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Today's Topic:

"THAILAND'S AIRLINE & TOURISM INDUSTRY"
BRIAN SINCLAIR THOMPSON



MEETINGS:
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

NEW YEAR PREDICTIONS 2017 A PANEL OF SPEAKERS

By RTN Roy Howard



The topic for our first RCBS luncheon in 2017 was a series of New Year predictions by an illustrious panel of four speakers, consisting of Khun Pichai Chuensuksawadi, the former Editor-in-chief of the Bangkok Post; PP Philip Baechtold; Dr. Ian Fenwick and PN Dean Outerson, with moderator PP Michael Schultz holding the stop watch.

Khun Pichai started off but telling us that he was the only person at the Bangkok Post who correctly predicted the election of Donald Trump, while taking pains to point out that he did not support the outcome. He predicted that President Trump would not create a trade war with Asia, and speculated whether Trump would attend the ASEAN Summit (unlikely) where he could chum up with the equally unpredictable Duterte.

Khun Pichai raised the possibility that Ban Ki-moon could become the next President of South Korea, and speculated that no elections would take place in Thailand in 2017.

The next speaker was PP Philip, who proceeded to analyse in depth all of the major countries in the European Union, led by Germany's Angela Merkel, who's aim will be to keep Germans fully employed, while allowing the Bundesbank to keep printing money. He predicted that Britain will eventually benefit from its withdrawal from the EU, with Scotland and Northern Ireland gaining their independence. Turning to Switzerland, PP Philip predicted that the Swiss will eventually build a tunnel running all the way from Italy to Germany

for the refugees, followed by Switzerland becoming the 51st State of the USA. Having exceeded his 10 minutes by at least another 10 minutes, he reluctantly yielded the podium to speaker Dr Ian Fenwick.

A regular speaker at RCBS lunches, Dr Ian treated the audience to a glimpse into the digital future. He forecast that computers will make us all increasingly stupid, with fake news becoming the norm, and everyday products like lightbulbs and washing machines spying on our every move. As artificial intelligence becomes more sophisticated, we will come to rely on its ability to analyse our past behaviour and cater to our everyday needs. As an example, Dr Ian showed a female robot which might fulfill those needs, without arguing and wasting money on clothes and cosmetics!

Our final speaker was PN Dean, who revealed an encyclopediac knowledge of sports, ranging from American Football to Golf, Ice Hockey and Soccer, which he accompanied with his predictions for 2017. For the Superbowl he picked the Dallas Cowboys; for the World Series of Baseball, the Chicago Cubs and for the Stanley Cup, the Montreal Canadiens. In golf he predicted that Sergio Garcia might eventually break his 20 year old duck, while Maria Sharapova will return to shatter our eardrums once again. We shall follow his predictions closely.



Mr. Samreung Kipanya, Director of Tungmahamek School for the deaf and a teacher present a New Year gift of student products to P Krin and Khun Khob.



Old friends, Khun Pichai, PP Wanit and RTN Patrick



PP Ole and RTN Ola enjoy fellowship



PP Philip and PP Michael give the thumbs down



PP Don and RTN Marco enjoy pre-lunch drinks



PN Dean and Dr Ian enjoy fellowship



Khun Pichai Chuensuksawadi predicts the future



PP Banvech wins the Cosmos whiskey and donates to charity

CDWS INAUGURATION TRIP, 29-30 JANUARY, 2017

Dear fellow Rotarians

We are arranging a CDWS Inauguration trip on the 29th and 30th of January. We will inaugurate two systems, one sponsored by Rtn Sievert in Khanu Woralukburi district of Kamphangphet province and one sponsored by the Chaine des Rotisseurs through PP Andrew in Keeramas district on Sukhothai Province.

The provisional schedule is as below. We are assuming, for the moment, that our group will travel by cars the whole way. There are usually plenty of possibilities to get a lift from fellow Rotarians. Travel time Bangkok to Khanu Woralukburi according to Google maps is 3hrs 45 min for 303 km. The return trip from Sukhothai is 420km and est 5hrs 05 min. For people wishing to get back to Bangkok on the evening of the 30th there is a Bangkok Airways flight from Sukhothai to Suvarnabhumi at 18.45hrs. Flight time 1hr 45min and price between thb 1690 and thb 4590 depending on the refund / change conditions. As far as I can work out there are no flights between Bangkok and Kamphangphet.

The Supa-team and I will go on afterwards to survey other sites in the two provinces, probably including the 2 sites sponsored by Yke Vermeiden of RC Minerva Amsterdam in Sukhothai, but that is not part of the core-trip.

29th January, 2017

06.45 Leave Bangkok
 10.30 Arrive in Khanu Woralukburi, meet at PTT gas station.
 Coming from BKK the gas station is on your left after you pass the big traffic light.
 11.00 Travel to Baan Nong Nam Daeng School.
 12.00 Lunch at School.
 13.30 inauguration
 15.00 Check-in at Resort by the river
 18.30 Rotary meeting with RC Khanu Woralukburi

30th January, 2017

08.00 Breakfast
 09.00 Leave for Ban Ta Nod (Amphur Keeremas) / RC Sukhothai
 12.00 Lunch at School
 13.30 Inauguration
 16.00 Check-in at Ruen Thai Hotel
www.rueanthaihotel.com
 18.30 Rotary meeting with RC Sukhothai

CDWS Inauguration trips are always memorable and great fun. Ask anybody who has been on one! I hope that we can, as usual, get a decent-sized group together.

Please let me know if you are interested, and don't hesitate too long if you want to book the PG return flight, it's only an ATR and filling up fast!



Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2637

13 January 2017

Happy Birthdays:

Yongyuth Tirachaimongkol January 14

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Manu Mekdhanasarn January 14
 Alastair Timblich January 16
 PP Vichai Tantrativud January 18
 PP Krit Wongsangarunsri January 19

Attendance for 6th January 2017: 62%

Present 39, Make-up 6, Absent 28, Exemption 32, Total 105

Visiting for 6th January 2017

From Local

Sukhum Thongkhamhaeng RC Chiangmai West

From Abroad:

PP Peter-Michael Schuster RC RAK, United Arab Emirates
 Phillip Barker RC Willowdale, Canada

Invited Guests:

Alfonso Pellegrino
 Christian B. Hansen
 Dhanbir Saluja
 Jason Goldstein
 Dr. Ood – Soi Dog Foundation
 Steve Traxler

Introduced by:

PN Dean Outerson
 PP Michael Schulz
 IPP Narain Suradejvibul
 Rick Smith
 Tom Banker
 PP Don Lavoie

Recent Makeups:

RC Feldkirch, 27th December 2016: Elmar Lins

Makeups:

Golf Prep., 6th January, 2017: Doug Riach, John Casella,
 P Krin Charnmaytesakul, Lalit Kumar, Rakesh Sodhia,
 Ravi Sehgal, Stuart Lucani

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 20th January 2017 – LUANGSIT PRESENTATION DAY – M.R. Ophas Kanchanavijaya “President of the Needy Student Foundation & Students”

Friday, 27th January 2017 – Appreciation Program for COINS ON SILOM Donors – MC: RTN Douglas Riach

Friday, 3rd February 2017 – PP Philip Baechtold “Assisted Suicide”

Thursday, 9th February 2017 – PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP DINNER – HE Ambassador of Ireland Mr. Brendan Roger – Ireland – Grand Hyatt Erawan Residence 303

Friday, 10th February 2017 – Mr. Arun Misra, Head, Asia Pacific of ICAO – Missing Airplanes

Friday, 17th February 2017 – Ariya Banomyong, MD of Line Thailand – The Influence Of Social Media In Thailand

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