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Pichai Chuensuksawadi *Status of the Thai media*



Pichai Chuensuksawadi has always proven to be an extremely informative and entertaining speaker, willing to share his views on themes and events from a perspective quite different from ours.

Khun Pichai, while dealing with a number of topics that would require a great deal of space to adequately deal with, did touch on one or two areas where he sees the Thai press particularly strong and one area in which it could improve.

The area of strength, he suggested, lies in the fact that

the Thai media are very good at providing readers and listeners with a very detailed blow-by-blow account of the news. When it comes to providing details about what happened, when it happened and so forth, local media is strong and getting even stronger.

In addition, he added, the press is improving at providing details and background, in particular, by columnists, as to what the implications are of developing news stories. He added that while he did not always agree with the analysis, disagreement is in fact very important and in itself needs to be respected and encouraged.

Examining radio, television and print, Khun Pichai reviewed each medium's various strengths and suggested some areas where there could be some improvements. He also reviewed his role with his news

show each morning and the various concerns he and others had expressed before it started.

In rounding out his talk, Khun Pichai, went on to lament the fact that the Thai press are slow at or very reluctant to follow up on older stories to see what has happened. Commenting on a number of examples, he expressed concern that local investigative reporting has room for improvement.

In concluding his talk, he did comment on the on-going political situation and the role the press has played, or not played, as events have unfolded over the past two years. An interesting talk, it is clear why *The Bangkok Post* remains the nation's leading newspaper under Khun Pichai's watchful eye.



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**PP Don initiative - sign the ball...
 details to follow in a
 week or two...**



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**Khun Nimit, Cosmos winner and
 Khun Pooh, Cosmos supporter
 enjoying a quick moment in the
 floodlights....**

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**Rtn Frank Crocker and his early
 morning friends, who helped raise an
 additional 39,000 Baht...
 Left to Right, Khun Kosol, Khun Nadir,
 Khun Nimit, Rtn Frank and Khun
 Pichanya.**





Proud Father (cont.)

By DGN Alex Mavro

Unbeknownst to many RCBS members, our club is the proud father of a second Club within the past 12 months: the Rotary Club of Battambang.

For the benefit of our American readers, let me point out that with map-reading instruction, you might notice that Battambang is in Cambodia. You might also observe that RCBS is in Thailand. It is even possible for you to wonder why a Thailand-based club has fathered a Club in Cambodia, where all things Siamese are viewed with unhidden skepticism.

Rotary Information alert: The entire country of Cambodia is District 3350 (that's us!). Therefore when energetic PDG Dan Tynan of District 5260 con-



P Andrew, DGSR Alex and CP Nouv

vinced his club to provide financial support to open a new Club in Battambang, District Governor nominated Bangkok South to be the official sponsoring club, and we accepted.

Yours truly became the District Governor Special Representative (DGSR) tasked with educating the new club's prospective charter members and officers and to submit the necessary charter paperwork to Rotary International.



President Andrew joined me on two visits to the Club, which meets Sundays, 13.00, at the Relax Restaurant. We were impressed by the combination of curiosity, conviction and conscientiousness that we found among the Club's 33 charter members.

On Friday, 10 December, a delegation from the District, including the DG and interested Rotarians from Bangkok South, will travel to Battambang for the official charter ceremony that evening. If you would like to share the fun, let DSSR Alex or Rtn Rudy know by Wednesday, 1 December so we can arrange transport and accommodation.

Written by DGN (DSSR) Alex Mavro

Little Johnny and Susie were only 10 years old, but they just knew they were in love. One day they decided they wanted to get married, so Johnny went to Susie's father to ask him for her hand. Johnny bravely walked up to him and said "Mr. Smith, me and Susie are in love and I want to ask for her hand in marriage."

Thinking this was the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replied, "Well Johnny, you are only 10. Where will you live?" Without even taking a moment to think about it, Johnny

replied "In Susie's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit there nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr. Smith said with a huge grin, "Okay then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Susie." Again, Johnny instantly replied, "Our allowance...Susie makes 5 bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week. That's about 60 bucks a month, and that'll do us just fine." By this time Mr. Smith was a little shocked Johnny had put so much thought

into this. So, he thought for a moment trying to come up with something Johnny wouldn't have an answer. After a second, Mr. Smith said, "Well Johnny, it seems you have got everything figured out. I have one more question. What will you do if the two of you should have little ones of your own?" Johnny just shrugged his shoulders and said, "Well, we've been lucky so far..."

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Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

No 3376 12 November 2010

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

PP Burin Kantabutra (12 November)

Attendance for 5 November 2010: 69%

Present 44, Make-up 12, Absent 20,
Leave 5, Exemption 27, Total 108

Visiting on 5 November 2010

From Abroad

Mike Gordon (Anchorage Downtown, USA)

Invited Guests

Introduced by

Manfred Schmoelz	Colin Hastings
James Guyder	Dean Outerson
Robert Carver	Tim Cornwall
Bob van Es	Mark Marshall
Thomas Crown	Tim Cornwall
Frank Miller	Tim Cornwall
Chris Thatcher	Mark Butters
Vasuki Rajagopal	Mark Butters
John Viare	Vinai Phutthinin
John Scholfes	Vinai Phutthinin

Recent Make-up

Srapathum, 27/10/10: IPP John Quarmby

Make-up Credit

Club History, 28/10/10: PDG Praphan Hutasingh, PP Maarten Worp, PP Narinder Sachdev, PP Nigel Hardy, PE Mark Butters, Dean Outerson

Membership Committee, 3/11/10: PE Mark Butters, P Andrew MacPherson, PDG Praphan Hutasingh, PP Ole Madsen, PP Niti Meyer, PP Vichai Tantrativud, Nick Pisalyaput, Michael Doyle

Service Projects Committee, 3/11/10: Rudy van der Hoeven, Mikko Savilaakso, Gary Worthington, Tyrone Jenkins, Gary White, Geoffrey Carter, Marcel Dubbelman, Narain Suradejvibul

Communication Committee, 4/11/10: Gareth Marshall, Nick Pisalyaput, James Cumiskey, David Armstrong, Gary White



Club Calendar

19 November 2010 (Friday Lunch)
Spanish Ambassador
HE Ignacio Sagaz
Topic TBA

26 November 2010 (Friday Lunch)
India Ambassador
HE Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty
▶▶▶ Ladies Day ◀◀◀
Rang Mahal Restaurant

Polio Plus Days

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)
19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

2010-2011 RCBS Delegation Visits

Wednesday 17 November @ Noon
RC Dhonburi
Narai Hotel, Silom Road

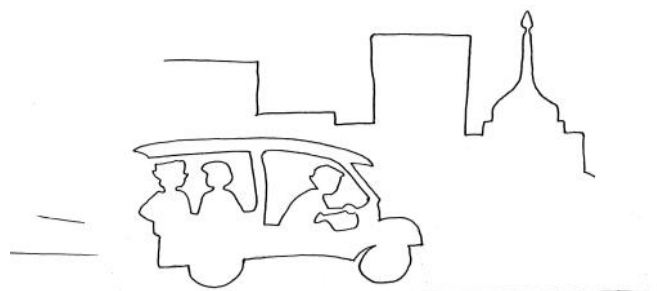
Thursday 24 February 2011 @ Noon
RC Bangkok
Grand Hyatt Erawan

Thursday 28 April 2011 @ 19.30
RC Sathorn
Holiday Inn Hotel, Silom Road

Tuesday 24 May 2011 @ Noon
RC Bangkok
Grand Hyatt Erawan

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After Rotary... scoot over to Cosmos Academy for an educational afternoon...