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Friday
12.15 pm.

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Songkran Grachangnetara The political issues facing Thailand

No 2494

26 July 2013

Emma Potchapornkul Southern Conflict



Emma Potchapornkul gave an overview and background of the conflict in the south and then talked a little about the project her organization, People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF), is implementing in the region.

People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF) was established in 2006 to address the

needs of grassroots civil society networks in Thailand with the mission to create sustainable mechanisms for community organizations, grassroots coalitions and other civil society actors to work together to advance human rights, peace and democracy.

Immediately after the establishment of PEF, the organization began conducting community visits and fact-finding campaigns in the three border provinces of Southern Thailand, and so building trust with grassroots partners PEF, continues to work with local people.

PEF participates in and contributes to meetings with government agencies, NGOs, and community leaders from southern Thailand, to map their activities and share ideas and perspectives for un-

derstanding and remedying the deep-rooted violence across that region.

These meetings are an opportunity for PEF to share its ideas. Meetings with government agencies are also an opportunity to challenge the government to re-evaluate its thinking.

She went on to talk about how they have selected community leaders in the south and initiatives they have taken to help with conflict resolution in the region.

In particular her account of how similar efforts in Mindanao and Aceh have had success and her desire to see the same happen in Thailand was very encouraging.

An interesting talk, Emma was very articulate about her group's goals. We can only hope that they are successful.

Emma Potchapornkul is the Southern Thailand Project Coordinator for the People's Empowerment Foundation (PEF).

A registered independent non-governmental organization that was established in 2006 to address the needs of grassroots civil society networks in Thailand.

PEF acts as the secretariat for a coalition of community-based organizations (CBOs) and maintains close working relationships with other partner organizations and networks within the country and throughout Southeast Asia.





A picture is worth...



Rtns Rod and Frank catching up...



PP Nitti and Rtn Marco talking Swiss...



SAA Adrian getting ready to rumble...



Rtn Jim, VP Dean and our speaker



Rtn Jon and PP John chatting...



Rtn Michael signing in...



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Happy Birthdays

PDG Alex Mavro	Jul 29
Elmar Lins	Jul 29
Ian Morris	Jul 29
Kurt Wachtveitl	Jul 31



Attendance for 19 July 2013: 59%

Present 36, Make-up 8, Absent 31, Exemption 26, Total 101

Visiting 19 July 2013

From Local Clubs	
AG Ateep Maskati	RC Bangkok

From Abroad

Kiyomi Ishihira	RC Furamo, Japan
Ram Gartanla	RC Kathmandu, Nepal
Udaya Gartanla	RC Kathmandu, Nepal

Invited Guests

Lars Hanson
Ian Cunningham
Rudy van der Hoeven
Vijay Kishnani

Introduced by

P Michael Schulz
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Dean Outerson
Doug Riach

Recent Makeups

E-Club of 3310, 16/07/13: Peter Williams
RC Bangkok, 17/07/13: PP Mark Butters
RC Bangkok, 18/07/13: Mark Shaw

Make-up Credits

Joint Installation Dinner in Anghong, 13/07/13: PDG Alex Mavro, P Michael Schulz, Prasert Mangkornkarn

Board, 15/07/13: Adrian Topham, Chris Thatcher, Dana Edward Caron, Dean Outerson, Douglas Riach, PE Mike Doyle, P Michael Schulz, Nathan Christoff, IPP Nick Pisalyaput, Rakesh Sodhia, Stuart Lucani, Tim Cornwall, Vitool Tantikanunant

Club Calendar

Friday, 2 August

PP Graham Brain
MPEG Show

Friday, 9 August

Club Birthday

Friday, 16 August

Malcom Shaverin
Life of a Private Investigator

Friday, 23 August

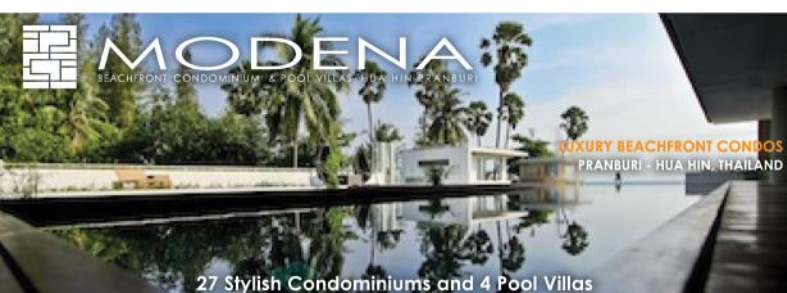
Faisal Malik
My Experience as a Volunteer

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