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HE Felipe Frydman, Argentinean Ambassador
The Democratization of Argentina, Lessons for Asia

First explored in 1516 by Juan Diaz de Solis, Argentina developed slowly under Spanish colonial rule with Buenos Aires settled in 1580 and independence declared in 1816. As in WWI, Argentina was neutral in WW II until March 1945.

Juan Peron emerged as the strongman in the post-war era, winning elections in 1946 and 1951. Peron's political strength was reinforced by his second wife, Eva Duarte de Peron (Evita) and her popularity with the working classes. As de facto minister of health and labor, she established a national charitable organization and awarded generous wage increases to unions who responded with support for Peron.

Opposition to Peron's increasing authoritarianism led to a coup, which sent him into exile in 1955. Argentina then entered a period of military dictatorships with brief intervals of constitutional government.

In April 1982, Galtieri invaded the Falkland Islands in an attempt to increase his popularity. However, the UK won a decisive victory and he resigned in disgrace.

The 1983 election saw Raul Alfonsin, Radical Civic Union, hand the Peronist their first defeat. However, growing unemployment and quadruple-digit inflation led to a 1989 Peronist victory.

He resigned a month later in the wake of riots over high food prices, in favor of the new Peronist president, Carlos Menem.

Eight years into Menem's two-term presidency, September 1998, Argentina entered its worst recession in a decade. Menem's economic policies, tolerance of corruption and pardoning of military leaders involved in the dirty war lost him support of the poor and working class.

In 1999, Fernando de la Rúa became president. De-

spite economic austerity plans, by 2001 the recession had slid into its third year. While the IMF gave Argentina \$13.7B in emergency aid in January and \$8B in August 2001, it was not enough and by year-end, Argentina was on the verge of economic collapse.

Rioters protesting government austerity measures forced De la Rúa to resign and Argentina defaulted on its \$155B foreign debt, the largest in history.

Congress named Eduardo Duhalde president in January 2002 who soon announced an economic plan devaluing the peso, which plunged banking into crisis and wiped out middle class savings, plunging millions into poverty.

Former junta leader Galtieri and 42 military officers were arrested in September 1998 and charged with the torture and execution of guerrillas.

Peronist Néstor Kirchner became president in May



2003 and vowed to reform the courts, police and the army and to prosecute dirty war perpetrators.

Argentina's economy has been rebounding since its near collapse with a growth rate of about 8%. In 2005, Kirchner announced debt had been restructured and in 2006 Argentina paid off its remaining debt early.

In 2007, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner took over from her husband and while keeping many of his cabinet, implied she would introduce changes.



Another day... another picture...



SAA Chai and Visiting Rtn Christopher Byrd

Rumor has it, PP Alex traded the bottle of Jack for three Singha...



HE Felipe Frydman, Argentinean Ambassador, PP Don and Rtn Renato sharing a pre-lunch refreshment.

A few drop of rain and everything stops...
Waiting for a ride to the next part of the meeting...



Rtn Tyrone and Guest Arie Bloed



Happy,
Miffed
and
Bewildered





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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010
GRAND HYATT ERAWAN BANGKOK

6:30 PM COCKTAILS - 8:00 PM DINNER
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 BLACK TIE
 DONATION: 3,000 BAHT/PERSON

TICKETS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010
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A small photo collection celebrating the many reasons Coins on Silom has always been a great success.



The woman had been away visiting a sick friend. When she returned, her little boy greeted her, "Mommy, guess what! Yesterday I was playing in your bedroom and daddy came in with the lady next door and they got undressed and got into bed and then daddy got on top of her..." Sonny's mother held up her hand. "Not

another word. Wait till your father comes home and I want you to tell him exactly what you just told me." The father came home. As he walks into the house, his wife says, "I'm leaving you. I'm packing now and I'm leaving you." "But why" asked the startled father. "Go ahead, Sonny. Tell daddy what you told

me." "Well," Sonny said, "I was playing in your bedroom closet and daddy came upstairs with the lady next door and they got undressed and daddy got on top and they did what you did with Uncle John when daddy was away last summer."

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24 September 2010

Happy Birthdays

PP Chainarong Indharameesup (25 September)
Junior Shaw (25 September)

Wedding Anniversary Greetings:

Peter Upperton (26 September)

Attendance for 17 September 2010: 64%

Present 39, Make-up 14, Absent 27, Leave 3,
Exemption 27, Total 110

Visiting on 17 September 2010

Royal Hua Hin: Christopher Byrd

Invited guests

Chip Bowness
Arie Bloed
Chris Thatcher
Geoff Carter
Chad Teo

Introduced by

John Casella
P Andrew MacPherson
Mark Butters
DGN Alex Mavro
PP Niti Meyer

Recent Make-up

Copenhagen, 8/9/10: Poul Weber

Srapathum, 8/9/10: IPP John Quarmby

Make-up Credit

Fundraising AWC Gala Dinner, 8/9/10: Michael Ellis,
Mark Marshall, Joop van Delden, Rudy van der Hoeven
Rotary Foundation, 8/9/10: Rod Vergara, PP Krit Wong-
saengarunsri, Jon Plate, Henry Kosim, Manu Mekdhanasarn,
Rui Belo, Lawrence Ho, P Andrew MacPherson

Coins Sponsorship, 8/9/10: Alastair Timblich, PP Nart
Liuchareon, Tyrone Jenkins, Billy Popham, Rudy van der
Hoeven, Rakesh Sodhia, Mark Marshall

Service Project, 14/9/10: Joop van Delden, Douglas Ri-
ach, Gary White, Gary Worthington, Oldrich Capek, Rudy
van der Hoeven, Tyrone Jenkins

Program, 14/9/10: Dana Caron, PP Don Lavoie, Mark But-
ters, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Niti Meyer,
Peter Williams, PDG Praphan Hutasingh,
Prasert Mangkornkarn, Thanakorn Telan,
PP Wanit Mekdhanasarn

Administration, 15/9/10: Jamie Cum-
miskey, Dean Outerson

Coins on Silom, 17/9/10: Adrian Topham,
P Andrew MacPherson, Dana Caron, PP
Don Lavoie, PP Nart Liuchareon



Club Calendar

30 September 2010 (Thursday 19.00)
Social Night @ Roadhouse Barbecue

01 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

CP Geoffrey Carter

*Great Man-Made River Project
World's Largest Civil Engineering Project*

08 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

PP Graham Brain

MPEGS

15 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Brian Sinclair-Thompson

Aviation Update and Other Challenges

16 October 2010 (Saturday) 18.30

2010 Orient Express Gala

*American Women's Club of Thailand
Rotary Club of Bangkok South
Grand Hyatt Erawan*

22 October 2010 (Friday Luncheon)

Michael Doyle

*Regulation of Foreign Investment and Thai-
land's Competitiveness in the Region*

29 October 2010 (Friday All Day)

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Polio Plus Days

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)

19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

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