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Friday
12.15 pm.

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No 2523

21 March 2014

Kasit Piromya Political Party and Reform of Thailand



80s; around big business, in the 90s and into this century; and around the “big boss” centralized leader, for the last decade.

We are in a transition stage, he intimated, that began with a popular push for democracy that began in the 90s but was suborned by big business. Yet today, that

ways to incentivize agriculture must be found.

In sum, we need real political parties and not personality-dominated cliques. We need real decentralization and not 72% of the national budget spent on Bangkok infrastructure with the remainder going to the other 75 provinces. We need real empowerment, particularly of professional organizations which can oversee their own areas of specialty and leave the big picture to the government.

While Ambassador Kasit ended on a positive note, it was not difficult for listeners to infer the challenges that lay ahead.

Introduced by PP Nick Pisalyaput, and thanked by Rtn Songkran Grachangnetara, himself an astute observer of the political scene, today’s program was fittingly an all-Thai production.

Article by IPDG Alex

Ambassador Kasit Piromya last impressed us with his analysis five years ago. Time may have fanned his passion but it has not dulled his perception.

Ambassador Kasit began by reminding us where we have been since the ending of the absolute monarchy in 1932. He characterized the stages of political power as being centered primarily around the military through the

mutated initiative remains a strong influence underlying developments.

As a result, today what we need are parties with ideological as opposed to big boss-driven goals; transparent governance, especially when it comes to the handling of finances; and a responsiveness based on popularism but seated in realism: if we cannot afford to subsidize rice, for example, then other



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Flashback



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2524 – 21 March 2014

Happy Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Chip Bowness | March 21 |
| David Armstrong | March 22 |

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

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| Elmar Lins | March 21 |
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Attendance for 14 March 2014: 68%

Present 42, Make-up 13, Absent 26,
Exemption 27, Total 108

Visiting for 14 March 2014

Local

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| PP Rene Clausen | RC Bangkapi |
| Charles Ooms | RC Bangkapi |

From Abroad

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| John Chirgwin | RC Matha's Vineyard, USA |
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Invited Guests

Dr Chase Schneier
James Lander
Jethro Goldsmith
Patrick Gauvain
Prae Piromya
Vorarat Vongprateep
Dr Ian Fenwick

Introduced by

IPP Nick Pisalyaput
PDG Alex Mavro
Prinn Panitchpakdi
PP Niti Meyer
IPP Nick Pisalyaput
Dean Outerson
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Recent Makeups

RC Bangkapi, 11/03/14: Jim Fowler, PP John Quarmby

Makeup Credits

Service Projects, 10/03/14: Adrian Topham, Chris Thatcher, Doug Riach, PP John Quarmby, Sievert Larsson, Stuart Baker, Stuart Lucani

2nd Polio Plus Day, 12/03/14: AG Andrew MacPherson, PP Krit Wong, Rakesh Sodhia, Rui Belo

KDO, 13/03/14: Adrian Topham, PDG Alex Mavro, AG Andrew MacPherson, Carol Kuhn, Doug Riach, CP Geoff Carter, PP John Quarmby, Joop van Delden, Krin Charnmaytesakul, Marcel Dubbelman, Mark Shaw, Michael Bain, P Michael Schulz, Morgan Perkins, PN Narain Suradejvibul, PP Sean Brady, Sievert Larsson, Stuart Baker, Stuart Lucani, Tom Banker, Tim Cornwall, Vince Shueh, Wolfgang Minderjahn



Club Calendar

Friday, 28 March 2014 – Luncheon
Carrado Jay Boccia
Jim Thompson - the mystery

Friday, 04 April 2014– Luncheon
Christian Brunner

Friday, 11 April 2014 – Luncheon
Classification Interviews

Friday, 18 April 2014 – Luncheon
Adel Meer

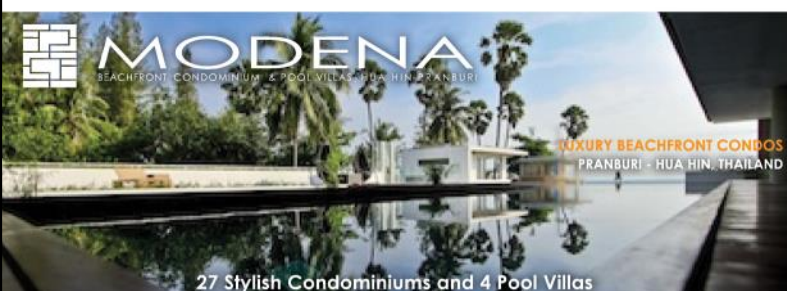
Friday, 25 April 2014 – Luncheon
Andrew Durieux
ASEAN 2015 – is it all its made out to be

Special Dates to Remember

Saturday, 28 June 2014
Installation Ball
Dusit Thani Hotel

For Bangkok South Events

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