

**PHUKET HOUSEHOLD DEBT HITS NATIONAL AGENDA > PAGE 2**

# LOOKING UP

## PHUKET TOURISM CHIEF HOPEFUL OF 5 MILLION TOURISTS BY YEAR'S END



A parasail operator at Patong Beach readying for customers. Photo: TAC Phuket

**The Phuket News**  
editor@classactmedia.co.th

The Phuket Tourism & Sports Office has said that the province will likely see up to 5 million foreign tourists this year as a result of Thailand's relaxation of entry restrictions, accounting for 50% of pre-COVID arrivals.

According to the head of Phuket's Tourism and Sports Office, Rachadaporn Oin, the island province has seen between 2,000 and 3,000 arrivals per day since the Test & Go program

was canceled on May 1.

The number is anticipated to increase to 10,000 per day during the fourth quarter's peak tourism season, Ms Rachadaporn said.

From May 1 to May 17, Phuket received a total of 45,806 visitors via 413 international flights. The Phuket Tourism & Sports Office now estimates that at least 200,000 international tourists will have visited Phuket by the end of May, she noted.

According to the Phuket Airport Immigration Daily Report, 15,224 of the international arrivals from May

1-21 were from India.

Ms Rachadaporn stated that Phuket received 5,207 international flights and welcomed 544,653 visitors between July 1, 2021, when the Phuket Sandbox program for people entering Thailand began, and May 17, 2022.

To help boost arrivals numbers Tourism & Sports Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn and the TAT have been tasked with organising a number of roadshows in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia to invite tour operators and citizens of

the Gulf nations to visit Thailand this year, Ms Rachadaporn added.

### THE BIG EASE

The monthly estimate for June bookings surpassed 1mn on May 12, the first time in two years the country has reached that milestone, said TAT Governor Yuthasak Supasorn.

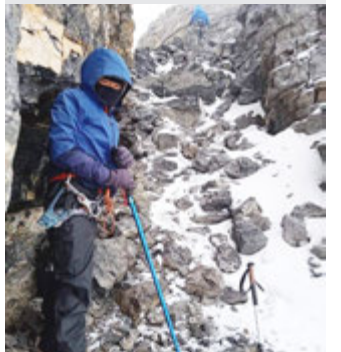
He attributed the boost to the end of compulsory RT-PCR testing on May 1.

The TAT previously forecast Thailand would have 1mn travellers per month from October to December...

**CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

## NEWS PAGE 5

**Snowstorn ends Nepal climb for Soi Dog**



## LIFE PAGE 9

**Living Waters gives thanks for support**



## SPORT PAGE 16

**Local surf star Anni heading for pro league**



**HEADSTART SUMMER CAMP**  
4-29 July



execeditor@classactmedia.co.th

## News



**Aqua Lumina  
shines on at  
Nai Harn > p4**

# Household debt hits the agenda

The Phuket News  
editor@classactmedia.co.th

Minister of Justice Somsak Thepsutin was in Phuket last week to preside over the Household Debt Reconciliation Fair held at the Boat Lagoon Marina in Koh Kaew.

In total, 2,810 people at the event registered to mediate debts totalling more than B200 million, noted a report by the Phuket office of the Public Relations Department (PR Phuket).

Key officials at the event, held on May 19, included Phuket Governor Narong Woonciew and Phuket Vice Governor Pichet Panapong. Also finally seen in public were Phuket House of Representatives members Sutha Prateep Na Thalang and Natthee Thinsaku, both of the ruling Palang Pracharath Party.

House Representative Sayan Thammarat from Nakhon Si Thammarat Province was



Photo: PR Phuket

also present

Mr Somsak said that the government and the Prime Minister had designated 2022 as the “Year of Solving Household Debt”.

“This includes solving problems such as debts with the Student Loan Fund, with car and motorcycle hire purchase, credit card and personal

loan debt, and Improving the judicial process to facilitate debt resolution, and so on,” Mr Somsak said.

“In this regard, the Department for Protection of Rights and Liberties and the Legal Execution Department under the Ministry of Justice have been integrated with the Student Loan Fund and financial

institutions to organise events to facilitate the mediation process of household debts throughout the country,” Mr Somsak added.

Ruangsak Suwaree, Director-General of the Rights and Liberties Protection Department, noted that the Student Loan Fund and seven “other” financial institutions were tak-

ing part in the debt-mediation fairs.

He named the seven “financial institutions” as the Government Savings Bank, Krung Thai Bank (which is a state operated bank), Siam Commercial Bank and Kasikornbank, as well as professional debt management companies under the JMT Network, namely JMT Network Services, J Asset Management Co Ltd and JMT Network Company C Service Public Company Limited.

In total, 2,810 people in debt had registered to take part in the event in Phuket, involving debts amounting to B223,728,892.53, he added.

Compensation totaling B186,702 was handed to two victims in criminal cases was also presented at the event, Mr Ruangsak noted.

Phuket was now home to five People’s Dispute Mediation Centers established under the Mediation Act, B.E. 2562 (2019), he added.

The centres are located at Samkong, Chalong, Pa Khlok, Patong and at Wat Wichit Sangkaram in Phuket Town, Mr Ruangsak said.

“The aim of the centres is to help reduce the number of cases that will go to court,” he explained.

At the event, there were also booths promoting the services and functions of various government agencies under the Ministry of Justice, the Office of Insurance Commission and the Bank of Thailand “to provide knowledge and provide financial advice to the participants”, Mr Ruangsak said.

The people who attended the event “were very satisfied with the mediation of household debts in organizing this expo”, said the report by PR Phuket.

However, despite all the fanfare, it was not reported how many people at the event had successfully re-negotiated the terms of their debt.

## Hope floats for tourism revival as restrictions finally eased

Continued from page 1

...this year, which is the high season, but the latest result prompted the agency to project a consistent monthly level of around 1mn from June until the rest of the year.

With that adjustment, the overall number of international tourists this year will be at least 8mn, the TAT said.

As of May 19, Thailand has welcomed 1.1 million tourists, of which 86,420 came from India, followed by the UK (85,926), Germany (71,173), the US (61,788) and Russia (59,591). The number of Thailand Pass registrations stood at 2.75mn.

Before the pandemic, the top five source markets were China, Laos, Malaysia, Russia and South Korea.

Mr Yuthasak said even though China maintains its zero-COVID policy and Russia remains at war with Ukraine, three other major markets lifted border restrictions to enable more convenient travel.

“India and the Middle East are high-potential target markets, particularly Saudi Arabia, which could see at least 200,000 tourists flooding in this year,” he said.

Much of the boost in numbers comes after a slew of measures to ease restrictions for tourists



Tourists arrive at Phuket airport. Photo: TAC Phuket

to come to Thailand, which key tourism figures have been calling for, for months.

Last Friday (May 20), without admitting the Thailand Pass has been a major inhibitor deterring tourists from wanting to have to deal with another bureaucratic hurdle in order to go on holiday, the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CSSA) in Bangkok announced measures to expedite issuing approvals of Certificates of Entry through the system from June 1, with registrants to have their applications processed automatically, and issued within hours, not days.

The Phuket News has already independently confirmed that recent arrivals coming to the island for major sporting events had their Thailand Pass approvals confirmed within about two hours.

The CCSA last Friday also waived quarantine for any high-risk contacts, and downgraded COVID restrictions throughout much of the country, and approved pubs, bars and other entertainment venues to open until midnight, all effective from June 1.

From June 1, the Thailand Pass requirement will remain for tourists, but will be waived for Thai nationals. Unvaccinated foreign tourists who test negative on rapid antigen tests upon arrival will be allowed to skip quarantine.

The big push to ease the COVID restrictions for travellers follows Willie Walsh, Director General of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in his keynote address at the Changi Aviation Summit in Singapore earlier this month urging Asia-Pacific states to loosen restrictions on air travel.

“Demand for flights in March rose to 17% of pre-COVID levels after having hovered below 10% for most of the last two years. This is far below the global trend where markets have recovered to 60% of pre-crisis levels.

“The lag is because of government restrictions. The sooner they are lifted, the sooner we will see a recovery in the region’s travel and tourism sector, and all the economic benefits that will bring,” said Mr Walsh.

### BARS CALL FOR MORE

Vendors of alcoholic beverages and hotel and retail operators are calling for the further relaxation of nightlife entertainment rules and an extension of opening hours until 2-4am as pubs, bars and karaoke lounges struggle to survive.

Thanakorn Kuptajit, executive adviser at the Thai Alcohol Beverage Business Association, told the Bangkok Post that the group was grateful for the government’s decision to allow entertainment venues to sell alcohol until midnight, although some regulations remain.

But he urged the government to relax other rules imposed on service providers and customers if local infections continue to wane, in order to facilitate nightlife

spending by tourists.

“The extension of service hours to midnight is unlikely to be enough to bring nightlife business back to normal,” Mr Thanakorn said.

According to Mr Thanakorn, apart from the nightlife sector, the government should accelerate the revitalisation of the domestic economy by increasing consumer spending for daytime businesses.

The government should revise laws deemed obstacles to doing business during the daytime, including those that prohibit alcohol sales between 2pm and 5pm, because this affects hotel and retail operators, he said.

Somphol Tripopnart, chief shopping centre business officer at mall operator MBK Plc, said the extension of service hours until midnight should help raise spending from both Thai and foreign tourists, particularly independent travellers.

“It would be more useful if the government dismisses some emergency decrees regarding COVID-19. Foreign tourists have already gone through various health-check measures before entering Thailand,” said Mr Somphol.

“The best would be the reclassification of COVID-19 as an endemic disease before the target date of July 1.”



# Violent teens face charges

## Held on remand at Phuket Prison over attack on disabled girl

The Phuket News  
editor@classactmedia.co.th

The two young teens who attacked a 17-year-old disabled girl at Khao Rang last month have been taken into remand and will face charges of physical assault causing harm, Phuket City Police have confirmed.

The confirmation came through a statement issued by Phuket City Police on May 19 explained as a “clarification of the case”.

Maj Gen Sermphan Sirikong, Commander of the Phuket Provincial Police, had heard of the incident and ordered Phuket City Police Superintendent Col Sarawut Chuprasit to investigate in accordance with his authority and report the facts, the statement said.

According to the police statement the incident occurred around 8am on Apr 21.

The disabled girl, her mother and the girl's 16-year-old friend met with the investigating officer at Phuket City Police Station to report the incident at 6pm on Apr 22.



After the attack on the disabled girl came to light, another girl came filed a formal complaint about a violent assault by the same teens on her. Photo: Eakkapop Thongtub

The statement identified the two culprits in the attack as Mr Boy (not his real name) aged 15 years, and Mr Song (not his real name), a transgender woman presumed to be 16 years old.

The pair arrived at the disabled girl's house and asked her to join them at the top of Khao Rang (Rang Hill), in Phuket Town.

The disabled girl's friend drove the motorbike while the

disabled girl rode pillion, the police statement explained.

After they had parked at the viewpoint at the top of Khao Rang, “Mr Song” grabbed the disabled girl by the hair and pulled her off the motorbike to the ground and began to attack and repeatedly hit her, the statement said, describing the incident exactly as shown in the video later posted online of the attack.

The investigating officer

recorded receiving the complaint at 18.53 hrs on Apr 22, the statement noted.

The disabled girl was sent to Vachira Phuket Hospital to have doctors examine and formally record her injuries to use as evidence in the case, the statement added.

The investigating officer tracked down the two culprits, Mr Song and his accomplice Mr Boy, in order to press charges against them.

However, the mother and the disabled girl agreed to waive charges as they offered their forgiveness from the apology given by the two teens, the statement continued.

At that time it was understood to be nothing more than a quarrel among children, the statement said.

However, a video clip of the attack was posted online at around 10pm on May 17, showing precisely how the attack was carried out.

The statement said it was not known who recorded the clip to be published on social media.

On seeing the video, the disabled girl's mother informed officers at 5pm on May 18 that she wished to proceed with charges over the attack.

Boy and Song at 1pm on May 19 were called back into Phuket City Police Station, where they were informed of the charges against them.

The two were taken to Phuket Provincial Prison to be held on remand, the statement added.

“If there is evidence of

involvement and support in other cases, they will be prosecuted according to the law for all cases as well,” the statement said.

The pair also stand accused of another attack in which Song threatened to stab a girl with scissors if she intervened in his attack on her friend. Song cut the friend's long hair, before fleeing the scene, a viewpoint in the Klong Mudong area in Wichit.

Song spoke directly with reporters on May 19, identifying himself as “Nickname My K”.

He said that the incident involving cutting the girl's hair was over the girl borrowing B1,500 and not paying it back before she left to another province.

“It was time to return the money and [she did] not return it,” he said.

“My K” offered no explanation as to the threat of stabbing the friend with scissors and no excuse at all for attacking the 17-year-old girl disabled by polio.

Additional reporting by Eakkapop Thongtub

## New Phuket prison already 85% full

THE NEW PHUKET Provincial Prison, built at a cost of B789 million on 108 rai in Srisoonthorn, central Phuket, is already 85% full, a news release by local public relations officials on Monday (May 23) has confirmed.

The new facility was completed in 2020, with all inmates moved from the former Phuket Prison in Phuket Town to their new accommodation on Dec 29 that year.

The new prison is allowed to hold prisoners ordered to serve sentences of up to 30 years, explained a release by the Phuket office of the Public Relations Department on Monday (May 23).

The prison has a total sleeping area of 5,535.92 square metres, providing a standard 1.6sqm per inmate.

The prison is designed to accommodate a total of 3,459 inmates, comprising 3,086 male inmates and 373 female inmates. However, the new prison today already has 2,943 inmates, comprising 2,552 male inmates and 391 female inmates.



Photo: PR Phuket

The new prison was commissioned in 2014 to resolve the notorious overcrowding at the former Phuket Prison in Phuket Town, which covers only six rai and today stands more than 100 years old.

According to the report on Monday, the old prison was originally designed to accommodate 950 inmates, but was holding as many as 2,500 inmates.

However, reports over the years have confirmed that the old prison for long periods held more than 3,000 inmates at any one time.

The news came as Ayut

Sinthopphan, Director-General of the Department of Corrections, on Monday officiated the formal opening ceremony for the new prison.

Present for the occasion was Phuket Governor Narong Woonciew, along with Krishna Tipayachan, Chanthaburi Prison Commander who is currently acting Director of the Phuket Provincial Prison.

The opening ceremony included blessing rituals conducted by monks, for the purpose of encouraging the site to serve as a focal point for peace and prosperity.

The Phuket News

THE NAKA ISLAND  
Getaway Daypass

Enchant your holiday at the Naka Island. Enrich your mind by lounging on the tropical beaches, splashing in the pool or enjoying an array of our water activities and fully equipped gym. Only 5-minute speedboat ride from Ao Po Grand Marina.

**THB 790 NET PER PERSON**

1 DAY ADVANCE RESERVATION IS REQUIRED  
Please call: +66 76 371 400 or email: naka.concierge@luxurycollection.com

THE PASS IS VALID FROM 09:00 AM TO 08:00 PM INCLUDING

- FOOD AND BEVERAGE CREDIT THB 790.-
- 25% DISCOUNT FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE
- 30% DISCOUNT FOR A LA CARTE TREATMENT SPA
- GYM, WATER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES (UNTIL 05:00PM)
- ROUND TRIP SPEED BOAT TRANSFER FROM AO PO GRAND MARINA TO THE NAKA ISLAND PIER

\*Children up to 12 years pay 50% of adult price  
\*The pass is subject to availability

THE NAKA ISLAND, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT AND SPA, PHUKET  
T +66 76 371 400 | THENAKAISLAND.COM | thenakaisland | nakaaislandphuket | nakaaisland\_LC  
#thenakaisland #theluxurycollection



The Phuket News

## CONTACT US

editor@classactmedia.co.th 076 612 550

**PURIYA BEAVAN**  
Editor**CHRIS HUSTED**  
Executive Editor  
084 307 7408  
executiveeditor@classactmedia.co.th**BEN TIREBUCK**  
News / Sport Editor  
061 806 8132  
editor3@classactmedia.co.th**CHUTHARAT 'UM' PLERIN**  
Thai Editor  
088 766 1615  
thai@classactmedia.co.th**JASON BEAVAN**  
General Manager  
086 479 7471  
gm@classactmedia.co.th**SIRIPORN (NOK) SEANGMAS**  
Sales Support  
086 479 7470  
sales@classactmedia.co.th**NIRAVIT 'MOS' VORAVANITCHA**  
**THANAPONG 'OAK' KHAO-AMPHAIPHAN**  
Graphic designersThe Phuket News  
@thephuketnews

## ADVERTISING

ClassAct Media

The Phuket News

WINDOW ON PHUKET

Where to eat in PHUKET

Новости Phuket

ข่าวภูเก็ต

NEWS TV

LIVE 89.5

Phuket TICKETMASTER

076 612 550 ext. 605

Fax: 076 612 553

Info@classactmedia.co.th

thephuketnews.com

99/7 Moo 1 (Billion Plaza),  
T. Kathu, A. Kathu, Phuket 83120

## PHUKET SEVEN DAY WEATHER FORECAST

www.foreca.com

FRI MAY 27



High: +30°

Low: +27°

Wind 11 m/s

SAT MAY 28



High: +31°

Low: +27°

Wind 11 m/s

SUN MAY 29



High: +31°

Low: +27°

Wind 11 m/s

MON MAY 30



High: +31°

Low: +27°

Wind 4 m/s

TUE MAY 31



High: +32°

Low: +27°

Wind 4 m/s

WED JUNE 1



High: +30°

Low: +27°

Wind 4 m/s

THU JUNE 2



High: +30°

Low: +27°

Wind 4 m/s

## Aqua Lumina underway in Phuket

The Phuket News  
editor@classactmedia.co.th

The Aqua Lumina festival officially opened to the public at Nai Harn Beach last Friday night (May 20) with Nithi Siprae, Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Deputy Governor for Digital Research and Development, officiating the grand opening.

"The TAT in its promotional tourism marketing is accelerating the creation of activities in parallel with public relations campaigns to build the confidence among tourists, especially domestic tourists, to return as soon as possible," Mr Nithi said.

"This will be the main target group that will be able to help rehabilitate and help entrepreneurs in the country's tourism industry, especially in the three provinces with the main potential on the Andaman coast – namely Krabi, Phang Nga and Phuket – so they are able to resume operations after the epidemic situation returns to normal after more than three years," he added.

"The TAT is confident that this Aqua Lumina festival will be able to stimulate travel to the southern region. Krabi, Phang Nga and Phuket are still the main destinations for both Thai and foreign tourists to come back to again, especially during the off-season (Green Season) from May to June," Mr Nithi said.



Photo: PR Phuket

Phuket Vice Governor Pichet Pan-  
among pointed out the importance of  
Phuket's tourism industry recovering.

"Phuket is an important province in Thailand with strong tourism. It is popular among both Thais and foreigners, and became a tourist city that generated the country's second largest income as a province, greatly supporting the economy of Thailand," he said.

"But in the past two years the COVID-19 epidemic has severely affected the tourism industry of Phuket, and the income generated," he added.

"It has been a huge loss of income," V/Gov Pichet said.

"But now the COVID-19 situation around the world is expected to ease and there are a number of quality tourists from around the world who plan to

travel abroad. This is an opportunity for Thailand as a tourist destination to show its potential in tourism by organising activities covering sports, arts and the culture of Thailand. This is coupled with a combination of innovative, internationally recognized events and activities to achieve the goal of revitalising tourism and the Thai economy," he added.

The festival began in Krabi on May 14, where it continued until Wednesday (May 25).

The festival in Phuket is being held at Nai Harn Beach, where 12,000sqm of space has been allocated, from 5pm to 10pm each night through to May 31.

The Phuket edition, held under the theme "Guardian Land of the Andaman", features illuminated sculptures and multimedia shows, as well as

"projection mapping" that will 3D images with light.

Local bands, artists and other performers will be providing the entertainment, and of course there will be plenty of local food available, provided by local chefs, street vendors and restaurants on the island.

Prizes will also be up for grabs for people attending the event, which will be open to the public from 5pm to 10pm each night.

Free shuttle buses to and from the Aqua Lumina activities area at Nai Harn beach have been organised to reduce traffic congestion at Nai Harn and to make it easier for people in the centre of the island to join the festivities.

The free shuttle buses will depart the three main pickup points at Phuket Municipality Market 1 (Downtown) on Ranong Rd in Phuket Town, Central Floresta shopping mall on the bypass road and at Karon Beach (Nong Harn Park) at 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm.

Returning free shuttle buses will depart the Aqua Lumina area at Nai Harn at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm and 10:30pm.

The festival will conclude with the Phang Nga edition from May 27 - June 2, at Memories Beach in Khao Lak, under the concept of "The Land of Dancing Waves".

Entry to any of the festivals is free.

## Working group aiming to tackle Phuket's drug problem

A MEETING WAS HELD BY LAW enforcement officials in Phuket on May 19 to review data and the surveillance of illegal drugs coming onto the island.

The working group was headed by Chatchai Paikhao, Director of the News Data Analysis and Surveillance Division at the Region 8 DEA and took place around 9:30am on the fourth floor of Phuket Provincial Hall. Relevant officials from additional government agencies also attended.

The meeting detailed how illegal drug distribution and usage is still widespread across the island with methamphetamine the most common drug, followed by 'ice' (crystal meth), marijuana and cocaine.

When analysing the behaviour of sellers and buyers of drugs the discussion added that they consistently communicate online by email or via social media accounts such as Facebook and LINE.

Analysing past data on delivery patterns of drugs, the working group explained how parcels of narcotics continue to be sent to the island and are usually hidden in coastal areas such as mangrove forests or fish cages. They stated this makes it difficult to detect but is an area that needs to be focused on



Photo: PR Phuket

more whereby more thorough searches are undertaken.

The group explained that as the country relaxes conditions relating to travel brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic it is inevitable that an increase in tourists and workers to the island will be witnessed which will lead to an increase in demand for illegal substances.

As such it was proposed that increased cooperation with government officials and related networks is required to monitor drug delivery routes both by land and by water, and that airlines need to conduct more thorough surveillance to combat the smuggling of drugs onto the island.

The meeting also touched upon guidelines for rehabilitation of drug addicts and the importance of addicts receiving prompt and effective treatment. *The Phuket News*



Photo: Eakkapop Thongtub

## Australian man dies in fall from Patong hotel

A 21-YEAR-OLD AUSTRALIAN tourist died after falling from the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Royal Paradise Hotel in Patong on May 17.

Lt Col Sarit Butnongsang of the Patong Police was called to the scene at about 10pm.

Officers arrived to find the body of the man on the access driveway to the back of the hotel. He had suffered fatal head trauma.

Hotel staff confirmed that

the man, James Billy Simmons from Baulkham Hills, west of Sydney, had been staying in a room on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel.

He checked in to the hotel on May 14 and was scheduled to check out on May 28.

The man's body was taken to Patong Hospital for post-mortem examination as part of the police investigation into the man's death.

Eakkapop Thongtub



# Snowstorm ends Chulu West climb

The Phuket News  
editor@classactmedia.co.th

The attempt by Phuket residents Yanisa King-mala-Beven and her husband Rohun to climb Chulu West in Nepal to help raise funds for Phuket's Soi Dog Foundation has been aborted by a snowstorm that prevented any climbers from reaching the peak.

Yanisa, 51, and Rohun, 64, are both healthy and well. "No injuries apart from the mental disappointment of not reaching the summit," Rohun told *The Phuket News*.

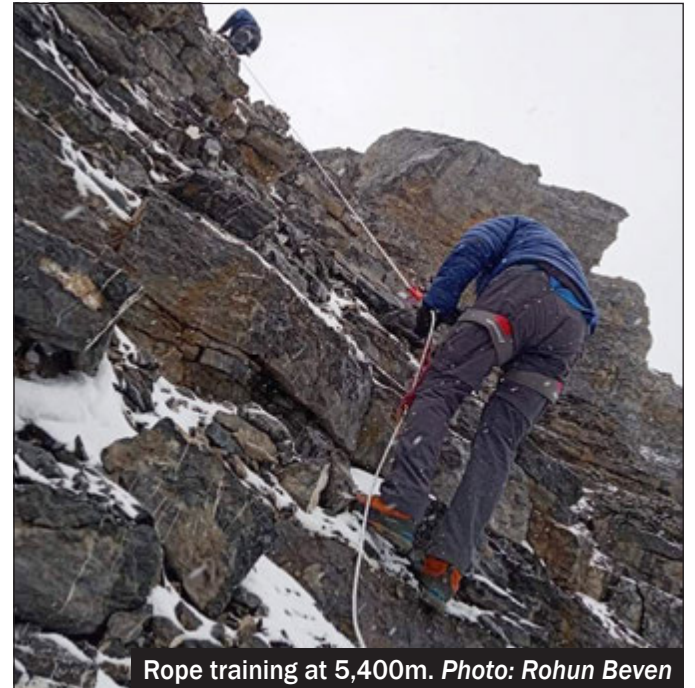
"We had gained an altitude of 5,400m on the summit attempt. We were climbing on ropes up towards camp 1 for an acclimatisation and training day. We returned back down to high camp at 5,200m for an overnight stay in the tent," Rohun explained.

"We woke at 5am and it had snowed over 20cm during the night with very poor visibility. The conditions made it impossible to move up higher so the climb was aborted.

"There were two other international teams perched on the rocks at high camp and all teams decided to descend back to base camp. No teams



Heading home through the world's highest mountain pass. Photo: Rohun Beven



Rope training at 5,400m. Photo: Rohun Beven

made it to the summit all season. It took over an hour of cautious trekking down a very steep face to reach base camp," he said.

The wind was not a factor so there was no damage to the tents or other equipment, Rohun confirmed. The overnight temperature went down to around -5°C.

"The total trek was 19 days with 12 days actually on the trail. Our first shower was on day 13 and a welcome relief indeed. We spent three days in Pokhara for rest and recupera-

tion," Rohun said.

"The overall effects of the physical challenge and time sent at altitude certainly have had a debilitating impact on the body. The first beer went down rather well," he said.

The couple began their descent on day 10, from high camp, through base camp and back down to Ladar, the highest village on the trek at 4,900m.

The three-day descent took the couple through the famous Thorong La Pass in Damarar Himal. Thorong La Pass is known as the highest moun-

tain pass in the world, and at 5,416m is ironically the same altitude the couple managed when climbing Chulu West.

Yanisa and Rohun started their climb up to the pass at 3am and took around four hours up very steep terrain.

"After rest stops in Pokhara and Calchhi, where we have some Nepalese friends, we finally arrived back in Kathmandu on day 19," Rohun confirmed.

Yanisa and Rohun will now continue their journey to the UK to recover and enjoy

a break. "We are going to England for the summer and begin the planning for the next expedition," Rohun said.

"We plan to be back in Phuket in late August to see our four rescue dogs who will have missed us," he added.

The couple have reached their goal in raising US\$3,000 for Phuket's Soi Dog Foundation, which will directly go towards helping the stray dogs and cats of Southeast Asia.

"We have raised, to date, over \$3,000 and the fundraiser will stay open until May 28,"

Rohun confirmed

"Thank you to everyone who donated to Soi Dog Foundation and supported the climb," he said, stressing the importance of the support that he and Yanisa have received.

People can still donate to the cause on the Facebook fundraising page or through the Soi Dog website (for people in Thailand).

"We are already planning our next expedition to come back for another try at a 6,000m in Nepal. Watch this space," Rohun teased.

## EGAT touts boosted power supply to Phuket

KITTI PETCHSANTAD, DEPUTY Governor of Transmission Systems of the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT), has announced that EGAT has completed the project to improve the transmission system to southern regions of Thailand, effectively, doubling the electrical-supply capacity to Phuket.

"Phase 1 of the project has been completed, and we have started to distribute electricity through 500kV (kV) high-voltage transmission lines from Bang Saphan 2 High Voltage Power Station in Prachuap Khiri Khan Province through Surat Thani 2 Power Station, and ending at Phuket High Voltage Power Station 3, a total distance of 504 kilometres," Mr Kittii said in an announcement on Friday (May 20).

"It is the first 500kV power transmission system in the southern region," he said.

The overall project is to increase the power transmission capacity from the Central region of Thailand to the South by more than double, from 700 megawatts (MW) to 1600 MW, Mr Kittii explained.

"The first phase of transmission system construction began at the end of 2016 and was able to deliver electricity at the end of April," Mr Kittii confirmed.

"The project is to help support the expected increase in electricity demand after the COVID-19 situation subsides in the southern region and tourist provinces, especially Phuket Province, which has the highest demand for electricity in the south and is an important tourism industry economic zone of the country," he said.

"This project is the first step in helping to increase the power supply capacity of Phuket up to 1,170MW. It also helps reduce the risk



The new power supply to Phuket is the first 500kV supply line in Southern Thailand. Photo: EGAT

of power outages in a wide area in the southern region in the case there is a disruption of the transmission line linking the Central region to the Southern region as well," he added.

In all of Southern Thailand, Phuket power consumption is second only to Songkhla province, followed by Surat Thani, Nakhon Sri Thammarat and Trang, Mr Kittii noted earlier this year.

Phuket draws 400mW from the national grid, mostly supplied from the Khanom Power Plant in Nakhon Sri Thammarat, but supplemented by power plants at the Ratchaprapha Dam in Surat Thani and the Chana Power Plant in Songkhla.

The project also aims to avoid another massive power disruption like the one in 2013 that saw all of Southern Thailand without power supply simply because one major power supply feed passing through Chumphon broke down while the other main supply feed was offline for maintenance.

Meanwhile, Phuket continues to suffer small, localised power outages across the island as Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA) workers continually upgrade and repair power lines serving business areas and communities.

*The Phuket News*

## Mastery Learning • American Curriculum Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education



Ensuring success for all by providing education based upon student mastery of all subjects.

Enroll Today!



**QSI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PHUKET**

81/4 Moo. 1 Chalemphrakiat Ror. 9 Road Kathu  
www.phuket.qsi.org • 076 304 312



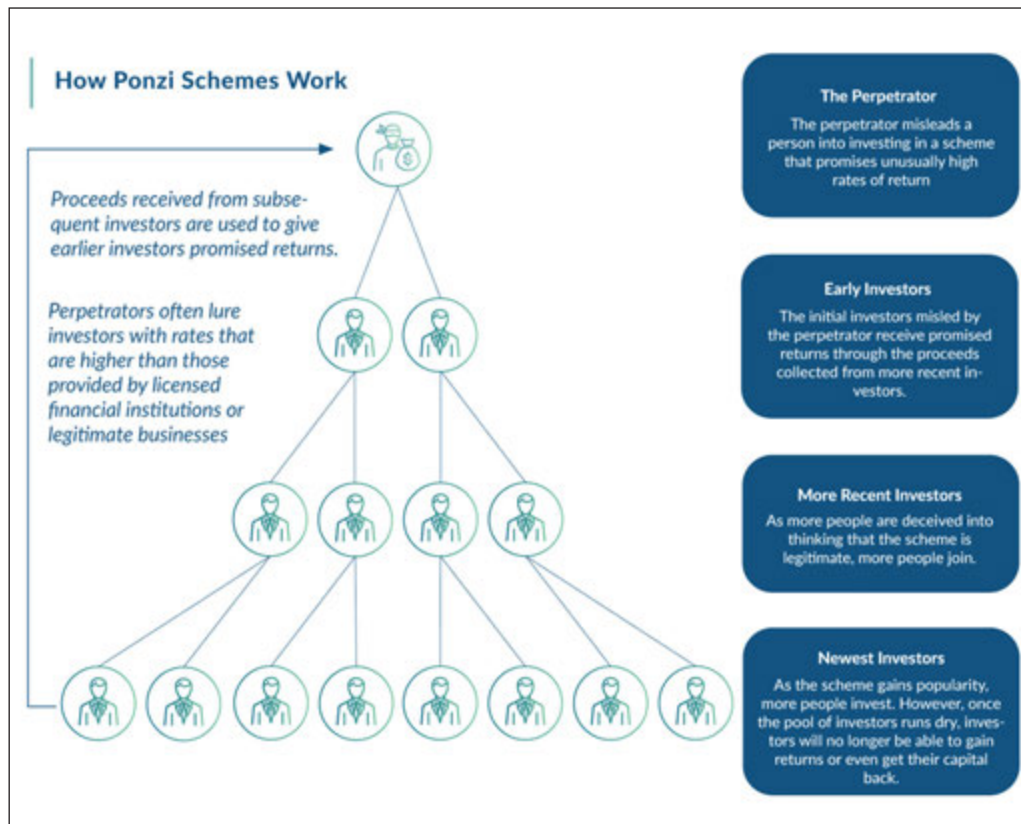
# Too Good to Be True: The Ponzi Scam

By Dr Paul Crosio  
& Jak Chokesikarin

One of the most common financial frauds is the Ponzi scheme, which promises “guaranteed” high returns, higher than those offered by other financial institutions and businesses. To pay the original investors, payments from new investors are usually used to pay profits to the scheme’s operators and pay a return to prior investors. This cycle continues until the scheme can no longer find new investors or if too many investors try to cash out their investment. In almost all cases, investors lose everything.

Thailand is no stranger to Ponzi schemes, especially in real estate and currency/stock investments. It got so bad in the 1980s that the government stepped in with a strange-sounding law called “The Emergency Decree on Borrowings which Constitutes Fraud to the Public B.E. 2527”, also known as the Anti-Ponzi Law.

The Anti-Ponzi law primarily covers offences that are like a classic Ponzi scheme, where someone publicly presents a scheme with a guarantee of attractive returns higher than traditional investments. It



sets a maximum interest rate anyone can offer to investors as that offered by financial institutions which are currently capped at 3% per year. Any type of investment offering a return over this could fall foul of the Anti-Ponzi law.

Generally, to be found guilty, a defendant must know or should have known that the money received from recent investors was to be diverted

to compensate earlier investors and knowingly failed to conduct a legitimate business activity capable of generating the promised returns.

You only need to show that the scheme, directly or indirectly, lured 10 or more people into the offering. Whether the scheme operator made a profit from the scheme is irrelevant, and the court will find a case if it finds that funds were

transferred between different investors to pay a promised return.

The Anti-Ponzi law has a big stick – for each investor who fell victim to the scheme, the perpetrator will be charged with one count of fraud. If convicted, the court can sentence the scheme operator from five to ten years imprisonment, a statutory fine of anywhere between B500,000 and B1 mil-

lion, as well as an additional fine of B10,000 for each day the perpetrator committed the offences and for each investor defrauded. Those sentences can be imposed concurrently for each count. An unlucky defendant could even potentially be sentenced to over 200 years’ imprisonment.

The Anti-Ponzi laws also deem it an offence if the defendant refuses to disclose information relating to their business.

## STRICT LIABILITY OFFENCES

In addition, the Anti-Ponzi law also sets out two types of strict liability offences. This means the defendant is liable for committing an action, regardless of what their actual intent was when committing the act. Regardless of intentions, they can be found guilty.

The first offence deals with foreign exchange fraud committed against the public, and the second offence is where the perpetrator operates a business, receives at least B5mn in investments from more than 10 people, and then pledges a return on this investment over the set maximum interest rate.

The defence to these strict liability provisions is that the

scheme or business could have generated a return at the advertised rate, but there was an unforeseeable decline in economic activity or other causes that made the business unable to yield the promised return. COVID seems the “usual” excuse these days.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE LOST IT ALL?

Ponzi schemes take on many forms, from property investments with so-called “guaranteed returns” to business investments with supposed foolproof profits. These Ponzi schemes and other fraudulent activities could also fall under other regulations that have different proof and legal considerations. Nevertheless, this little-understood law packs a big punch and is a stern warning to scammers. It may not get your money, but it’s a good start in the process.

As always, “if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is” remains true.

*If you believe you have been defrauded or would like to find out more about regulations surrounding investment fraud, you can contact us at [info@silklegal.com](mailto:info@silklegal.com) or use the contact form provided.*



AQUELLA  
GOLF • COUNTRY CLUB

## GREEN FEE RATES

14<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**3,400 THB**  
for Visitors

**1,900 THB**  
for Thai Residents

**1,700 THB**  
for Aquella Club Card Holders

✓ 18 hole green fee, inclusive of caddy, cart & 1 tray of driving range balls

✓ 20% F&B discount on the day of play

+66 (0) 76 679 308

[Golfreservations1@aquellagolf.com](mailto:Golfreservations1@aquellagolf.com)

[www.AquellaGolf.com](http://www.AquellaGolf.com)



## Phuket readies for first cruise liners

PHUKET MARITIME authorities are preparing for Phuket to receive one of the largest cruise liners in Asia as the country reopens to cruise tourism.

Capt Thammawat Malaisukarin, of the Royal Thai Navy Third Area Command, based in Phuket, on Monday (May 23) called for relevant agencies to coordinate their efforts to create a standard operating procedure for cruise operators to comply with in order to streamline organising their tours to the region.

“Before COVID-19 large cruise liners made port in Phuket about 200 times a year, bringing 400,000 tourists to the island, generating an B800 million per year in income,” Capt Thammawat said.

“With no cruise liners making port in Phuket during the COVID-19 pandemic, that income was zero,” he noted.

“In the near future it is expected that large cruise ships will begin to travel on the Andaman Sea, and they are expected to return in numbers equal to before



More than 1,000 cruise liner tourists from Singapore arrive at Patong Beach on Jan 29, 2020. Photo: Patong Municipality / file

the COVID-19 situation,” he added.

“Tensions in Europe and Russia will make more tourists turn to Asia-Pacific, and it will appeal to tourists from other regions, such as Australia and New Zealand,” Capt Thammawat said.

The goal is for the government agencies to have all cruise tour operators on board with all requirements by July 1, to facilitate “the return to full service for 100% of cruise operators”, he added.

The cruise line ‘Spectrum of the Seas’, currently in Singapore, is scheduled to bring tourists to Thailand

in June, Capt Thammawat noted.

The ship is described as the first ship of the Quantum Ultra class currently operated by Royal Caribbean International. Launched in 2019, the ship has a length overall of 347 metres. The vessel has 16 decks and can carry a maximum of 4,905 passengers.

The standard operating procedure is to be compiled as a step-by-step process in the form of a book containing all the required documents. The book will be presented to the Phuket Governor for approval, Capt Thammawat said.

*Eakkapop Thongtub*



# Prayut shrugs off poll result, defends record

## BANGKOK

Bangkok Post

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on Monday (May 23) dismissed the results of the Bangkok governor and councillor polls, saying they don't reflect his current political popularity.

Speaking to reporters in the wake of defeat, Prayut said the sweeping victory of independent candidate Chadchart Sittipunt and wins for opposition parties in the council elections were not an accurate representation of voters' faith in his administration.

Mr Chadchart cruised past other candidates, including former Bangkok governor Aswin Kwanmuang and his deputy, Sakoltee Phattiyakul, on Sunday. The Pheu Thai and Move Forward parties won a combined 34 of 50 Bangkok councillor seats, while the Palang Pracharath Party (PPRP) managed to get only two.

The PPRP, which ushered Prayut into the top job, won more Bangkok seats in the



Prayut claims he is untroubled by PPRP's loss after recently defending his performance in office as Prime Minister during the last eight years. Photo: AFP

general election in 2019, gaining 12 out of 30 slots.

"It is only an election in one province," he said. "The results showed the desire of voters in Bangkok. That is not related to the government."

Prayut's comments came shortly after he defended his administration's performance over the past eight years, saying he has managed to lead the country through one crisis after another and that he is trying his best to move the nation forward.

Speaking at the "Better Thailand: Open Dialogue"

seminar on May 19, he recounted the day when he decided to seize power almost eight years ago, saying the country was deeply divided, with society polarised over political lines for over a decade.

He said the country was bogged down in conflict, leaving the people in distress while Thailand was becoming the "sick man of Asia".

"Some people may have forgotten this. When the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) was formed, we were aware that [restoring order] would come at a price...

[but] we were criticised for being undemocratic," Prayut said.

"At the time, the NCPO tried to ensure that people could still enjoy their freedom of expression in line with the law, with all sides given as much leniency as possible.

"The NCPO had a great deal of special power, but I only used it when it was necessary to solve problems. When it came to the justice system, independent agencies were still able to carry out their work without any interference.

"The primary aim [of the coup] was to maintain order and steer the country forward and restore international confidence in Thailand," Prayut said.

He also emphasised the need for the 20-year national strategy – which covers security, competitiveness enhancements, human resource development, creation of opportunities and social equality, environmentally-friendly growth and public-sector readjustments – in order to turn Thailand into a developed country by 2037.



Photo: Bangkok Post

## Ukrainians find safe haven on Koh Samui

### SURAT THANI

SEVENTY UKRAINIANS who fled from their war-torn homeland have found peace and safety since arriving on Koh Samui.

Supachai Pongchabapnapa, owner of The Kala Samui Hotel in tambon Maret, said he opened all of the hotel's 38 rooms to the Ukrainians, who had gradually arrived on the island since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Feb 24.

Mr Supachai said since the hotel had been closed by the COVID-19 situation, he felt it would be better to open it to the Ukrainians for humanitarian reasons, rather than leaving it closed. He is charging each guest B200 per night.

For about two months, the 70 Ukrainians, mainly women and children, have

occupied the rooms, from where some of them work online. There are no other guests at the hotel.

Mr Supachai said he did not think about making a profit from them. The money they paid was barely enough to pay the hotel staff wages.

"It's better than nothing. When the (Russia-Ukraine) conflict ends, they can return to their country and resume normal life. I only hope they will have a good impression of Thailand, the Thai people and the people of Koh Samui. Maybe in the future they can return as full-scale tourists.

"About 90% of the Ukrainians staying here had never been to Thailand before. This is their first time. They hope they will be able to go home in about five months. But I think it could be as long as seven months," he said.

Bangkok Post

## DDC ramps up anti-monkeypox measures

### BANGKOK

THE DEPARTMENT OF DISEASE Control (DDC) has introduced strict rules for screening visitors travelling from countries where monkeypox has been found.

Travellers will have to fill in health declaration cards to be presented on arrival. The cards will also have a QR code that needs to be scanned so that incoming tourists can be provided information about symptoms and report them after arriving. They can then be advised on where to get medical help.

The DDC had set up an emergency operations centre (EOC) to monitor the spread of the virus and demanded immigration officials watch out for visitors from Central and West Africa, the United Kingdom, Spain and Portugal, where the virus has been detected.

Any visitors who appear to have potential symptoms will be hospitalised for tests.

Dr Chakkarat Pitayawonganon, director of the department's epidemiology division, said on Monday (May 23) that the EOC will help screen incoming tourists who might be at risk of having contracted the virus after travelling to countries with outbreaks.

It can be transmitted from one person to another by close contact with lesions, bodily fluids, respiratory droplets and contaminated materials.

Thailand had to establish the EOC to closely monitor the outbreak overseas even though there have been no recorded



Inbound travellers going through immigration at Suvarnabhumi airport. Photo: Bangkok Post

cases in the kingdom so far.

The EOC aims to keep an eye on cases abroad and update the latest data on how to prevent the virus, he said.

Dr Chakkarat said that during the incubation period, infected people might not show visible symptoms such as rashes and raised spots that turn into blisters and then scabs.

They might pass screening at immigration and enter the country. However, officials will look closely at passengers from countries that have outbreaks.

He also added that passengers must fill in health declaration cards before arriving for inspection. The cards will ask questions about having possible symptoms.

The first symptoms include having a high temperature, headache, muscle aches, backache, swollen glands, chills and exhaustion.

Dr Chakkarat explained that monkeypox causes symptoms that are similar to those of smallpox although they are often less severe. Bangkok Post

## DISCOVER THE CHARM OF SIRAY

**Say I do to your ceremony in the sky.**

The Sinae wedding venue is a destination in paradise, situated at the highest point of the Sinae hotel, the road to heaven is paved with sunshine and memories of golden days.

Perched on top of the world, Sinae's wedding venue is the perfect location for a timeless celebration of love, peace, and harmony. Entwined by intimacy and endless azure skies, experience a once-in-a-lifetime celebration with an unforgettable backdrop of the Andaman sea.

**SINAE PHUKET LUXURY HOTEL**

888 Moo 1, T. Rassada, Koh Siray, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket, Thailand 83000  
 +66 76 390 388, +66 61 173 8717  
 my@sinaephuket.com  
 www.sinaephuket.com





# Why you need reading glasses after the age of 50 and how to solve it

## ADVERTORIAL

If you are reading this article, I assume that there are two things about you. First, you feel annoyed that you need reading glasses all the time to see up-close. Second, your age is over 50. The only real reason that you can't read anymore or have a difficult time seeing things up-close with your own eyes and end up with reading glasses that stick with you all the time is because your natural lens is getting "old".

Yes, there is a lens in your eye that helps you to see things. When you were young, your lens was still flexible and could change its focusing power and allow you to have great visual range. But after 50, your lens will lose its flexibility and can't keep up with you anymore.

The result? People end up sticking with reading with eyeglasses because they just can't see. It is very common that some basic daily activities can become a lot more difficult. Put it simply: Texting, using a smartphone, reading menus, going shopping, seeing price tags, putting make up on and all activities that require you to see closer than your eyes will allow – you need glasses.

To make the situation worse, if you already needed glasses since you were young, you will end up with two to three pairs of eyeglasses or progressive eyeglasses since your old prescription eyeglasses are not enough anymore.

At some point you found that your life was changed forever since your reading glasses became your extra organ. They will stick with you all the time if not always on your face, they will stay in your purse, on your forehead, in your pocket. This is all because "you just can't see".

Is there any solution or is it possible to turn the clock back and make you able to see just like when you were young again?

The answer is: Yes. It is very possible, but not with the Laser Vision Correction procedure (which most people know as LASIK), which is only to correct your distance vision – you will still need reading glasses for up-close vision after the procedure. Nowadays, most LASIK surgeons will not recommend you for the procedure if you are older than 50 because it just doesn't work for what you need.

In this case, you will need the lens replacement procedure ("Refractive Lens Exchange", or "R-L-E").

This procedure is very different since it involves replacing the degraded natural lens with a special lens implant which is called a "Multifocal lens". This lens implant is specifically designed to enhance your visual range, allow you to see both near and far and can significantly reduce the need for eyeglasses. It is highly possible that after the procedure, patients can see and perform more than 90% of their daily activities with their own eyes.

Throughout my career of 10+ years with more than 1,000 procedures, there have been a lot of questions regarding the lens replacement procedure itself, which is not possible to put all here. But the key takeaway of the procedure is like this:

Lens replacement procedure had been around for 30+ years, which means the procedure isn't new and has been proven as very safe (we are talking about less than 1% for overall risk) and the visual outcome has improved significantly in last 10+ years thanks to the cutting edge of the newest generation of Multifocal lens, which is called a "Trifocal" lens implant.

A Trifocal lens implant works very different from your progressive/ Multifocal eyeglasses since you will need to look up and down through different portions of the lens to shift between far and near vision. The Trifocal lens will provide you with multiple focuses all the time and your brain will find the correct focus automatically and naturally, just like a normal eye does.

The lens implant does not degrade. The procedure is supposed to be done only once in a lifetime and is considered a permanent solution to correct your vision. The procedure usually takes only 30 mins for an eye and most patients can use operated eyes to perform their daily activities in less than 24 hours (some patients can text on a mobile phone immediately).

Lastly, it is just like any other procedure, which always involves some risk and the perfect outcome can't be guaranteed even if the to-date collective result is highly successful.

Since I've performed this procedure for a very long time, there are plenty of people in our Phuket community that have already had the procedure. You can ask them about the real actual result, which will be a very good real life and a realistic example that can guide you as to whether or not the procedure is for you.

If you wish to learn more about the procedure in detail I recommend you to read formal information at <https://www.brightviewcenter.com>. I have put a lot of information there. If you have more questions, you can reach me and my team at bpk.brightview@bgh.co.th. They are more than ready to serve you.

Regards  
Captain Wiriyaluppa, MD.  
BrightView Center  
(Located @ 2nd floor,  
Bangkok Hospital Phuket)  
[www.brightviewcenter.com](http://www.brightviewcenter.com)



## One Phuket Sustainability Fair & Lean On Me Live Fest 2

**FOOD | FUN | MUSIC | INFORMATION**

All funds raised to go to supporting local charities through One Phuket

**18 June 2022**  
**Boat Lagoon**  
**11am to 11pm**

Entry is B200 per adult  
and B50 for kids under 12

Sustainable Art Exhibition  
Kids Arts Activities  
Skate Area  
Eco Market and SWAP SHOP  
Indoor Beer Garden

and 12 AMAZING BANDS

including:  
Ozone Kids Band  
Dark Fiber  
FUZZtones  
Curious Itch  
February Cherry  
Rockin' Angels  
Gypsy Sun  
Colin Illy Hill  
Moody Paul  
& The Naughties



ONE PHUKET  
AN ISLAND UNITED



Phuket News NEWS TV Новости Phuket LIVE 89.5



# Here's To You

## ADVERTORIAL

By Joanna Matlub

**L**iving Waters Phuket Foundation (LWPF), was established in late 2021 to provide financial grants enabling essential relief aid projects to take place, assisting underprivileged communities. It helps fund projects around back to school initiatives, renewable energy, environmental issues and those which help build brighter futures for disadvantaged people across Thailand.

LWPF would like to give thanks to some extraordinary people, without whom the last 2+ years of emergency food relief efforts would not have been possible.

Let's start by taking a look back on this immense life bag project; run predominantly by 5 Star Marine, it had already been going for 22 months throughout the pandemic before LWPF took over to continue raising awareness and funds at the start of the year.

This devoted effort saw over 1 million life bags go out to underprivileged communities around Phuket, Krabi, Koh Samui, Phang Nga, Koh Lipe, the Koh Yao Islands and further afield for over 2 years. Often distribution was strategically planned when areas were struck with major isolation or community lockdowns plus the previous lack of tourism due to entry restrictions.

So here is our heartfelt THANK YOU to Sutai Muay Thai, in particular Amy and Nando who have been there since the very beginning, packing a few hundred life bags each time at the start of 2020. Without you this project wouldn't have built the foundations it needed to grow and develop as it did.

Of course, we could not have done this without each and every single volunteer who turned up to pack, helped to deliver or purchase supplies for these food crisis initiatives over the years. Peter and Nina, your commitment and enthusiasm for coordinating volunteers, packing and deliveries across Phuket and beyond has been unwavering, THANK YOU.

We sincerely want to THANK the Governor of Phuket, the Phuket Provincial Government and the Phuket Red Cross for your vital support and efforts in helping us gain access to communities who needed support and help the most. We also extend our THANKS to everyone who helped make these efforts possible and of course every single person who donated towards this cause.

THANK YOU to all the hotel volunteer teams for their efforts, including the Marriott Bonvoy team, the Pullman Phuket Arcadia Naithon Beach, The Amari Phuket, The Six Senses, Koh Yao Noi and the Intercontinental Hotel Phuket. We would love to name everyone involved, but the numbers make this impossible; needless to say,



we THANK YOU all for your hard work and dedication.

THANK YOU to so many others, including Phuket Has Been Good To Us, UWC Thailand, Headstart School, BISP, KIS, the Phuket Hotels Association, community packing pods, everyone who has helped donate, pack and distribute – the list could go on and on, but you know who you are and we THANK each and every one of you for being part of this incredible community initiative which has literally saved lives across Thailand during the worst years of the pandemic.

As this chapter draws to a close, we are humbled by what has been achieved by working together to help thousands of people across Thailand. THANK YOU again, one and all for your sup-

port, effort and commitment.

As the ability to spend more time and efforts on other areas aside from the life bags begins, the Foundation will continue to help make a difference by funding upgrades to care centres, schools and educational facilities for underprivileged children; helping create employment and skills development for groups in need; assisting with back to school initiatives; funding sustainable skills and food production education; and generally devoting its funds into helping the most vulnerable communities across Thailand.

www.livingwatersphuket.com

Livingwatersphuket

livingwatersphuket

Weebon Donations: Living Waters Phuket

**THAI**  
RESIDENTIAL  
Phuket's No.1 Trusted Real Estate Advisor

## Are You Trying To Sell Your Phuket Property?

List Your House, Villa or Luxury Condo with  
**Thai Residential**  
and Increase Your Chances  
of a **Successful** Sale.



PHUKET@THAIRESIDENTIAL.COM | +66 94 8411 918 | WWW.THAIRESIDENTIAL.COM  
THAIRESIDENTIAL CO., LTD. 82/37 SAM PAO COURTYARD, MOO4, PATAK ROAD, T.RAWAI, PHUKET, 83130



# POP QUIZ

1. What was Al Capone's most ominous nickname?
2. The islands named Las Tortugas by Christopher Columbus in 1503 are now better known as what?
3. How old was Louis XIV when he became King of France?
4. Which British monarch was the first to address the US Congress?
5. Are avocados a whole fruit or a berry?

Answers below, centre

## SUDOKU

Easy

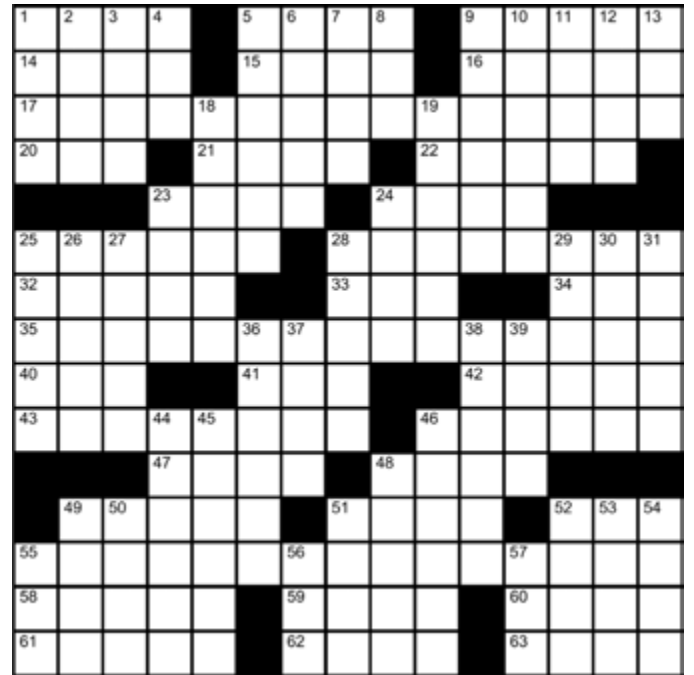
6	9				8			
3		5			7			
7	2						9	1
9				5			8	
	3		4		6		2	
	8			1				7
4	7						1	5
			2		4			6
			9				7	8

## Crossword by Myles Mellor & Sally York

- Across
1. 60's do  
5. Hand-warmer  
9. Guitar stroke  
14. Surf sound  
15. Polo grounds?  
16. Anatomical fold  
17. Beyond the regular schedule  
20. Village in Belgium  
21. Spark  
22. Fingers  
23. Frightening: var.  
24. Recipe abbr.  
25. Engenders  
28. Feet, slangily  
32. Entertained, in a way  
33. Be human  
34. Omitted  
35. In a remarkable manner  
40. Tune  
41. It can be flipped  
42. Tangle  
43. Oolong holder  
46. Don Juans  
47. Till fill  
48. King or queen, e.g.  
49. Nigerian city  
51. \_\_\_ lily
52. Drench  
55. Go over  
58. Rial spender  
59. Trollope's "Lady \_\_\_"  
60. Guitarist  
61. Gozo Island is part of it  
62. Drink garnish  
63. Keep in
- Down
1. It can be gray  
2. "\_\_\_ Brown" (1974 film)  
3. Have status  
4. "Catch-22" pilot  
5. Functionaries  
6. Bad loan  
7. Concern  
8. Word with cry or side  
9. Directed skyward  
10. Fluffs up  
11. Venom  
12. Wood sorrels  
13. Card game  
18. Menu  
19. Natural  
23. It has a big mouth  
24. Donut-shaped surfaces  
25. \_\_\_ suit  
26. Mischief-maker  
27. Bone cavities  
28. Pendergrass  
29. With gelidity  
30. Noted blind mathematician  
31. Eye sores  
36. Heir, sometimes  
37. Purges  
38. Bookseller  
39. Certain network  
44. Penetrating  
45. Lack of oxygen  
46. "All clear!" is one  
48. Saint-Germain's river  
49. Myrtle family plant  
50. Stage of development  
51. Compos mentis  
52. Hissy fit  
53. Look like a creep  
54. Call to attention  
55. Neighbor of Bulg.  
56. Bad-mouth  
57. Pulls

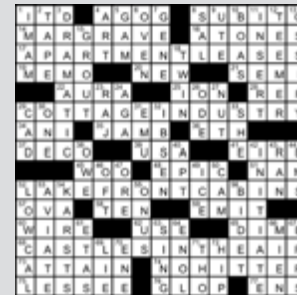
## Answers to this week's Pop Quiz:

1) Scarface; 2) The Cayman Islands; 3) Four years old; 4) Queen Elizabeth II (in 1991); 5) Berries, very large berries.



Visit: [www.ilovecrosswords.com](http://www.ilovecrosswords.com)

## Solutions to last week's puzzles:



9	4	1	6	5	2	3	7	8
5	2	7	9	3	8	6	4	1
6	8	3	7	4	1	2	5	9
1	3	9	2	6	7	4	8	5
7	5	2	1	8	4	9	6	3
4	6	8	3	9	5	7	1	2
3	7	4	8	1	9	5	2	6
2	1	6	5	7	3	8	9	4
8	9	5	4	2	6	1	3	7

## GOT YOUR NUMBER

1

metre was the length of the arms of the Tyrannosaurus Rex, but they were strong enough to lift several hundred pounds each.

17

incidents in total where people were harmed by firearms was all that Japan, with its population of 127 million, had throughout the entire year of 2020.

37,000

US dollars compensation was awarded to Florida man Daniel Rushing in 2016 after police mistook glazed donut crumbs in his car as meth.

121.7

decibels is the world record for the loudest shout by a person – an Irish female teacher who shouted, "Quiet!"

1.3

million

Earths would be able to fit inside our sun. That's how big it is.

Source: *Uberfacts*

## ISLAND VIEW



Laem Singh Beach. Photo by Istvan Gal

Got an unusual or particularly beautiful picture of Phuket? Email it to [exeditor@classactmedia.co.th](mailto:exeditor@classactmedia.co.th)

## This week in history

### May 27, 1703

Tsar Peter the Great founds the city of Saint Petersburg.

### May 28, 1987

West German pilot Mathias Rust, just 18 years old, evades Soviet Union air defenses and lands a private plane in the Red Square in Moscow, Russia. He is immediately detained and released on August 3, 1988.

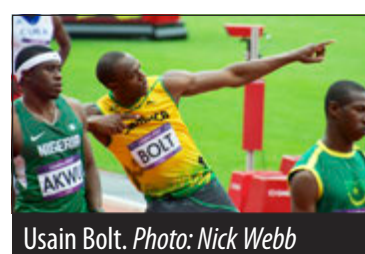
### May 29, 1953

Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand mountaineer, explorer

and philanthropist, and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay become the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest, on Tenzing Norgay's (adopted) 39<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### May 30, 70 AD

Siege of Jerusalem: Titus and his Roman legions breach the Second Wall of Jerusalem. Jewish defenders retreat to the First Wall. The Romans build a circumvallation, cutting down all trees within 15 kilometres.



Usain Bolt. Photo: Nick Webb

### May 31, 2008

Usain Bolt breaks the world record in the 100m sprint, with a wind-legal (+1.7m/s) 9.72 seconds. He later set a record time of 9.69s, and 9.58s, in 2009.

### June 1, 1941

The Farhud, a massive pogrom in Iraq, starts and as a result, Iraqi Jews are forced to leave their homes immediately following the British victory in the Anglo-Iraqi War and the collapse of the pro-Nazi government.

### June 2, 1692

Bridget Bishop is the first person to be tried for witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts; she was found guilty and later hanged. Source: *Wikipedia*



# Trades & Services

 The Phuket News  
 @thephuketnews

## CORPORATE SERVICES



**VERTIGO**  
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

WE MAKE YOU LOOK GOOD.

VERTIGO VIDEO PRODUCTIONS.COM  
f i t y

## HOME IMPROVEMENT



**Waterproofing & Crack Repair**

20 year WARRANTY

Drone Survey

Pipe Inspection

under yearly checkup plan...

TCM Asia Co., Ltd - quality services since 2003  
office@tcm-asia.com 086-9439834

## HOME IMPROVEMENT



**MN.PAINTING**

German/English: 087 894 8255

No Job too Big  
No Job too small

## HOME IMPROVEMENT



**Lile-it**  
SMART TILES  
Tile Leveling System

Baan Wana - Cherng Talay  
Tel : 076 620168

PHUKET'S QUALITY TILE BOUTIQUE

www.tile-asia.com | letstalk@tile-asia.com

## HOME IMPROVEMENT



**WOOD FLOOR PHUKET - 20 YEARS**

Solid wood floors and engineering.  
Decks supplied and installed - Teak & NZ Pine.

f /solidwoodfloorphuketthailand  
M Matt 081 271 2684 or Jessica 062 372 6624

## HOME IMPROVEMENT



**Plumber**  
German Water Team Ltd.Part  
We repair what your husband fixed

MASTERCRAFTSMAN  
WE REPAIR AND BUILD NEW:

- ALL KINDS OF HOT AND COLD WATER SYSTEMS
- HOT WATER SOLAR SYSTEMS AND SOLAR PUMPS
- POOL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE
- REPAIR ALL KINDS OF WATER SYSTEMS AND POOL PUMPS
- A VARIETY OF WATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS TO FIT YOUR NEEDS

SHOWROOM NEXT TO WAT CHALONG  
OPEN FROM 8AM TO 5PM

094 594 8868 (THAI)  
089 645 4848 (GER / ENG)

www.germanwaterteam.com  
Email: germanwaterisam@yahoo.de  
2212 Moo 8 Chaofa R.d.west Chalong A.Muang Phuket 83130

## MARINE SERVICES



**Marine Engineering Specialists**

**C & C MARINE**

YANMAR mtu

**C & C Marine (Thailand) Co., Ltd.**

16/2 Moo 4, Soi Nanai, Thepkasattri Rd., Koh Kaew, Muang, Phuket 83200  
Tel: +66 (0)76 273247 Fax: +66 (0)76 273248 Mob: +66 (0)81 078 4507  
Email: cholmes@candc-marine.com www.candc-marine.com

## OTHER



**Mac-Nels**

**MACNELS SHIPPING PHUKET**

ANY SHIPMENT ANY WHERE

☎ OFFICE: 076 603907

☎ MOBILE: CALL PETER 0863645862

www.macnellsphuket.com

## OTHER



CARING FOR OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS 24 HOURS PER DAY.

**hugme**

**โรงพยาบาลสัตว์อภัย**  
HUGME ANIMAL HOSPITAL

100/16 MOOT SRISUNTHON, THALANG, PHUKET 83110  
☎ 076 510 656

**WANT TO TALK TO PHUKET?**

The **Phuket News** Your Island - Your Paper  
Новости **Пхукета** Твой остров - твои газеты  
ข่าว **ภูเก็ต**

**WINDOW ON PHUKET**

The **map of PHUKET** English 中文 Русский

Where to **eat** in PHUKET

**LIVE 89.5** NEWS **TV**

Contact: gm@classactmedia.co.th



FRI

27 MAY



STEAK HOUSE & RESTAURANT

98/18 Vises Road, Rawai

Oil: 081 891 4381

www.shakersphuket.com

shakersphuket@gmail.com

FB: shakersphuket

Friday Mussels night

6 PM onwards: Belgian style mussels served with French Fries. All you can eat. Your choice. Your style: Mariniere, White wine, Provencale, Garlic & cream, Creamy curry, Blue cheese or Thai style. We have a kid's playground zone. Adults: 325 baht P.P. www.shakersphuket.com www.facebook.com/shakersphuket Oliver, Shakers restaurant 98/18 Vises Road, Rawai 83130, 081 891 4381

SUN

29 MAY



STEAK HOUSE & RESTAURANT

98/18 Vises Road, Rawai

Oil: 081 891 4381

www.shakersphuket.com

shakersphuket@gmail.com

FB: shakersphuket

Sunday roast

12PM – 9PM: All you can eat Sunday Roast Buffet Beef, Pork, Chicken & Lamb – Cauliflower, Broccoli, Peas, Carrots, Fried mushrooms, Grilled Tomatoes – Yorkshire pudding – Roasted Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes – Apple sauce, Gravy, Mushroom sauce, Horse raddish, Mint Sauce. We have a kid's playground zone. Adults: 350 baht P.P. Kids under 12 years old: 175 baht P. www.shakersphuket.com www.facebook.com/shakersphuket Oliver, Shakers restaurant 98/18 Vises Road, Rawai 83130, 081 891 4381

Want your EVENT listed here?

Reserve your space NOW!

076 612 550 sales@classactmedia.co.th

MON

30 MAY



STEAK HOUSE & RESTAURANT

98/18 Vises Road, Rawai

Oil: 081 891 4381

www.shakersphuket.com

shakersphuket@gmail.com

FB: shakersphuket

Pizza Monday

12 PM till closing: 20% discount on all our pizzas We have a kid's playground zone. www.shakersphuket.com www.facebook.com/shakersphuket Oliver, Shakers restaurant 98/18 Vises Road, Rawai 83130, 081 891 4381

WED

1 JUN



STEAK HOUSE & RESTAURANT

98/18 Vises Road, Rawai

Oil: 081 891 4381

www.shakersphuket.com

shakersphuket@gmail.com

FB: shakersphuket

Wednesday BBQ night

6 PM onwards: All you can eat BBQ buffet cooked to order. Beef, Pork, Chicken, Burgers, Ribs Sausages, Fish, Prawns & Squids, salad buffet and veggies, Choice of potatoes, cold and hot sauces, Bread, Buns & garlic bread. We have a kid's playground zone. Adults: 395 baht P.P. Kids under 12 years old: 195 baht P.P. www.shakersphuket.com www.facebook.com/shakersphuket Oliver, Shakers restaurant 98/18 Vises Road, Rawai 83130, 081 891 4381

THU

2 JUN



Grow Boating Evening

We look forward to seeing you at the next Grow Boating Evening at the Boardwalk Bistro and Bar at the

Phuket Boat Lagoon from 5pm on Thursday the 2nd of June. The reason for the change is that Friday the 3rd is a public holiday for H.M. Queen Suthida Bajrasudhabimalalakshana's Birthday. We are delighted to announce that our drinks sponsor for the evening will be SEA property group. A stalwart in Phuket real estate, SEA property group has over 25 years of experience on the paradise island. The family team at SEA Property group boasts unparalleled knowledge in Phuket real estate solutions. See https://sea-property.com/ There will be a delicious free burger for all attendees and as always all your favourite beverages will be available from the bar. Come and join in the fun, everyone is welcome and there is no entry fee. We hope to see you there and if you know anyone you think would be interested in coming, please invite them along. A special thanks to our Media Partners - The Phuket News, Live 89.5 Radio and Phuket News TV

FRI

10 JUN



JOINT CHAMBERS PHUKET SUNDOWNERS

Wednesday 10 November 2021 18.00 - 21.00 hrs.

Four Points by Sheraton Phuket Patong Beach Resort

500 THB for AustCham members, partner Chambers' members, and Australian Alumni Members\* 900 THB for non-members

EVENT SUPPORTER MEDIA PARTNER

PLATINUM SPONSOR LINFOX

Phuket Sundowners hosted by AustCham - Friday 10 June

AustCham Thailand, in collaboration with Australian Alumni, American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand (AMCHAM), British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT), Belgian-Luxembourg/Thai Chamber of Commerce, CanCham Thailand, Franco-Thai Chamber of Commerce (FTCC), German-Thai Chamber of Commerce (GTCC), Netherlands-Thai Chamber of Commerce (NTCC) and Thai-Swedish Chamber of Commerce, invite you to join us for Phuket Sundowners to be held on Friday 10th June, 2022, at the Angsana Laguna Phuket. Please register in advance, as walk-ins are not allowed for this event. Limited spaces, please book early to avoid disappointment COVID-19 Requirements: Attendees must be able to show proof of at least double vaccinated and a Negative test result (ATK/RT-PCR) conducted within 24 hours of arriving at the event. Cost: Baht 500 for AustCham members, partner Chambers' members, and Australian Alumni Members. Baht 900 for non-members.

SAT

11 JUN



PLATINUM JUBILEE CHARITY GALA DINNER

TUE 11 @ 6.30PM

TROPOLE GRAND BALLROOM COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT PHUKET TOWN

Elegant evening of exciting entertainment, delicious food stations, free flow of selected beverages 3 hours

HONORABLE GUEST TISH AMBASSADOR

ra Tables Added: Ticket donation \$3,500 pp before May 20

Contact: 089 874 2942 or wachcharity@gmail.com

Gifts donated to Vachira Hospital Children's Unit (Angkor Wat Phuket Town)

PLATINUM JUBILEE CHARITY GALA DINNER

Join us for an ELEGANT EVENING of great entertainment, delicious food stations and selected beverage free flow for 3 hours. At the newly refurbished Metropole Grande Phuket Ballroom, Courtyard by Marriott Phuket Town. Profits donated to Vachira Hospital Children's Unit and Good Shepherd Phuket Town Ticket Donation; B3,500 per person before May 20 Contact: phuketcharity@gmail.com 089 874 2942

SAT

18 JUN



One Phuket Sustainability Fair & Lean On Me Live Fest 2

FOOD | FUN | MUSIC | INFORMATION

18 June 2022 Boat Lagoon 11am to 11pm

Entry is \$200 per adult and \$50 for kids under 12

Lean On Me Live Fest

JThe One Phuket Sustainability Fair and Lean On Me Live Fest 2 will take place at the White House inside the Phuket Boat Lagoon Marina on the 18th of June 2022. The fun starts at 11am and ends at 11pm. Come and learn about all things sustainable. Enter the Sustainable Art Contest. Enjoy 12 awesome bands! And bring your skateboard!. Gary Crause gary@legendmusic.net

JOBS

Full Time Nanny

Looking for a nanny to take care of 1y9m old child. Live in or work 7am to 7pm English or/and Thai speaking Nanny experience 3 years 18000, Napakpapha, nicky\_karpuzov@yahoo.com, +6639503078

BUSINESSES FOR SALE

URGENT

Resort for sale /rent

3 rai grasland,6 building 12 rooms ,internet ,own Well ,big pool,parking,restaurant ,5min walk to Makro Lotus any offer considered. 3 rai grasland,6 building 12 rooms ,internet ,own Well ,big pool,parking,restaurant ,5min walk to Makro Lotus any offer considered, bigasail33@yahoo.com



BOAT LAGOON BAR FOR SALE

The Lagoon Saloon Phuket (LSP) in Boat Lagoon is FOR SALE. See our Facebook page for more bar details. Contact Khun Ora on Mobile 082 222 7499. Negotiable.

Reserve your space NOW!

PROPERTY FOR RENT



Land for sale near Mission Heights

Land is 1,656 square meters approx on 3 Chanote titles. Has concrete road, water and electric. Small quiet village close to Mission Heights. I'm looking for 4.5 million Baht, negotiable. Call 093 629 4400.

PROPERTY FOR RENT

URGENT

Stunning Villa For Rent/Sale

Stunning Villa for rent or sale in Chalong. 795,2 square meter or almost 1/2 Rai Land. 4 Bedrooms each with bathroom & shower. 1 laundry room with dishwasher and washing machine. Fully equipped kitchen. Aircon units and ceiling fans in all rooms. Saltwater Pool 8m x 4m + jacuzzi + outdoor shower. Water system with very high-quality water filter. Long term rental min 6 months price 60,000 THB incl. garden and pool cleaning or available for sale 16,800 000 THB. adam.goodman@hotmail.com, 0910161167

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you want to drink that is your business

If you want to stop that is ours

Daily Meetings

Patong, Chalong, Phuket Town, Bang Tao & Karon

CALL 081 895 4763 help@aaphuket.org

Google www.aaphuket.com



Australian Visas

Need An Australian Visa or Expert Advice?

Have the confidence dealing with an Australian Lawyer and Agent, based right here in Thailand but regulated in Australia.

Your application will be prepared and lodged for you, as well as expert advice as to the best visas and approach.

We can assist with all visa types, including Tourist, Partner, Work, Study and Family visas.

Had a visa refusal - our team specialise in getting you the result you want.

Phone: 084 400 9487 www.AustralianVisas-Thailand.com

Migration Agents Registration Number 1464995 www.mara.gov.au





## SKÅL INTERNATIONAL PHUKET NETWORKING EVENT - MAY 2022

The first post-COVID event hosted by Banyan Tree Phuket at XANA Beach Club, on Thursday, May 19. Skål International Phuket also celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

# Where to eat in PHUKET

## The July/August 2022 hard copy issue goes to print very soon

Distributed in resorts/hotels lobbies, in a high number of restaurants and coffee shops, plus inserted in one issue of *The Phuket News* each month, it is a great way to Talk to Phuket about your F & B outlet

### Want to be in it?

✉ CONTACT JASON TODAY – gm@classactmedia.co.th



# International Rugby 10s returns

## RUGBY

The Phuket News  
editor@classactmedia.co.th

After a two-year COVID-induced absence international rugby returned to Phuket shores last weekend (May 13-15) for a festival of high-octane action.

The traditional Athena Siam Vets tournament kicked things off on Friday (May 13) at the Thanyapura Sports Club with the One Foot In The Grave Over 45s featuring old favourites and long-time supporters of the tournament including the Asian Japanese Dragons, Arabian Gulf Legends and the Moorabbin Rams from Australia.

The Legends produced some of their best rugby in many a year to triumph over the Dragons and win the cup 15-0.

Next, the Over 35s Athena Siam Coffin Dodgers tournament saw the Old Bangkok Bangers, Old Boys Rugby from Abu Dhabi, Phuket Viagrabonds, Singapore SCC Growlers and Singapore XVG Rusties playing some vintage rugby with the Bangers finishing top by virtue of points



Men's Open Champions Singapore SCC Rugby celebrate their win on May 15. Photo: Phuket Rugby

difference over the Growlers.

The Saturday (May 14) saw the group stages of both the more serious men's and women's tournaments.

Group A was dominated by the Singapore SCC who finished top, closely followed by the Bucks Raptors, another club from the Lion City.

Singapore's dominance did not stop there as the XVG Roosters won all their games to top Group B, with the Bangkok Bangers Colts a close second. The surprise team of the tournament was the Chiang Mai Cobras who

finished a credible third to make the cup quarter finals.

In the women's event a late cancellation by the Bucks women saw the pool shrink down to three teams although it didn't diminish the quality of rugby with big hits, slick handling and all-round enthusiasm for the game on show, with the experienced Bangkok Bangers Belles winning the group.

## KNOCKOUTS AND FINALS

Sunday was knockout and finals day, attracting large

crowds and seeing many old friendships and acquaintances rekindled.

As is customary, scholarship students from the Asia Center Foundation, for whom the tournament has raised funds for over several years, delivered an outstanding performance based on Thai culture and history to the delight of the massed crowd prior to the action.

The finals kicked off with the Open Shield final between Bucks Bin Juice and the TSU Taksin Uni lads who played their hearts out but were left

devastated when the Bucks scored a late try to give them a 19-10 win.

The Coffin Dodgers Plate final saw the Phuket Viagrabonds dominate a tiring XVG Rusties with a score of 22-0, while the Old Bangkok Bangers edged out the SCC Growlers 17-12 in the Cup final and the Bangkok Bangers Belles defeated the KL Tigers 20-12 to capture the Ladies Cup.

The Men's Open Bowl Final between the Southerners and the Cobras saw the latter storm to a 10-point lead. Recent Pattaya 10s champs the Southerners came roaring back to bring it to 10-7 although the Cobras held on to win their first major trophy.

The Phuket Vagabonds won the Plate final by virtue of a walkover when the Bucks Raptors, ravaged with injuries forfeited the game.

Finally, the Aussie Bar Phuket International Cup Final was everything a supporter could have asked for with end-to-end attacks, massive hits, sneaky plays and offloads.

The Bangers took an early 5-0 lead before Singapore SCC came back to level the

score. With the clock ticking down and extra time looming, SCC made the breakthrough and scored under the posts to secure a win 12-5 and be crowned 2022 Champions.

In the individual honours Tomonari Furukawa of the Bangkok Asian Dragons won Men's Over 45s Player of the Tournament (PoT) and the Men's Athena Siam Coffin Dodgers PoT went to Darryn Mathee of the Old Bangkok Bangers.

Men's Open PoT went to Robb Falls of the Bangkok Bangers Colts and Jane Cathery from the Bangkok Bangers Belles picked up Ladies PoT.

The Phuket 10s continued their long association with the Asia Center Foundation, who celebrated their 20th anniversary this year. Funds were raised over the weekend for the ACF scholarship program providing underprivileged children on the island the chance of a better future. You can find out more at asiacenterfoundation.org.

The 24th Phuket International Rugby 10s will return on June 9-11, 2023. For more information visit [www.phuket10s.com](http://www.phuket10s.com).

## Laguna Phuket Marathon is back

### MARATHON

THE SUPERSPORTS Laguna Phuket Marathon is set to welcome thousands of runners from around Thailand and overseas to Run Paradise in Phuket on June 11-12.

With the cancellation of Test & Go, international participants can now fly to Phuket with no test on arrival and take part in Southeast Asia's leading destination marathon, which will again be held at the award-winning resort complex Laguna Phuket.

"Phuket island is open and ready to host this international standard event. Events like the Supersports Laguna Phuket Marathon are very important in bringing people to Phuket and contribute significantly to the island's tourism economy and local businesses," said Phuket Vice Governor Pichet Panapong last Friday (May 20).

"We're looking forward to welcoming thousands of people to Phuket to enjoy the event and also Phuket's won-



Runners at the 2020 event. Photo: Supplied

derful hospitality," he added.

Having welcomed over 200,000 participants from more than 70 countries to Phuket over its first 15 years, the Supersports Laguna Phuket Marathon is one of the top marathon majors in Thailand, is certified by IAAF AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races) and is a qualifying event for the Boston Marathon.

The scenic course will take runners past local villages, rubber and pineapple

plantations, through the beachfront Sirinath National Park and starts/finishes at Laguna Grove.

Distances available include: 2km kids run, 5km and 10.5km in the afternoon on Saturday, June 11; and Half Marathon (21.0975km), Marathon Relay (42.195km) and Marathon (42.195km) in the morning on Sunday, June 12.

People can register <http://www.phuketmarathon.com/registration>.

The Phuket News

## Fonseka fails to fry Pancake in classic heavyweight dual

### CRICKET

LAST SUNDAY (MAY 22) saw another incredible game go down to the wire at the ACG as Patong Penguins won on the final ball of the match to level the T25 series (2-2) against arch rivals the Thalang Cows.

The game became a head-to-head contest for the most part, as both teams' star players Craig 'Pancake' Morgan (Penguins) and Ashan Fonseka (Cows) both put in exceptional performances with the bat which lead to a mammoth 550 runs (including 34 sixes) during the day's play.

Fonseka and Sameer Khan opened the batting but the latter was bowled by Jason Robertson for a golden duck. Fonseka then forged a 99 run-stand with his captain Joe Ninan (30) before Samarth dismissed the Cows skipper in the 11th over.

Mayur Deuskar (18) and Fonseka then staged a 114-run partnership before the former was removed by Robertson in the 20th over.

Three overs later the Penguins finally got their man as



Craig 'Pancake' Morgan on his way to 148 runs from 67 balls for the Patong Penguins. Photo: Supplied

Manish trapped Fonseka (163) LBW before Michael Flowers (35) helped boost the score to a daunting 274-5.

In response the Penguins quickly found themselves at 50-3 after the first 5 overs, losing Paddy Ledebor, Seemant Raju and Rishi Sadarangani.

Morgan (148) and Manish combined to steady the ship, reaching 145/4 before the latter was stumped by Abu Bakar and the former caught by Khan in the 23rd over, leaving the Penguins needing 14 to win from the final Deuskar over.

Following a six, a run out and some comical fielding from the first 5 balls of

the over, just one run was required to win from the final ball. Looking to win in style, Robertson (9\*) failed to connect. However, wicketkeeper Flowers, wearing just one glove, let the ball slip from his grasp allowing Sajal Gaur to charge through to the strikers end to complete the bye that sealed the most unlikely 2-wicket victory as the rest of the Penguins poured onto the field in jubilant celebration.

Morgan was Man of the Match for his 148 from 67 balls, with Fonseka's 163 from 75 balls and 3-23 bowling returns also highly noteworthy.

Curt Livermore



# Manchester City win title on a dramatic final day

## FOOTBALL

AFP

Manchester City won the Premier League for the fourth time in five seasons after a pulsating title race reached a dramatic conclusion as the champions staged an incredible comeback from two goals down to beat Aston Villa 3-2 on Sunday (May 22).

Pep Guardiola's side were teetering on the brink of blowing the title after falling 2-0 behind midway through the second half at the Etihad Stadium.

But Ilkay Gundogan sparked an astonishing City revival as the German midfielder reduced the deficit before Rodri grabbed the equaliser.

Gundogan turned in City's third goal in the space of five minutes in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute, triggering wild celebrations and rendering second-placed Liverpool's 3-1 victory against Wolves irrelevant.

City finished with 93 points, one point ahead of Liverpool, as they ended their rivals hopes of winning an unprecedented quadruple.

Guardiola's men can rightly be called a dynasty after joining Manchester United as the only clubs in the Premier League era to have won four titles in five seasons, with Alex Ferguson's teams doing it on three separate occasions.

The eighth league title in City's history is Guardiola's ninth major trophy



Man City players celebrate. Photo: AFP

since arriving at the club in 2016.

"These guys are legends. When you win in this country four times in five years, it is because these guys are so special. They will be remembered forever," Guardiola said of his players.

He was also quick to salure Liverpool, saying: "I've never see a team like Liverpool in my life. I know how tough it is but they help us be a better team season by season. Big congratulations to them."

On a breathtaking final day, Burnley were relegated as Leeds beat the drop, while Tottenham qualified for the Champions League at the expense of their north London rivals Arsenal.

Tottenham's 5-0 rout of Norwich secured fourth place at Carrow Road and Champions League football next season.

Goals from Harry Kane and a brace each from Dejan Kulusevski and Son

Heung-min secured the win, with the latter sharing this season's Golden Boot award with Liverpool's Mohamed Salah as joint highest scorers on 23 goals.

Tottenham's victory left north London rivals Arsenal in fifth place despite their 5-1 win against Everton.

Burnley's six-season stay in the top tier ended with a 2-1 home defeat against Newcastle, with Leeds staying up after a 2-1 win at Brentford.

Leeds started the day below Burnley on goal difference, but the Clarets were beaten by Callum Wilson's brace, while Jesse Marsch's team escaped thanks to Raphinha's penalty and Jack Harrison's last-gasp strike.

Manchester United lost 1-0 at Crystal Palace, but qualified for the Europa League thanks to West Ham's 3-1 defeat at Brighton.



Verstappen crosses the finish line. Photo: AFP

## Verstappen takes title lead after Leclerc Ferrari failure

### FORMULA ONE

MAX VERSTAPPEN WON the Spanish Grand Prix last Sunday (May 22) to lead the 2022 F1 championship for the first time after Charles Leclerc retired with an engine failure.

Leclerc had been leading the race by more than 13 seconds when he suffered a sudden loss of power on lap 27 and was forced to retire, his first failure to finish since last August.

Verstappen experienced troubles too when a gust of wind blew him into the gravel, dropping him behind George Russell and teammate Sergio Perez. His DRS flap also broke, opening only intermittently when he tried to use it to overtake.

After some thrilling racing on lap 24 between Verstappen and Russell, the Dutchman

decided to switch his strategy from two stops to three so he could exploit his car's superior pace in clear air.

The tactics worked, and after two flat-out stints on the soft and medium tyres, he made his final pit stop and rejoined the race fractionally ahead of Russell, who had to manage his tyres more to get them to the end with one fewer stop.

Perez was left in the lead but was asked to make way, clearing Verstappen's path to victory and a six-point championship lead.

Red Bull's double score also put the team ahead in the constructors standings with a 26-point margin over Ferrari.

Russell finished third, the first Mercedes podium of the season, after the team made significant progress on the problems that have plagued the car so far this season.

Michael Lamonato

## SEA Games pride for Phuket

### SEA GAMES

Continued from page 16

In badminton, the Thai women's team won the gold medal after beating Indonesia 3-0 while Pornpawee Chochuwong and Kunlavut Vitidsarn claimed gold in the women's and men's singles finals respectively.

The men's and women's teams won gold in table tennis and tennis Luksika Kumkhum won the women's tennis singles title.

Snooker star Wattana Pu-ob-orm won his first SEA Games gold medal at the age of 53, defeating Lim Kok Leong of Malaysia 4-2 in the best-of-seven frames final on Sunday (May 22) to secure the title that hand long eluded him.

The women's volleyball team continued their dominance, winning gold for the 15<sup>th</sup> time at the biennial Games while the Thai boxing team took home four gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

Teenage sensation Puripol Boonson won the men's 100 metres, 200m and 4x100m titles to complete a hat-trick of sprint crowns on his Games debut. Supanich Poolkerd took bronze in the women's 100m.

Kobsit Sittichai won gold with a leap of 2.21 metres in the men's high jump and Jariya Wichaidit won silver in the women's javelin with a throw of 55.65 metres.

Weightlifter Thanyathon Sukcharoen won gold medal in the women's 45kg with a new SEA Games record of 174kg total while Surodchana Khambao also won with a new Games record of 195kg in the



Phuket's Komkrit Keadnin won bronze in men's Jujitsu. Photo: #THStadium

women's 49kg class. Compatriots Witsanu Chantri (men's 67kg), Rungsuriya Panya (men's 89kg) and Duangaksorn Chaidee (women's 71kg) all also won gold medals.

In golf, the Thai women's team won gold after beating Malaysia in the final but the men's team had to settle for silver after losing to Malaysia 2-1 in the title match.

The Thai men's and women's teams had to settle for silver in football when they both lost to hosts Vietnam in their respective final games. However, their futsal counterparts made up for it somewhat by winning gold in the men's and women's finals, with Vietnam once again the opponents.

In cycling, Thailand's Peerapol Chawchiangkwan took the men's road individual time trial gold medal and Jutatip Maneephan won the women's road race criterium event.

Thailand continued their sepak takraw supremacy, sweeping the men's and women's regu titles, as Issarapong Duangkaew and partner Thanawan Yananun won two golds in men's dancesport and the Kingdom won an eSports gold in Garena RoV competition.

Ben Tirebuck



THAILAND'S  
PVC WINDOW  
SPECIALISTS  
SINCE 2004



Contact us for the lowest  
prices in Phuket



PROJECT SUPPLIES DIRECT

Head Office at Tesco Lotus Thalang Phuket

English 087 061 7631 or Thai 095 463 6422

f PVC Phuket f NathanUpvcBrown





editor3@classactmedia.co.th

# Sport



Phuket hosts festival of rugby > p14

## GOING PRO

### Anni to compete in World Surf League

Annissa is to compete in the WSL Asian Qualifying Series in Indonesia next month as part of NSP's International Women's Surf Team. Photo: Kata Surf / NSP



#### SURFING

The Phuket News  
editor@classactmedia.co.th

Local surfing sensation Annissa Flynn has realised her dream of competing in the World Surf League (WSL) tour after she entered into a partnership with NSP and joined their International Women's Surf Team.

The partnership with NSP, a Thailand-based watersports company with roots grounded in surfing for the past 20 years, will see the 24-year-old Phuket native compete in the WSL

Asian Qualifying Series to be held in Indonesia next month.

Keen readers of *The Phuket News* will be more than familiar with Anni and her surfing journey so far. Fluent in Thai and English, Anni holds dual Thai and Australian citizenship and has been surfing the waves since the age of 8.

She won a silver medal representing Thailand in the 2019 South East Asian Games and has also been very competitive on the World Flowboarding tour, winning three World Championships between 2017 and 2019. Prior to the global COVID-19 pandemic,

Anni also ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Thai Surf Championships.

"I'm so happy to announce that I am joining the NSP team! I'm so grateful for this opportunity and stoked to see what this year will bring," commented Anni after the partnership had been confirmed.

Describing her relationship with the sport during a previous interview with *The Phuket News* as a very personal one: "Like many things, surfing is very personal and it is hard to describe to someone who doesn't have that personal connection.

"For me the feeling of

being out there in the water not thinking about anything is very calming, almost like a form of meditation. And the actual surfing itself is like standing on water, a truly magical feeling."

NSP is taking a slightly different route to building their competitive surf team by partnering with women who have dreams of winning the WSL Pro Tour.

Anni, who had previously stated that competing in the WSL was her biggest dream in surfing, joins the team alongside Australian Izzie Caldwell, who recently finished third at the 2022 WSL Manly

Junior Pro event.

"These are really exciting times for NSP as we grow our International women's surf team with Anni," said Trent Pedersen, CEO of NSP.

"Being based in Thailand, we had the opportunity over the last couple of years to watch Anni grow and develop into an extremely competitive surfer. Even through the pandemic, we saw how determined she was to improve her skills.

"We're looking forward to working together with Anni to achieve her dreams of competing and earning a podium on the Pro tour."

In the upcoming WSL Asian Qualifying Series in Indonesia Anni will be competing on the Slot Machine board, a newly launched performance Pro model designed by Carl Schaper out of Hawaii.

She will also surf in the local longboard comps on a performance Pro9 longboard, designed by Carl Schaper and her full schedule will be announced soon.

In addition to NSP, Anni's sponsors include RipCurl Asia, We Are Feel Good Inc., Beach Boy Commu, Garmin Thailand, Sympl, Surf House Phuket, Mak Flowboards, and Wakeplayer Thailand.

## Phuket athletes help Thailand to second place at SEA Games

#### SEA GAMES

SEVERAL ATHLETES FROM Phuket contributed to Thailand's impressive medal haul at the recent 31<sup>st</sup> South East Asian (SEA) Games in Vietnam as the Kingdom finished in second place overall with 331 medals (92 gold, 103 silver and 136 bronze).

Thanakrit Yodrak comfortably beat Cambodia's Youdeth Sam 34-5 to win the gold medal in the men's taekwondo 58kg class in his SEA

Games debut on May 19.

"I am very happy to win gold in my first SEA Games. I trained very hard – three times a day, two or three hours each session," said the 19-year-old fighter Phuketian.

"This is just the beginning as I have a bigger target – I want to compete in the Olympics."

Monsicha Sakulrattanatara improved on her past Games performances when she won silver in the women's individual karate kata on May 19. The 24-year-old had won two bronze medals at both



Monsicha Sakulrattanatara with her SEA Games silver medal. Photo: PR Phuket

the 2017 Games in Malaysia and the 2019 Games in the Philippines.

Monischa, who took up the sport at the age of seven and trained

under the tutorship of former Thai karate champion Yanisa 'Pui' Torattanawattana, immediately took to social media to thank her family, coaches, physicists, trainers, nutritionists and fans for their direct and indirect support.

Meanwhile, Phuket's Komkrit 'Kris' Keadnin won bronze in the men's Jujitsu under 56kg Nogi category and fellow Phuketian Thanakorn 'Nong Condo' Sangkaew, was part of the men's petanque team who won gold.

Elsewhere, highlights included

reigning Olympic champion Panipak Wongpattanakit winning her third straight SEA Games gold medal in the women's taekwondo 49kg class on May 19. The 29-0 win over Julius Dhaysi Oo of Myanmar extended world no.1 Panipak's winning streak to 36 matches, dating back to Nov 2018.

Also in taekwondo, Athi Sararat won gold in the men's 87kg class and Sasikarn Tongchan silver in the women's 62kg. In total, the Thai taekwondo team won five gold, three silver and one bronze medal.

Continued on page 15