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Friday
12.15 pm.

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Pran Siamwalla
Cause and Affect of Climate Change

No 2489

14 June 2013

Vuttiophol Wanglee
Rice Scheme - The Real Story



Khun Vuttiophol Wanglee gave the club a thorough and very professionally prepared and presented insight into the government's current rice scheme.

Beginning with an overview of the situation leading to the creation of two different ideas under two different governments, Vuttiophol talked about the perennial problem of oversupply and the result-

ing drop in prices that affects any commodity. However, in this case it is rice, which is at the heart of Thailand's massive agricultural industry and a leading export.

With stocks at a 12-year high and a buyers' market for the past seven, farmers were beginning to feel the economic pinch. Therefore, to support farmer income, first the Democrats with their Guaranteed Income Scheme and Phue Thai with their Rice Mortgage Scheme introduced plans to support farmer income.

Although the two plans are quite different, they have the same goal, provide more income for rice farmers and control the flow of rice into the market to maintain higher prices.

The plans have been very successful at maintaining farm income at livable levels and have helped to support Thai rice prices

at a level the government feels reflects the quality of Thai rice. Unfortunately, the plan has not been as successful in increasing exports of Thai rice as had been expected.

In fact, after having been the long-time leader in rice exports, starting in 2012, Thailand has dropped to third place behind India and Vietnam. As a result, Thai rice stocks are at all-time highs, which does not bode well as the shelf-life for rice is about three years, and with a strong market preference for freshly harvested supplies we could soon see huge wastage.

Khun Vuttiophol continued his presentation by reviewing the cost of the program and where funds originated and where they have been spent.

An interesting talk, his conclusion provided all present with another insight into how things work in Thailand.





A picture is worth...



PP Don and PP Philip doing PP things the way PP are want to do...



DG Alex with Rudy sharing ideas on how to re-enter BS life



Rtn Stuart welcomes Barry South and Suwanna Jitputaroj

All smiles while waiting in line to buy the meal ticket.



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2489 – 14 June 2013

Happy Birthdays

PP Niti Meyer June 14
 Stephen Cook June 18
 PP Maarten Worp June 19



Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Wolfgang Minderjahn June 20

Attendance for 7 June 2013: 75%
 Present 47, Make-up 10, Absent 19,
 Exemption 28, Total 104

Visiting 7 June 2013

From Local Clubs

RC Dhonburi PDG Vuttichai Wanglee

From Abroad:

Dan Christensen RC Nibe, Denmark
 Elly Kenner RC Jerusalem, Israel
 Pres. Per Dibber RC Bruxelles Versale, Belgium

Invited Guests

Barry South
 Rudy van de Hoeven
 Suwanna Jitputaroj

Introduced by

Stuart Lucani
 DG Alex Mavro
 Stuart Lucani

Recent Makeups

E-Club of 3310, 4/06/13: Peter Williams
 RC De Bilt-Bilthoven, Netherlands, 6/06/13: Arie Bloed

Make-up Credits

Fundraising, 31/05/13: Chip Bowness, Doug Riach, Jim Fowler, PP John Quarmbly, Stuart Lucani

Duck Race, 3/06/12: Dana Caron, Dean Outerson, PP Don Lavoie, Doug Riach, Krin Charnmaytesakul, PP Nigel Hardy

Club Delegation to RC Bangkokpi, 4/06/13: Adrian Topham, AG Andrew MacPherson, Doug Riach, Prasert Mangkornkarn

Membership, 5/06/13: AG Andrew MacPherson, Jon Plate, Krin Charnmaytesakul, PN Mike Doyle, PE Mike Schulz, PDG Praphan Hutasingh, Rui Belo, PP Vichai Tantrativud

Club Calendar

Friday, 21 June

Dr Bandit

Corruption in Thailand

Friday, 28 June

No Meeting

Friday, 5 July

Daniel Poole

The Second Coming

Friday, 12 July

President's Day

Friday, 19 July

Emma Potchapornku

The Southern Conflict

For Bangkok South Events

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calendar-of-events

Important Date to Remember

Saturday, 29 June 2013

Installation Dinner

Dusit Thani Hotel



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