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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Hi Everyone

Oh the joy of being a media partner - you get invited to really excellent events. None more so than the recent Dot Property Thailand Awards. As you can tell from our Cover Story it was a truly glamorous affair at the magnificent Park Hyatt in Bangkok. In fact, with the surprise appearance of Thai Popstar: Two Popetorn, I have no idea how the team at Dot Property will be able to better this event next year? Maybe they'll go with Barry's suggestion of booking Taylor Swift?! To catch this on our video, please go to Pattaya Trader channel on YouTube where you can see the whole event + please like and subscribe to catch our regular vlogs. .

Returning to Pattaya and the following pages of this magazine, there has been plenty for us to Discover this month. With a review of a new restaurant on our favourite foodie street Thappraya Road we investigate PRIMO, a delightful new Italian bistro. Then travelling into Pattaya we review the excellent dining available at the new Grill PLATE and also a great idea for Tuesdays at THE SPORTSMAN.

In Soi Khao Talo GUSTAF REAL ESTATE has moved into their new office, ODYSSEY INTERNATIONAL to a new school in Pong and COLLINGBOURNE AUCTIONEERS to Silverlake Road, opposite the Swiss Sheep Farm. With all this local activity plus the start of a new academic year for our International Schools there is certainly a lot for us to visit. Just hope the weather doesn't get us all too wet while we're doing so!

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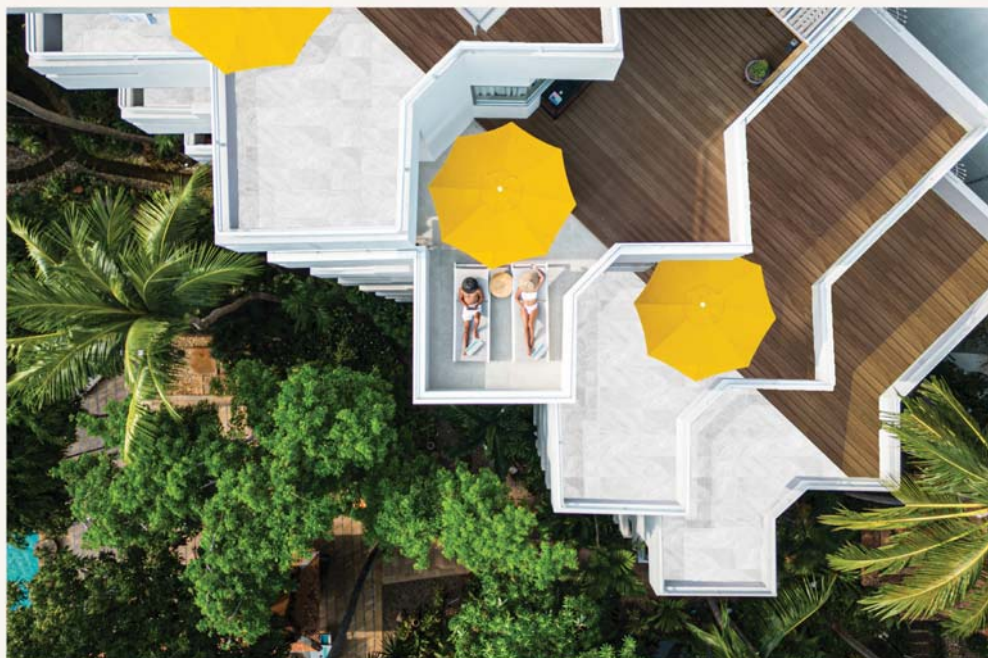
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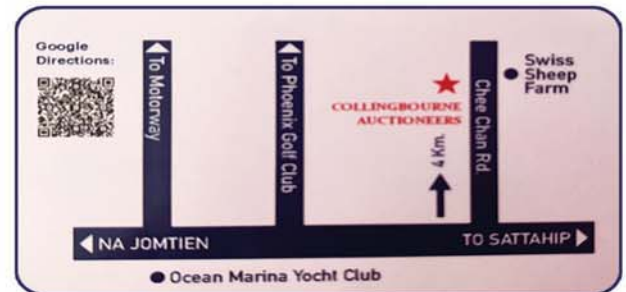
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Well I wasn't expecting that!

Discovering the delights of Grill Plate, Pattaya

When asked to review a brand new restaurant the first thing I do is have a look on their social media. However, Grill Plate on Pattaya 2nd road had only just opened and was in its "soft opening" stage. So there wasn't much yet to see on its Facebook page. Looking at the photos I thought it might be a fun place to go for cake and coffee or even a special brunch. But we were going for dinner - so I wondered how much choice there would be? Well let me tell you the answer to that question was a lot! A tremendous selection of dishes came our way with some real star performers amongst them more than exceeding my expectations.

Greeted with a very passable house red "The Hidden Sea" Cabernet Sauvignon we were off to a good start! This was accompanied by a lovely cold cuts plate comprising cheese, charcuterie, walnuts, grapes, pickles and crackers and quickly followed with 2 plump beautiful presented oysters. It was at this stage that I began to suspect we would be in for something special! What I'll say right away is that the sauces served with every dish were delicious.



Starting with the oysters which were accompanied by a very good Mignonette sauce as well as a slightly spicier Thai green sauce - this I decided to hold on to for later. Then came a soft and succulent Burrata with delicately seasoned salad tasting of an excellent Balsamic and again spiced up with some sweet little tomatoes, more walnuts and best of all some more Parma ham. This was quickly followed by the dish I will certainly be going back for, the Grilled Tiger Prawn on perfectly cooked pesto pasta. I would have been more than happy to finish my meal at this juncture but there was more to come served by the attentive and extremely friendly staff.

Let's take a break from the food for a minute though to also describe some of the general ambience. Grill Plate has floor to very high ceiling glass windows that as the sun goes down make for a great backdrop as the street lights become more visible. Bose speakers suspended from the high roof provide perfectly pitched music, not too loud but lively and fun to go with the elegant, young diners that were there on the night we visited.





That's if you're eating inside, there is also a terrace by the outside open kitchen and a cocktail bar. So back to the food and we hope our photos say it all as steak with al dente steamed vegetables and grilled, extremely tasty fish just show you a little of what you can find on this extensive menu. Another dish I really recommend is the smoked salmon with dill that will also be on my return list.



Then just as we had to say our goodbyes and thank yous to the charming staff the excellent cocktail mixologist insisted he show us what he could do. Well it would have been rude to refuse so we chose a classic: Margarita, always a good test and something a bit more adventurous: an Amaretto Sour. The Margarita test was passed with flying colours being not too sweet or too sharp and let me tell you the Amaretto Sour was a heavenly blend of frothy, whisked egg whites and perfectly balanced flavours.



Also we loved the decoration which matched the desserts we were offered. Fear not dear readers if like us you fall at the last hurdle don't worry the final course can be boxed up ready for you to take home and enjoy with a good coffee the next day.

Grill Plate is on Pattaya 2nd Road close to Alcazar and across the road from the Airport Market. I urge you to go and try their really excellent fare yourself.

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Thai Tapas at The Sportsman

Due to the all too tempting alliteration of the words Tuesday and Tacos there has been a load of Taco Tuesday promotions around town. So for once it's nice to be able to report on something a bit different especially when it comes from such a well known institution as The Sportsman. Famous for providing the best Sunday Carvery in town this favourite expat eatery has been tweaking their daily specials to now include:

Mexican Monday With 10% off Tex-Mex Food and Margaritas only 99 baht
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Then the weekend is devoted to their extensive menu, daily and weekly specials and of course that Sunday carvery!

So the only slot in the weekly calendar left to fill was Tuesday and for that the creative Sportsman team came up with what I believe will be a great favourite. At only 499 baht for 5 dishes plus 2 servings of rice it offers amazing value for money. There is enough for 2 to share or for 1 extremely hungry person to indulge! In fact, this promotion had only been on offer for a week before we came to do our review and already there was a return customer! So that was already a good sign!

With 12 different dishes on offer, several with the choice of chicken, pork or beef, you can come and try a different selection each time. From this selection there are 3 curries which are pretty much the favourite choices of most of us Yellow, Green and Panang and although the portion size for this offer is around 25% smaller than when offered on the Sportsman's regular menu, the helpings are still generous. I was also delighted to find in the Yellow curry and Panang that we chose plenty of chicken. Quite often when there is a price deal with curries you find yourself being presented with practically a bowl of sauce and no meat - very pleased to report that this was not the case at The Sportsman!

They also clearly indicate on the menu the strength of heat within each choice so if you are not one for spicy food go for the options with fewer or no chillies. After many years living in Thailand I, myself, like my curries hot so I was pleased to find that the Panang had a kick and wasn't just a bland peanut affair that can sometimes be served to us in Thai restaurants unless we let them know that we are "OK with Spicy".



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Fried Chicken in Ginger))

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Dried fried Pork Neck

หมูทอดแดดเดียว

Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce

สะเต๊ะไก่

Stir fried Vegetables

ผัดผักรวม

Spicy Prawn Soup)))) (Tom Yam Soup)

ต้มยำกุ้ง

Deep fried Crispy Pork with Thai Kale))))

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Green Curry with Chicken or Pork))))

แกงเขียวหวาน ไก่ หรือ หมู

Yellow Curry with Chicken or Pork)

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Chilli Basil & Garlic with Chicken or Pork or Beef))))

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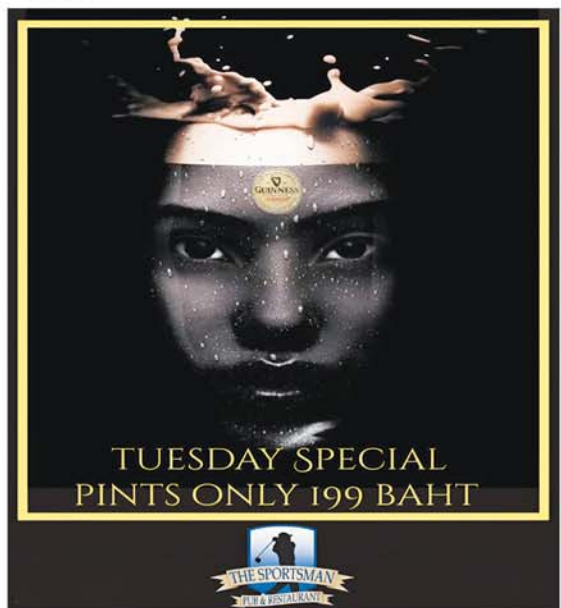
I would also really recommend the Fried Chicken with Ginger which was really flavoursome and the Tom Yum Soup which David the Manager recommended we try. Now I have to be honest and say that I might have passed on this as I have had Tom Yums that are thin and watery with meagre helpings of prawn but not so at The Sportsman.



Their Tom Yum is rich, tomatoey, and lip smackingly delicious. I am also pleased to report it has large prawns and yes is a good, thick consistency. When talking to David about this he explained to me that Tom Yum can be served as a clear soup "Nahm Sai" or thicker as "Nahm Kon" so there you go a useful Thai lesson thrown into our experience as well!

In fact all the team at the Sportsman are very friendly and helpful - Dave is practically a Pattaya Institution and apparently while he was on holiday in the UK the quizzers couldn't wait for him to come back and adjudicate their regular Thursday session. Then David the manager really runs a tight ship overseeing every detail yet still being able to chat to customers and give them tips with his extensive knowledge of Thai like the one for me when next ordering Tom Yum.

If all that wasn't enough to make you go to The Sportsman and try their Thai Tapas then don't forget on Tuesdays you can also get a pint of Guinness for just 199 Baht! Cheers!



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Primo: A Fresh Take on Italian Dining

On what we at Discover Pattaya consider the best road in Pattaya for restaurants: Thappraya Road, we were delighted to be invited to have a look at the “new kid on the block”. Primo, situated on the right side of the road as you journey down from Pattaya, is by the entrance to the Jomtien Complex. A location that was once Valentino’s and Felini’s Italian restaurants, what makes this new establishment believe it can succeed where others have failed. Well we will tell you.

Primo has a smart, open and welcoming interior. The modern decor and original art, featuring impressions of the Pattaya skyline, complements the warm, romantic lighting. There is plush seating and cosy nooks that add to the overall inviting feel. and the music, while present, is chilled and doesn’t overpower. In fact it is surprisingly quiet inside given the roadside location. However, there is outdoor seating available for those seeking a breath of fresh air or a cigarette, and here you might catch a tune from a neighbouring band.

On the night we visited we saw that the restaurant had attracted a diverse clientele with couples enjoying intimate dinners, a family having a pizza night and some groups of friends catching up over delicious food and wine. The food concentrates on using quality ingredients at a reasonable price point. The portions are generous and beautifully presented, and the friendly staff provides attentive service.

I opted for the recommended seafood soup, which delighted me with its warm, creamy tomato sauce infused with the rich flavours of the sea. It was a perfect prelude to the lasagna, a rich and extremely satisfying dish with layers of creamy cheese and flavorful meat. My companion started with an Avocado Tartar which she reported as being really fresh with generous cuts of both the salmon and avocado.



We could see from the dishes coming out of the kitchen to other tables that this is already a popular starter at Primo. She then enjoyed an Australian Sirloin with mushroom, truffle sauce which was pleasingly accompanied by a colourful medley of grilled vegetables and reasonably priced at just 650 baht.

Primo's menu offers a diverse range of options, from classic pizzas to hearty meat dishes and fresh seafood. The Pizza selection is particularly impressive, 11 choices on the menu at around the 200-300 baht price; they include a Hawaiian (which I am not personally a fan of) but all the classics. There is also a Calzone, and a rather intriguing Genovese with pesto, cheese, shrimp and Zucchini. Then if you feel like splashing out there is even a Pizza with Primo Burrata, Smoked Ham and Truffle at 450 baht.

You may find yourself looking towards an incredibly tempting display case of desserts, elegantly presented with favourites such as Panna Cotta and Tiramisu. The fresh berries and chocolate shavings add a touch of sophistication to these classic Italian desserts. However, we resisted these - so you will have to try them for yourselves. What we didn't resist, however, was a choice from the impressive wine list. It features a wide selection of reds and whites. I particularly enjoyed the Gnarly Head, a bold and flavorful red that complemented the rich flavours of the food. Their elegant presentation. We were told that many customers enjoy the unhurried vibe of Primo relaxing long after their meals to enjoy good company and a glass of wine.



It is good to see that although there are plenty of Italian Restaurants situated along Thappraya road (some more successful than others) Primo seemed to be carving out their own niche in this foodie environment.

We left after having spent a fun evening chatting and laughing with friends and that is exactly the impression the owner wanted us to take with us. His vision for Primo is to have an elegant, yet informal bistro where people can hang out and enjoy each other's company whilst sampling some good quality Italian food with excellent steak, pasta and pizza, all reasonably priced.

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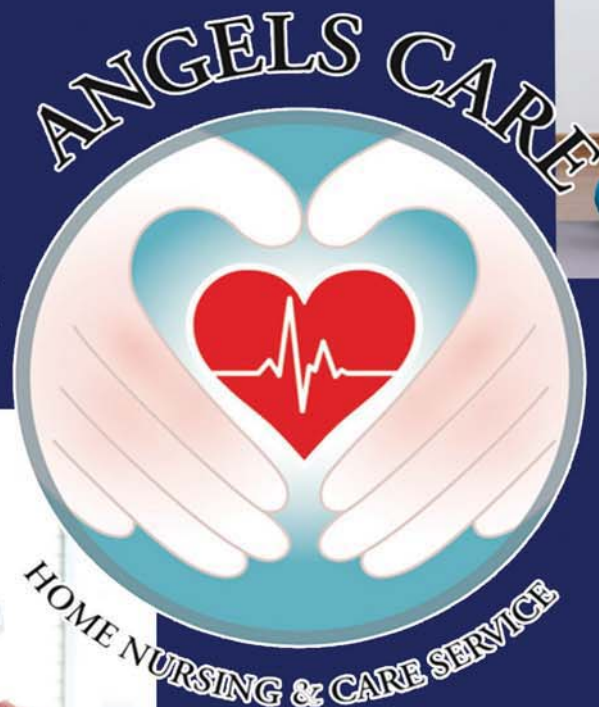
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As Boat Lagoon Yachting celebrates three decades of growth as a Southeast Asia dealership and yacht-services company headquartered in Thailand, Group Managing Director, Vrit Yongsakul reflects on the family business and where it is heading.

What does Boat Lagoon Yachting's 30th anniversary year mean to you and how are you marking this milestone in 2024?

Reaching the 30-year mark fills us with immense pride. It allows us to reflect on the journey we've undertaken, the challenges we've overcome, and the milestones we've achieved. This anniversary is a moment to honour the hard work and dedication of our team, the loyalty of our clients, and the support of our partners. Celebrating this milestone reaffirms Boat Lagoon Yachting [BLY]'s commitment to providing high-quality service for our Princess, Jeanneau, Sacs and Burgess new yachts sales, brokerage and charter business. It also encourages us to continue leading the market with well-planned and well-executed solutions and to maintain the high standards that have defined the success of BLY over the years.

What are some of your proudest achievements from these three decades?

We have sold over 500 new and pre-owned yachts in the region. In the 60-100 ft market, we maintain the leading market share, solidifying our position as the go-to provider for luxury yachts in this segment. Our Success with models like the Princess Y85 and Y95 is unparalleled, as we have sold the most units globally. We are also highly active in the superyacht market, having sold many over 35m and have arranged a variety of superyacht charters in exotic locations such as the Maldives and the Mediterranean, in addition to our local Southeast Asian region. Our knowledgeable brokers and well-trained after sales services team provide comprehensive guidance throughout the purchasing process, from sourcing to smooth delivery.



Looking ahead, where are the biggest opportunities for BLY?

We look forward to the future with optimism. We are ready to embrace new opportunities and continue to grow alongside the evolving yachting industry. Southeast Asia is poised for significant growth in interest in leisure boating, including in the demand for luxury yachts. Our enhanced brokerage services for all kinds of boats will cater to a diverse clientele with a wide range of yachts for different preferences and budgets, including berthing locations in Asia and Europe. Yacht charters are likely to see substantial growth for us – as they offer a flexible and luxurious way to experience yachting without the commitment of ownership – helped by the appeal of exploring Southeast Asia's stunning cruising destinations.



The development of charter services will include more tailored memorable experiences, catering to the unique desires of clients. We also see the industry increasingly focus on sustainability. Princess Yachts shipyard adopts eco-friendly practices and technologies. Innovations in design and engineering will lead to more efficient and environmentally -friendly yachts. BLY is excited to continue playing a pivotal role in this thriving industry, shaping the future of yachting in the region.

What are BLY's biggest competitive advantages as a company?

Unique advantages include our comprehensive network, market-leading products and services, exceptional customer service, and exclusive events that foster a strong community among yacht owners.

Our complete range of boating options from 30-100 ft-plus superyachts includes both new and pre-owned models, ensuring that we have the perfect vessel for every boating enthusiast. We take immense pride in being pioneers – the first to introduce new products and services to the market. Our customers enjoy world premieres and the latest innovations in yachting. In the 60-100 ft market, we maintain the leading market share, solidifying our position as the go-to provider for luxury yachts. In the 35m-plus superyacht sales and global charters market we also have proven track records. Commitment to excellence is evident in our standard of customisation and customer service. Our dedicated customer relationship team and service department assist with all aspects of boating, ensuring a seamless, enjoyable experience.



Our exclusive events include the annual Phuket Rendezvous, and the largest Princess Yachts gathering in Southeast Asia. Such events bring yacht owners together to cruise, relax, and explore the vast cruising grounds. Hosted at different destinations in Southeast Asia throughout the year, the Rendezvous events offer multi-day experiences exclusively reserved for our yacht owners and their friends, fostering a strong sense of community and shared passion for boating. I am confident that these strengths and competitive advantages make Boat Lagoon Yachting a leader in the yachting industry, providing unparalleled experiences and services to our valued customers.



Thailand and Singapore are your biggest markets in Southeast Asia, which have been the most popular ranges?

In the Southeast Asian region, our sales record for Princess Yachts over the past three years highlights strong demand and buyer enthusiasm.

We've successfully sold three Y95s – one being a world premiere hull at in Cannes Yachting Festival 2023 – and one X80 – which was a Singapore Yachting Festival 2024 show Asia premiere. Additionally, we secured sales of nine Y85s and the sport flybridge S72 soon after its global debut in Dusseldorf in 2022. The 50ft range has also seen notable demand, with over 11 F-class yachts delivered in the same period, including two F65s, two F62s, one F45, and six F55s – underscoring the growing popularity of mid-range elegant, luxury yachts.

Jeanneau models reflect our clients' growing interest in dayboats for leisure opportunities with families and friends, particularly in Thailand and Singapore. Merry Fisher 1295 Fly, the flagship model with three cabins is family-friendly and versatile, so popular among our clients in the region. Jeanneau Cap Camarat, known for its sensational and sporty performance and ease of manoeuvring makes it a favourite. The Jeanneau DB37, set to launch in the third quarter of 2024, and we are bringing a fleet of stock boats into the region, with some available for charter.

Sacs, a premier manufacturer of high-end tenders from Italy, fit well with our partnership with Burgess, as we often cater to clientele looking for yachts from 100ft upwards who seek luxury tenders to complement their superyachts. We have sold several units in the Rebel and Strider ranges to superyacht owners. These luxury RIBs are perfect for use as island run-around boats. Their sporty look and high-performance appeal to younger clients, too.

How important is bringing new models to market for clients in Asia?

We try to stay ahead in the market and invest in bringing the latest new yachts to the region. Customisation is essential, and as sole distributors, we make clients aware of the vast possibilities available. By understanding our client preferences, we have been able to offer tailored features such as mahjong tables instead of coffee tables, whisky cabinets, cigar drawers, and even flybridge starlights. With Princess Yachts, for example, in 2019, we invested £20 million in a brand-new fleet of models, including the R35, F45, F50, F55, F62, F70, Y75, and Y85. Our commitment to bringing world premiere units to the region is evident with popular models like the 75MY, S60, 78MY, Y85, 88MY, and previous models such as P56, P60, P64, P68, and 72MY. From 2020-2023, we continued introducing new Princess releases.



As Southeast Asia continues to develop its boating infrastructure, including marinas and yachting facilities, the ease of yacht ownership and maintenance improves. This development supports the growing interest in yachting and boosts consumer confidence in investing in luxury and recreational boats.

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Pattaya United Football Club, also known as the Dolphins, was founded in 1989, and the team's colours are usually blue and white to symbolise the sea and the beach. Over the years the club has built up some enthusiastic support from a passionate fan base. Many were at Terminal 21 for the unveiling of the new home and away kits for the 2024-25 season

It has been designed by the renowned 4F Polish sportswear brand which has over 275 stores and 400 multi-brand outlets in 50 countries worldwide. Known for practical and modern design 4F is trusted by many sports clubs and professional athletes including Polish national football player Robert Lewandowski and Anna Lewandowska, who serve as Global Brand Ambassadors. The Managing Director of 4F Thailand: Pimolwan Boonkong along with Mayor Poramet Ngampichet and Pattaya United's Club President Chokchai Tetsapan were all in attendance.



We have meticulously planned and strengthened our squad, bringing in both Thai and international players to ensure our competitiveness." Fans can purchase the official competition uniforms for 790 baht at 4F brand stores and from the website <http://www.4f.co.th>.



The launch event also showcased the introduction of players, staff and sponsors. Head coach Theeravekin Sihawong and some star players gave a hand to officially launch the club's campaign for the 2024-25 season under the banner "WE RISE TOGETHER!" Chokchai Tetsapan the Club President in a speech to the fans, guests and sponsors said "As we prepare for the new season.



A History Of Eastern Seaboard Tennis and Sports Facilities

By George Foose



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When the founders of Sports Engineering And Recreation Asia Ltd (Seara) first established their presence in Bangkok in 1991 a strategic decision was made to only build recreation and sports facilities to International standards. In markets like Singapore and Malaysia build standards were already following each sports official Association's technical standards. This was not only a business strategy but an important branding strategy that would take years to pay off. We decided to just wait the Thai and Indo-China market out, until standards improved." There were lots of low quality builders". says Canadian Patrick Dean, one of the two founders. The exception to that scenario in Thailand was the high-end hospitality industry that was just taking off. Seara built its reputation for high quality sports facilities constructing tennis courts at branded hotels and resorts.



Royal Cliff Beach Resort



Northpark

Radical market change happened as the region began to pick its way out of the late 90's Asian Financial Crises. Beginning in the middle of 2000, property developers who survived the shake out or were just entering the market determined to professionalize their business model, started paying more attention to their amenities and how it affected their own branding. Almost immediately, Seara-built acrylic hard courts, and synthetic grass tennis courts started appearing at condominiums, housing communities, non-branded hotels and resorts, and schools. The upshift then turned to fitness flooring, indoor multipurpose halls, football pitches, running tracks, and outdoor multipurpose courts.



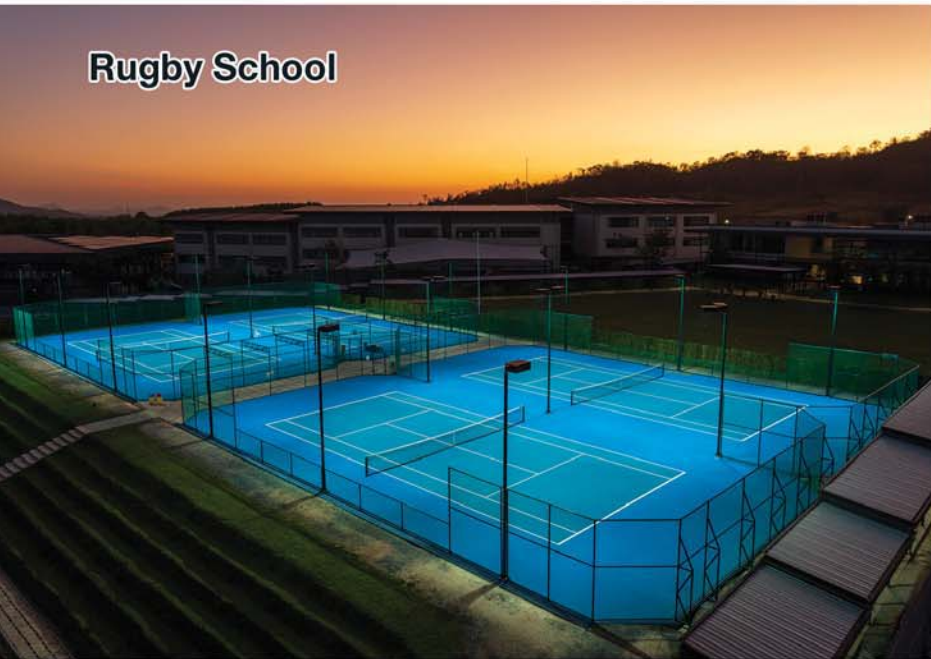
Gretta Sports Club

Such success has come through careful attention to detail and selecting the best product for the region's specific conditions on the ground. "There have been some painful local learning experiences," says Patrick Dean. "But we have never run away from a job, always made it right, and we never make the same mistake twice". Today Seara is the market leader in providing international standard facilities that meet the standards set by each sport's governing body. Whether acting as a technical consultant before doing the critical specialty surfacing work or doing the entire job turn-key, Seara excels in its experience of construction techniques and applying surfacing materials that last in the extremes of weather and soil conditions in South East Asia.



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SEARA is the exclusive distributor of both Laykold and Plexipave hardcourt tennis surfaces, the most advanced tennis systems in the world. Hence, SEARA is the leading supplier in South East Asia to construct and resurface ITF and ATF approved tennis facilities.

For grass courts Seara exclusively distributes and installs surfaces by industry-leading synthetic turf manufacturer ACT Global. By partnering with ACT Global, Seara delivers a high-quality alternative to natural grass courts via a product that combines innovative, shock absorbent, low abrasion and slip resistance technology with minimum maintenance and affordable installation. Synthetic grass is the first line solution to cracked sub base roof top tennis court refurbishment.

Today Seara Sports Systems is the largest tennis court builder in South East Asia. From its Bangkok headquarters and warehouse in the Bang Ple Industrial Estate, the Eastern Seaboard is coordinated through its Pattaya office.

Seara has a long list of both fitness and sports facility clients at private villas, international schools, resorts, hotels, condominiums, housing communities, and dedicated tennis venues for tournaments.



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Sports Update

For September by Steve Wade

It's a case of after the Lord Mayors show in September as far as major sporting events are concerned but there is still plenty of action to look out for, especially now that all the major football leagues are well under way.

We still have the US Open tennis going on at the start of the month with the finals being played on the weekend of the 7th and 8th. And the Paralympics, now given its own schedule since London in 2012 rather than be run as a sideshow alongside the able bodied version, goes through until the same weekend.



The Rugby Championship, a competition played between the top four sides in the southern hemisphere, throws up some cracking matchups this month including South Africa v New Zealand on the 7th and the Antipodean showdown between Australia and New Zealand, with matches both home and away, are kicking off on the 21st and 28th of the month.

The ever popular Formula 1 has three races scheduled, including the iconic Italian version on the 1st. The circus then travels to Azerbaijan for the 15th and then on to Singapore for the 22nd.

In golf both the PGA and DP world tours are fairly quiet but there's still top quality action to be had at the Solheim Cup, the ladies version of the Ryder Cup, which is being played from the 10th to the 15th with the USA being the home team. The ever more prominent Presidents Cup, played for by teams representing the USA and the rest of the world excluding Europe, is being played in Canada from the 24th to the 29th. And will feature plenty of the world's top players.



The Premier League has its first international break after the 1st of the month but comes back with a bang on the 15th, when Spurs host Arsenal for the first North London derby of the season. Even better on the 22nd, when what can only be described as a clash of the big two, although Liverpool might have something to say about that, takes place when Arsenal travel to the Etihad to take on Manchester City.

That's about it for this month. There's nothing like a couple of cold ones when you're watching your favorite action, so why not get out and about and support our local businesses. You know it makes sense!



The events will be held on the 11 September 2024 at the Royal Lakeside Golf Course in Bangkok and from 27 to 29 September 2024, at the Red Mountain Golf Club and Laguna Golf Phuket. In Phuket, golfers will be staying at Angsana Hotel, part of Laguna Phuket, located on the meandering five-kilometre Bang Tao beach, one of the most beautiful beaches in Phuket, allowing golfers to enjoy much more than just the golf courses on their trip.

The Amazing Thailand Travel and Hospitality Golf Classics 2024 will be a highlight of the domestic golf calendar, being played at the Red Mountain Golf Club and Laguna Golf Phuket. Two of Thailand's most prestigious golf courses, meticulously designed that challenge and delight players of all skill levels, set against breathtaking backdrops of mountains, lush greenery and scenic views.

Wajanan Silpawornwiwat, Executive Director of Southern Region, TAT Ms. Wajanan Silpawornwiwat, Executive Director of Southern Region, Tourism Authority of Thailand addressed that: "Southern Thailand is home to over 20 notable golf courses. We are delighted to welcome golfers around Thailand to enjoy challenging courses, along with experiencing a relaxation time on the beautiful beaches, outstanding hospitality and delicious southern cuisine. The Amazing Thailand Travel and Hospitality Golf Classics 2024 would showcase what Phuket and the South of Thailand can offer to all golfers."



Known as one of the most picturesque courses in Asia, Red Mountain offers dramatic elevation changes, stunning views, and challenging holes carved out of a former tin mine. Laguna Golf Phuket (Phuket) is a resort-style course within the Laguna Phuket Resort, offering well-maintained fairways, strategic water hazards, and a beautiful island environment. Angsana Hotel is the beachfront resort where you can escape to paradise!



Red Mountain Golf Club Phuket

Immerse yourself in Asia's first integrated resort, located on the tranquil shores of Bang Tao Bay and the blue waters of the Andaman Sea. Indulge in the ultimate getaway at this 5-star Phuket island hotel and resort with picturesque views, lush gardens, and a wide selection of indoor and outdoor dining options. With 101 activities to choose from at the resort and on the island of Phuket, find your paradise here and create moments of joy. Enjoy our over 300-metre-long free-form pool or sink your toes into the warm white sands. Create unforgettable memories with friends, ignite romance with your loved one, or forge lasting family bonds at this laid-back beach resort in Phuket, Thailand.



Fore Management Group MD Chris Watson commented: "Fore is proud to be working on this event with the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Phuket and the South of Thailand has some of the country's best golf courses and stunning scenery". He continued, "Through the support of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Fore has been able to provide players with two outstanding golf events, where golfers will be able to test their skills and enjoy some of the best hospitality and F&B the South of Thailand has to offer."

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Empowering Your Child's Learning Journey with AI: A Parent's Guide - Part 1

By James Kemp - Head of Teaching and Learning at Mooltripakdee International School

Crafting Effective Prompts: The Key to Unlocking AI's Potential

One of the most powerful ways to use AI is by crafting effective prompts, often called prompt engineering. A prompt is essentially a question or instruction that you give to the AI, and the quality of the response you receive depends largely on how well the prompt is phrased. Here's how you can help your child use prompts effectively:

Give the AI a role: for example, 'You are a Year 6 international school student studying the Cambridge Primary curriculum revising for an end of topic test in rocks, the rock cycle and soil,' or 'You are a Year 5 teacher marking a piece of fiction writing focusing on use of expanded noun phrases.' This will help the platform tailor its response to you more precisely.

Suggest that the platform asks you questions to help to refine its response: for example, 'You are a Year 6 international school student studying the Cambridge Primary curriculum revising for an end of topic test in rocks, the rock cycle and soil. Create a 20 question multiple choice quiz to prepare for this test. Ask me 5 questions that will help you to do this.'



Studying and Revising: Encourage your child to use AI to review key concepts. For example, a well-crafted prompt might be, "Explain the process of photosynthesis in simple terms to a 9 year old child with English as a second language." The AI can then generate a clear and concise explanation, which your child can use as part of their revision.

Quizzing: AI can also be used to create quizzes that test your child's understanding of a topic. A prompt such as, "Create a multiple-choice quiz on the causes of World War II" can result in a set of questions that your child can use to assess their knowledge. Share your child's syllabus or content with the platform to help generate the most relevant, impactful quizzes. You can even spice up quizzes by suggesting that the platform generates a choose your own adventure game using a multiple choice quiz, then select a theme that your child loves like pirates or deep space as a backdrop to the quiz.

Mind Mapping: When working on projects or essays, mind mapping is a useful tool for organising thoughts and ideas. Your child can use prompts like, "Generate a mind map for an essay on the impact of climate change" to help structure their work. The AI can produce a visual outline that makes it easier to develop ideas coherently.

AI Apps and Websites: Tools to Support Learning at Home

Over the last twelve months, there has been a flood of AI-powered apps and websites designed specifically to enhance learning. Here are a few that I have come across and seem to help some families:

Khan Academy: known for its extensive library of free educational content, has incorporated AI to provide personalised learning experiences. The AI adapts to your child's pace, offering tailored exercises and feedback. It's particularly useful for subjects like maths and science.

Quizlet: Quizlet uses AI to help students create and study flashcards. The AI suggests questions based on the material your child is studying, making it easier to review and retain information. It's an excellent tool for vocabulary building and revision.

Owlfit, previously known as Explain Like I'm Five (ELI5): is a platform designed to simplify complex concepts and ideas, making them understandable even for young children. It uses AI to break down complicated subjects into digestible explanations, catering to diverse learning styles.

Hoja.ai: is an AI-driven personalised education platform. It uses advanced algorithms to adapt learning content to individual student needs, making it an excellent choice for tailored home learning. Whether your child needs extra help in maths or wants to advance in science, Hoja.ai offers customised learning paths with insightful analytics.

Brainly: this AI-driven platform allows students to ask questions about their homework and receive answers from both AI and other students. It's a great resource for when your child is stuck on a problem and needs a little extra help.

MindMeister: if your child prefers visual learning, MindMeister is a fantastic tool for creating mind maps. The AI helps to organise thoughts and ideas logically, making it easier to plan essays, projects, or study sessions.



Next month in Part 2 James Kemp will investigate the moral and ethical questions posed by the use of AI in the Future of Learning.



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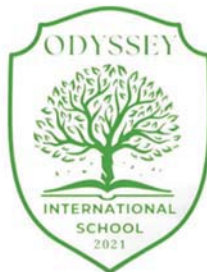


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Whether you have already established a solid financial base for your family—a home, savings and investments—or you are just starting out as a new family with all these goals in mind, life insurance is the foundation upon which it all rests. Having this foundation can protect your family from having to make drastic lifestyle changes or future plans if you were to die suddenly.



How much cover do you need?

The most important (and possibly difficult) part of buying life insurance cover is determining exactly how much cover you need. As each person has different goals, financial and personal circumstances, there is no general standard for how much each person should buy.

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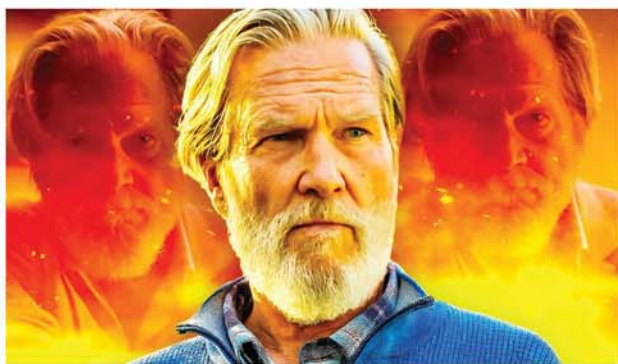
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What's on The Small Screen



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The Penguin: Season 1

Oswald Cobblepot, aka The Penguin, fights for control of Gotham's criminal underworld.



The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon: Season 2

While facing new threats in Europe, Daryl reuniting with Carol and potentially uncovering the origins of the zombie virus.



Slow Horses Season 4

Jackson Lamb and his team of misfit spies at Slough House must unravel a bombing plot.



Fright Night: The Million Dollar Heist Season 1

A hustler is wrongfully accused of orchestrating a massive heist forcing him to team up with his old nemesis.



The Perfect Couple Season 1

A bride-to-be's perfect Nantucket wedding turns into a murder mystery as a body washes ashore, unraveling the dark secrets of the wealthy Winbury family.



What's on The Big Screen



Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

Willem Dafoe, Michael Keaton, Jenna Ortega, Winona Ryder
The Deetz family returns to their haunted house, where a teen's curiosity reawakens Beetlejuice, leading to spooky chaos.



Transformers One

Chris Hemsworth, Brian Tyree Henry, Scarlett Johansson
Transformers One chronicles the rise and fall of friendship between Optimus Prime and Megatron, setting the stage for their epic cosmic war



Bad Genius

Benedict Wong, Callina Liang, Jabari Banks
A group of high school seniors fight back against a rigged college admissions system through a high-stakes cheating scheme.



Speak No Evil

James McAvoy Mackenzie Davis Scoot McNairy
A family's dream vacation turns into a living nightmare as they spend a weekend with a seemingly perfect family who hides a sinister secret.



Survivre

Andreas Pietschmann, Emilie Dequenne, Arben Bajraktaraj
A couple's ocean birthday celebration turns into a desperate fight for survival against monstrous deep-sea creatures unleashed by a violent storm.



Never Let Go

Halle Berry, Matthew Kevin Anderson, Christin Park
A mother and her twin sons, bound by fear and ropes, fight for survival against an evil spirit when their unity is shattered by doubt.

Enya Nova Go sp1

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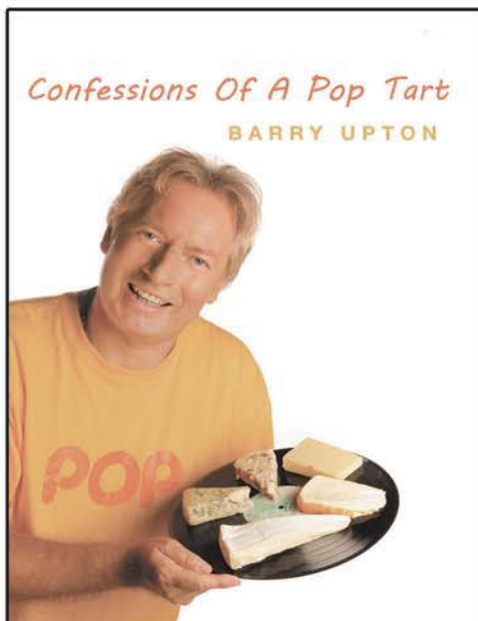
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CONFESSIONS...– The Vlogcast - Barry Upton

A few years back I finally finished my autobiography 'Confessions Of A Pop Tart', or so I thought. The wonderful people at Pattaya Trader / Discover Pattaya, generously hosted the book online which they still do today. There are many fans these days of podcasts, and it's easy to see why with a variety of entertaining material to hand, so I have been persuaded to transfer my words to speech. Now, I could use A.I. to do this but I feel it's still not really developed to a suitable level yet and can sometimes be a bit robotic. Plus, what if I made it all into a visual 'podcast' – or, 'vlogcast'?

So this is what I've set out to do, and having already set up my YouTube 'Fab Baz Sunshine TV channel', that can be the home for this latest project. In fact, all it's really going to be is a series of me talking about the many surreal stories from my highly interesting and bizarre career in the music business for the entertainment of others ... and, I suppose, as a lasting legacy.



Firstly, I needed to update the book to include the 'soap opera' of stories from the last few years. Putting together a project like this is quite daunting and gets more involved the more you think about it. I could just read the book, word for word, which I guess is what happens for the recording of most podcasts. However, with a 'vlogcast', there has to be a visual element and so, a much more complicated production.

By the time this magazine hits the shelves and online media, I hope to have achieved my goal and present an interesting set of programs that will live up to the books title. One advantage of a 'vlogcast' over a mere 'podcast' is the inclusion of photographic memories and, indeed, video footage plus audio samples helping the narrative. Professionally edited, the original book should really come to life.



The final ingredients should be the onscreen talent, namely myself as the story teller, in my own words of course, plus the addition of an interviewer or, maybe, prompter of events and happenings. Also, the soundtrack can still be used in isolation to provide the originally suggested 'podcast'. A.I. can be utilized in many ways now and I've researched it thoroughly, even to the point of considering an A.I. generated interviewer. However, as previously hinted, I don't believe what's on offer is quite there yet and the danger of going down that route right now, is that in a few years' time, when it's developed more fully, current productions will look old and dated.

So, I'm seriously considering using a real human (a novelty maybe these days) and that human might not be a million miles away from the editing desk of this glorious magazine.

Anyway, I hope that by the time you read this, the whole kit and caboodle will be finished and uploaded to my [YouTube channel FAB BAZ SUNSHINE TV](#). Why not check it out and hear, from the horse's mouth, the true 'Confessions Of A Pop Tart'.



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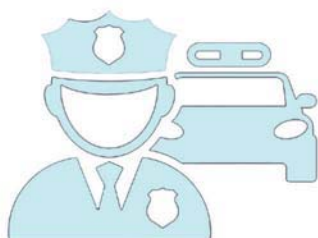
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Atami: Where The Tokyo Locals Go for Hot Springs & Sushi



Story and pictures by Jason Rupp and Carla Marie Rupp

The yen was at its lowest value so it was an excellent time for us to visit Japan. We decided on six nights but didn't book any accommodation – no plans at all. We figured there would be an adventure awaiting us. So, at the Tokyo airport, we debated how to spend the six days before our next flight to Bangkok. We had experienced the big, busy, exciting city of Tokyo on previous trips and were ready for something new and much slower-paced. While still at the airport Jason chatted online to his Japanese friend Ken who gave the best recommendation on where to go to relax.

Atami – a seaside city known for hot springs and sushi, just 90 minutes away from Tokyo. We longed for the perfect chill Japanese experience – soaking in the “onsen” hot springs, and were pleased to learn that Atami has spas all over town. Between meals and soaking, we also hoped Jason would find new travel and pampering experiences for videos to film for his YouTube channel: Jason Rupp. So we agreed going to Atami would be a win-win.

Jason booked us into one of the most centrally-located guest houses and we set out on a train from Haneda airport direct to Atami. Japan's trains are so well-connected, we didn't even have to go into downtown Tokyo first. Then after arriving at the Atami railway station, we began the 15-minute walk, pulling our luggage to the lodging. The walk was pretty exhausting since Atami is very hilly and any walk around this big town is a workout!



We had chosen Guest House Maruya because of its perfect location in the center of town. The staff welcomed us, checked us in, and brought us to a really cozy private bunk bedroom. We could handle it! It was okay – especially for the \$45/night we paid. In fact we were lucky to have a private room because many of the budget lodgings here are “capsule rooms” that appeal to Japanese young adults. Exploring is best done walking around, and we did plenty of that – up and down the hills! For Jason's YouTube channel, we also found several YouTube video experiences. One was with an 85-year-old barber who gave Jason an amazing shave and haircut.



Our base was in the most happening part of town – the Atami Ginza Shopping District – full of cute bars and trendy little cafes. We went into many of them experiencing a variety of Japanese dining experiences, including splurging on big sushi meals. Some of the quirky bars were fun, too. For example, in a nightlife complex, we found a tiny muscleman bar called Macho Man. In the bar there was only space for five or six people max. A huge muscle man welcomes us by smiling, says hello, and then instantly becomes the bartender. Jason loved it since he has been known to enjoy the entertainment of pro wrestling.

Atami Stand Bistro was tops on our dining list. We liked the food so much that we became friendly with owner Masahiro Kino and chef Kouta Hibino, their philosophy is to make everything tasty. We still dream about the way they make their vegetables so delicious: shitake mushrooms, asparagus, eggplant, zucchini, avocado and lotus, and curry white radish salad.

At Stand, we met volunteers who had come to Atami to work on projects repairing damaged old houses. These kind and caring people come here to repair buildings in the area where there has been a landslide. We also met an interior designer, Yatsu-san, who makes tables, chairs and bookcases. The town is full of creative people, including operators of art galleries and crafts shops. The owner of our guesthouse is amongst those who encourage new businesses to open here. They want the town to become lively again. Apparently, Atami was forgotten for a while but is now coming back into style big time.



Atami means “hot ocean,” and refers to the onsen hot springs and the mineral water here which is said to be full of health for all ages. We often remarked how healthy the locals appeared, and younger than the ages they said they were. Also signs of spas were all over the place with steaming pipes, like a maze going throughout the town. Many residents even have their own onsen in the backyards and apartment buildings. However, for visitors, some of the best places to experience onsen are Otsuki Hotel Wafukan, Myoraku-Yu, and Oedo Onsen Monogatari Atami. By the beach, we found: Atami Seaside Spa and Hotel where you just pay a small fee (equal to \$5 USD). We went to this spa several times to enjoy the soaking.

Atami is in the far eastern corner of Shizuoka Prefecture, on the northern end of the Izu Peninsula. Since the 8th century AD, it has been the favorite town near Tokyo, centered on its soothing hot springs. The population of Atami is around 40,000 residents and this coastal resort used to be known as a Japanese honeymoon resort. Even dignitaries used to visit. Now regular Tokyoites like to come here, particularly on the weekend. We saw many of these happy people having a good time but it was nice to also see Atami during the week without all the weekend visitors taking their selfies.



Symbols of Atami are the common gull bird, the ume flower, and the sakura tree. You can see over 200 sakura trees planted in the garden of The Atami Castle, which also has several museums inside. including a Samurai cultural museum. there. We found this castle one of the many scenic sights by day and evening; magnificent with the night skyline. Other top Atami sights include the Izusan Jinja Shrine (an ancient Shinto shrine), Atami Plum Garden, the Atami Sun Beach, the Peace Pagoda (built in 1961), and the MOA Museum of Art, housing the art collection of eccentric multi-millionaire Mokichi Okada.

What we liked so much about Atami is that it's walkable, fun and relaxing. Fairly small (61.78 square miles) it sits on the steep slopes of a partially submerged volcanic caldera at the edge of beautiful Sagami Bay. If you go to a high point, you can see the landscape of Mt. Fuji. During walks, you can also come across video gambling arcades and food stalls. We liked trying local dishes and we found a Japanese food truck serving a delicious snack called Takoyaki – a grilled squid and seaweed ball. We ate as we stopped on a bench near a canal to listen to a jazz festival going on.



We loved that Atami is a beach city, like Pattaya and has nightlife, but much more toned-down. You have to seek out the evening party scene on the little side streets. Strolling along the promenade or sitting on Sun Beach in town, with its nice breeze, was a pleasant experience at any time of day. We had a wonderful time looking around the hilly little town. It is certainly a Japanese place worth visiting, whether you are a backpacker, a couple, solo or part of a family. While many people only spend a day or two in Atami, we found it relaxing and easy to spend close to a week.

There are very few expats or foreigners here, so you can get a real Japanese experience where you're able to almost feel like you're a local. Less than two hours from Tokyo. You can drive a car, take a bus or train. The three train operators are Japan Railway Shinkansen, JR EAST (East Japan Railway Company), and Japan Railway Limited Express. As American tourists, we cherished this Atami, Japan trip for our stopover to Thailand! Atami is a local treasure not many foreigners know about. We loved having made this discovery.



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Two thirds of holidaymakers who can work remotely end up working on holiday



By Kanchan Nath

Just under a fifth (18%) never fully switch off, constantly reachable by colleagues and clients

Two thirds (68%) of holidaymakers who have the ability to work remotely – meaning they can perform their job from anywhere with internet access – admit to working while on holiday, according to a new survey by Multitrip.com, a specialist travel insurance provider. The Opinium survey of 1,000 holidaymakers reveals a significant overlap between work and leisure time.

The survey highlights that one in six (16%) feel pressured to continue working while on holiday, and one in ten (11%) spend an hour a day on work tasks.

Just under one in five (18%) always take their work laptop or phone with them, staying accessible to colleagues and clients throughout their holiday, and nearly a fifth (18%) never fully disconnect from work.

Interestingly, one in ten (11%) have worked from a holiday destination without informing their workplace, and 16% try to cut costs by combining a holiday with a work trip. Despite this, only 14% check whether their travel insurance covers work-related equipment like laptops and phones.

The survey found that 35% of holidaymakers are unable to work remotely, but of the remaining 65%, 68% have worked or not been able to switch off when on holiday and 32% could do but choose not to.

Christian Bennett of Multitrip.com commented: "The line between work and personal travel is increasingly blurred. Whether it's called blended travel, a workcation, or bleisure, it's crucial to have the right protection in place. Ensure your company permits you to take work devices abroad and that they're covered by travel insurance. Personal gadgets can exceed the coverage of standard policies, and mobile phones are often excluded."



THAILAND FAMOUS EPIC POETRY COMPOSED BY SUNTHORN PHU

CHAPTER 3 : THE STORY OF PHRA APHIMANEE



In continuation from the previous issue, before the death of sea monster., Aphaimanee, Sinsamut and the mermaid had been living at Kaew Pissadan Island under the hermit protection from the sea monster. One night, Aphaimanee who had sentimental relation with the mermaid, went to meet her on a romantic beach beside the island. Then they had a sexual relation together. 7 months later, the mermaid gave birth to a son named Sudsakorn who was quickly grown up. The hermit had taught Sudsakorn all the arts of magic power and given him a dragon horse with a magic wand.

King Silaraj and Queen Montha who ruled in the Kingdom of Paluek had a beautiful daughter named Princess Suwanmalee, who was the fiancée of Prince Usarain, the King of Farang Lanka's son. One day Princess Suwanmalee followed her father on a ship's sailing cruise. During the trip, they faced stormy weather which made the ship lose its way and it was unable to get back to the kingdom.

At that time, Prince Usarain came to her kingdom for marriage with the Princess and learned that the Princess and her father were lost at sea. So he started to search for them right away. But at the same time, the lost ship arrived at Kaew Pissadan Island where Prince Aphaimanee and Sinsamut were staying with the hermit.



Aphaimanee fell in love with Princess Suwanmalee and she also loved Sinsamut as if he was her own son. Sinsamut with Aphaimanee boarded her ship to leave the hermit's island. However after leaving the island, the sea monster came after them and destroyed their ship. King Silaraj, the princess' father, was killed at the scene. Aphaimanee ran away but the sea monster caught up with him but Aphaimanee blew the pipe to put the sea monster to death.

After this the missing Aphaimanee, Sinsamut and Princess Suwanmalee were trapped on the island waiting for a passing ship. A pirate ship came and took them all on board. The pirate leader forced Princess Suwanmalee to be his wife. But mighty and powerful Sinsamut killed the pirate leader then took over the ship. The ship arrived at Romachak Kingdom where by chance they met Prince Sisuan, Aphaimanee's younger brother. He had missed the during the incidence of sea monster during which time he had become the son-in-law of Romachack King and also Sinsamut's uncle.

To be continued in the next issue.....



นิทานคำกลอนเรื่องพระอภัยมณี

ตอนที่ 3 : เล่าเรื่องพระอภัยมณี บทที่ 2

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ในฉบับก่อน ได้เล่ามาถึง ตอนที่พระอภัยมณี บวชเป็นโยคี บนเกาะแก้วพิสดารต่อมาพระฤๅษีก็ได้สอนวิชาต่างๆให้แก่พระอภัยมณีและสินสมุทร ด้วยความผูกพันกับนางเงือก คีนหนึ่งตอนเด็กพระอภัยมณีได้ลงไปหานางเงือกที่อ่าวใกล้เกาะ แล้วได้เสียกัน และมีความสัมพันธ์กันในระยะหนึ่ง จนมีบุตรด้วยกันชื่อ สุดสาคร ซึ่งเติบโตเร็วมาก พระฤๅษีได้สอนวิชาต่างๆให้ สุดสาคร และได้มอบม้านิลมังกรให้เป็นพาหนะคู่กาย พร้อมไม้เท้าศักดิ์สิทธิ์

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อุศเรน ลูกชายของกษัตริย์เมืองฝรั่งลังกา วันหนึ่งท้าวสิลราชและนางสุวรรณมาลีออกเรือชมทะเล เกิดพายุทำให้เรือพลัดหลงไปไกล พอถึงวันอภิเษกสมรส ท้าวอุศเรนมาที่เมืองผลึก พบว่านางสุวรรณมาลีหายไป จึงบอกจะช่วยตามให้ เรือของท้าวสิลราชและนางสุวรรณมาลี ได้หลงไปจนถึงเกาะแก้วพิสดาร เมื่อขึ้นเกาะ ได้พบพระฤๅษีและพระอภัยมณี เมื่อพระอภัยมณีได้พบนางสุวรรณมาลี ก็ตกหลุมรักนางทันที และนางสุวรรณมาลีก็ชอบสินสมุทรเหมือนลูก

สินสมุทรและพระอภัยมณี ได้พากันลงเรือไปกับนางสุวรรณมาลี เพื่อเดินทางกลับเมืองผลึก ขอย้อนไปตอนที่ผีเสื้อสมุทรอาสาจะพาพระอภัยมณีก่อนถูกพระอภัยมณีเป่าปี่ให้ตาย นางผีเสื้อสมุทรทำลายเรือของนางสุวรรณมาลีจนแตก ท้าวสิลราช พระบิดาของนาง ถึงแก่ความตาย สินสมุทรได้ช่วยนางสุวรรณมาลีไว้ โดยแบกขึ้นหลังแล้วว่ายน้ำหนีไปด้วยพละกำลังมหาศาล ส่วนพระอภัยมณีได้หนีเอาตัวรอด ขึ้นไปบนยอดเขาที่เกาะแห่งหนึ่งพร้อมลูกเรือที่แตก นางผีเสื้อสมุทรตามมาทัน หนีไม่ได้ พระอภัยมณีจึงตัดใจลาสิกขาจากความเป็นฤๅษี แล้วเป่าปี่สังหารนาง จนอกแตกตาย แล้วติดเกาะแห่งนั้นเพื่อรอเรือมาช่วย พอดีมีเรือของโจรสลัดชื่อสุหรั่งผ่านมา จึงลงเรือ

โจรสลัดคิดจะเอานางสุวรรณมาลีเป็นเมีย สินสมุทรไม่พอใจ หวังนางสุวรรณมาลี จึงต่อสู้กันขึ้น โจรสลัดจึงถูกสินสมุทรฆ่าตาย และยึดเรือโจรสลัดเป็นของตนเอง แล้วเดินทางต่อไปจนถึงเมืองรมจักร แล้วได้พบกับศรีสุวรรณผู้เป็นอาโดยบังเอิญ แต่ไม่รู้จักกัน จึงเกิดการต่อสู้กันขึ้น พอเข้าใจกัน ก็ลงเรือกำปั่นออกตามหาพระอภัยมณี โดยมีสินสมุทร นางสุวรรณมาลี ศรีสุวรรณ และหนูน้อยอรุณรัศมี ลูกสาวศรีสุวรรณ เดินทางไปด้วยกัน

เรื่องราวจะเป็นอย่างไร โปรดอ่านต่อฉบับหน้า....

Living and Working in Thailand: A Small Guide for Expats

A Report by Wolfgang Payer – Easy ABC Language School Pattaya

Waking up in the morning without being jolted from your dreams by an alarm clock, simply sleeping in and getting a good rest. Then, leisurely enjoying breakfast, packing your swimwear, and heading to the beach. Lounging in a deck chair while enjoying cool drinks and Asian delicacies. In between, a relaxing Thai massage, a nap under the sunshade, and in the evening, hitting the town—partying until you drop. The night is turned into day in the numerous go-go bars, pubs, and discos, and you only go home when you feel like it. This is how many tourists spend their holidays in Bangkok, Phuket, Pattaya, or another tourist hotspot. However, from my own experience, I know that most expats who are in Thailand for the long term live differently, because perpetual vacation can become boring and is also very expensive. Therefore, many expats dream of settling in Thailand but often look for ways to supplement their income or even fully focus on working in the country.



Whether it's about retirees boosting their income with gardening, English teaching, or renovation work for neighbors, or even starting their own business—this is easier said than done. As the founder and long-time director of Easy ABC Language School in Pattaya, I share my experiences on what needs to be considered when starting employment in Thailand.

Legal Foundations: Visa and Work Permit

Firstly, it is essential to have the correct visa and a work permit. The so-called "Business Visa" (Non-Immigrant B) is necessary for this. After obtaining it, a work permit must be applied for at the Thai labor office. If employed, the employer handles this; for self-employed individuals, a service agency or law firm is usually commissioned. Many jobs are reserved for Thais, meaning no work permit will be granted for those. It is strictly forbidden to work without this permit, even if it's just occasional help or favors among friends.

Starting and Registering a Business

If you want to start a business, you must adhere to the legal regulations of the Foreign Business Act, which often require significant Thai involvement in the company. Registering the business with the local authorities is mandatory.

Tax and Insurance Obligations

Every company is subject to tax obligations. Any income earned in Thailand must be taxed, even if the work is done online from home. Proper accounting, an annual balance sheet, and consultation with a local tax advisor are therefore essential. Additionally, there is a compulsory insurance requirement in the Thai social security system, which includes health and accident insurance. However, an additional private health insurance is recommended, especially if you value Western standards.

Cultural Integration and Local Laws

Knowledge of local laws and cultural norms is essential for successful integration and business management. These include not only business but also everyday behavioral rules.

Success Factors for Foreigners

Success in Thailand doesn't just depend on the type of business but also on how it is run. Service orientation and customer friendliness often contrast with the experiences one may have with local service providers in Thailand. Whether it's the electrician who shows up sporadically, the plumber who works excellently at first but then becomes unreachable when it comes to warranty work, the restaurant that starts out well but closes after a few months due to mismanagement and lack of customers, or the lawyer who promises success but leaves the client stuck with the bill including legal fees. The list could go on indefinitely. However, just as businesses that operate this way quickly ruin their reputation, one can quickly build a good reputation through reliability, quality, and loyalty to the customer.

Building a good reputation and a strong local network can be crucial to business success. Events and meetups can offer good opportunities to make connections and gain useful insights. There are many international companies here in Thailand. If you are looking for a permanent position, you can apply there or perhaps inquire about addresses through the Thai Chamber of Commerce. It's also very important: Do you speak the local language, or are you reliant on others when dealing with authorities and Thai customers? The business language in Thailand is predominantly Thai. Basic knowledge of Thai can be very helpful, especially when interacting with local business partners or customers. Good Thai language skills also earn you respect from business partners, customers, superiors, and employees.

In conclusion, the key to success lies not only in the idea but above all in the passion with which you pursue your work. Correct, clean work and honest dealings with employers or customers are fundamental values that can make the difference. Those who integrate well and understand the local market will find that success is also possible in Thailand—you just need to know how. We at Easy ABC offer you the opportunity to lay a good foundation through solid language skills. In addition to Thai, we also teach German (A1 to B2), English, Russian, and computer skills from beginner to advanced levels, in groups or individual classes, or even from home through online teaching. If you only want to stay in Thailand long-term and are under 50 years old, you can do so with an ED visa (student visa).

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This exclusive property offers a unique investment opportunity in the heart of Pattaya's most sought-after neighborhood. Spread across four meticulously divided blocks, this land is perfect for a discerning investor looking to create a luxurious living space or a profitable development project.

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- Block 4: 358 sqm Key Features:
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Current building permits for three luxury three-level homes. Imagine crafting your dream residence or developing high-end homes in a prime location known for its exclusivity and charm.

The land's advantageous position between Sois 4 & 5 in Pratamnak guarantees convenience and prestige.

Ready to Build: Benefit from the existing building permits and a reputable builder with competitive quotes. This ensures a seamless transition from purchase to development.

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Opportunity Awaits at Cosy Beach

Elderly Italian Restaurant owner is planning on retiring and handing over to someone younger with more energy to reinvigorate what was once a successful business.

He is looking for a hand over fee of 1.8 million baht for the restaurant along with the 6 guest rooms situated above.

Situated the other side of the Chocolate Factory car Park the double fronted restaurant faces out to sea and has some hotels nearby who's guests often come for food. The existing staff will be available to carry on working under the new owner the fully equipped kitchen will remain.

Contact me to arrange a viewing and for more information on 094 757 9328



Gustaf Real Estate Celebrate the Opening of their New Office in Soi Khao Talo



Discover Pattaya Magazine was kindly invited to attend the opening party at Gustaf Real Estates new office. A good time was had by all and Lucky the team mascot recieved lots of attention. We wish the team at Gustaf success at this new address.

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With over 30 years of experience and previous sustainable design know-how, Sisaran is on a mission to become one of Thailand's most Environmentally Responsible Developers. Over the years, Sisaran has completed 6 buildings and 3 more are currently under construction. Amongst the ones in construction, are Sisaran's flagship projects 'ECO Resort' and a gated community of Villas 'ECO Home'. All of the constructions by Sisaran are built with the promise of 'Passive Design' and 'Green Building'.

The commitment to being Environmentally Responsible is not limited to their projects but it also shows in their dedication with the local community. With their campaigns "We Are Where We Live" and "Buy Local Support Local", Sisaran continues to be an ethically motivated developer.

In conversation with the developer, we found out that more than 60% of ECO Resort units have already been booked, and currently the remaining units have a special promotion for a limited time period. ECO Resort, their flagship product brings to reality the concept of ECO Luxury Living by the sea with all world class amenities and dedicated rooftop pet play areas.

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