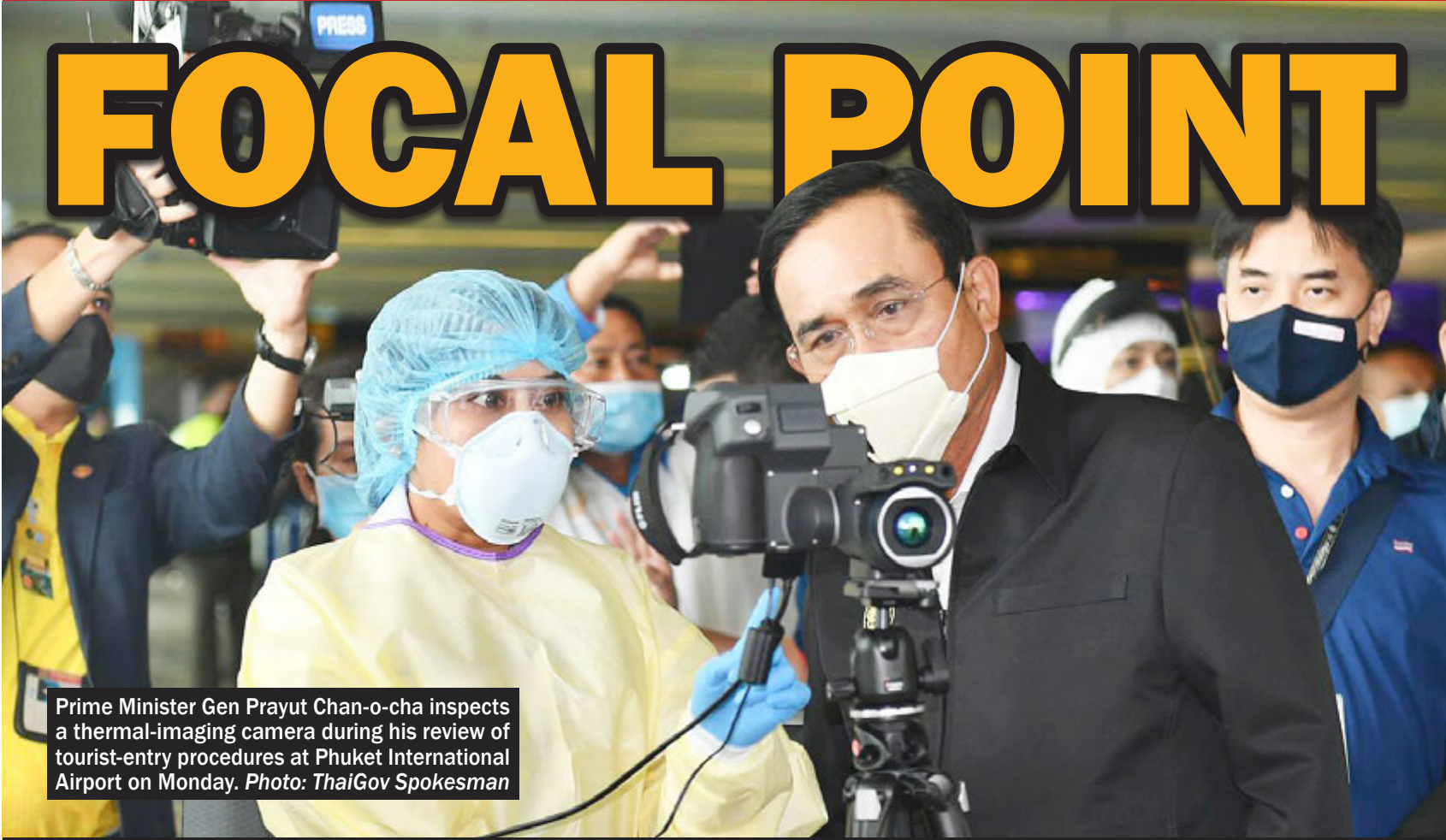


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Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha inspects a thermal-imaging camera during his review of tourist-entry procedures at Phuket International Airport on Monday. Photo: ThaiGov Spokesman

CABINET ROADSHOW BLANKS ANY TALK ON RE-OPENING TOURISM TO PHUKET

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The Cabinet meeting in Phuket Tuesday (Nov 3) concluded with the Prime Minister and the entire entourage of Cabinet ministers failing to even speak about the critical issue of restoring Phuket's ailing tourism industry, which has been devastated by the COVID-19 protection measures banning international tourists from visiting the island.

At the time this article went to press, not a single member of Cabinet had bothered to venture out to areas suffering heavily amid the economic crisis, notably Patong, Kata and Karon, to see for themselves the extent of the damage done to local residents' livelihoods.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha landed at Phuket International Airport on Monday afternoon to stage a cursory review of the procedures and screening processes for allowing foreign tourists to enter the country at the airport in front of a company of reporters brought from Bangkok.

Even then, PM Prayut made sure to not speak a word about whether or not, or when, Phuket airport will finally be approved to receive international tourists.

Literally while PM Prayut was parading through the airport, an empty Emirates Airlines aircraft landed at Phuket airport. Emirates Airlines claimed in a Facebook post late Monday night marking the landing, "Today we became the first international airline to touch down

in Phuket since its re-opening for international travel... Our special flight to Phuket signals the re-start of tourism in the popular island destination since Thailand re-opened its borders for international travellers."

However, all state news agencies failed to even recognise the aircraft's landing until Tuesday, when NNT and the Public Relations Department of Thailand (PRD) both reported the Emirates flight as the first scheduled service to land at Phuket International Airport since the COVID-19 lockdown began.

A Qatar Airways scheduled flight, Flight QR978 from Doha to Phuket, was due to arrive on Wednesday (Nov 4).

Both flights are to operate two times a week, reported NNT "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

in collaboration with Emirates and Qatar Airways, operates two international airlines arriving at Phuket International Airport to increase travel options for various groups of passengers, such as business travellers, long-term residents," NNT also noted in its brief report.

The PRD identified both flights as "semi-commercial flights" and described the flights as the first allowed to arrive in Phuket carrying tourists entering the country on the Special Tourist Visa (STV).

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is in discussions with additional airlines to launch semi-commercial flights to Phuket International Airport," the PRD noted.

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...Phuket airport on Monday, but remained silent on any aspect of the possibility of Phuket directly receiving any international tourists. He also made no mention of Phuket's first scheduled inbound international flight arriving for eight months while he was standing in the same airport.

The best the island's suffering tourism industry received were words of support from Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha for 13 initiatives presented by Phuket tourism and business leaders to help develop Phuket and boost tourism to the island.

The moral support came at a closed-doors meeting held at the Duangjit Resort and Spa in Patong on Monday (Nov 2). At the meeting were representatives of tourism organisations and local businesses as well as the governors of the six Andaman coast provinces: Phuket, Phang Nga Krabi, Trang, Ranong and Satun.

Prime Minister Prayut attended the meeting to deliver the news in



PM Prayut tours Phuket Town on Tuesday. Photo: ThaiGov Spokesman

person, but decided to leave it to Government Spokesman Anucha Burapachaisri to announce the Prime Minister's acceptance of the initiatives to the press.

Among the key financial initiatives presented to provide support to businesses struggling amid the current economic crisis were an extended moratorium on business loans and the setting up of a B50 billion soft loan facility for tourism operators in the Andaman region.

Other measures included providing assistance to employers

to prevent layoffs in the tourism industry and the reduction of the rate of social security contributions.

Even reducing the land and building tax rate by 90% throughout 2021 was being considered, said Mr Anucha.

The announcement came on the eve of the mobile Cabinet meeting held at the Splash Beach Resort in Mai Khao on Tuesday (Nov 3), where the 13 initiatives were to be discussed but not yet approved by the Cabinet.

"The overall plan will create a

new dimension of sustainable tourism and prepare for the impact of future crises," Mr Anucha explained.

"The government will work on small or easy projects first, such as holding training and seminars on the island," he said.

"The government today wants to promote tourism in the country by encouraging Thai people to travel across provinces. The important thing is that the government must take care of everyone, entrepreneurs, farmers in every region, with the best use of the budget. Additionally, to educate Thai people to know how to deal with crises in the future," he noted.

The support for the initiatives was much welcomed by leading Phuket business figures, but also received with some caution.

Kongsak Khoopongsakorn, President of Thai Hotels Association (THA) southern chapter, pointed out that urgent action was needed.

"I appreciate that the PM received all 13 issues from us. Meanwhile, we request that we want them to take action soon as possible," he said.

The project for the government to pay half the salaries of new graduates hired was of little value to businesses that could not afford to hire any new staff, he said.

He also called for the government to launch a campaign to support Thai tourists travelling by car.

Mr Kongsak also urged the government to understand that Phuket was unlike other popular domestic tourism destinations in the country, especially those within easy reach from Bangkok.

"We need policies that will help to keep us alive until the middle of next year," he said.

Preechawut "Prab" Keesin, head of the Pisona Group of companies, was positive about the response the 13 initiatives had received.

"I feel like we have hope. We hope that the Cabinet will help us with some of the issues that we presented to them. Even if they approve just one, it would help," he said.

"Even though the PM did not make any exact promises, he has now received all the issues for consideration already," he added.

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Chalong Hospital B153mn inpatient wing gets green light

THE BUDGET FOR THE 156-bed inpatient wing at Chalong Hospital has been approved and the new building is expected to be complete and open to patients in 2022, Deputy Health Minister Satit Pituthecha announced on Monday (Nov 2).

Construction of the B153 million wing was delayed due to the COVID-19 crisis, Mr Satit explained during an inspection visit to the hospital.

"We have accelerated the plan, and will begin construction soon," he said.

Mr Satit explained that the hospital grounds occupy an area of 11 rai 3 ngan 57 square wah. Local resident Mr Gao Areerob donated 10-2-53 rai of the land, and the government bought the remaining 1-1-04 rai, he said.

Chalong Hospital was built to provide medical services to a population of 52,957 people living in three subdistricts: namely 27,012 people registered as living in Chalong, 18,806 registered as living in Rawai and 8,139 people registered as living in Karon, Mr Satit explained.

Although the hospital has



Deputy Health Minister Satit Pituthecha visited Chalong Hospital on Monday (Nov 2). Photo: PR Phuket

been built beside the longstanding Chalong Health Promoting Hospital, which for decades served the local community as the local government medical centre, Mr Satit said that the hospital originally opened with the B3mn two-storey emergency accident building, which opened on Dec 28, 2015.

Construction of the four-storey outpatient building, with a usable area of 6,230 square metres, began in 2016 and was completed in 2018 under a budget of B108,100mn, he added.

Chalong Hospital for the past two years has been operating with 30 temporary inpatient beds, with serious cases transferred to Vachira hospital in Phuket Town, Mr Satit explained.

That will change with the addition of the new 156-bed inpatient wing, he said.

"The 156-bed inpatient building has been allocated a budget of B153,400,800 under the budget for the fiscal year 2020. Construction is expected to be completed and the building open to provide treatment in 2022," Mr Satit added.

"In addition, the Put Cho Shrine [in Phuket Town] has already provided the budget for the construction of a two-storey X-ray building (Building 4) and bought the equipment for providing general X-rays and computerized x-ray (CT scan) through a donation in the amount of B14.4mn," Mr Satit said.

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More than tourism: Deputy PM Phuket COVID recovery must broaden island's economic base

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Deputy Prime Minister Don Pramudwinai, who also serves as Thailand's Minister of Foreign Affairs, has called for Phuket's post-COVID recovery to target key areas other than tourism.

Speaking at the official opening of the Phuket Passport Office now located at Central Festival Phuket on Monday night (Nov 2), Deputy PM Don told *The Phuket News* that Phuket's tourism industry remained the island's fastest track to recovery, but strongly noted that other key sectors should also be developed to broaden Phuket's economic base.

Mr Don said that he did not expect the mass tourism to return from the Chinese market, or any other market, for some time.

"For the Chinese, they have to check the readiness of both their country and the target country. However, they will focus on their country first as a priority. I don't think big groups of Chinese will come, as they have to implement



The island's economic base must be broadened, with much more emphasis on skills development and service quality, said Deputy Prime Minister Don Pramudwinai. Photo: Tanyaluk Sakoot

their own measures in their country first and then confirm the readiness in the target countries, especially safety, environment, and other things that they can enjoy and spend time with," he said.

"Actually this applies not only to the Chinese, but also other nationalities as well.

After the pandemic, tourists will pay much attention to health. After passing through this year, they can see the importance of health. After this, the interest in health will be very high. People will focus on longer lives as a priority while disease-prevention measures have now become a normal-

ity. People look for ways to strengthen their immunity, which can make their lives better. The word 'longevity' will gain much more attention from scientists," Deputy PM Don said.

Thailand was at the forefront of countries approving visas for foreigners to stimu-

late tourism, Mr Don said.

"For visa approval, we will do that for sure. Thailand is a country that foreigners can enter quite easily. We are friends with many countries," he said.

"However, it is quite difficult for us to enter other countries. When we can make it visa-free for Thai people to enter a country, we accomplish our goals. We have to work together," he added.

"I'm confident that Phuket has very high potential [in tourism], as we know. But even though there is high potential, we can develop much more, not only tourism. For example, we want Phuket to be a MICE hub," he said.

"For education, Phuket has a very good educational system for tourism and hospitality studies. For health and wellness tourism, it could be related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thailand has a good reputation for health services. However, the services need good infrastructure," Deputy PM Don explained.

A policy shift to focus more quality was also underway, Mr Don said.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs [MFA] measures for post-COVID-19 will focus on quality as a priority. Everything we will do will focus on quality. We are in the new global competition. If we do not work hard and develop our people, we will be sidelined from achieving our goals. Our human resources, not only that of the MFA, but everyone, must all keep developing," Mr Don urged.

"I want to focus more on how long we [Thailand] keep our good reputation when we enter the post COVID-19 era. I think that if we can work together, our reputation will remain strong.

"Everything we do right now is to switch from crisis to good opportunity. To keep seeking golden opportunities.

"Phuket is a main province of the south, while other provinces are also trying to claim that position. We have to see how sustainable each province's government can manage their resources. Then, in doing anything, we have to focus on quality as a priority," Mr Don concluded.

Deputy PM orders action to resolve water shortages

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAWIT Wongsuwan at a meeting in Phuket on Monday (Nov 2) ordered the Office of National Water Resources (ONWR) to investigate and expedite projects to resolve Phuket's recurring water shortage crisis, including to instigate progress in the much-delayed mains supply pipeline from Phang Nga.

Present to receive the order was ONWR Secretary-General Somkiat Prajamwong, who strongly supported the move to resolve the water shortages. Also present was Phuket Governor Narong Woonciw and government spokesperson Narumon Pinyosinwat.

Deputy PM Prawit on Monday was brought up to speed on the recurring issue of Phuket running out of mains supply water that leaves residents in certain areas, notably the poor neighbourhood in Soi Kingkaew, Rassada, without tap water for months.

Instead such communities rely on water tanks installed on the street in their areas, and must literally fetch buckets of water to carry back to their homes.

Mr Somkiat pointed out that Phuket traditionally had a huge 'hidden population' of people not registered as living on the island, and that the previous large number of tourists visiting the island, which he estimated at 14 million tourists annually, generated more than B400 billion for the country each year.

The increase in the number of tourists in recent years and the rapid expansion of urban communities on the island had seen demand for tap water skyrocket, Mr Somkiat said.

"The government has always recognised



Deputy Prime Minister Prawit at the meeting on Monday (Nov 2). Photo: PR Dept

the importance of this problem. Today, I have ordered the Royal Irrigation Department to find a way to increase the efficiency of pumping water from natural sources to fill the reservoirs as much as possible. As for the Provincial Waterworks Authority, it is urged to accelerate the understanding and participation of the people in the Phang Nga area in the construction of the water supply system to Phuket in order for the operation to benefit all parties concerned," Deputy PM Prawit said.

"In addition, the National Water Resources Office (ONWR) is to direct, monitor and expedite the operations of all units and report to the National Water Resources Committee periodically with water saving measures, guidelines for wastewater reuse and plans to develop water reservoirs in Phang Nga and Phuket provinces to support adequate water use in the future," Deputy PM Prawit said.

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COVID 'visa amnesty' is over

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Phuket Immigration this week confirmed that any persons who still have not filed an application to extend their permit to stay will now be fined B500 a day overstay, following the national 'visa amnesty' expiring last Saturday (Oct 31).

"Any persons who still have not filed an application to extend their stay, regardless of which type of visa they were staying on before, will be fined B500 a day, starting from Sunday [Nov 1]," Phuket Immigration Deputy Chief Lt Col Udom Thongchin told *The Phuket News* on Tuesday (Nov 3).

However, those who had been misinformed that they had to leave the country to change their type of visa, or had their applications to extend their stay not accepted by immigration because they were told they had a 'visa amnesty stamp' in their passport, were given until close of Monday (Nov 2) to file their applications.

Lt Col Udom said that despite the confusion even among immigration officers



Applications to extend a permit to stay will now be met with a B500 a day fine for overstay. Photo: The Phuket News

over accepting applications, only 48 people came to the Phuket Immigration Office in Phuket Town to file their applications on Monday.

"Most of them were Europeans," he added.

Lt Col Udom said his office was unable to determine whether any foreigners staying on the island still had yet to file applications to extend their stay. "Some foreigners will have filed applications in other provinces," he said.

Phuket Immigration will continue to accept applica-

tions to change the visa status in the country on, such as from a tourist visa to a Non-immigrant B visa so that the foreigner may be hired for work.

"There is no deadline for this. We will continue to accept applications to change visa types," Lt Col Udom said.

"There have been no changes to this, so we will keep accepting applications to change visa status," he said, as if Phuket Immigration had been accepting such applica-

tions for years – a point plainly denied by many foreigners living on the island.

The issue came to the fore after *The Phuket News* was informed that many teachers in Phuket have had their applications refused to change visa types from a tourist visa to "Non-imm B" so they could be hired to work as a teacher.

The Phuket News had also been informed that Phuket Immigration had refused to accept applications to extend permits to stay for teachers who had already entered the

country on a Non-imm B visa.

The reason given by Phuket Immigration officers to the foreigners for refusing to accept their applications was that the foreigners had a 'visa amnesty extension' stamp put in their passports by immigration in order to obtain the correct visa to work in Thailand.

Phuket Immigration officers told the foreigners that the 'visa amnesty stamp' had made their previous visa "null and void" – and that in order to get a new Non-imm B visa, the foreigner must leave the country to obtain the visa from an embassy and then come back.

That information provided by immigration officers was incorrect.

The Phuket News had obtained a copy of an internal order by Royal Thai Police Pol Deputy Commissioner Gen Suwat Chaengyodsuk to the Ministry of Education on Sept 16 explaining that immigration officers around the country would convert tourist visas

to Non-imm B visas so that foreigners may start work as teachers, and that Non-imm B visas – and any other kinds of visas – would be extended so that foreigners would not have to leave the country.

Of note, Gen Suwat has since been promoted to national police chief, effective Oct 1, but still pending royal endorsement.

"I have never seen this document," Phuket Immigration Deputy Chief Lt Col Udom Thongchin told *The Phuket News* last Friday (Oct 30).

Asked why a Phuket Immigration officer would refuse to accept an application to change visa status or refuse to accept an application to extend a permit to stay simply because of the 'visa amnesty stamp', Lt Col Udom was silent.

Regardless, Lt Col Udom urged any foreigners who had been told they must leave the country in order to obtain a new visa so that they could continue their stay in Thailand – and most importantly to file their applications before the Phuket Immigration closed at 4:30pm on Monday. No fines were charged for filing the late applications on Monday.

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Help Phuket Today brings COVID food relief to families in Kata-Karon

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A special joint-effort drive led by Phuket COVID-crisis food charity Help Phuket Today has delivered much-needed food necessities to 400 families in Kata-Karon suffering without any income due to the lack of tourism brought about by COVID-19 protection measures.

Present for the handover of the essential food supplies on Sunday, Oct 25 were Muang District Chief Somprat Prabsongkram, Karon Kamnan (Sub-district Chief) Winai Chitcheaw and his social worker wife Pandalda “Khun Kan” Kongthong.

Also joining the Help Phuket Today Team of volunteers were Julian Lowry, General Manager of Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort and his wife Nicola, as well as British International School representatives Magali Rolland, Boarding Parent with her team of stu-

dents, and Neil Crossland, Secondary School Principal.

The handover was facilitated by the Karon District Administrative Division and took place at Karon Temple.

“Feeding 400 families seems like a lot but actually it’s just the tip of a very large iceberg. There are 10,000 people living in the Kata-Karon area alone, not to mention the rest of Phuket,” said Nicola Lowry.

Nicola explained to *The Phuket News* that the idea to focus special efforts on stricken families in the Kata-Karon area followed a conversation with Help Phuket Today founder Kath Cumming.

“Basically it started with Kath and I having a chat a couple of weeks ago about the situation in Kata-Karon because Kath knows it’s our area, and that Julian and I have already helped quite a bit, especially in the early days, but also because ‘Help Phuket Today’ wanted to give their support to this area.”



The special joint effort saw 400 families in Kata-Karon receive essential food supplies. Photos: Julian Lowry

“Kath as you know is one of the main people behind ‘Help Phuket Today’ and who, thanks to donations from Phuket and people overseas, has already helped so many people in Phuket. I then contacted Khun Kan and from there ‘Help Phuket Today’ decided Kata-Karon would be their next place to help,” she said.

“This was a joint effort, made possible from my side because of help from some of Le Meridien’s wonderful Australian guests. These guests gave funding to pay for food for 200 people, the other 200 came from donations to ‘Help Phuket Today’.”

“We would really love people to continue to help by giving donations,” Nicola said, and added that donations can be easily given via Help Phuket Today’s Weebon donation page.

Alternatively, people can buy ‘Lean On Me’ food packs when shopping at a Villa Market or Villa Market online.

“A donation of THB 250 (approx £6/ USD 8/EUR 8/AUD 11) can feed a family of four for a week with the basics [rice, oil, sardines, fish sauce and noodles],” Nicola explained.

“Our biggest hope with what we did on Sunday, is that it will have a knock-on effect and that people will start donating again because the current situation is not going away. Phuket in particular relies heavily on tourism and quite simply, no tourists means no income which means no food,” she said.

“I am so happy to have been a part of this but it wouldn’t have been possible without the continued financial support of some of our wonderful Australian hotel guests, as well as the many individual donations to ‘Help Phuket Today’. With this support, we were able to give food to 400 families in the Kata-Karon area,” Nicola said gratefully.

A very special thank you went to several individuals: “Roger & Regina, Alison & Sherrin, Bill & Chris, David &



Pauline, Michelle & Bruce, your latest donations fed 200 people today, you are all incredible. Thank you.

“Special thanks also to Magali and her team of boarders at the British International School Phuket for not only helping to hand out the food, but for pre-bagging the 400 packs of food items and making 400 meaningful cards to go with them.

“And finally, huge thanks to Kath for making it all happen and always doing such a brilliant job, and to Khun Kan, my go-to person in Karon who organised everything so well,” Nicola added.

“If anyone would like to help the people of Phuket, please contact ‘Help Phuket Today’ through their Facebook page or call Kath on +66 (0)650503464. Thank you.”

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Inspiration and optimism may be two elements of 'normal' Phuket life which are in short supply right now. While there are positives to the lack of international tourists on the island such as quieter, less dangerous roads, cleaner air, empty beaches and a general pace of life which harks back to a quieter, gentler time, there's no doubt that many island residents are suffering.

I was thinking about this as I drove north up the bypass road toward Cherg Talay one evening recently to have supper with my old friend Michael Massey at Anthony Lark's newly-opened venture, Anise Tapas and Wine Bar at the entrance to Boat Avenue. This new venture turned out to be a charming, lively and welcoming meeting place, with a varied and very reasonably-priced menu featuring everything from Spanish tapas, to Asian and Mediterranean favourites, plus seductive desserts and a comprehensive drinks list.

Most importantly, it was busy with a happy buzz of conversation and laughter... exactly what a rather dreary evening in Phuket's rainy season needed in these difficult times.

I met Michael Massey some 10 years



Michael Massey makes sure he keeps a healthy balance in life.

ago, in the halcyon days when he was the Health and Wellness guru at the lovely beachside Friendship Resort and in charge of their Atmanjai Wellness Spa. Michael had previously managed the Atsumi Wellness Resort and indeed has forged a fascinating career in what was, pre-virus, a burgeoning and vital sector of the Andaman's overall touristic offering.

Michael grew up in Auckland and went to the famous Mount Albert Grammar School, prior to striking out into the world and forging his own very personal type of education and career in the "University of Life". He travelled extensively and worked in the tourism and resorts sector, while crafting his own unique knowledge and understanding within these spheres and building a particular skill-set in the realm of health and wellness.

Joining Michael again after several years for supper in Anise, he remained the exemplar of good health and radiated an inner calm and power.

Sitting at our convivial table overlooking the bustling outdoor patio area of Anise, it was easy to forget we were in the grips of a global pandemic which was wreaking havoc on the Andaman. So, I asked Michael how each of us could cope with the travails which this present difficult situation have unleashed. He said that, "challenging exterior conditions like those we now face, throw us back onto our inner resources, mental, emotional and physical, so it's important to build up and refine our inner strengths whenever we can. We can do this through an ongoing programme of



regular, (preferably outdoor) exercise, good diet, ample rest and sleep, meditation and good strong friendship and social connections.

"Limiting exposure to media and social-media overload is also a very good idea and rather than being online, try to spend more time with close friends and family to whom you can really talk and expose your emotions."

I felt very lucky to be sitting in this highly convivial spot and talking to someone as knowledgeable and helpful as Michael, and for those not fortunate enough to know someone like Michael, he does offer specially-tailored coaching programmes that deliver improvements in the physical, mental, emotional and financial realms. For more information, contact him via CoachingTipsReport@gmail.com

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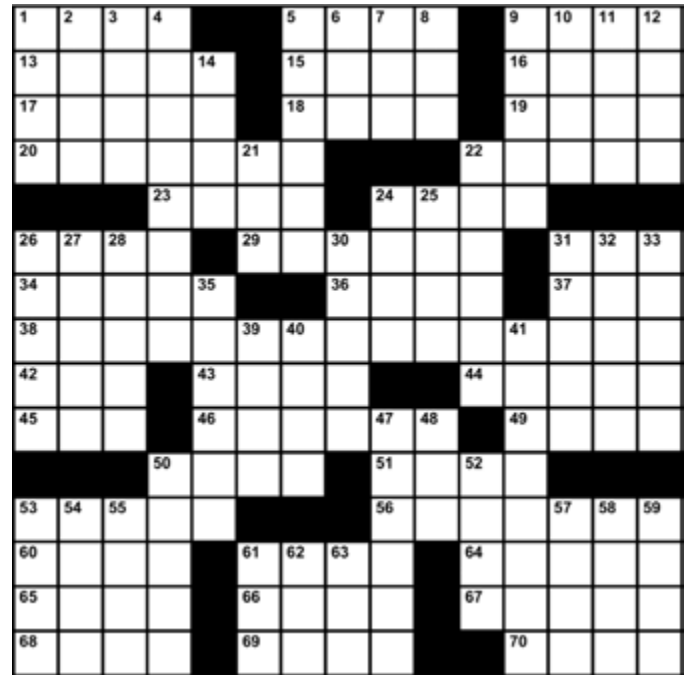
POP QUIZ

1. What is the Russian space agency called?
2. How old is actor Tom Ellis of Netflix series 'Lucifer' fame?
3. Comical character Borat is purportedly from which country?
4. In nature, cocksfoot and Yorkshire fog are types of which plant?
5. In fashion, what kind of garment is a baldric?

Answers below, centre

Crossword by Myles Mellor & Sally York

- Across**
1. Bluish green
 5. Legend
 9. Femme fatale
 13. Western wolves
 15. Mumbai royal
 16. It's not good
 17. Go-between
 18. Wild goat
 19. Zero
 20. Trees
 22. Amazed
 23. Tool for a duel
 24. Kapow!
 26. Incomplete jury
 29. Some potatoes
 31. Calypso alternative
 34. Drenched
 36. African nut
 37. Seabird
 38. Baker's serving
 42. Shriek in a comic strip
 43. Opening
 44. Smidgens
 45. E.R. figures
 46. Big talker
 49. Aria, e.g.
 50. Sacks
 51. Bangkok native
 53. Partitions
 56. Sifts through
 60. Resort town near
- Down**
1. Lacerate
 2. Cartoon bear
 3. Brother of Cain
 4. Not for court
 5. Having colors of the rainbow
 6. NYC transport
 7. Still alone
 8. Nothing
 9. Poison
 10. Swear to
 11. Go underground
 12. Responded in court
 14. "___! In The Name of Love"
 21. Chinese dynasty
 22. Japanese
- Across**
24. "Slow down!"
 25. "Felix ___" (George Eliot title)
 26. Hemmed and ___
 27. Guide with a penlight
 28. Recesses
 30. Biting
 31. Look after
 32. African pen
 33. "___ to bed"
 35. Anchors
 39. Blue dye
 40. "Bonanza" brother
 41. Flush
 47. Freely
 48. Phone trio
 50. Dazzle
 52. Opposed party
 53. Starting place
 54. Cracked
 55. Bowling alley
 57. Iridescent gem
 58. Become tiresome
 59. Minute's part
 61. Cycle preceder
 62. Meal source
 63. None



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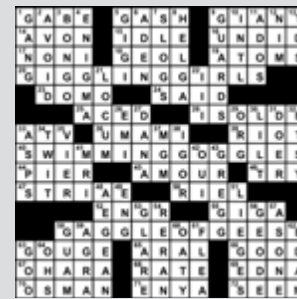
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Answers to this week's Pop Quiz:

1) Roscosmos; 2) 41; 3) Kazakhstan; 4) Grasses; 5) Belt (or sash)

Solutions to last week's puzzles:



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1	8	2	4	7	3	9	5	6
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Dawn at Phuket Wake Park in Kathu. Photo: Paul Wilks

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This week in history

Nov 6, 1999

Australian republic referendum: Australians vote to keep the Head of the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth II, as their head of state.

Nov 7, 1908

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are reportedly killed in San Vicente, Bolivia.

Nov 8, 1895

While experimenting with electricity, Wilhelm Röntgen discovers the X-ray.

Nov 9, 1979

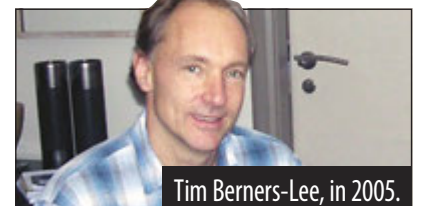
Nuclear false alarm: The NORAD computers and the Alternate National Military Command Center in Fort Ritchie, Maryland, detected a purported massive Soviet nuclear strike. After reviewing the raw data from satellites and checking the early-warning radars, the alert is cancelled.

Nov 10, 1974

In Cambodia, Khmer Rouge forces attack the city of Phnom Penh and its airport, killing 44, wounding at least 30 and damaging nine aircraft.

Nov 11, 1880

Australian bushranger Ned Kelly is hanged at Melbourne Gaol.



Tim Berners-Lee, in 2005.

Nov 12, 1990

Tim Berners-Lee publishes a formal proposal for the World Wide Web. Source: Wikipedia

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SUN 8 NOV



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FRI 13 NOV



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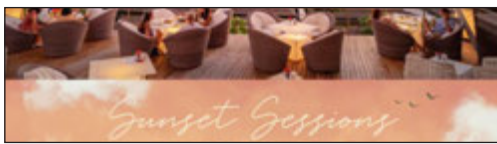
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SUN 22 NOV



Laguna Phuket Triathlon 2020

27th edition of Asia's longest-standing triathlon race will take place on 22 Nov and comprise Laguna Phuket Triathlon (1.8K Swim, 50K Bike and 12K Run); Sprint (0.5K Swim, 20K Bike and 6K Run) and includes the inaugural Duathlon (4K Run, 50K Bike and 12K Run). All events follow the latest mass participation events health and safety requirements, and contribute towards the official charity partner, Laguna Phuket's Children First Fund. Register at www.LagunaphuketTri.com until 15 Nov.



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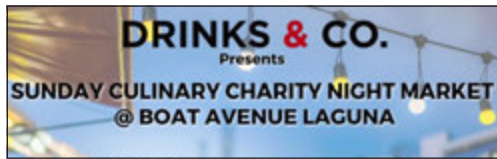
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SAT 7 NOV



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Charity golf day a big success

Phuket Hospitality Challenge raises funds for children's charity

GOLF

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The eagerly awaited annual Plantations International sponsored Phuket Hospitality Challenge took place at Laguna Golf Phuket on Oct 22 and was a resounding success.

The charity golf event saw hospitality and service industry professionals from Phuket and surrounding areas come together at the award-winning Laguna Golf Phuket golf course.

Over 104 golfers participated to bring an atmosphere of competitive fun, with teams battling for bragging rights as the best hospitality golfers in the region. This was the biggest turnout in the event's five-year history and made for a very enjoyable and memorable day.

The event could not have taken place without title sponsor Plantations International. Much gratitude was also owed to Drinks & Co and Bevchain who supplied all the beverages throughout the pre-golf welcome drinks session and gala dinner. There were also 12 fantastic hole-sponsored events by Angsana, Angsana Villas, Hole in One Bar



One of the participants takes his tee-shot. Photo: Laguna Golf Phuket

Kathu, Whisgars, Outrigger, Banyan Tree, Bayan Tree Spa, Drinks and Co, Plantations International, Cassia, Lady Pie and Kenny Rogers – all of whom laid on some amazing food and refreshments for all the golfers.

“We were delighted to host over 100 golfers at our Children’s

First Fund (CFF) charity event in Phuket,” commented title sponsor Plantations International.

“The money raised for the CFF was a ‘hole in one’ for a hugely successful event. Plantations International would like to thank everyone who took part on this day and we are

looking forward to seeing everyone at next year’s event.”

Mark Cameron of Asean Events who organised the day said: “It was amazing to see so many people come together and support the event in these trying times, especially for so many affected in the

Service and Hospitality Industry.

“It was a perfect way for everyone to get back into a fun networking event and was just what was needed after everyone being out of action for so long.

“As an end product of the event experience, we also raised B209,000 during the on course and dinner fund raising activities, which is an exceptional amount from all the golfers and these were much needed funds for the local children’s charity Children’s First Fund, otherwise known as CFF.

“Many supporters of the event that donated prizes for the charity raffle also need to be thanked for their much-needed support and kindness,” Mark added.

The winners of the event, Plantations International Team 2, were very gracious in not accepting their first place spot in their role as title sponsors, electing to pass on the accolade to second placed Team Speerchuckers who then finished in top spot ahead of Stuck in Paradise on count back.

Asean Events and Fore Management would like to thank everyone who took part and sponsored the event, and look forward to announcing the Bangkok Hospitality Challenge very soon.

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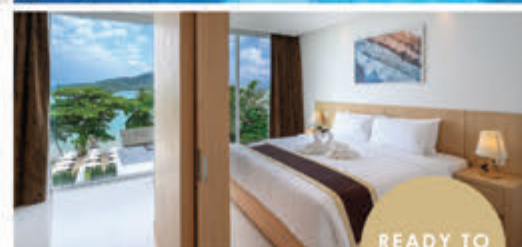
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