

PHUKET WEEKLY UPDATE

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COMING SOON

UPCOMING EVENTS

PHUKET HOTELS ASSOCIATION

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Phuket GREEN DAY

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

WORLD CLEAN UP DAY

FRIDAY
15 SEPTEMBER 2023

RAISING AWARENESS WITH THE LARGEST PHUKET CLEAN-UP DAY

Scholars of Sustenance Foundation (SOS) Phuket

WORLD FOOD DAY EVENT

COOKING FOR THE PHUKET COMMUNITY

You can cook at home or order from the shop
sos will pick up

9 OCT 2023 START 4 PM

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WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO SUPPLIER DIVERSITY AND GENDER RESPONSIVE PROCUREMENT

A one day workshop offered by UN Women (WE RISE Together)

📅 19 September 2023 ⌚ 09.00 – 15.00 hrs.
📍 Dibuk room, Avista Grande Phuket Karon

AM Diversifying Supplier Base

- Why it works for business?
- How to start?
- Example: Where it worked before?

PM Practical Session

- Supplier Diversity – Gender Responsive Procurement Analysis Tool
- Group exchange and discussion



This workshop is collaborated by:



#WERISERtogether

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THIS WEEKS' NEWS UPDATE

PHUKET AIRPORT TAXI TURMOIL: GRAB'S ENTRY DRIVES CABBIES TO COMPLAIN

Phuket's International Airport taxi drivers filed an official complaint about reduced income following the inclusion of Grab as an authorized service at the airport, effective from last Friday, September 1.

The complaint was submitted by Chukiat Panyawai, President of Phuket Business Car Service Cooperative Limited, to Rewat Areerob, President of Phuket Provincial Administration Organisation (PPAO), on September 6.

Members of the PPAO Executive board, including Chanjira Srisongkram, head of the PPAO legal department, were present at the meeting, along with Worrawit Srisakukammeet, Village Chief of Moo 6 in Mai Khao, representing local taxi drivers.



Chukiat's cooperative, representing 181 drivers, is facing financial strain due to Grab's presence at the airport. They pay substantial concession fees annually, and drivers are struggling to make enough trips to support their families.

For more information

DRAINING DILEMMA: ONWR CHIEF DIVES INTO PHUKET'S WATERY CHALLENGE

The Office of National Water Resources (ONWR), Secretary-General visited Phuket to see if he could manage to solve the popular Thai island's daily wastewater conundrum. Phuket has to deal with about 55,000 cubic metres of wastewater daily.

ONWR Secretary-General Surasee Kittimonthon visited Phuket to address the resort's water management issues, including flooding and potential droughts.

Surasee inspected the Patong Municipality Wastewater Treatment plant, which has expanded from treating 2,250 cubic meters daily in 1989 to handling up to 39,000 cubic meters now.

For more information



THAPANEE KIATPHAIBOON ASSUMES ROLE AS TAT GOVERNOR

Thapanee Kiatphaiboon has officially assumed her role as the new Governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT). With a career at TAT dating back to 1999, she has held various key positions within the organization, including Deputy Governor for Tourism Products and Business, and most recently, Deputy Governor for Domestic Marketing.

During her tenure as Deputy Governor for Domestic Marketing, Thapanee spearheaded several impactful tourism initiatives aimed at bolstering Thailand's economy. Notable initiatives included promoting workation in Thailand, faith and religious tourism routes, and solo travel, which collectively contributed to stimulating 151.45 million domestic trips in 2022, nearly 88% of the record set in 2019, generating 641.5 billion Baht.

For more information

KAZAKH TOURIST DROWNED ON PHUKET BEACH AFTER IGNORING WEATHER WARNING

The body of an 18 year old tourist from Kazakhstan, was discovered washed ashore drowned on Nai Yang Beach, Phuket. The man's body was found two days after he was declared missing. He had reportedly gone for a swim amidst inclement weather on September 1 and failed to return, sparking a search operation.

A lifeguard from Nai Yang Beach found Dmitriy Rochsha's body early this morning, approximately 1km from where he was last seen. The drowned victim was promptly reported to Sakhu Police and then transported to Vachira Phuket Hospital for post-mortem. Sakhu Police confirmed that there were no visible signs of struggle or violent death on Rochsha's body, leading to the belief that he drowned.

For more information



THIS WEEK'S EVENT

PHUKET HOTELS FOR ISLANDS SUSTAINING TOURISM 2023 (PHIST 6)

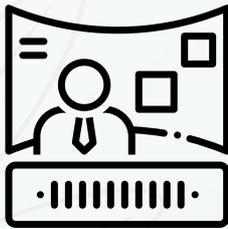
4 September 2023 at SAii Laguna , Phuket



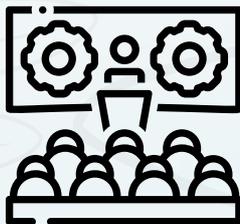
> 1000+ ATTENDEES



66 SPEAKERS



> 68 EXHIBITORS



19 WORKSHOPS + 2 SPECIAL SESSIONS
(BILL BENSLEY & KP HO)



AMAZING WORKSHOPS / SESSIONS / BOOTHS AT PHIST 6



Watch the video [click here!](#)

TOURISTS MARKET OVERVIEW

1 Tourists in Total 1st of Jan till 3rd of Sep 2023



2 Total Number of Tourists
1st of Jan till 3rd of Sep 2023

18,076,075 คน

301% (YOY)

3 Most tourists in Thailand are from

1		Malaysia	2,920,803 คน
2		China	2,230,707 คน
3		South Korea	1,072,928 คน
4		India	1,033,582 คน
5		Russia	930,696 คน

4 Important factors over the past week

- (+) Short semester break (1 week) and Merdeka Holidays of Malaysia
- (-) The end of semester break in several countries in East Asia and Middle East
- (-) The slowdown of travel season of the tourists from Europe, and South Asia

Source: Economics Tourism and Sports Division

For more tourism insights and statistics please visit: <https://www.travellink.go.th/>

USEFUL ARTICLES

ENGLISH

[Luxury hospitality: Trends, challenges, and best practices](#)

[How good acoustic design can enhance guest experience and comfort](#)

[The Skills Gap in the Hospitality Industry](#)

[What does a Hotel Manager do?](#)

[Event Management careers: everything you need to know](#)

[Equal opportunities: Insights by the EQUAL-SALARY Foundation](#)

Information sources

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