), 086-509 7510 (English). Email: [simon@colonial-connection.com](mailto:simon@colonial-connection.com)

#### HOUSEKEEPER WANTED IN KAMALA

Exceptional candidate required must be hardworking, honest, have 5-star hotel or villa management experience. 4 hours daily, Monday-Friday, weekends off. Must speak basic English. Thai / Burmese only. Apply to [jo@grovens-living.com](mailto:jo@grovens-living.com)

#### OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Required at weddings & events company in Cherng Talay. Must have experience in events and work under pressure. Good organizational skills, hard working, good administration skills. Tel: 089-973 2159. Email: [mee\\_sak@phuketweddingevents.com](mailto:mee_sak@phuketweddingevents.com)

#### Position: Sales Representative

THE VIEW

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- Cold calling to arrange meetings with potential customers
- Responding to incoming email and phone inquiries
- Negotiating the terms of an agreement and closing sales
- Gathering market and customer information
- Negotiating on price, costs, delivery and specifications with buyers and managers
- Creating detailed proposal documents, often as part of a formal bidding process which is largely dictated by the prospective customer
- 1+ years experience will be considered
- Knowing projects in Phuket
- High commission

Contact Monthipa. Tel: +66 (0)836 914 028.

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#### CUSTOM WORK BARGE



2004, length 24.4, width 8.0, hydraulic ramp 4.3, small crane, hydraulic anchors bow & stern, twin drive Hino V 10's, great condition. 9.5 million baht. Tel: 094-207 8993. Email: kohrangnoi@gmail.com

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