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PHANG NGA AIRPORT COURTS CONTROVERSY AND COMPENSATION CLAIMS

## AIRPORT STYMIED

■ ‘Original way of life’ goes head-to-head with Phang Nga airport proposal

By Sukawin Tanthavanich

PHANG NGA: The proposal for a full-scale commercial airport in Phang Nga, first revealed by the *Gazette* a year ago, has a long way to travel before it can hand a prospectus to potential investors.

Enthusiasm from its lead drivers, however, Bangkok Airways and the Phang Nga provincial governor, continues unabated.

Governor Pakkapong Tawiphath told the *Gazette* that the project “must go on for the sake of Phang Nga’s provincial economy and for the Thai tourism industry as a whole.”

Bangkok Airways declined direct comment, saying only that there will be a press release “when the timing is right”.

The airline continues to seek a large-scale land lease from Phang Nga to enable construction of the airport, tentatively named ‘Phang Nga-Andaman International’.

The registered location of the 2,000 rai of forest land (mainly palm and coconut trees) is Baan Tha Dindaeng, Lam Kaeng Village, in Phang Nga’s Thai Muang district.

Tentative plans call for a 3,000m runway. This would be 65% longer than the strip at Koh Samui, which sees 160-seat Airbus 319 jets land on a daily basis.

As an indication of the many potential hurdles facing the Phang Nga airport, Baan Tha Dindaeng local villager Surachaet Chanasuk damned the project with faint praise, telling the *Gazette* that he had lived there since 1959.

“For myself, I agree with the airport idea as it will boost incomes for the people of Lam Kaeng village and for Phang Nga province generally. But part of the land is in mangrove forest. I worry that the Thai government and other shareholders will not be able to come up with enough money to com-



Phang Nga Governor Pakkapong Tawiphath is an enthusiastic supporter of the proposed new airport for Thai Muang, but he faces some serious challenges. Photo: Kritsada Mueanhawong

pensate the local people who will have to evacuate the area and find new homes elsewhere,” he said.

Many other villagers-turned-environmentalist spoke similarly, one opining that the airport would mean the end of her “original way of life”, which she would not give up for ‘small’ money.

Nantida Atiset, President of the Phang-Nga Tourism Association, says the project is supportive of the three-province ‘Andaman economic system’, but that “the processes to achieve it must be transparent and show good governance.”

Meanwhile, Gov Pakkapong has made a discovery. The forest blanketing the coveted site has, he says, “deteriorated into a bad condition” and he has submitted a letter to the Royal Forestry Department (RFD) to report this.

But the governor’s enthusiasm for the deterioration of the trees in Baan Tha

Dindaeng cannot be validated, says marine expert Dr Thon Thamrongnawasawat. He does not support the project because there must be “deep examination of the forest to prove that it is in bad condition and difficult to revive.”

The well known environmental activist and member of the National Reform Council also notes that the airport will transform the whole site into concrete.

Cholatit Suratsawadee, Director General of the RFD, confirms that an Environmental Impact Assessment is pending.

“We are not yet ready to allow Bangkok Airways to begin construction. The RFD has to listen to many environmental and local sectors in order to consider project endorsement under the law before it can go to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment for consideration,” he says.

Additional reporting by Kritsada Mueanhawong

### Light-fingered ladyboy licked by CCTV

Police returned a French tourist’s iPhone after capturing the Patong ladyboy who stole it from the beach. Using CCTV to identify and trace the culprit, police despatched a task force to tackle Montree Srijantra, 24, near the Paris Star Guesthouse.

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### PHUKET LIFE



Is Phuket a candidate for the Darwin Awards? Desmond Hughes looks at the natural selection at work on the island this ‘green’ season.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Briefly

### Pongy privy prompts peeved performer's post

THAI performer Krirkphol Masayavanich took to Facebook to tell Phuket airport management that he's not happy with their toilets.

His complaint in Thai translates as: "The toilets [at the airport] are in serious need of attention. So dirty and stink terribly. I can't even take a [xxit]!"

Many comments under his post agree with him.

Recently appointed Airport Director Petch Chan-charoen told the *Gazette* that he had not seen the Facebook post yet. However, he emphasized that the airport's domestic terminal is very old and apologized for its current condition, saying that he would nevertheless make it better.

"Since I was placed in charge here [on June 12], I have ordered the airport cleaners to pay more attention to every toilet in the airport, including both the domestic and international terminals," he said.

– *Kritsada Muenghawong*

### But airport staff cleared of monk molesting claim

Meanwhile Phuket Airport has responded to claims by an unnamed ex-minister in Thai media that female security staff are using hand-held metal detectors to search monks, instead of letting male staff handle the ordained.

# Motorbike explodes in Thalang kitchen



A motorbike burst into flames in the kitchen of a Thalang workers camp on June 22, causing more than 100,000 baht in damages. Motorbike owner Watcharapong Fugudom said he became aware of the fire when he and his wife were going to bed. Cherng Talay's Disaster Prevention and Mitigation firefighters fought the blaze for 20 minutes. Police are investigating the cause. Photo: Winai Sarot

"We have investigated the incident. It occurred on May 1 when a monk walked through the standard, arched metal detector. That detector produces a loud alarm when activated, as happened in the case with this monk. After such an event, use of a hand-held detector is required for verification," Airport Director Phet Chan-charoen explained.

"But the woman who then used the hand-held detector in this incident, Nureeta Tabasa of our contractor ASM Management, did not do that check until the monk granted her permission for it.

"Additionally, Ms Nureeta did not allow the hand-held detector to touch the monk's body," he clarified.

He added that the airport does not ignore problems like this and repeatedly reminds staff of what they can and cannot do with passengers, particularly with monks and priests.

– *Sukawin Tanthavanich*

### Rapist repelled by mum-to-be's raucous ringtone

A CHANCE incoming phone call saved a two-month pregnant woman from being raped on June 22. Her loud ringtone panicked the rapist who then fled.

Police found the girl, 20, in a panic at her Wichit rental room and took her to Wachira Phuket Hospital to be treated.

"The victim told us that the incident took place at about 2pm as she was walking back home from lunch. As she opened the door to her room, a man suddenly appeared and pushed her inside. He used tape to bind her hands together and cover her mouth. Then the victim says he punched her in the stomach," said Capt Jarus Lempan of Wichit police.

"The victim tried her best to free her hands, but to no avail. Then her phone suddenly rang out loud and the man fled the room in a panic. She then called for help from her boyfriend and screamed for her neighbors," the policeman added.

According to the victim, the man is about 30 to 35 years old and about 160-170cm tall. He is dark skinned and speaks in the southern dialect.

Police reported that there was another unsolved rape in the area about a year ago, but so far there were no suspects in either attack.

– *Kritsada Muenghawong*

### Investigation continues into diver's death

THE DEATH of a volunteer diver off Racha Yai island has local police puzzled. Lakkana Sakupong, 40, died on June 19 while participating in a Department of Marine and Coastal Resources dive to set up buoys and seed coral beds in Khon Khae Bay.

"According to other participants in the project, it was just before noon when a group of divers went down. Everything

was normal at first, then Ms Lakkana suddenly gave a sign to the others that her tank was running out of air and asked for help to take her back to the boat," said Capt Somkiet Sarasit of Chalong Police.

"When she returned to the boat, she seemed normal. She then swam over to another boat nearby and suddenly fell unconscious in the water," Capt Somkiet added.

Divers helped Ms Lakkana onto the boat, administered CPR and kept her on oxygen until the diveboat reached Chalong Pier.

Ms Lakkana was rushed to Chalong Hospital, but doctors were unable to save her and she was pronounced dead.

Police are awaiting the results of an autopsy at Vachira Phuket Hospital to reveal cause of her death, but are looking into personal health issues and how her tank ran out of air so quickly.

– *Winai Sarot*

### Teens run riot at Saphan Hin detention center

A DOZEN delinquents wreaked havoc at the Phuket Juvenile Observation and Protection Center (JOPC) at Saphan Hin on June 20, causing major damage to the facility's canteen.

JOPC Director Rawee Kuhapimook was forced to call in Phuket City Police to control the situation after the teens ran riot in the canteen, smashing windows, chairs, tables and other equipment.

Police said that officers at the center did their best to control the situation; locking the door to prevent the delinquents from escaping.

Police believe the incident was the result of a long-standing dispute between two teen gangs, one from Phang Nga and a Phuket gang, with members incarcerated at the facility.

In the aftermath of the riot, Phuket Governor Norraphat Plodthong visited the center and suggested that the management organize more activities for the delinquents to reduce their stress levels.

Following a three-day trip to Koh Lan on June 13, four leaders from the two gangs were thrown into Phuket Prison after the spat between the two gangs erupted on the island.

There are currently 38 delinquents in the Phuket center, 31 men and 7 women.

– *Kritsada Mueanhawong*



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# Messy Mai Khao takes a trashing on social media

By Winai Sarot

PHUKET: Governor Norraphat Plodthong is demanding fast action from officials in Sirinat National Park over a stream of complaints from tourists and local villagers about the accumulation of 'huge' amounts of trash on the beach at the threshold to the runway at Phuket International Airport.

Access to that stretch of beach is through Soi Mai Khao 4, next to the Grand West Sands Resort.

Guests of the resort and local residents took to social media recently to express their dismay with the state of the once-pristine beach and are calling on government officers to take action.

The area is now a popular 'selfie spot' for tourists wishing to take a photo with airplanes landing or taking off in the background and locals blame the stream of visitors for generating an 'appalling' amount of trash.

Over the past few weeks, the growing mess was documented in social media posts, showing the blight spreading rapidly.



Over a period of just a few weeks, locals and tourists documented the trashing of Mai Khao Beach on social media. Photo: Winai Sarot

Photos of the beach reveal growing piles of plastic bags, straws, plastic cups, tin cans, paper, water bottles and caps, styofam lunch boxes and miscellaneous bits of foam, rubber and broken glass.

"The Sirinat National Park authorities are in charge of this place and they need to take re-

sponsibility for this mess. No one from the park is doing anything about it. We try to clean it up ourselves but it's too much to handle," said a villager who refused to be named.

"Then the stray dogs come for the food scraps and tear everything apart, making it a nightmare," he added.

# Massage parlor raid has a happy ending

PHUKET: A 'task force' of 100 police and soldiers raided 16 massage venues in and near Poonpol Night Plaza of June 23.

The raids were ordered by Phuket Governor Norraphat Plodthong to suppress illicit behavior, including possession of drugs, working without a permit and human trafficking.

Led by Capt Bhavorn Promkeawngam, the massive effort uncovered five illegal

migrant workers, all female, at three venues, one Lao national, three non-Thai Hill Tribe women and a Cambodian. All were taken to a police station for questioning.

"The personnel in every shop were urine-tested for drugs, with none found. Everyone was clean and no prostitution was found either," Capt Bhavorn told the *Gazette*.

A happy ending indeed.  
- *Kritsada Mueanhawong*

# Light-fingered ladyboy lifts French iPhone on the beach

PHUKET: Patong police arrested a ladyboy on June 20 for stealing a French tourist's iPhone on Patong Beach.

"Mr Montree Srijantra, 24, was arrested near the Paris Star Guesthouse in Patong following a complaint by the tourist," said Capt Jarun Jaisuntud of Patong Police.

"We received a report on June 19 from Mr Marcel Sawcho that his iPhone 6 was stolen at the beach opposite the Absolute Pearl intersection with Thaweewong Road. We then checked CCTV footage and found that the suspect was a ladyboy with a brown-white Yamaha motorbike," he added.

Police finally located Mr Montree and sent out a team to make the arrest.

"Mr Montree confessed to the crime, so he was charged with theft and taken to Patong Police Station for further legal processing," concluded Capt Jarun.

- *Kritsada Mueanhawong*

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# Sugar hell

ONE of the biggest changes to Phuket's rapidly urbanizing roadside landscape over the years has been the proliferation of shops selling liquid confections such as chaa manao (lime tea) and a wide range of other colorful drinks, all laced with as many as 25 tablespoons of pure sugar.

It would be interesting to do a statistical analysis on this proliferation, especially as it relates to Thailand's worsening obesity epidemic, already among the worst in Southeast Asia.

An estimated 32% of the Thai population is now overweight, and the trend seems to be on the rise as our children are lured into lives of sugar addiction from many sides, from advertising that makes it seem 'cool' to be chubby as well as parents who think they are rewarding their kids when they give them junk food polluted with sugar, salt and chemical preservatives.

Obviously the obesity problem is a global epidemic and the proliferation of cha manao shops here in Phuket is just one manifestation of the factory-food hydra that started in the corn fields of the American midwest a century ago, and continues to spread like The Blob across the globe. Even in remote parts of Thailand you will still find roadside vendors selling roti sai mai (cotton candy) for passing motorists who need a quick fix.

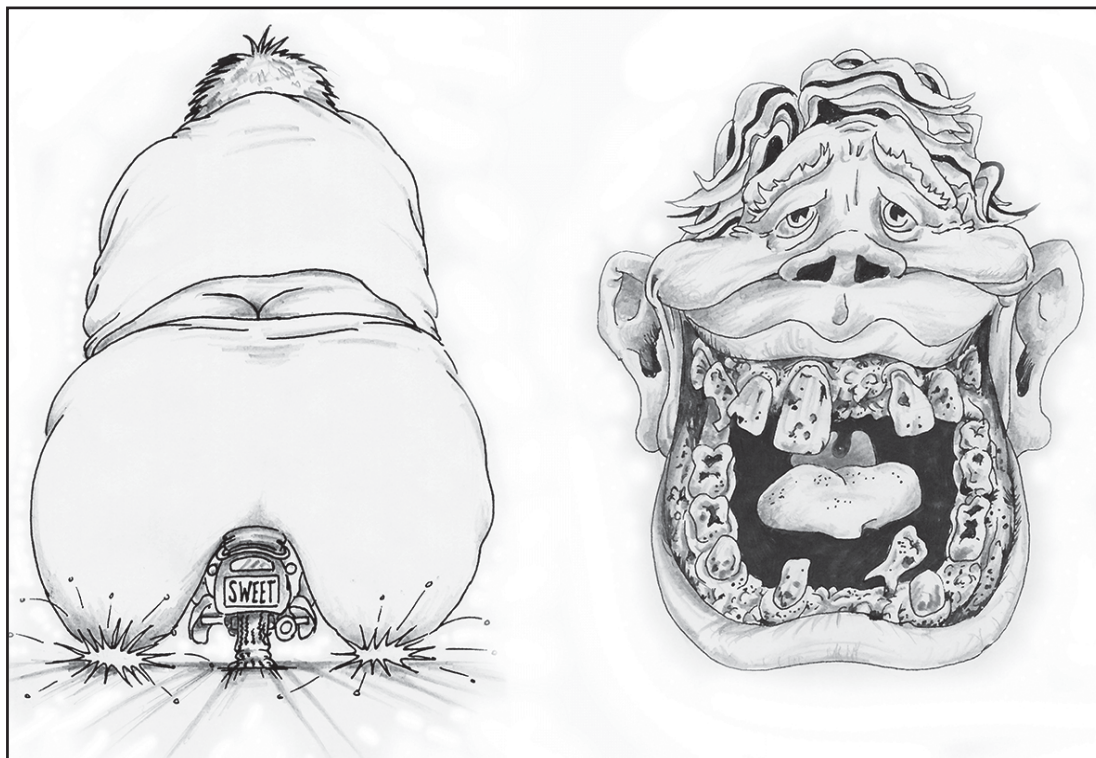
The result has been a huge increase in chronic and sometimes fatal medical conditions, especially type 2 diabetes.

Even if all this sugar does not kill us, it can certainly make our lives miserable. In addition to porking up the people, making them weak and unattractive, sugar also causes tooth decay – a fact that has been known for decades.

And how many Thais are even aware of the link between sugar intake and acne vulgaris, which is leaving so many of our youngsters needlessly scarred for life?

Fortunately, sugar addiction and obesity are not terribly difficult to overcome for those willing to make some basic lifestyle changes. The path is simple for those who follow the NSNG (no sugar, no grains) lifestyle advocated by American celebrity fitness trainer Vinnie Tortorich.

Under this lifestyle, you need to stop eating both sugar and grains, including bread and rice. Passing up rice in favor of fresh vegetables may make you seem like a bit of a heretic in rice-o-centric Thailand, but the results are worth it.



## Syphilis: my favorite Victorian STD

*Re: Opinion: Medical Certificates – Who's Fooling Whom? June 18*

What happens if you DO have Syphilis, my favorite Victorian STD?

So you're not allowed to work? But you are allowed into the country in the first place? Perhaps on a tourist visa?

Of course, there's no sex tourism in Thailand. Nope. Not a bit of it. None at all.

*Captain Jack  
Gazette forum*

### It takes a celeb

*Re: PIA under fire for stinking toilets, June 24*

What exactly is a 'celebrity actor' – just another no-name soap star 'famous' on Facebook apparently. The rest of us have put up with the stinking toilets for years and just get on with the job. Some minor 'celeb' comes along and management are wringing their hands in anguish.

*Mister Ree  
Gazette forum*

Totally awful and have been for years. From cockroaches to weird leaking blue pipes, stained leaking gypsum ceilings, often no toilet tissue, leaking spray hoses and puddles of urine on the floor.

The toilets at Changi are immaculate. The toilets at Hong Kong Airport - pretty good. The last time I was in Shanghai - very clean. There is just no excuse in Phuket for this. No excuse.

*Desmond RL Hughes  
Facebook*

## Letters to the Editor

*Do you have an opinion to voice?  
Email Editor@PhuketGazette.net*

### Our condolences to families and friends

*Re: Fallen soldier honored with somber parade, June 20*

RIP to all the fallen soldiers and condolences to the families and friends at this tragic time.

*Paula Smith Edmonds  
Facebook*

### Diving for answers

*Re: Investigation continues into diver's death*

Sounds like an air embolism. Out of air, probably a rapid ascent, reached the surface all looked good and then in a few minutes unconscious. RIP.

*Juergen Schenker  
Facebook*

Yes. I've seen it. You've seen it. So let's get the autopsy performed and let everyone know, so there is no hysterical reaction.

*John B Williams  
Facebook*

### Amazing Tourists

*Re: Messy Mai Khao takes a trashing on SM, June 20*

Amazing tourists are complaining. Most of the crap on the beach is from tourists or the lack of public waste bins maybe?

When you have finished at

the national park or local beach, remember to clear up your crap before you leave!

*Danny Johnston  
Facebook*

The entire ocean surrounding Southeast Asia is a floating garbage tip. I've seen many locals leave all their picnic waste on the beach to be 'cleaned' by the following tide. Very sad.

*Simon Boyd  
Facebook*

I love Phuket but they are destroying a lot of it. How stupid can you be?

*Khun Philippe  
Facebook*

### Tax the girls

*Re: Massage parlor raid has happy ending, June 24*

Yes. Smiles all round as the boys in brown humiliate and ruin the lives of their foreign prey. The same occurs in virtually every major town in Thailand. Time to make this all legal. Tax the girls and protect them. Give them rights.

*Bob  
Gazette forum*

### A numbers game

*Re: Massage parlor raid has happy ending, June 24*

100 police raid 16 massage shops and they find five illegal migrant workers out of how many? And no sign of sex or drugs. What was the real purpose of the raid?

*Foot  
Gazette forum*

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# Welcome to Phuket's Darwinian Season



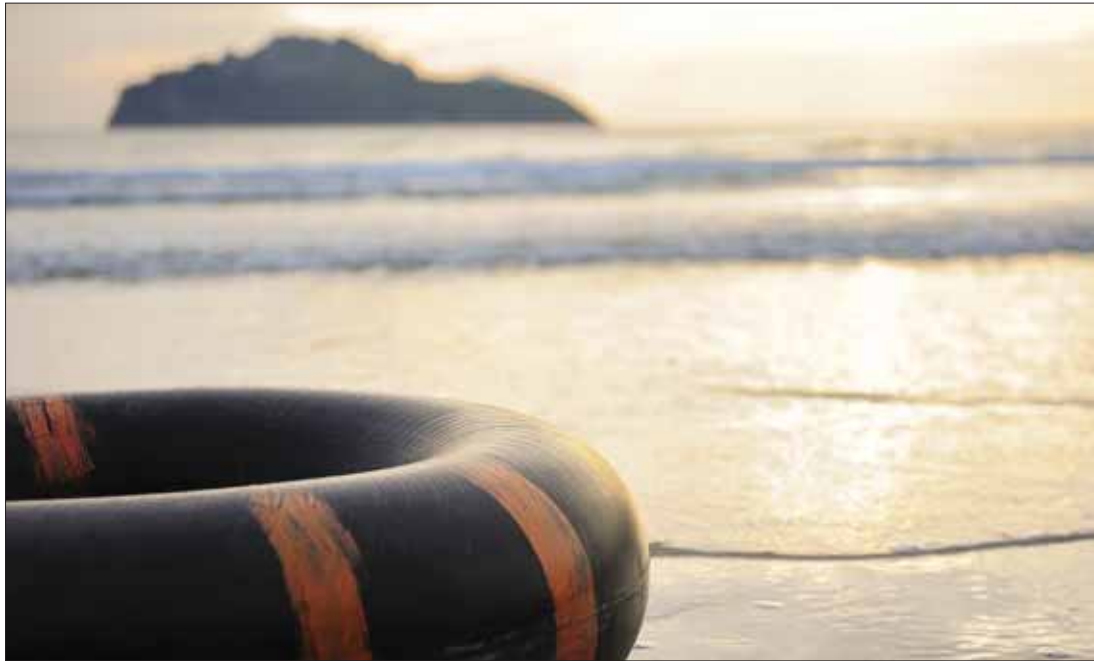
I LOVE nature, the environment, and all it has to offer. However, I know that my shark fin soup eating ways aren't popular, and my Darwinistic sympathies applied to nature will be mocked on social media as simplistic and outdated. However, Darwin's Theory and Phuket are linked.

Phuket has its own environments – natural and economic, and these environments are in constant battle with each other. Monsoon season, laughingly referred to as the 'Green Season' (it's green all year here anyway), is now upon us, and this is a perfect time to reflect on whether or not the fittest will survive.

## Economic

Now is the time when developers must use the sales they have secured, together with their finance, to crack on and build, even while contractors complain that it is 'raining too much'; that supplies must come 'all the way' from Bangkok; or that their teams are 'busy on another job'.

Some developers have visibly and tangibly succeeded over the high season. We can see the new Central shopping project going up, and we can,



Beaches are among the many environmental resources Phuket has to defend. Photo: Pixabay

while stopped at traffic lights, imagine a family day out to some well thought out designs – including perhaps a new aquarium.

These are the developers that investors should look for. Don't forget that you can also buy shares in public companies; you don't have to just buy units or lease space from them. That isn't a share tip; it's just a nod to those who think more widely than simply being a primary consumer.

The less successful developers will also be revealed now. Some of their works in process

have a few minions, and I don't mean the cartoon type, scraping away at cement under the pretense of 'continuing milestone' works. While this is going on, emergency meetings with creditors and buyers' legal representatives continue. Advertising agreements go unpaid, and directors of these developers turn up at meetings in their Mercedes desperately trying to exude success, or to be given a break with insincere humility – all the while knowing that ultimately they are financially doomed.

These are the 'bad picks' –

economically unsustainable investments. Avoid.

## Environment

Regardless of the success or otherwise of the developers during this extremely wet and windy season, the fate of the environment remains in everyone's hands. Success or otherwise will be there for all to see, and for tourists' photos.

When our visitors get home and post their photos on social media, at least they won't be subject to Thailand's Computer Crimes Act.

We have algae bloom (dark

brown plankton), invading Portuguese Men-O-War, flash floods due to 'unusually heavy' rain and insufficient drains, soil slides, sinkholes, lots of black-outs (occasionally blowing up electrical appliances) and piles of accumulated trash. The problem of trash in the ocean is not unique to Thailand; it's definitely global.

I really do believe Phuket is equipped with the raw materials to be one of the best, economically and environmentally. The proof of its success can be examined and assessed if time is taken to scratch through the surface.

Will the new shopping malls and shiny buildings continue to exist on a beautiful island paradise? Was your smashed avocado, pumpkin and beetroot smoothie served in a sustainable plastic bottle? Will Phuketians and those who manage the battle against environmental issues allow Phuket to be a 'winner' in this Darwinian battle?

Which will be the last features standing here – the mountains, waterfalls, rivers and beaches, or the steel and cement, or both?

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## Boat Development launches new project: The First at Boat Plaza



Boat Development Co Ltd held the grand opening of their new project on June 24. Offering mountain and lake views, The First is located at Boat Plaza. Phase one, to be constructed on about 13 rai of land, will consist of 8 commercial buildings, 27 single homes, 35 townhouses and a luxurious Club House and Swimming Pool.

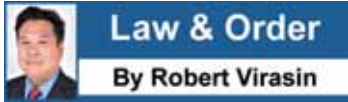


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# Do we need a Last Will and Testament?



Law & Order

By Robert Virasin

WITH the growing number of people retiring in Thailand, our firm has received several inquiries for a Last Will and Testament. The primary question that we receive is, "Do I need a will?"

What does a Last Will and Testament do?

The purpose of a Last Will and Testament is to direct funeral arrangements, determine property distributions, assign a guardian to a minor, guide the payment of debt, and appoint a personal representative. Without a Will, the courts will appoint someone to do those tasks.

A Last Will and Testament ensures that your property is distributed to the person who you want to benefit, and not to anyone else.

Thailand like almost all jurisdictions has a default property distribution for your remaining property if you have not left a will. If you die without a will, your remaining property will devolve to your statutory heirs.

There are six classes of statutory heirs for the property of a person who dies without a will.

1. Descendants (children) 2.



Some people wait until the very last minute to write their wills, a risky practice. Photo: Robert Virasin

Parents 3. Brothers and sisters of full blood 4. Brothers and sisters of half blood 5. Grandparents 6. Uncles and Aunts

If the deceased has a spouse and there are no other heirs, the spouse is entitled to all of the property. If there is a spouse and heirs, the spouse is entitled to half of the deceased's property. If there are no spouses and only heirs, the heirs will be entitled to all of the deceased property. If there are no heirs and no spouse, the state will take over the property.

Do I need to execute a Last Will and Testament in Thailand?

The question of whether a person needs a Last Will and Testament is personal to that individual. If the individual is not married, does not have family, and has no property, then a will may be of little value when they pass away. However, if an individual is married, has minor children from a previous relationship, and a large amount of property, it is prudent to prepare a Last Will and Testament.

The Last Will and Testament

should be made according to Thai law if the individual has property or large financial accounts in Thailand. If the deceased's personal or real estate is located in Thailand, the property will have to go through Thai probate for title to the property to be transferred.

For a Last Will and Testament to be valid in Thailand, the will must be dated and signed by the testator in the presence of at least two witnesses who certify that the testator signed the will. The

witnesses cannot be the spouse or anyone who will receive a distribution. While the will is not required to be notarized or registered, it may be prudent to do so. The Last Will and Testament can be filed publicly or privately sealed with the local amphur.

Different jurisdictions also have different requirements in the drafting and signing of a will. If the property is in multiple jurisdictions, it is prudent to ensure that the will meets the minimum requirements of all the jurisdictions. The Last Will and Testament can be written in any language but will have to be translated into Thai when submitted in probate court in Thailand.

To ensure that the Last Will and Testament complies with the legal requirements in Thailand, the document should be reviewed by a Thai attorney who is experienced in handling such matters. It is too late to ensure compliance when the testator has passed away.

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# Tales from the wine cellar

By Sahar Aftab Paliwala

GEORGES Ciret is currently the Wine Director at Mom Tri's Villa Royale in Phuket. With more than 40 years of experience in wine making and hospitality, he brings a unique skill set to the craft that few others can boast of.

"We have a big collection at Villa Royale, with more than 300 labels from all over the world," says Mr Ciret. "We always keep people's preferences in mind though, so we offer options for everyone – organic, vegan and even wine with braille labels.

"Some of them may be expensive, but there are also more affordable ones so everyone can enjoy what we have to offer," he adds, saying he would like more people to be able to drink wine.

"I'm not happy when people stay at Mom Tri and order beer, for example. We now offer wine by carafe, which is something we never did before. People's preferences have

changed and I have changed with them," he says.

Mr Ciret was born in Paris where he worked at his parents wine shop.

"I had a very early start in the business. I worked in the wine cellar for three months and then moved to the restaurant. After a little while, I joined the navy. When I completed my service, around 1972, Accor group opened up Sofitel Hotel with more than 800 rooms in Paris. I joined the hotel and worked there in various capacities, including restaurant manager and general manager. The first seven or eight years I worked in Paris, and was then posted at hotels all over the world," he says.

During his 31 years of service with Accor, he met presidents, served many important guests and brought several new and innovative ideas to the company. In 2003, he parted ways with them and moved to Phuket where he bought a guesthouse in Patong. Life had other plans for him it seems,

and in Phuket, he met the general manager of The Boathouse Phuket, who recruited him for his wine expertise.

"At that time, they had more than 700 labels and I taught and trained the staff about the wine. During the tsunami, I lost 70 per cent of my inventory and we had to close down for four months. We then built a new wine cellar and, in 2006, won the 'Wine Spectator' Best in Thailand award, the only one in the country to win it. Since then, we have won multiple prestigious awards," he says.

"I've been with Mom Tri since 2006, taking care of a number of different properties and serving as the wine director. My job is to teach and train the staff as well as to host events. At least once a month, we try to organize wine dinners with different companies who come to Phuket and present their wine," he explains.

Mr Ciret meets with winemakers from all over the world – Tuscany, Italy, New

Zealand and so on – and works closely with the chef to come up with a menu that perfectly complements the wine at each dinner.

"I always look for prestigious wineries. We have a reputation and I want the wine to meet our quality standards. There are various factors we use to judge the prestige of the wine – where it was grown, whether it is hand produced or factory produced, the history and tradition of the wine – all this determines whether we choose to work with the label or not."



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