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VJ The Tailor Behind the Tailors Curtain

Years ago I interviewed a famous Bangkok tailor who was quite surprised by my initial question, *“Do you prefer people who know what they are doing when they buy a suit or not know what they are doing?”*

He replied that he preferred when clients know what they want, what to expect and what all this means in terms of time, cost and quality.

With this in mind, at our meeting on 16 December, I was very impressed with VJ’s successful efforts to teach us how to be better consumers of the tailor-made industry in Bangkok, while carefully balancing his entrepreneurial spirit and avoided an actual pitch - which I felt he did very well and with a sense of humor even when questions led him close to sales.

Taking us into his world, he shared five important secrets that should help most of us.

First secret is fabric choice. Al-

most 90 percent of shops in Bangkok carry substandard fabrics that claim to be Italian wools.

Most of the fabrics you see with cashmere and wool written on the selvedge does not have even 1% wool and definitely 0% cashmere. If it is cheap, it cannot be wool it has to be polyester.

Second, the majority of the tailor shops do not have any tailors.

They claim to be tailor shops but are actually only fabric traders. These people originally sell fabrics and when the demand arises they outsource substandard tailors with no formal training to have your suit cut. You can usually find them tucked away in sweatshops inside Bangkok side streets. Usually uneducated, more importantly, they have no formal training in sewing.

Third, tailored suits can be compared to a car. You get what you pay for and not much more... No matter how the salesman might



try to convince you otherwise.

Fourth, when you see a tailor making suits within 24 hours, it will look cheap. You have to give time for everything to be the way it is intended and suits are no different... enjoy fittings, they will make the difference.

Fifth, the commissions tailors pay can be as high as 30 per cent, which no businessman takes out of his own pockets. You can be sure it will be charged to you.



Rotary in pictures



▲ Rtn Jim and Former Rtn Bernard catch up while Rtn Mikko pretends not to listen....



▲ Rtn Dougie, his guest VJ and Rtn Stan (with the excellent reading selection) discuss tailor-made solutions to Fridays - RCBS meetings...



◀ Rtn Aree, Visiting Rotarian Hans, Rtn Carol and SAA Rudy demonstrating why VJ knows he has a huge market potential at RCBS...



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We are pleased to announce that 52 students under this scholarship programme graduated last year with one achieving First Class Honors. Details of these students and their sponsors are shown below.

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Happy Birthdays

Mikko Savilaakso (26 December)
Pichai Kanivichaporn (28 December)
Oldrich Capek (29 December)

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

PP John Quarmby (28 December)

Attendance for 16 December 2011: 55%

Present 38, Make-up 7, Absent 37, Exemption 26, Total 108

Visiting on 9 December 2011

Bangkok: Mohan Utamchandani

Bangkapi: Asvin Smardond, PDG Krit Indhewat

Yowwaraj: Suvimol Sripapattanavong

From Abroad

Per Dibber (Bruxelles Vesale, Belgium)

Hans Mannheim (Minerva, Holland)

Hans Westman (Hoganas-Kullen, Sweden)

Wendell Christoff (Lowell, USA)

Invited Guests Introduced by

Derek van Pelt PP Don Lavoie

Stuart Lucani Doug Riach

Ben Ferguson John Casella

Vijay Kishnani Doug Riach

Recent Make-up

Bangkapi, 13/12/11: Jim Fowler

Make-up Credit

Service Projects Committee, 13/12/11: David Record,

PP John Quarmby, Vince Shueh, Volker Betsch

Membership Committee, 7/12/11: PE Nick Pisalyaput,

P Mark Butters, PDG Praphan Hutasingh, PP Ole Madsen,

PP Vichai Tantrativud, Jon Plate, Rui Belo, Mike Schulz

Christmas Diner, 8/12/11: DGE Alex Mavro, Carol Kuhn,

Chip Bowness, Dean Outerson, Doug Riach, Henry Kosim,

Ian Morris, Jon Plate, PP John Quarmby, Junior Shaw,

Maarten Worp, Mark Marshall, Mike Schulz, PE Nick

Pisalyaput, PP Nigel Hardy, Peter Upperton, Prasert

Mangkornkarn, Rudy van der Hoeven, Tyrone Jenkins,

PP Don Lavoie, Stan Bailey



Club Calendar

Friday, 30 December (Lunch)
No Meeting

Friday 6 January (Lunch)
Chris Thatcher & Team
New Year Predictions

Friday, 13 January (Lunch)
Dr Mike Moreton
Epidemics

Friday, 20 January (Lunch)
HE Douglas Gibson
Ambassador of South Africa
to the Kingdom of Thailand

Friday, 27 January
06.00 to 14.00
Coins on Silom

Polio Plus Phase 1: 18 January 2012

Thursday, 02 February (Paul Harris Dinner)
Pichai Chuensuksawadi

Polio Plus Phase 2: 15 February 2012

Thursday, 01 March 2012
Club Golf Tournament

For Bangkok South Events
[rotarybangkoksouth.org/
calendar-of-events](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events)



From the waters to Water

Wolfgang (Wasser Kaiser) is organizing the inauguration of two CDWS in Sukhothai and Lampang Province, set for Friday, 30 December 2011.

There will also be a Club meeting on 29 December with RC of Sawankhaklok North resulting in three make ups. Transport will be by private car.

For further details, contact Wolfgang at wolfgangminderjahn@gmail.com

New Year's CDWS trip planned



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