Phuket has been named the least corrupt province in the country in a national annual assessment of government agencies by the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

Suksan Prasara-ae, Director of the NACC office in Phuket, presented a plaque commemorating the accolade to Phuket Vice Governor Piyapong Choowong at a meeting held at Phuket Provincial Hall on Dec 9, marking International Anti-Corruption Day.

In total, Phuket’s provincial assessment score was 94.06 points. “Which is the highest average score in the country,” Mr Suksan explained at the meeting.

In this year’s assessment, Phuket pipped Nakhon Sawan to the top spot. Lopburi ranked third. Phang Nga ranked ninth. Krabi did not make the top 15.

Last year, Phuket ranked 25th in the national assessment, Mr Suksan noted.

News that Phuket is the least corrupt province in the country was met with much scepticism online. Thailand currently ranks 104th of 179 countries in the Corruption Perceptions Index by Transparency International.

The achievement marked Phuket being awarded “AA” (“double A”) status under International Transparency Assessment (ITA) guidelines, after assessment of “integrity and transparency in the operation of government agencies”, Mr Suksan explained.

He highlighted seven local government bodies for their contribution to Phuket receiving the award: Phuket City Municipality, Cherng Talay Municipality, Wichit Municipality, Pa Khlok Municipality, Thepkrasattri Tambon Administrative Organisation (OrBor-Tor) and Patong Municipality.

After receiving the award on behalf of the province, Vice Governor Piyapong presided over a declaration of intent to combat corruption and announced a no-gift policy, or a gift for performing duties, and reminded the officials present of the policy for government officials in the Phuket area to act with integrity.

As part of the proceedings the officials present were shown a video of Prime Minister and Minister of...
Phuket launches 100% helmet campaign

Phuket Provincial Police have launched a new “100% helmet” campaign, and will start enforcing increasing fines for motorcycle riders and passengers repeatedly caught not wearing helmets, Phuket Provincial Police Commander Maj Gen Sermphan Sirikong has announced.

The declaration came at an event held to launch the campaign at the Phuket Provincial Police headquarters in Phuket Town on Monday (Dec 13). Region 8 Police Commander Lt Gen Amphol Buabaphorn led a similar event in Patong at the same time on Monday afternoon.

“The project is a campaign for people to be aware of the traffic rules and to reduce the loss of life. “In Phuket today, every police station across the island has implemented the project,” Maj Gen Sermphan said.

Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Lt Col Sathit Nurrut explained: “Now, road accidents cause loss of life and property, including the economy. Most of this happens with motorcyclists, especially those who do not wear helmets.

“As a result, Pol Lt Gen Amphol Buabaphorn, Commander of Provincial Police Region 8, has instructed all police stations under the Provincial Police Headquarters Region 8 to implement such a project.

“The purpose is to encourage motorcyclists, both riders and passengers to realise the importance of wearing a helmet,” he said.

“This will help prevent and reduce severe accidents that will affect life and body as well as to raise awareness of motorcycle users to respect traffic laws by wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle,” Lt Col Sathit said.

The campaign came into force on Monday (Dec 13), with officers giving warnings, Lt Col Sathit said.

“A helmet will be given to the offender, and the offender must return the helmet to police within seven days,” he added.

But later motorbike drivers will be charged for not wearing a helmet, and they will be charged if their passengers are not wearing a helmet, Lt Col Sathit explained.

“The fines will increase as the campaign continues,” he added.

“From Feb 1 to Mar 31 offenders will be fined B200 for each time they are caught. From April 1 to May 31 next year offenders will be fined B500, and from June 1, 2022 onwards offenders will be fined at the highest rate required by law [B500],” Lt Col Sathit said.

The same scale of fines was explained by Region 8 Police Commander Lt Gen Amphol at the event in Patong, where leading officials in Phuket for the New Year holidays.

Present for the meeting were Phuket Vice Governor Anumya Naensawan and heads of relevant government departments, including the Phuket Land Transport Office.

Vice Governor Anumya explained that the campaign will cover three main areas of road safety to be implemented by local officials.

“First are management systems and bodies as well as to raise awareness of motorcycle users to respect traffic laws by wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle,” said Pracha Terat, Chumphon and Trat, Mr Pracha explained.

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“Defence Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha making the same declaration of intent to mark International Anti-Corruption Day,” he said.

“This year observed in Thailand under the theme, “Don’t do it, don’t tolerate it, don’t ignore it, join Thais against corruption.”

PILOT SCHEME

At the meeting on Dec 9, Phuket was also announced as one of 11 provinces under a pilot project to encourage public participation in the fight against corruption.

Present to make the announcement were Pracha Terat, Chairperson of the Office of the Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) Sub-committee on Strengthening and Enhancing Civil Society Participation, and Tosaporn Ratanamasthip, of the Royal Thai Armed Forces’ National Defence Studies Institute.

The other provinces involved in the pilot project were Saraburi, Amnat Charoen, Chiang Mai, Chonburi, Samut Prakan, Buriram, Nakhon Sawan, Prachup Khiri Khan, Chumphon and Trat.

The campaign is part of the national reform plan combined with the Anti-Corruption Organization of Thailand (ACT) and the Phuket Provincial Anti-Corruption Action Center, Mr Pracha said.

This forum was organised to be a forum for exchanging information on the situation of Phuket in related matters, such as the results of the evaluation of the government and transparancy of the operations of government agencies [the ITA Awards], and the implementation of related policies and measures on the prevention and suppression of corruption of government agencies,” he said.

“Public participation in surveillance and recommendations on the mission of government agencies according to the principles of good government participation in anti-corruption and support the work of the provincial community organizations,” Mr Pracha noted.

“Also showcases the origins and importance of Big Rock, promoting public participation in the fight against corruption under the revised national reform plan the prevention and suppression of corruption,” he concluded.

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Swiss man, 57, killed in taxi van wipeout

A 57-year-old Swiss man was killed when the driver of a passenger van lost control while coming down a steep hill north of Promthep Cape on Monday morning (Dec 13).

The van swerved across the road and struck the Swiss man on his motorbike before slamming into a roadside power pole.

Acting Lt Col Ying Pim-prapat of the Chalong Police was called to the scene, on the coastal road south of Nai Harn Lake, at around 8am. Acting Lt Col Ying was told that a foreign tourist had been seriously injured in an accident.

Police along with paramedics from Rawai Municipal and a ambulance from scene.

Lt Col Ying was told that a passenger van, fitted with green licence plates, on its side.

The van swerved across the road and struck the motorbike taxi driver, then slammed into the power pole broadside, leaving the van on its side beside the road.

The Swiss man, identified by his passport as Carlo Rino Silvio Franciolli, from registered as a taxi vehicle, was travelling downhill at high speed when the driver lost control.

He was seriously injured, unconscious and unresponsive.

Emergency responders performed CPR and rushed him to Chalong Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Acting Lt Col Ying reported an “eyewitness” explaining that the passenger van, registered as a taxi vehicle, was travelling downhill at high speed when the driver lost control.

The van swerved across the road and struck the motorbike driven by the tourist, then slammed into the power pole broadside, leaving the van on its side beside the road.

Acting Lt Col Ying said the witness statement was recorded as evidence, and that officers will check any CCTV in the area to confirm the exact cause of the collision.

The body of the Swiss man was taken to the morgue at Vachira Phuket Hospital in Phuket Town.

The Swiss Embassy in Bangkok has been informed of the accident so that the man’s relatives can be informed of his death, Acting Lt Col Ying said.

Family of slain motorbike taxi driver still ‘clueless’ as to reason for murder

FAMILY AND FRIENDS of the motorbike taxi driver shot dead at Phuket Bus Terminal 2, north of Phuket Town, on the night of Dec 4 are still without any clue as to why the execution was carried out.

The victim, Champa Wan-chan, 54, was shot dead while sitting in a white plastic chair in the parking area for motorbike taxis at the bus terminal at about 10:20pm.

Witnesses confirmed that the man who shot Mr Champa multiple times at close range was Vean Aichuthong, well known at the bus station for shooting dead two rival motorbike taxi drivers at the same venue in January.

Vean was out on bail so he could prepare his defence against the double homicide charges he was already facing.

Mr Champa’s wife and daughters last Saturday (Dec 11) escorted Mr Champa’s body to Wat Kosit Wiharn, little over two kilometres south of the bus station where he was slain.

Last Saturday marked the last day of prayers before Mr Champa’s body was cremated. Present to pay their respects were friends and family, and fellow motorbike taxi drivers from the bus station.

One of Mr Champa’s daughters said the family was still clueless as to why her father was murdered.

After Vean was arrested at his accommodation in Phuket Town, he was brought in for questioning, she said.

However, Vean has since denied carrying out the execution, admitting only to coming to the bus station on that night, she added.

In addition to the charges he already faces for the double murder at the bus station in January, Vean now faces additional charges of murder, illegal possession of a firearm and carrying a firearm in a public area without permission or reasonable cause.

Phuket gets new state drug rehab

A NEW STATE-RUN drug habilitation centre has opened on the island in the hope of steering more people away from using, and dealing, drugs.

Phuket Vice Governor Pi-yapong Choowong presided over the opening ceremony of the project, called the Phuket Town.

The centre is one of a collection set up throughout the country in line with the government’s policy to focus on the prevention and treatment of drug problems.

“It has been set on the national agenda that organisations from all sectors play a role and participate in driving the problem down while not affecting the lives of the people as a whole,” she said.

The Ministry of Justice has accelerated its programme by allowing people to take part by informing offenders in their community about the project and have them enter the treatment process appropriately, Ms Phinathip said.

Having people voluntarily enter drug rehabilitation also breaks the trade cycle and the finances of drug dealer networks, she said.

“The Department of Probation has coordinated with the Department of Provincial Administration, Ministry of Public Health and other related parties, so that the probation office in each province assigned to coordinate with various departments to create a project to solve problems with drug users and drug addicts in the form of the Kwan Land Center,” Ms Phinathip explained.

The first 50 people to undergo the rehabilitation programme at the centre are those currently under probation. They have been assigned to undergo treatment at the centre for 12 days, from Dec 6-17.

“It is very gratifying that all parties have come together to realise the problem of drug addiction by all sectors joining together to drive the prevention and solution of drug problems in Phuket to be effective with the goal of providing addicts a way to receive standardised rehabilitation therapy,” Vice Governor Pi-yapong said.

“At the same time, this will reduce the number of drug traffickers and drug addicts in the Phuket area as well, which will create a better society in the future,” he said. The Phuket News

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Construction of Islamic centre begins

The blessing ceremony to begin construction of a B56 million Islamic Ethics Training Center at the northern end of Phuket was held last Sunday (Dec 12), completing a rite that allows construction to begin at the site, next to Thalang Technical College on the main road leading to the airport.

The project is being funded by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organisation (PPAO, or OrBorJor). Present to lead the official part of the event was PPAO President Rewat Areerob, joined by deputy PPAO council members as well as Thalang District Chief Suwit Suriyawong and a host of other local officials.

Also present was Komol Dumlak, Chairman of the Phuket Islamic Committee, and representatives of the Phuket Provincial Islamic Women’s Affairs Working Group.

“The PPAO has foreseen the importance of every religion that the people of Phuket respect. Therefore, the construction of an Islamic Ethics Training Center in Phuket Province has been established...”

Mr. Prakanchai Suparat, 60, was brought ashore at Saphan Hin last Sunday (Dec 12). Two other fishermen on the boat, the Chokhongthong, were rescued.

Crewman dies as fishing ship sinks

The body of Prakanchai Suparat, 60, was brought ashore at Saphan Hin last Sunday (Dec 12). Photo: Eakkapop Thongtub

Mr Prakanchai still had his life jacket and drinking water on him. A Royal Thai Navy helicopter, Marine Police and Kusoldharm rescue workers in a rubber dinghy continued their search last Sunday, scouring Phuket Bay for Mr Prakanchai.

They finally found a body matching the description among mangroves about one kilometre from the mouth of the Klong Koh Phi canal.

The body was brought back to Saphan Hin, where relatives confirmed it was that of Mr Prakanchai.

His body was taken to Vachira Phuket Hospital for post-mortem examination in the hope of confirming the cause of death. Eakkapop Thongtub
Phuket loses a true pioneer

A lan Cooke, who served as the British Honorary Consul in Phuket from 2001 to 2008, for which he was awarded an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) personally received from HM Queen Elizabeth II, has passed away.

Mr Cooke, or just “Cookie” to his friends, passed away at his home in Phuket last Wednesday (Dec 8). He was 85.

“It is with great sadness I announce my dear friend and predecessor in the role of British Honorary Consul to Phuket passed away peacefully at his home today in Phuket… Rest in Peace,” wrote Martin Carpenter, who himself served as British Honorary Consul in Phuket for 12 years.

Mr Cooke was awarded the MBE for his dedicated assistance provided to British nationals, especially during the 2004 tsunami and the disastrous crash of One-Two-Go Flight OG 269 at Phuket International Airport three years later.

He also started the Hash House Harriers in Phuket and was instrumental in building Phuket’s Deep Sea Port.

Even his “retirement” in Phuket could not contain him to his Island Furniture store still open today on Chao Fa West Rd in Wichit. Alan found himself also called to help create the Phuket International Boat Show (PIMEX), acting as initial consultant to Gulu Lalvani in the construction of Royal Phuket Marina, and to lobby successfully in the abolition of some, and the reduction of other, boat import taxes and duties to Thailand.

He also established the Alan Cooke Cricket Ground (ACG) in Thalang, where we all have our magnificent venue. Thoughts are for your generous contribution for Phuket Cricket. Alan did so much for Phuket Cricket through his love of the magnificent game. Thoughts are with his family and friends in these difficult times,” the group wrote.

“We will forever be grateful for the magnificent venue that is the Alan Cooke Ground (ACG), where we all have shared so many good times and will continue to do so. RIP Alan.”

Gems fair hoped to generate B150mn

A GEMS AND JEWELLERY FAIR HELD in Phuket from Dec 9-12 is hoped to generate B150 million in sales to help boost the island’s economy.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce Jurin Laksanawisit officiated the opening of the Phuket Gems & Jewelry Fest at Central Festival Phuket, joined by Ministry of Commerce Permanent Secretary Bunyarat Klayananit and Department of International Trade Promotion Director-General Phusit Ratatanakul Sereerungrit.

A total of 79 international buyers registered for the Phuket fair, altogether hailing from 31 countries, including the United States, Russia, Spain, India, the United Arab Emirates, among others, he added.

“Orders and contracts are expected immediately and within the short term no less than B150mn is expected to be generated, which is important for tourism in the Andaman region, including Phuket,” Mr Jurin noted.

“Collaboration between the Ministry of Commerce and the Gem and Jewelry Association has resulted in Thailand’s gem exports growing 27.95% over 10 months, bringing in more than B150 billion in revenue,” Mr Jurin pointed out. The Phuket News
Food fairs to bolster recovery

Tourism officials have launched a slew of food festivals to be held in Phuket throughout December in the hope of boosting domestic travel to the island to help the local economy.

Branded as the “Thai Taste Therapy Festival”, the campaign was officially launched by Chai Nakhonchai, Director General of the Department of Cultural Promotion, and Api-chai Chatchalermkit, Deputy Governor for Tourism Products and Business at the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), last Friday (Dec 10).

The slogan of the campaign is “Thai food – the most delicious medicine in the world”, aimed at highlighting the health benefits of Thai cuisine.

“One of the outstanding features of Phuket cuisine is the herbs and local ingredients, which are unique to Phuket and the main theme of the Thai food festival. The festival is for tourists and foreigners residing in Phuket to know Phuket food in the dimension of medicinal properties that are beneficial to health,” Mr Chai said.

“It presents a new perspective on Thai food in line with the situation where people around the world are increasingly concerned about health. The Thai Taste Therapy Festival will help expand Phuket’s Thai food culture internationally. It helps promote the image of Phuket as a City of Creative Gastronomy as recognised by UNESCO, and it helps generate income for all sectors from upstream to downstream, from local communities to restaurants and hotels, which promotes a sustainable economy,” Mr Chai said.

Mr Apichai of the TAT noted, “Highlighting the medicinal benefits of Thai food will encourage tourists to be interested in traveling to visit the source of herbs and raw ingredients as well as to find the owner of the recipe who cooks the dishes.

“This is the true meaning of valuable culinary tourism, because it gives tourists the opportunity to complete a variety of experiences related to food. It also benefits the local community and business operators in the tourism industry, and in all sectors, leading to the creation of food tourism in a truly sustainable way.”

Irin Riksaasen, project manager of the festival, explained that the festival is packed with activities in Phuket throughout December, such as the “Thai Taste Therapy Trip” Phuket travel packages.

Thai Smile Airways has also joined to support the campaign.

Sanchan Sathapornwuthikarn, Director of Inflight Services at Thai Smile Airways said, “Thai Smile and MasterCard will take everyone on a journey to explore delicious and healthy dishes at famous restaurants in the Thai Taste Therapy editions to be held in six locations: Chiang Rai, Nan, Chiang Mai, Surin, Phuket and Krabi.”

The airline is offering discounts on tickets bought for flights to those destinations paid for via MasterCard, he added.

GOING LOCAL

Rewat Areerob, President of the Phuket Provincial Ad- ministration Organisation (PPAO, or OrBorJor), has announced a series of food and goods festivals to be held in Phuket in December and January to help boost local people’s incomes.

The “Rhoi Nat Yat Dai” festival (“Food & Goods Festival”) will first take place at Phuket International Airport on Dec 17-19.

“This event is a continuation of the ‘Roi Rim Lay’ festival, which is a project to strengthen the foundation of Phuket’s economy, and aims to stimulate and revitalise Phuket’s economy after being affected by the COVID-19 epidemic,” Mr Rewat explained.

The first edition will be held at Patong Beach on Dec 17-19. The highlight of the event is ‘O-Tao Giant Pan’ in which the popular oyster-basted dish will be cooked in a giant wok, which will be offered for free tastings for visitors,” he said.

The second edition of the festival will be held at Sanam Chai, located opposite Phuket Provincial Hall on Narisorn Rd, in Phuket Town on Jan 7-9.

The third event will be held at Laguna Phuket in Cherng Talay, on Feb 4-6.

“The purpose of this event aims to encourage people to put their money into the Phuket economy, which will bring real benefits to the people, namely farmers, producers and local business owners who will be able to make more money,” Mr Rewat explained.

“It also promotes tourism in Phuket by bringing food and cultural activities, expanding the use of traditional Phuket costumes during tourism presentations,” Mr Rewat said.

“This event also is part of the campaign to reduce global warming. The event will not use foam in food packaging and no alcohol will be sold as well,” Mr Rewat said.

Live entertainment will all be performed at the events, he added.

New leadership team at PHA

Bjorn Courage, General Manager of the InterContinental Phuket Resort, who has more than 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry, has been named the association’s new president, succeeding founding president Anthony Lark, ex General Manager of Anantara, Trisara, and now Executive Director at HMD, Shinta Mani and Bensley Collection hotels.

Sumi Soorian, who has been with the Phuket Hotels Association since its foundation in 2016 and most recently served as Development Director, has also been promoted to Executive Director. A marketing and communications professional who specialises in project management and business development, Sumi graduated in the USA and has worked in multiple countries, including Australia, China and Thailand.

Bjorn moves into the role of President at a time of optimism for Phuket’s tourism and hospitality industry. The island was one of the first Southeast Asian destinations to safely reopen to international visitors when it launched the innovative “Phuket Sandbox” programme in July 2021, and its hotels and resorts are now gearing up for a strong recovery in the winter high season and beyond.

There can be few more qualified people to lead this proactive organisation than Bjorn. During the course of a 25-year career, he has worked with many of the industry’s most iconic brands, including IHG, Hilton, Waldorf Astoria, Six Senses and Mandarin Oriental. He also successfully completed Cornell University’s Executive Leadership programme.

“The new team brings the experience and knowledge required to achieve the association’s mandate of creating a sustainable tourism industry through the promotion of responsible tourism practices and the development of new tourism products,” Mr Courage said.

Rewat Areerob, President of the Phuket Provincial Administration Organisation, said, “I am proud to serve during this important period of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, I am proud to serve as the association’s new president, and I look forward to working with the new leadership team to ensure the continued success of the association.”

Bjorn and Sumi are not only experts in their field but also passionate about sustainable tourism.

The Phuket News
Premchai sent to prison over ‘black leopard case’

KANCHANABURI

Bangkok Post

The Supreme Court has sentenced construction tycoon Premchai Karnasuta to a prison term of three years and two months for hunting in Thungyai Naresuan Wildlife Sanctuary nearly four years ago, known as the “black leopard case.”

The ruling was read out at Thong Pha Phum District Court last Wednesday (Dec 8) but was shrouded in confusion after the initial reading by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) was incorrect.

The OAG, through its spokesman Itthiporn Kaewthip, originally said Premchai was sentenced to two years and nine months in prison. His former driver Yong Phanich Kanabutra, 40, was sentenced to three years and nine months. The two other defendants in the case were also present at the court.

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Premchai, the 66-year-old president of Italian-Thai Development Plc, arrived at Thong Pha Phum District Court with a walking cane and a bandage over his left eye. He is the owner of Italian-Thai Development Plc, which is one of Thailand’s five major construction companies.

The three defendants, along with a woman cook, were arrested at their camp in Thungyai Naresuan Wildlife Sanctuary in Tambon Chalae along with a woman cook, 30, on Feb 4, 2018, for hunting of wildlife, including killing a rare black panther, a kalij pheasant and a barking deer. They also faced other related charges.

In December 2019, the Appeal Court sentenced Premchai to three years and two months in prison, Yong to three years and five months and Thanee to three years and nine months.

Thong Pha Phum District Court upheld the Appeal Court’s order that they pay B2 million in compensation for damage to nature resulting from their illegal hunting.

Premchai was sentenced to two years and eight months. She and deputy spokesman Prayut Chan-o-cha would like to thank medical frontliners, other related parties and the Thai people for their cooperation in following the government’s COVID-19 measures.

Thai COVID response best in Southeast Asia

Bangkok

THAILAND RANKS FIFTH among 195 countries in the 2021 Global Health Security (GHS) Index, leading Southeast Asia in terms of the quickest response to COVID-19.

Deputy government spokeswoman Rachada Dhanireuk said Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha would like to thank medical frontliners, other related parties and the Thai people for their cooperation in following the government’s COVID-19 measures.

Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said Thailand’s rank was an improvement on the 2019 GHS Index, when it placed sixth.

This year, the country earned an average total of 68.2 points out of 100. In the category of rapid detection and reporting, it ranked No.1 (91.5 points), he said.

The report, released by the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, with research conducted by Economist Impact, measured the capacities of 195 countries to prepare for epidemics and pandemics.

The United States topped the chart followed by Australia, Finland, Canada, Thailand, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, Germany, South Korea and Sweden.

In Southeast Asia, Thailand led, followed by Singapore (24th), Malaysia (27th), Indonesia (45th), the Philippines (57th), Brunei (64th), Vietnam (85th) and Laos (99th).

Although the government was pleased with the nation’s ranking, the data demonstrated that all countries including Thailand have insufficient health capacities over a longer duration, leaving the world acutely vulnerable to future health emergencies.

The GHS Index shows the foundational elements that leaders should prepare their countries for to avoid future outbreaks. Bangkok Post
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ON CAMPUS

By Sita Kajaikiatgamjorn

We live in a fast-changing world; in this digital age, technology has become a part of our lives and changed how we live. We have to adapt to the advancement of digital innovation in order to survive and thrive. At the same time, people development is considered to be even more necessary.

The upcoming Generation Z, those born between 1997 and 2012, will have a major impact on the world. According to social analyst Mark McCrindle, Gen Z is the largest generation ever. By 2025, Gen Z will make up 27% of the workforce. Therefore, to be a good leader it’s necessary to focus more on successful people management.

Gen Z’ers consider themselves as “digital natives” because they have no idea about the world before technology. This generational gap often leads to miscommunication and conflict. Therefore, in order to lead Gen Z’ers successfully, leaders need to understand the nature of the people in this generation.

Gen Z is quite unique compared to other generations. While the traditional leadership style focused on command and control because it “worked” for people in prior generations, this leadership style may not work for Gen Z’ers as they value their independence perhaps more than their predecessors.

In the past, people worked to pay their bills, doing whatever work they could do. In contrast, Gen Z’ers are pickier; they want to work in a job that holds meaning beyond just getting paid and waiting to retire. They mostly prefer to have their own standpoint, and they want to be heard. So, as a leader, it’s better to not try to control them but inspire them and let them learn from their strengths and weaknesses. Coaching leadership style is a good choice because it unlocks the hidden skills in people without fundamentally changing who they are, making Gen Z’ers happier in the workplace. This style is similar to a coach in the sporting world who directs the team to success.

Here are the keys to successful coaching leadership:

- **Start with trust.** Build trust by forging a relationship with your team. A good leader will not tell the team what to do, a two-way conversation is needed. Ask questions and listen more to better understand the team member’s work motivation.

- **Let them engage more.** Coaching is different from commanding; it is focused on developing the people. Collaborating and working together with your team will unlock their potential. It will enable them to have their own standpoint or style of working and help elevate team performance in the long run. In return, your team will be able to coach others in the future.

- **Provide feedback.** Don’t complain. Complaining is useless, it never makes things better. If you want your team members to fix a problem, instead of complaining, give constructive feedback to help them learn and understand what they need to improve. By doing so, you will boost your team’s performance, while at the same time not destroying their confidence.

- **Support your team.** Support your team members’ ideas and provide the necessary resources and tools they need. Being supportive will help them perform better and increase their creativity. Coaching leadership can be hard and time-consuming, but it is the leadership style that works best when leading the Gen Z’ers.

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Phuket’s got talent! A Night at the Popra, held at Underwood Art Factory’s new Junkyard Theatre on Dec 4 was the third of a series of charity shows run by Gary Crause of Legend Music and the Phuket Academy of Performing Arts. This time the show was centered around music from films, covering 36 songs from 34 popular movies.

Putting on such a spectacular show inevitably involved a huge amount of work from the cast, its producer Gary and his wife Debbie who managed the show’s many costumes.

The raunchy chords of the AC/DC song “It’s A Long Way To The Top” opened proceedings and featured the ever-popular George Cordeiro dressed in schoolboy uniform as Angus Young. After that, the tight backing band of Chakrit Bilangload (drums), Rob Cooke (bass), Noel Trinadad, (keyboards), Blaze Crause (guitar) and Laura Sun (sax) took us through a rollercoaster of sing-a-long standards such as “Purple Rain,” “We Will Rock You,” “Fame” and “I Will Survive” for nearly four hours including breaks.

But if the backing band was a cake, then the singers inevitably were going to be the icing, with Rannze Davies, Cherie Horne, Dasha D’Aria, Ruby Redl and Bella Yongsakul all professionally delivering strong, confident vocals. However, for me, my good buddy George pipped them all to be the cherry on top with his energetic performance of some 1950s rock and roll standards such as “Rock Around The Clock,” “Jailhouse Rock” and “Great Balls of Fire.” George soon had everyone on their feet and ably showed the young pups that, at a spritely 72, he still has got more than what it takes!

After an intermission for the charity auction of prizes generously donated by many local businesses, the fifth and final set finished with Gary himself singing “Let’s Do the Time Warp” and the whole cast dancing on stage.

If there were three words that I would choose to best describe Gary, they would be altruistic, organised and energetic. He was a founding member of One Phuket, which was formed last February to help those in most need of assistance as the COVID economic crisis battered Phuket’s economy. This charity was supported by other local charities, Class Act Media, 5 Star Marine and Prince of Songkla University.

Gary spearheaded local releases of the Phil Collins’ classic “Another Day in Paradise,” Bill Wither’s “Lean on Me” and Band Aid’s “Do They Know It’s Christmas”, all performed by local musicians and singers, and all to raise money for charity and increase awareness. He also ran the Lean On Me Live Festival held at the Blue Tree Arena last March, featuring many local bands which alone raised B250,000. It will take a while to know the final figure for this show, but money raised will be in the many hundreds of thousands of baht.

So who should be applauded as Star of the Show? George? Dasha? Cherie? Rannze? Perhaps Gary’s son Blaze gave us a clue when he told me backstage after the show, “It’s been a huge amount of work, with the show postponed four times because of COVID, but it’s been worth every moment for such a fantastic show.”

“My dad did a terrific job picking people for their strengths and organizing things. None of this would have happened without him. He’s the show’s unsung hero.”

OK, Gary… So maybe you weren’t the best singer of the night, maybe you didn’t play a blistering guitar solo, and maybe you really should have bid for those dancing lessons in the auction, but I’m 100% sure if it came down to a vote by the cast or audience, there would be no contest.

So Phuket Music Scene’s Star of the Show? It could only ever be you, Gary. Time to take a bow, mate!

Andy Tong Dee is a local expat, musician and live music enthusiast. Follow him at www.phuketmusicscene.com
10 TIME OUT

Crossword by Myles Mellor & Sally York

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6. Apples
7. Seasons
8. Is remiss
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GOT YOUR NUMBER

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seconds of awkward silence is all it takes to significantly increase your anxiety during a conversation.

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copies of genes that code for the tumor suppressor protein p53 is why elephants rarely get cancer. Humans have only two.

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dollars is how much the average US household spends each year on

20,000

US dollars per episode was the clothes budget for 1970s TV show Charlie’s Angels.

150

million

work days and up to 189 million school days were missed each year in the US due to people having
colds – before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Uberfacts

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Dec 22, 1968
Cultural Revolution: People’s Daily
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Zedong that “The intellectual youth
must go to the country, and will be
eeducated from living in rural poverty.”

Dec 23, 2007
An agreement is made for the
Kingdom of Nepal to be abol-
ished and the country to become
a federal republic with the Prime
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**Friday Mussels night**

6 PM onwards. Belgian style mussels served with French Fries. All you can eat. Your choice. Your style: Marinara, White wine, Provencal, Garlic & cream. Creamy curry. Blue cheese or Thai style. We have a kid’s playground zone. Adults: 325 baht

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12 PM till closing. 20% discount on all our pizzas! We have a kid’s playground zone. www.shakersphuket.com www.facebook.com/Shakersphuket Oliver, Shakers restaurant 98/18 Vises Road, Rawai 83130, 081 891 4381

**Saturday Brunch**

Indulge in a buffet of fresh, chilled seafood and an unlimited selection of delicious a la carte creation from our talented culinary team. Enjoy beverage promotions, full pool access and live music. 1,685 baht per person. Every Saturday. 1pm until 4pm.

**Sunday roast**

12PM – 9PM: All you can eat Sunday roast buffet cooked to order. Beef, Pork, Chicken, Burgers, Rib Sausages, Fish, Prawns & Squids, salad buffet and veggies, Choice of potatoes, crisp and hot sauces, Bread, Buns & garlic bread. We have a kid’s playground zone. Adults: 350 baht P.P. Kids under 12 years old: 195 baht P.P. www.shakersphuket.com www.facebook.com/shakersphuket Oliver, Shakers restaurant 98/18 Vises Road, Rawai 83130, 081 891 4381

**Xmas Hospitality Golf Challenge 2021**

The Xmas Hospitality Golf Challenge 2021 being held at Laguna Golf Phuket, a 12:30pm Shot Gun start, 4-ball Texas scramble. Teams of four players THB 18,000. Entry fee includes green fee, buggy, on-course refreshments, goodie bag and prize giving ceremony at O’Hara’s Irish Bar. More info contact Mark on 061 486 8736 or mark.his211@gmail.com

**Bottomless Boxing Day Grande Indian Brunch**

Enjoy Boxing day with our Special Bottomless Grande Indian brunch starting at 11:30am, featuring Authentic Indian dishes with global inspiration, celebrated with baats, bubbles & Grande Vibes! Venue: Portosino Entertainment: DJ, Live Band & much more! Authentic Indian Menu with a Global Twist Availability: Limited tables available, book now to confirm your table! Time: 11:30am – 3:30 pm. Date: 26 Dec 2021 Brunch Price: THB 899++ with Free Flow: THB 1,599++ Children 6-12 years old for THB 499++ Children Under 6 years eat for free when dining with a paying adult. For booking in advance please contact us on ha224-r1@accor.com or via Facebook Messenger.

*Above prices are per person excluding taxes & service charge*
The new “Charm of Siray Bay”, Sinae Phuket Luxury Hotel officially opened on December 3, 2021. Selected local VIPs, owners friends and partners enjoyed a relaxing evening of great food, drinks and music for the opening celebration.

SINAЕ PHUKET LUXURY HOTEL OFFICIALLY OPENS

Another great joint chambers Phuket Sundowners organised by AUSTCHAM was held at the Hilton Karon on December 09, 2021, in collaboration with Australian Alumni, American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand (AMCHAM), British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT), Belgian-Luxembourg/Thai Chamber of Commerce, CanCham Thailand, Franco-Thai Chamber of Commerce (FTCC), German-Thai Chamber of Commerce (GTCC) and the Netherlands-Thai Chamber of Commerce (NTCC). Looking forward to the next one in January.
Thongchai earns PGA Tour Champions card

THAILAND’S THONGCHAI Jaidee regained his PGA Tour Champions card by finishing tied second in the final stage of the qualifying tournament at TPC Tampa Bay last Friday (Dec 10).
The Asian golf legend closed with a final round of four-under-par 67 to finish three shots behind Rob Labritz, and level with David Branshaw.
Thongchai and Branshaw shared runner-up honours at 14 under before the Thai birdied the first play-off hole (No.10) to earn the No.2 spot.
“I performed well this week,” Thongchai said. “I’m putting very well. Everything is better than it was earlier this year. Hopefully I can keep it going.”
Two years ago, Thongchai earned his playing rights on PGA Tour Champions from the qualifying school but the COVID affected everything, and shut things down. It was very difficult for everyone,” he said.
“In my last two tournaments, I finished top-five and top-10 and it brought my confidence back. I worked very hard before coming over here. It’s difficult to get the five cards and I’m happy I did it.”

Phuket Trail Run sees over 1,000 people participate

Last Sunday (Dec 12) saw over 1,000 people take part in the “OR Thanyapura Trail Run 2021”, an event organised by public and private sector bodies to welcome the high-season and encourage sports tourism on the island.
The event was inaugurated at 6.46am at the Thanyapura Sports & Health Resort in Thalang by Phuket Governor Narong Woonsen who signalled the start of the trail run for the athletes.
He was joined by Phuket Provincial Administration Organisation (PPAO, or OrBorJor) President Rewat Arerob, Jiraporn Khaosaowad, the Chief Executive Officer and President of PTT Oil and Retail Business Public Company Limited (OR), in addition to various heads and executives of government agencies and representatives of select private sector organisations.
“This year’s ‘OR Thanyapura Trail Run 2021’ competition is the eighth time the event has been held at Thanyapura Sports & Health Resort, and this year is special as there is great support from OR, PPAO and the private sector,” Mr Rewat said.
“More than 1,000 people took part in the challenge to scale the top of the Kho Phra Thao mountain,” he added.
“The objective is to raise awareness of the importance that playing sports and exercising has on people’s health while stimulating the ecotourism economy for Kho Phra Thao. Income generated after expenses will be donated to public charity. For example, PPAO will allocate a share of the income towards utility packages for the unemployed in Phuket and the Gibbon Rehabilitation Project, part of the Wild Animal Rescue Foundation of Thailand.”
Ms Jiraporn explained that the trail run is part of an initiative being run by OR called “Empowering All towards Inclusive Growth” that strives to create benefits for society, the community and the environment.
“It is an honour for OR to be the main sponsor of the Thanyapura Trail Run 2021, an event that avid runners have been waiting for,” she said.
Ms Jiraporn added that the event was made possible thanks to the cooperation of many agencies, including Phuket Sports & Health Resort, OR, PPAO and others that have all lent great support.
“OR fully supports Thai tourism which has been so badly affected by COVID-19,” she said.
“Phuket successfully piloted the Phuket Sandbox project as the first province open to fully vaccinated foreign tourists, an initiative which we believe has helped drive domestic tourism and stimulate the Phuket economy,” she added.
Additional highlights included a range of local delicacies that were distributed to the runners and observers. These included Garcia juice from Kamala Bang Wan Tourism Community, Kosui dessert from Lipon Tourism Community, the sacred desert of Eve Pueng from Baan Khian Tourism Community, Sat Daai from Bang Rong Tourism Community and Khao Yam from Chereng Talay Tourism Community.
The occasion fully adhered to mandatory health and safety measures to control and prevent any possible spread of COVID-19.

Hazlewood out of Adelaide Test

AUSTRALIA WERE DEALT A BLOW on Monday (Dec 13) when paceman Josh Hazlewood was ruled out of the second Ashes Test against England in Adelaide, with Jhye Richardson or Michael Neser in line to replace him.
The 30-year-old suffered a side strain during Australia’s nine-wicket thumping of the visitors in the opening Test at Brisbane and has returned home to rest.
He did finish strongly at the end of the recent season though with two successive top-10 finishes.
“It feels great. I played a solid round, was solid all week and I’ve now got back my tour card. Hopefully next year will be a lot better than this year. COVID affected everything and shut things down. It was very difficult for everyone,” he said.
“In my last two tournaments, I finished top-five and top-10 and it brought my confidence back. I worked very hard before coming over here. It’s difficult to get the five cards and I’m happy I did it.”

Hazlewood will miss the Adelaide Ashes Test due to injury.

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Klopp backs Gerrard as his successor at Anfield

FOOTBALL

Jürgen Klopp said he would “love” Steven Gerrard to be his successor after ensuring the former Liverpool captain’s return to Anfield as Aston Villa manager ended in a 1-0 defeat last Saturday (Dec 11).

Mohamed Salah’s second-half penalty secured a vital three points for the Reds as, at time of press, they remain just one point behind Manchester City at the top of the Premier League.

Klopp’s men should have been more convincing winners as they dominated the vast majority of the game, although they had to withstand a nervy finale where Gerrard believed his side should have scored with the penalty incidents in the game.

Gerrard, who joined Villa last month after three and a half years as Rangers manager, has been tipped as Klopp’s successor when the German’s contract expires in 2024.

“The good thing is I have no problem with this sort of thing,” said Klopp on the speculation over his future. “I will not be here forever so I would love it to be Stevie, but no I did not feel under pressure today.”

Gerrard said before the match he would gladly sacrifice some of his legendary status among the Liverpool support for a result on his first trip to Anfield as part of the visiting team.

“We scored with the penalty then the relief was obviously too big and it was an unnecessary open game,” said Gerrard after the game he would gladly sacrifice some of his legendary status among the Liverpool support for a result on his first trip to Anfield as part of the visiting team.

“You have to understand when you come to the Premier League, you are going to have tight penalty incidents in the game. They got theirs, we don’t get ours,” said Gerrard.

“You can be too gung ho against these sides too early. The plan was to take it to the latter stages and then get more of our attacking players on the field.

“Hopefully I can be more bold and ambitious against these sides in the future.”

Steven Gerrard (centre) and Jurgen Klopp (right) at the end of last Saturday’s game at Anfield. Photo: AFP

Thailand trample bitter rivals

FOOTBALL

THAILAND COACH MANO-POLKING was delighted in the wake of his team’s convincing 4-0 victory over a “very aggressive” Myanmar side in their second AFF Suzuki Cup Group A outing in Singapore last Saturday night (Dec 11).

Veteran striker Teerasil Dangda led the way as the Thais stormed to the top of the pool table with two wins from as many matches.

Teerasil scored on either side of the break to go joint top on the all-time AFF Suzuki Cup goalscoring chart with further goals from substitutes Worachit Kanitsribumphen and Supachok Sarachart rounding out the victory.

Polking said he was delighted by the win and also paid tribute to Teerasil for his history-making goals.

“We’re very happy with the performance of the team, we made progress and controlled the game, the midfield especially, with players that are strong on the ball and created more clear chances,” said Polking.

“As for Teerasil, he brings everything that a striker needs in terms of technique, especially a finish. I joke with him that he’s not so young anymore but you can still see the amazing quality he has,” he added.

“We have seen Myanmar before and they are very aggressive every time we [Thailand] face them. We saw many tackles which were not intended to win the ball. We knew that they are aggressive and this is the thing that we had prepared for during training.”

The War Elephants were set to play against the Philippines on Tuesday (Dec 14) and Singapore tomorrow (Dec 18).
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Huge turn out for Thanyapura Trail Run > p14

Sports

‘World-class’ B40mn Kathu Municipality Stadium opens for public use

SPORTS

A BRAND-NEW SPORTS venue has been officially opened in Kathu, providing what officials refer to as a world-class facility for local residents to exercise and develop their sporting skills.

Located at Kathu Municipality School 2 on the southeast corner of Phuket Villa Kathu, Kathu Municipal Stadium consists of an international quality standard football pitch and a synthetic running track that can be used for athletics.

It has been certified by the Athletics Association of Thailand and is the second stadium in Phuket that can accommodate both indoor and outdoor sports.

Vice Governor of Phuket Pichet Panaphong presided over a merit-making ceremony to officially inaugurate the stadium on Father’s Day (Sunday, Dec 5).

Pichet praised the Kathu municipal administration for their focus on supporting and improving the quality of sports facilities to national standards to help continue the development of sports activities and skills for all.

Apart from being an area for residents of Kathu to exercise, the venue also has the potential to host events at both national and international levels, Pichet said. It provides a great opportunity for children and residents of Kathu to practice and develop their skills to become professional athletes, he added.

Pichet was joined at the opening ceremony by Kathu Municipality Mayor Chaianan Suthikul who confirmed that the venue cost more than B40 million to build. He added that the construction lasted just over two years and has the additional option to build a 5,000-seat amphitheater to accommodate spectators.

“The health of citizens is imperative and therefore it is important to have an allocated area for people to exercise,” commented Mayor Chaianan.

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