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No. 2585

7th August 2015

Today's Topic:

**CLUB BIRTHDAY AT CROWNE PLAZA BKK
"NATIONAL DRINKS DAY"**

MEETINGS :
EVERY FRIDAY
AT NOON

The most problematic projects are those which are approved by Cabinet. These projects don't go through the usual budgetary process, and thereby avoid most forms of project scrutiny. The NACC has formed a team specifically to monitor projects arising from Cabinet approval.

Public projects can be very complicated, and corruption has grown to become very sophisticated. Therefore, successful prevention of corruption requires a diverse repertoire of skills and experience to successfully

DR. SIRILAKSANA KHOMAN: TACKLING CORRUPTION IN THAILAND

By Rtn Frank Timmons

On Friday afternoon 24 July RCBS was once again privileged to enjoy another enlightening and fascinating presentation by Dr. Sirilaksana Khoman about Tackling Corruption in Thailand.

Dr. Sirilaksana is the former Dean of the Faculty of Economics at Thammasat University. She is currently the Chair of the Economic Sector Corruption Prevention of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC). Dr. Sirilaksana has taught at the Australian National University, the United Nations University in Tokyo, and the University of Oregon, USA, as a Fulbright Scholar. Since 2013, she has been a member of the Global Agenda Council on Transparency and Anti-Corruption of the World Economic Forum. She has conducted extensive research on corruption issues including the economics of corruption, and has published widely.

Dr. Sirilaksana noted that Winston Churchill defined success as "the ability to move from one failure to another without losing enthusiasm." Recognizing that corruption is truly endemic and deeply entrenched in Thailand, the "never quit" attitude suggested by Churchill's quote is certainly of great importance for anyone who endeavors to combat corruption in Thailand.

It was interesting to learn that the NACC is not simply charged with investigating and punishing acts of corruption. Dr. Sirilaksana explained that her department is primarily focused on the proactive and pre-emptive prevention of corruption.



monitor such projects. The NACC frequently engages and cooperates with private sector experts to assist and participate in the project monitoring activities.

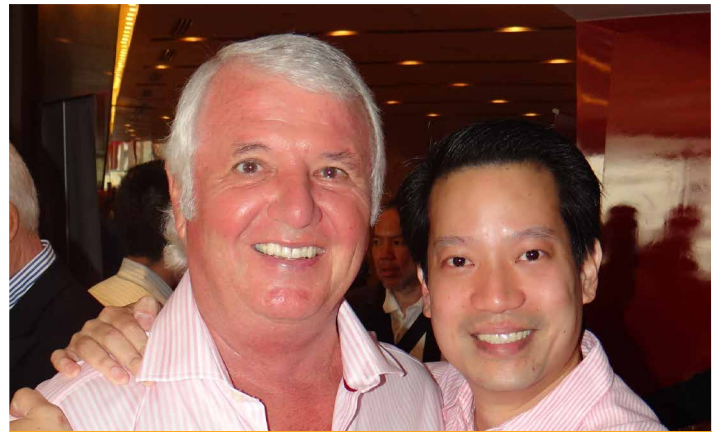
To illustrate the challenges of monitoring a public project and engaging to proactively prevent corruption, Dr. Sirilaksana presented a detailed case study of the infamous BMTA NGV City Bus Project. This project case study is more convoluted and surreal than a Thai TV Soap Opera. The project began as a 2009 BMTA proposal to lease 4,000 buses for THB 68 billion baht. This proposal received Cabinet approval, but after a public outcry and harsh media attention, NACC intervention finally got this project withdrawn.

The project returned in 2013 as a BMTA proposal to purchase 3,183 NGV City Buses. This project was approved by Cabinet in March of 2013. Dr. Sirilaksana detailed the extensive and very creative efforts of the NACC to monitor and comment on all aspects of this project, including safety and environmental issues, performance versus prescriptive specifications, and the global production capacity for city buses. In March 2015, primarily as a result of NACC comments and recommendations, the BMTA revised the project scope to the purchase of 489 buses.

The BMTA NGV City Bus project is still not finalized, and the NACC remains committed to identifying irregularities to combat corruption and wasteful project spending. We are very pleased that Dr. Sirilaksana shared insights of her anti-corruption activities, and we are very pleased and proud of her diligent efforts to protect the best interests of Thai citizens, taxpayers, and consumers.



Presenting a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Srilaksana Khoman by PP Vichai and PP Nick



Good Fellowship personified by Rtns Stuart and Yod



Adding a touch of glamour are visitors, Khun Ancharee, Khun Daoruang, Khun Sukanya and Khun Duangkamol



PP Dirk Naumann, PP Nigel and Rtn Paul



P Narain presents a RCBS pendant to visiting Rtn David Rockwood



Winner of the Cosmos whisky was Van Tang (PP Nick's guest)

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EXCERPT OF THE REPORT FROM RCBS BOARD MEETING, 20TH JULY, 2015

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,

Alastair Timblich (Director), Dana Caron, PP Mark Butters,
Dean Outerson, PP Don Lovoie, PE Krin Charnmaytesakul,
Stuart Lucani

Possible/Proposed Future events:

Member Hosted Events: PP Niti Meyer, PP Nick Pisalyaput, Adrian
Topham, Alastair Timblich, PP Don Lavoie
(Christmas Party)

Club Events: Club Birthday – 7th August, GATS Night, Octoberfest,
Christmas Dinner, Sunday Fellowship Brunch,
River Dinner Cruise, Bowling, Wine Farm Luncheon

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE,

Director – Vitool Tantianunanont

Paul Harris sub-committee Chairman – PP Don Lavoie

Matching/3H Grant sub-committee Chairman – CP Geoffrey Carter

Youth Program sub-committee Chairman – PP Nick Pisalyaput

Luang Sit sub-committee Chairman – PP Ole Madsen

Sister/Twin Club sub-committee Chairman – Joop Van Delden

Sister Rita sub-committee Chairman – PP Vichai Tantrativud

Education Programs Chairman – PP Andrew MacPherson

Committee agreed to focus on Paul Harris Fund, Humitarian/Global
Grants Program, Youth Program, Luang Sit Fellowship Fund and
Sister Rita Club

SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEE,

Director - Dean Outerson

Water Chairman – PP John Quarmbly

Library Kits Chairman – Adrian Topham

Low Income Communities Chairman - PP Nick Pisalyaput

Kids Day Out Chairman – Frank Timmons

Handicapped Chairman - Stuart Lucani

Kids Day In Chairman – Mark Shaw

Vocational - Dean Outerson

Advisor – Dougie Riach

THAI ROTARY DISTRICTS FOUNDATION,

In a letter from PRIP Bhichai Rattakul, he reported that the response
to his request to help the victims of earthquakes in Nepal had raised
the sum of Baht 2,196,000 which will be forwarded to the governor
of District 3292 in September/October.

The Rotary Clubs in Nepal have decided to construct 1,000 units of
permanent low cost shelters at a cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000 each.

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amount of US\$3 million to US\$3.5 million will be raised.

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**FRIDAY, 30th
OCTOBER, 2015**



Khun Khob's Club Almanac #2585

7 August 2015

Happy Birthdays:

John D. Casella August 12

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

PP Chatri Chiarapurk August 8

Attendance for 24th July 2015: 69%

Present 38, Make-up 13, Absent 23, Exemption 30, Total 104

Visiting for 24th July 2015

From Local

Rolf-Dieter Daniel RC of Bangkok

Invited Guests:

Ancharee Vergara

David Rockwood

Daoruang Wongseangarunsri

Duangkamol Kunaporn

PP Graham Brain

John van Lare

Sukanya Tantrativud

Taishiro Miyayauchi

Tony Pratumrat

Uma Budd

Van Tang

Introduced by:

Rod Vergara

Mark Wolf

PP Krit Wongseangarunsri

Rui Belo

PP Mark Butters

Rudy van der Hoeven

PP Vichai Tantrativud

P Narain Suradejvibul

PP Nick Pisalyaput

Rudy van der Hoeven

PP Nick Pisalyaput

Recent Makeups:

RC Bangkok, 21st July 2015: Arie Bloed, Colin Hastings, Douglas Riach, CP Geoffrey Carter, PP Mark Butters, Prasert Mangkornkarn, PP Sean Brady, Songkran Grachangnetara, Vitool Tantaranunont

Makeups:

Ban Bang Boon Site Visit, 15th July 2015: Michael Bain, Prasert Mangkornkarn

Service Projects, 17th July 2015: Adrian Topham, PDG Alex Mavro, Arie Bloed, Dean Outerson, Douglas Riach, Joop van Delden, Mark Shaw, Michael Bain, P Narain Suradejvibul, Rudy van der Hoeven, Stuart Lucani

Board, 20th July 2015: Dana Edward Caron, Dean Outerson, Finbarr O'Connor, John Casella, Joop Van Delden, P Narain Suradejvibul, Ravi Sehgal, Tim Cornwall, Vitool Tantaranunont

Service Projects, 21st July 2015: Dean Outerson, PP Michael Schulz

CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, 14th August 2015 – PDG Alex Mavro
"Women in Rotary"

Wednesday 19th August 2015 – Inter-club Delegations to
RC Dhonburi, Narai Hotel at 12.15 pm

Friday, 21st August 2015 – Jake Needham
"When you are a Novelist in Bangkok"

Friday 28th August 2015 – Brian Sinclair-Thompson "Problems
of Aircraft Certification in the Airline Industry in Thailand"

Friday, 4th September 2015 – Rtn Rick Smith
"Developments in Medical research"

Friday, 11th September 2015 – Andrew Langston " Life as a
Footman at Buckingham Palace"

Friday, 18th September 2015 – Veena Sethi "Yoga as a Life
Style & Healthy Diet"

Friday, 25th September 2015 – Rtn Ola Holmgren
"Adventures at Sea"

Friday, 2nd October 2015 - Oktoberfest at a venue to be
confirmed

Friday, 9th October 2015 – "TBC"

Friday, 16th October 2015 – DG Chaivai Poonlapmongkol "
DG's Address "

Thursday 29th October – Inter-club Delegations to RC
Bangkok, Grand Hyatt Erawan at 12.15 pm

Friday, 30th October 2015 – No Meeting: COINS on SILOM
– Please mark your Diaries

For more information about Bangkok South events contact:
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