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Friday
12.15 pm.

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Vuttiphol Wanglee Update on the Rice Pledging Scheme

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21 February 2014

Thitinan Pongsudhirak Thailand's Crisis and Transformation



Khun Thitinan was at his best today in discussing the on-going crisis and referring back to articles he has published on this and many other topical themes.

This crisis is similar to five years ago when demonstrators protested against Thaksin' and included the airport takeover and the disso-

lution of the ruling party. This allowed the opposition Democrats to take power but, two-and-a-half years later, Pheu Thai was back in power in 2011.

Now, anti-government protesters again want to bring "the Thaksin regime" to an end through the occupation of various government agencies and by camping at a few of the city's busier intersections.

Suthep Thuagsuban, a Democrat party MP, has repeatedly said his goal is to replace Yingluck with a people's government and to enhance the role of the monarchy.

Protesters have had enough of an electoral system and money politics that exemplifies democracy.

Suthep wants to abandon democracy to allow a set of unelected figures with integrity and moral authority to create reforms.

They have been protesting that they want "good people" to run

Thailand's government and plan its future direction.

As Khun Thitinan wrote in an article in the Financial Times, the protesters want "*An unelected and incorruptible technocrat with policy expertise working tirelessly for the common good is the ideal leader for the anti-government protesters on Bangkok's streets.*"

In the future, elected officials will need to show more integrity and policymaking skills. They will need to gain voter trust and avoid abusing power.

In closing, he went on to answer a number of questions that reflected our interest in what is happening around us and what we can expect in the future.

An extremely interesting talk, it is always interesting to have Khun Thitinan along as his perspectives and willingness to share his views with us provide an insight into local affairs we would not normally enjoy.



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Flashback...



Rtn Joop and one of his great prints to be auctioned



Rtn Joop and PP Don showcasing a set of three prints



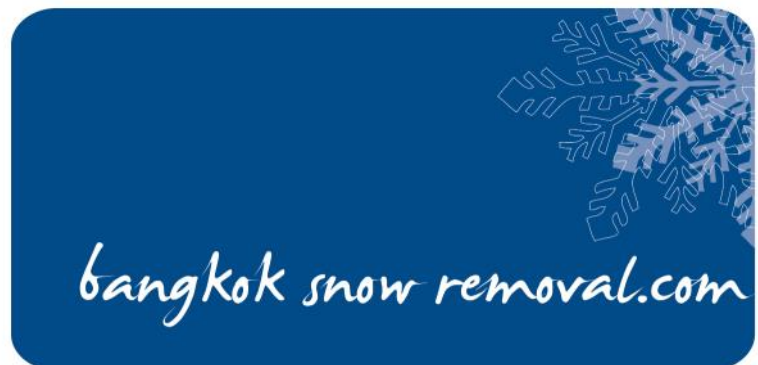
PP Burin and PP Philip



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IPDG Alex and our speaker Chris Bruton



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2520 – 21 February 2014

Happy Birthdays

Paul Russell February 23
PE Mike Doyle February 26

Attendance for 7 Feb 2014: 61%

Present 40, Make-up 9, Absent 31,
Exemption 27, Total 107

Visiting for 7 February 2014

Local

Alex Paufler RC Bangkok

Overseas

John Chirgwin RC Matha's Vineyard, USA
Mark Wolf RC Woodburn, OR, USA

Invited Guests

David Shackleton
Dylan Jenkins
Finbarr O'Connor
Hernes Huang
Mark Schnier
Paul Bulson

Introduced by:

AG Andrew MacPherson
Ron Livingston
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IPP Nick Pisalyaput
Ron Livingston



Club Calendar

28 February 2014 – Luncheon
Olivier-Christian Thon
Wine Tasting

7 March 2014 – Luncheon
Dr M Chase Schneier
Cause and effect: A better understanding of life and health

14 March 2014 – Luncheon
Kasit Piromya

Special Dates to Remember

Thursday, 13 March 2014
Kids Day Out

Saturday, 28 June 2014
Installation Ball
Dusit Thani Hotel

For Bangkok South Events

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Recent Makeups

RC Charoen Nakorn, 24/01/14: Prasert Mangkornkarn
RC Bangkok, 30/01/14: Henry Kosim
RC Bangkok, 4/02/14: Doug Riach, CP Geoff Carter
RC Bangkok, 6/02/14: IPP Nick Pisalyaput, Prinn Panitchpakdi, Vitool Tantarananont
RC Raffle, 6/02/14: Sievert Larsson

Makeup Credit

Membership, 5/02/14: AG Andrew MacPherson, Leo Alexanderson, PP Mark Butters, PE Mike Doyle, P Michael Schulz, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Niti Meyer, PP Ole Madsen, PDG Praphan Hutasingh, Rod Vergara, PP Vichai Tantrativud

Delegation to RC Hua Hin, 7/02/14: Doug Riach, CP Geoff Carter, PP Mark Butters

Service Projects, 10/02/14: Adrian Topham, Arie Blod, Chris Thatcher, Dean Outerson, Dougie Riach, John Quarmbly, Mark Shaw, Stuart Lucani

Program, 11/02/14: PDG Alex Mavro, AG Andrew MacPherson, Colin Hastings, Dana Caron, PP Don Lavoie, Jon Plate, PE Mike Doyle, P Michael Schulz, PP Narinder Sachdev, IPP Nick Pisalyaput, Prasert Mangkornkarn, Thanakorn Telan



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