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Today's Topic: **"BUSINESS VALUATION FOR DUMMIES"**
RTN Rick Smith

MEETINGS : EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

KAMPHAENG PHET HISTORICAL PARK

By David Armstrong

The name of Kamphaeng Phet first appears in the sketchy written record in 1357, as a substantial city in the Sukhothai kingdom which lasted from 1238 until 1438.

Today, the town is a small and peaceful provincial capital on the Ping River, which flows south from Chiang Mai to help form the Chaophraya, the River of Kings.

It lies near the point where the Ping emerges from the hills of Tak Province and spreads majestically across the soft soils of the central plains.

To the west are rugged, heavily forested mountains that form a network of splendid national parks. To the east are endless fertile flatlands, where farmers grow rice, cassava, sugar, mangoes, and tiny, bright yellow fruit called kluai khai, or egg bananas.

If we go back in time, this sleepy little town halfway between Bangkok and Chiang Mai was once a garrison town that protected two kingdoms; a trading center; and an important center of Buddhism that was also contributing to the early development of Thai architecture.

In 1765, Kamphaeng Phet was a bustling, thriving town of perhaps 50,000 people – a substantial city in that era. Eleven years later it was in ruins and deserted – abandoned by its people.

A place of tranquility and beauty became a place of devastation and sadness. The town was sacked: temples were wrecked and stripped of valuables, including statues and works of art; men were press-ganged into the Burmese army; all records were destroyed.

Even now, 250 years later, there is at least one large temple in the historical park that has been given a modern name (Wat Kru Si Hong) because no one knows what it was originally called.



According to ancient chronicles two of Thailand's most important religious icons – Phra Phuttha Sihing and the Emerald Buddha – were housed in Kamphaeng Phet in the late 14th or early 15th centuries, in the main temple in the center of the walled city.

The temple is now known as Wat Phra Kaeo, as a visiting king (either Rama IV or Rama VI, depending on which account you read) renamed the central temple area in honour of the Emerald Buddha.

Wat Phra Kaeo is the biggest temple in the walled city. It is close to the old palace area and had no monastery: it was used solely for religious ceremonies.

In today's Kamphaeng Phet, the historical park is a beautiful, peaceful parkland, with towering trees offering ample shade for visitors. It is not as grand as Sukhothai and Si Satchanalai; it shows the effects of a harder, grittier history.

And it has a message: it is a living museum, a monument to the best and the worst in human endeavors: of devotion to a spiritual life, to higher values that strive for the good and reject the bad; of creativity and ingenuity; but also of the tragic futility of war.



David Armstrong describes the beauty of Kamphaeng Phet



RTN Frank regales the audience



Harvey Gail from RC West Salem, Oregon, USA exchanges banners with P Krin



David Armstrong picks the winning Cosmos ticket



RTN Rod wins the Cosmos whisky



RTN Colin, P Krin and PE Jon present a Certificate of Appreciation to David Armstrong

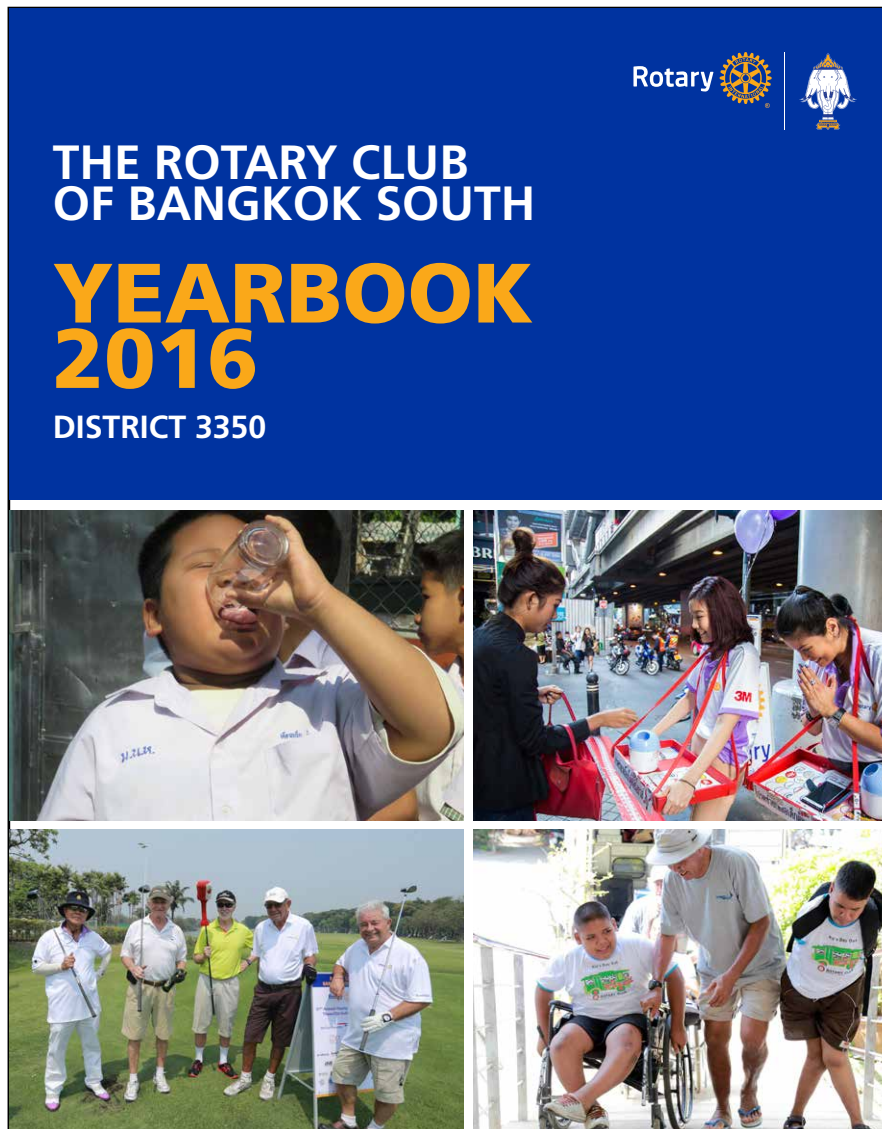


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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH YEARBOOK 2017



The publication of our 2017 Yearbook is fast approaching, and members and friends are encouraged to give their advertising support to our most important publication which is referred to throughout the year.

The advertising rates are unchanged from last year, as follows:

• Back Cover	Baht	30,000
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The deadline for booking and artwork is 18th May, 2017

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Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2652

5 May 2017

Happy Birthdays:

None

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Mark Marshall May 5
Pichai Kanivichaporn May 9
Lars Hansen May 10

Attendance for 28th April 2017: 63%

Present 33, Make-up 15, Absent 28, Exemption 32, Total 108

Visiting for 28th April 2017

From Local

None

From Abroad:

Harvey Gail RC West Salem, USA
Mary VanNatta Gail RC South Salem, USA

Invited Guests:

Gary White
Hamid Baghaie

Introduced by:

Adrian Topham
Tom Banker

Recent Makeups:

RC Ramna, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 18th April 2017:

Mikko Lainejoki

RC Bangkok, 20th April 2017: Gerard Garaets

RC Nicosia, 20th April 2017: Sievert Larsson

RC Bangkapi, 25th April 2017: PP Sean Brady

RC Feldkirch, Austria, 25th April 2017: Elmar Lins

Makeups:

Service Projects, 21st April 2017: Doug Riach, PP John Quarmby, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, Mark Shaw, Mark Wolf, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Stuart Lucani

Golf, 21st April 2017: John Casella, PE Jon Plate, Lalit Kumar, PP Nigel Hardy, Rakesh Sodhia, Ragil Ratnam, Ravi Sehgal, PP Sean Brady, Stuart Lucani

Joint Board Meeting, 24th April 2017: Alastair Timblich, Dana Caron, PN Dean Outerson, Doug Riach, P Krin Charnmaytesakul, John Casella, PE Jon Plate, Mark Wolf, Mike Ellis, IPP Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nigel Hardy, Ola Holmgren, PP Per Dibber, Peter Upperton, Prasert Mangkornkarn

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 12th May 2017 – Prof. Dr. Stephen B. Young on

US vs. China in Asia – A global expert in cross-cultural business management, a Difference Maker in corporate social responsibility, author of Moral Capitalism, Dr. Young incidentally is also the man who in 1966 discovered Thailand's ancient bronze age culture of Ban Chiang, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Will the multi-talented professor let us in on how "US vs. China in Asia" draws on 6000 year-old wisdom?

Thursday, 18th May 2017 – RCBS New Members' Night at Roadhouse BBQ at 18.00 – 21.00 hrs. THB 650 Net (Food and free flow drinks). Potential New Member are free. Book with Khun Khob now, please.

Friday, 19th May 2017 – Club Assembly at 11 am, followed by a regular lunch. Cooking Contest – LADIES DAY – Bangkok South's best Cooking Contest by PP. Eddie who challenges some

of our members to unleash their creativity. Just basic cooking? More of a talent? Or Michelin rated? You be the judge – or a competitor – in our cooking party that promises to be enjoyably delicious

Friday, 26th May 2017 – Andrew Biggs on – "Learning Thai" – our speaker will provide us with a humorous look at how foreigners cope with learning the Thai language.

Friday, 2nd June 2017 – Wuttiphol Wanglee on The State of the Rice Business in Thailand – The rice business has one annoying by-product: rice. Which makes it complicated. How is the classic rice business model evolving after the Shinawatras? Wuttiphol Wanglee – from a family of rice traders – brings us news from a sector that fills plates, stomachs and some pockets.

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