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No. 2579  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Today's Topic:

**"M-PEGS RETURN"**

PP Graham Brain

MEETINGS :  
EVERY FRIDAY  
AT NOON.

## MODERNIZING THE THAI POLICE

By Rtn. Frank Timmons

On Friday afternoon 5 June RCBS was honored to welcome Police Colonel Teerawat Mungclasiri, to discuss Modernizing the Thai Police. K. Teerawat left home at 6 years of age to begin his education at the Calcutta Boys School. His father brought him back to Thailand to learn to write Thai, studying at St. Gabriel's College in Bangkok. He then continued his education at Malvern Link Prep School in Worcestershire, UK, Perkiomen High School in Pennsylvania, USA, the Wentworth Military Academy in Missouri, USA, and the Virginia Military Institute in Virginia, USA. He was expected to join the army just like his father, but after having the opportunity to meet the Police Commissioner, he chose to join the police.

His professional career was launched at the Lumpini Police Station, after which he held positions in the Detective Division, Immigration, Crime Suppression, Special Branch, and various provincial police stations. His police career has spanned various districts of Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Krabi, Payao, and Satun provinces. K. Teerawat shared that when he first returned to Thailand and joined the police, he felt like an American or European. He liked to express his feelings. It took him 3 years to adapt to Thai culture. Most overseas educated Thai policemen go to work in foreign offices, assigned to Interpol, or work doing translations. He didn't find that type of work to be interesting, so he focused his career on local policing work.

As K. Teerawat explained, the Royal Thai Police (RTP) was established over 150 years ago. The King hired an English policeman to help organize the RTP. Subsequent police advisors were Dutch and English. The RTP system is based on the English police system, which has survived beautifully through to today, so why isn't the RTP as

successful as the English police? He suggested that influential persons already understand that the RTP system is already quite OK, since it is based on the English system, which is why no government has pursued reform of the RTP.

K. Teerawat acknowledged Thai police corruption, but also clearly explained that corruption is always a two way street. Wrong doers are also corrupt, which is why they offer money to policemen. A major contributor to police corruption is poor pay and lack of resources. A recent survey found that the RTP were the second lowest paid policemen in the world, with only Bangladesh paying their policemen less. And he noted that Thailand routinely sends free rice to Bangladesh. Thai policemen must buy their own weapons, uniforms, and cars. Corruption can't be solved until police are fairly compensated and resourced.

In the US and UK, once the police execute the Arrest Warrant issued by the court and have the suspect in custody, the District Attorney conduct the interrogation and prosecute the case. However, in Thailand the police perform interrogations themselves. The police then always receive blame whenever there is something wrong with a case.

K. Teerawat noted that any society without police cannot survive. When a person gets into an accident, their first words are a plea for help from the police. Police will always be there. We need to live with the police.





# FLASH BACK DÉJÀ VU... IS IT YOU?



Incoming Pres. Narain and PN Ken greets our guest speaker, POL COL Teerarat Mungklasiri



PP Ole Madsen and VP Jon Plate



AG Andrew MacPherson and Rtn. Marco Casanova



Rtns. Renato Poezio and Frank Timmons



P. Mike Doyle exchanged banners with a Visiting Rotarian from Korea.



Rtn. Finbarr O'Connor greets Visiting Rtns. from Korea.

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# ROTARY CLUB OF BANGKOK SOUTH INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER



**WHEN:** Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**WHERE:** Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel

**TIME:** Starts at 18.30 PM

**Booking :** Contact Khun Khob at [info@rotarybangkoksouth.org](mailto:info@rotarybangkoksouth.org) or 02 632 9160

**COST:** 2,600 Baht for Drink and 2,100 Baht for Non-Drink

**DRESS CODE:** Formal or Club Jacket

## DINNER MENU

### Shitake Mushroom Salad

Potatoes, Arugula and Garlic Mustard Vinaigrette

### Parmentier Cream & Potato Espuma Soup

Confit Leek, Black Crouton, Parmesan Crumble

### Poached Snow Fish

Cauliflower Cream, Broccoli Salsa and Black Olive Powder

### or Duck Breast with Crispy Skin

Sautéed Cos Lettuce, Baked Olive Polenta and Duck Orange Jus

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# Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2579

## 12 June 2015

### Happy Birthdays:

PP Niti Meyer June 14  
Joop van Delden June 15  
Stephen Cook June 18

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Roy Howard June 12

### Attendance for 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015: 59%

Present 35, Make-up 12, Absent 33, Exemption 32, Total 112

### Visiting for 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015

#### From Abroad

Lee Junk Woo RC of Seoul Changduk, Korea  
Woo Chul Kwock RC of Seoul Changduk, Korea

#### Invited Guests:

Roy Howard  
Van Tang  
Vincent W. Chu

#### Introduced by:

PE Narain Suradejvibul  
PP Nick Pisalyaput  
Lee Junk Woo

### Recent Makeups:

**RC of E-Club One, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015:** PDG Alex Mavro  
**RC of Eccleshall Mercia, UK, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015:** PP Mark Butters  
**RC of Bangkapi, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015:** Chip Bowness, Rudy van der Hoeven  
**RC Newcastle under Lyme, UK, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015:** PP Mark Butters  
**RC Stafford, UK 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015:** PP Mark Butters  
**RC Chumphae, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015:** PDG Alex Mavro

### Makeups:

**Presidential Citation and Governor's Salute, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015:** PDG Alex Mavro

**Membership, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015:** AG Andrew MacPherson, PN Krin Charnmaytesakul, P Mike Doyle, PE Narain Suradejvibul, PP Nick Pisalyaput, PP Ole Madsen, Rui Belo, PP Vichai Tantrativud

## CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Bar Games at Roadhouse  
Barbeque Ladies Day

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – RC of Royal Hua Hin Installation  
Dinner at Amari Hua Hin @18.30

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – No meeting –  
Installation Dinner on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – Installation Dinner

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 – President Narain Suradejvibul  
"Presidents Day"

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – "Brian Sinclair-Thompson " Problems  
of Aircraft Certification in the Airline Industry in Thailand"

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – Peace Fellows from the Rotary Peace  
Center at Chulalongkorn University

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – Dr Srilaksana Khoman  
"Tackling Corruption" LADIES DAY

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 – "TBC"

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – CLUB BIRTHDAY – "TBC"

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – "TBC"

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015 – Jake Needham " When you are a  
novelist in Bangkok"

For more information about Bangkok South events contact:  
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