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### Dr Woraphat Arthayukti Saving the Funeral Monument of King Uthumphon

No 2469

11 January 2013

## New Year Predictions

**R**inging in this New Year were the club's perennial predictions for the year delivered by our team of in-house soothsayers and visionaries.

Rotarian Ash commenced proceedings with his forecast for Scientific Predictions for the coming year. A typical display of wit and intelligence, which, due to the limited intellect of most of our body, fell on mostly deaf unscientific ears.



Ash's eternally optimistic nature was clear to see with his bold predictions that scientists would make the final conclusive confirmation that life had existed on Mars (a similar analogy of the historical existence of life could

be extended to many of our members minds) and that neuroscientists will be able to use their powers of analysis to map the electrical impulses in the synapses of your mind and predict what you are about to do, before you do it – a thought police of sorts – who would then provide such valuable behavioural information to your wives causing the end of free will(y) as currently known.

Ash's Renaissance nature was evident to see in his foresight that domesticated fish and other creatures of the sea would not be kept simply as pets (on account of their colorful demeanor and limited memory) but also as part of a consolidated domestic waste management system – effectively feeding your shit to your pet fish. Of course such an experiment is being carried out on a global scale as we speak – with the positive results plain to see! Ash was also very keen on the positive growth of nanotechnologies which was well understood by the small minds of the audience.

Next up was PP John, who although was scheduled to discuss Religious Predictions, rejected such a narrow subject area and provided his other-



wise perfect pontifications on politics and other Thai matters. These included that there was an 87% probability that all things will remain equal and a 5% chance that they would not. This left a random 8%, which is probably what will happen.

John also revealed his interest in Khun Yingluck which was shared by Khun Voranai (a regular speaker at the club). John tipped his bowler hat into the ring with the bold prediction that MR Sukhumbhand Paribatra would be re-elected as Governor of Bangkok, on the account that the

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## South Wind Predictions...



**Tomato juice supplies will become a concern**



**Some will continue to dress up, other dress down while still others will pick a middle path**



**The hotel receptionists will keep on getting younger every year.**



**PP Don will continue to make everyone as welcome as he can...**



**Cosmos for Charity will continue to rack up impressive totals each week, perhaps for a new annual record.**



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people of Isaan would simply revolt if it came to pass that Thailand failed to have one significant elected leader who was not educated at Oxford.

The Crystal Ball also delivered the following vision to John : that with the closing of the Thai-Belgium bridge, Bangkok would finally be brought to the traffic gridlock that free bicycles would be handed out by the state to allow for all citizens to get sweaty and drink in the pollution and carbon monoxide. There were additional mad-cap predictions about the level of the SET which have been edited out for legal reasons (John you should know better). Al Mavro was also predicted to be happier this year, the England Cricket team would retain the Ashes, that the 100 meters record would fall to 9.5 seconds etc. etc., etc. (Yawn).



Following Rotarian John was Rotarian Richard, the club's resident loquacious American giving his Sporting

Predictions for the year. While generally quite quick on their feet, it took some time for the audience to realize that he was in fact giving historical predictions of sporting moments that had already taken place ! Rick's fear of being wrong became quite evident to all and the Program Committee will

be discussing the ways that the club can assist Rick in living his life in the "here and now".



The club received our next speaker Rotarian Yod with much glee and anticipation

recalling well the last hilarious talk he had given on Thai sporting heroes, and they were not to be disappointed in a masterful display of his thoughts on Political/Social Predictions for the coming year. For me, I always love to see a well trimmed "goatee" beard and consequently, I cannot remember much of the content of the talk.

What will be remembered by all is that 1. America has not avoided the fiscal cliff but remains on the ledge below (a false ledge); 2. Thailand's stimulus policy of making cars rather than printing money is likely to both succeed and fail contemporaneously; 3. The Rice Pledging Policy remains an uncertain way of hiding liabilities/ losses on the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account of Thailand and a certain way of allowing certain dastardly people line their rice husks with loose satang.

Last and not least was the beloved Rotarian Chai, who spoke briefly on Sexual/Leisure Predictions for the year. Clearly a leading expert and the club's resident expert on Leisure activities, it was assumed that this would provide insight into the carnal predictions of the year to come. It this regard no-one was wrong.

After extensive searches on the limited database of material available on the internet (Chai's parents have set child settings to "on"), Rotarian Chai provided the following witticisms: given the number of idiots around the world who assumed that the incorrect interpretation of the ancient Mayan predictions of the end of the world on 21 December, there would be a second baby boom of "idiot spawn" in September of this year. That all of the



audience would be "sexting". There was also a prediction on ka-toeys, which I forget.

That's all folks.

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# Khun Khob's Club Almanac

No 2469

11 January 2013

### Happy Birthdays

Yongyuth Tirachaimongkol (January 14)

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Manu Mekdhanasarn (January 14)

Alastair Timblick (January 16)

### Attendance for 4 January 2013: 57%

Present 37, Make-up 7, Absent 33, Exemption 27, Total 104

### Visiting on 4 January 2013

#### From Local Clubs

Brent Clegg, RC Bangkapi

#### From Abroad

James Pwen RC Metro Honolulu, USA  
John Chirgwin RC Martha's Vineyard, USA

#### Invited Guests

Evelyn Smith  
Jim Yarbrough  
Midal Alexander  
Vijay Kishnani

#### Introduced by

Rick Smith  
Narain Suradejvibul  
Ben Ferguson  
Doug Riach

#### Recent Make-ups

RC Dhonburi, 26/12/12: PP Koichiro Ishihira  
RC Bangrak, 27/12/12: PP Narinder Sachdev  
RC Bangkok, 3/01/13: Jim Fowler  
RC Chiang Rai North, 3/01/13: Arie Bloed

## Club Calendar

Friday, 18 January 2013

John Casella  
How to Avoid Getting Ripped off by your Account and Run Over by the Revenue Department

Friday, 25 January 2013

Dana Caron  
The Great Bangkok Duck Race



For Bangkok South Events  
[rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events)

## Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, 21 February 2013  
Paul Harris Dinner

Thursday, 28 February 2013  
Club Golf Tournament



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