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No. 2638
20th January 2017

Today's Topic:

"LUANGSIT PRESENTATION DAY"

M.R. OPHAS KANCHANAVIJAYA



MEETINGS:
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

THAILAND'S AIRLINE & TOURISM INDUSTRY BRIAN SINCLAIR THOMPSON

By RTN Tim Cornwall



Returning for his annual visit to bring us up-to-date on the tourism and aviation scene in Thailand, Brian again quickly brought us into his world filled with interesting data, amusing anecdotes and most importantly, insights into the two inter-locking industries only an insider can provide.

With tourist arrivals in 2016, up 10 per cent from 2015, at about 32M, adding 158 trillion Baht to the economy or 14 per cent of GDP, tourism is a formidable player in Thailand.

During his talk, Brian focused on the aviation industry, his area of expertise. Beginning with Suvarnabhumi Airport, built to handle 45M passengers annually, it is now dealing with 53M. Averaging 140 to 150,000 passengers per day, he mentioned that over Christmas, in fact a day he was travelling, the number peaked at 200,000 passengers.

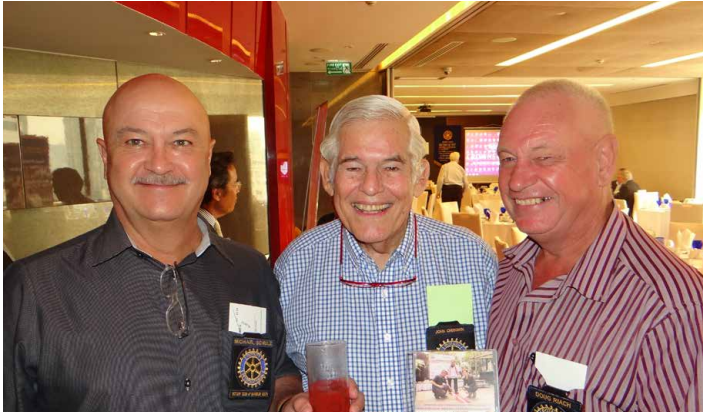
Suvarnabhumi is expanding he explained, with a new satellite terminal being built, increasing gates by 28, the airport should then be able to handle 60M passengers annually. A second satellite will expand this to 90M. With a second runway, movements, take offs and landings, should go from 64 per hour to 90. Beijing, he mentioned, expects to have 200M passengers annually by 2018, one reason a new airport is being built there.

New trends in aviation, include the increase in flights into the hinterland, for example, Qatar has four scheduled flights directly into Krabi, bringing 1,200 tourists a week directly to the island. The problem remains that many of these hinterland airports are limited to one runway and at the mercy of the weather, as demonstrated in recent problems in both Koh Samui and Phuket.

Brian also touched on the deep-water port at Laem Chabang and how it is to serve as Costa Victoria cruise hub, railway improvements and a desire to see this initiative become reality.

Cautiously optimistic for Thailand and the region, he believes Thailand's strength in the ASEAN framework is its tourism industry and experience. With so many beautiful places to visit in the region, Cambodia and its undiscovered treasures and Myanmar with its kilometers of unspoiled beaches, Thailand, he hopes, as a tourist hub, will see tourist quality improve and avoid more of the Zero Cost Tourist Scams.

An informative and entertaining talk, Brian once again provided a glimpse into his world and the world of tourism that is so important to Thailand.



PP Michael, RTN John & RTN Dougie enjoy fellowship



P Krin welcomes PDG Gen. Saiyud Kerdpol and his wife, Rtn Eva-Maria from RC Bangkok.



RTN Roy describes the new Thailand Tourism book



P Ken and SAA Mark exchange banners with David Abramsky from RC Peterborough, Canada



PP Sean, guest Jason Corbett and RTN Adrian enjoy fellowship



P Krin welcomes new RCBS member Peter-Michael Schuster



RTN Colin, RTN Roy and P Krin present a certificate of appreciation to Brian Sindair



PP Don wins the Cosmos whisky (for the first time in 18 years!!!)

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 #2638

20 January 2017

Happy Birthdays:

Douglas Riach	January 21
Leo Alexandersen	January 22
Prasobsook Thawilvejjakul	January 24
Wolfgang Minderjahn	January 25
PP Vichai Tantratitud	January 26

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Carol Kuhn	January 20
PP Narinder Sachdev	January 20

Attendance for 13th January 2017: 74%

Present 39, Make-up 15, Absent 19, Exemption 32, Total 105

Visiting for 13th January 2017

From Local

PDG Gen. Saiyud Kerdpol	RC Bangkok
Eva-Maria Kerdpol	RC Bangkok
AG Dr. Salakjit Nopakun	RC Bangrak
Williem Adolfs	RC Bangkok

From Abroad:

David Abramsky	RC Peterborough, Canada
PP Peter-Michael Schuster	RC RAK, United Arab Emirates

Invited Guests:

Alex Besall
Chompoonake Bodinworawat
Chris Trogh
Jason Corbett

Introduced by:

Michael Bain
Vinai Phutthinin
Vinai Phutthinin
PP Sean Brady

Recent Makeups:

RC Barbados, 18th December 2016 & 5th January 2017:

PP Stanley Mac Donald

RC Pretoria Sun Rise, 7th January 2017: Mikko Lainejoki

RC Bangkok, 10th January 2017: Adrian Topham, Doug Riach

RC Feldkirch, 10th January 2017: Elmar Lins

RC South Surrey, 11th January 2017: Chip Bownes

RC White Rock Semiahmoo, 12th January 2017: Chip Bowness

Makeups:

Service Project, 9th January 2017: Adrian Topham, Alastair Timblich, Doug Riach, John Casella, PP John Quarmby, Michael Bain, Stuart Lucani,

Program, 10th January 2017: PP Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, Dana Caron, PP Don Lavoie, PE Jon Plate, Joop van Delden, P Krin Charnmaytesakyl, PP Mark Butters, PP Michael Schulz, IPP Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nick Pisalyaput, PP Philip Beachtold, Rakesh Sodhia, PP Renato Porzio, Rick Smith, PP Sean Brady, PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn

CLUB CALENDAR

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 Airplaines

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

Friday, 24th February 2017 – “Where is Thailand going Politically?” – Pana Janviroj, Editor in Chief – The Nation

Friday, 03rd Mar 2017 – Thailand Start Up Scene – Krating Poonpol (also Club Delegation invited to visit RC Bangkok South)

For more information about Bangkok South events contact: rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events

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