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# THAILAND CONSTRUCTION NEWS (TCN)

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Here goes with the latest issue of our informative and irreverent look at Thailand's construction scene. We hope you enjoy this issue, and let's have some feedback from you all (send us some jokes please). - ED.

PS. Subscription (mailing list) is FREE.



## The only way to start - with a joke or two

→ NEED SOME NEW JOKES PEOPLE!!! Keep sending us a few jokes we can use. Cheers! ←

#### Group of builders are working on a house

The owner's 8-year-old daughter starts helping them, wheeling bricks around in her toy wheelbarrow, joining them for tea breaks etc.

At the end of the week, they all chip in a pound and make up a pay packet for her.

Mum and Dad take her to the bank to bank her "wages".

The cashier asks her if it's her birthday money but she proudly informs her that it's wages from working with the builders.

The cashier is tickled pink by this and asks her if she'll be working next week.

She looks her in the eye and says, "Yes, but only if those wankers at Jewsons deliver the f\*cking bricks"



First day as a pilot: Control Tower: "Can you give me your position?". Me: "I'm next to a cloud that looks like a lion". Control Tower: "Can you be more specific?". Me: "He looks like Simba from The Lion King".

# Fred, an old retired yacht sailor, puts on his old Breton cap and Dubarry's and heads for the marina once more, for old time's sake.

He engages a prostitute and takes her up to a room.

He's soon going at it as well as he can for a guy his age, but needing some reassurance, he asks, 'How am I doing?'

The prostitute replies, 'Well Fred, you old sea-dog, you're doing about three knots.'

'Three knots?' he asks. 'What's that supposed to mean?'

She says, 'You're knot hard, you're knot in, and you're knot getting your money back."

#### A lady walks into a bar with a duck under her arm.

A drunk at the bar looks up and says "*where did you get that pig*"? The lady barks back at the drunk saying "*that's not a pig that's a duck!!*". The drunk says I wasn't talking to you I was talking to the duck.

# How to write Thai;



If your wife and a lawyer were drowning and you had to choose, would you go to lunch or to a movie?

What airlines think humans look like:



It was Sunday and God had finally finished creating the world. He stopped by Adam and Eve and said "Well, I have two treats left in my creation book, the first is the ability to stand up and pee, who wants it?"

Adam went nuts, he demanded that God give him the ability to stand up and pee.

God thought about it for a while and agreed to give Adam the ability to stand up and pee, then he turned to Eve and said, "*Sorry Eve, all I have left is multiple orgasms*"

Husband: "want a quickie?" Wife: "as opposed to what?"

What's new?

Do you or your company have some news?

Won a new project you would like to tell us about?

Opened a new office?

Have a new product?

Contact us for inclusion in TCN.

A REMINDER of what TCN is all about:

To make TCN interesting and worthwhile we need your contributions, simply put we can't do it all on our own. The concept of TCN is that you use us to help you.

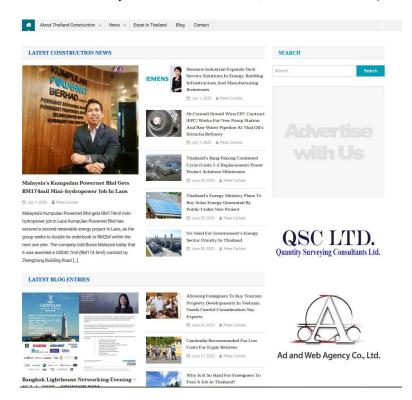
- ✓ For example, you want to let others know something that you or your company are doing...
- ✓ You're having a get-together, seminar, talk, knees up, whatever it is let us know and we'll pass it on.
- ✓ You're looking for a product or service that's proofing hard to track down, send us the details and we'll include it and see if our readers can come up trumps for you...
- ✓ You're tendering a project or a package of a project and want new interested contractors rather than the same old faces, send us some brief details and your contact details...
- ✓ You have a staff vacancy... send us 100 words or so on the position and your contact detail and we'll see if we can help you find that special employee....
- ✓ You've some news, gossip, rumour, etc...
- ✓ Loads of joke emails circulate don't they [we know cause we're as guilty of the rest of you of spending all days reading them instead of working, specially the mucky ones, right Ed] ...send then on to us and we'll include the best ones [rude ones will be included...we're all over 18, right? Ed]
- ✓ You got something to say about the industry you work in; life in general; football; Aussie rules; special offers you've seen; your Thai in-laws (!); Thai drivers; you're looking for something in Thailand; we're interested to hear from you just about any subject not just serious old construction. Send it to us by email - Ed]

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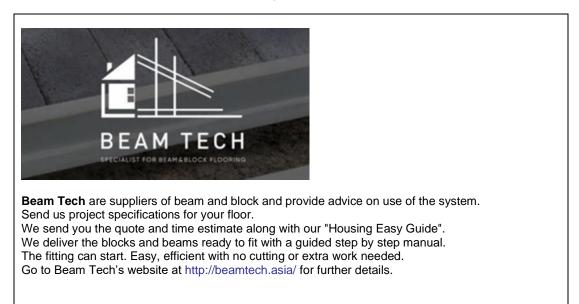
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In this edition of Thailand Construction News we have attached our company brochure, offering details on:

- WHO ARE WE?
- WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER?
- WHAT SERVICE OPTIONS DO WE OFFER?
- WHO DO WE PROVIDE OUR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO?
- WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?

From fulltime contract management services to just writing professional contractual and commercial correspondence (letters/emails) on your behalf to your client, we are here to help.

If your company have a potential contractual issue or claim developing or need assistance with any of the Services offered above by QSC Ltd, or if you just require more information on QSC Ltd or any of the services listed, then please contact us for preliminary discussion.

#### SEE OUR COMPANY BROCHURE ATTACHED FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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WHEN LOOKING FOR WORK, IS CONTACTING YOUR LINKEDIN CONNECTIONS THE WAY TO GO?



I've just written a little article about my recent experience contacting your LinkedIn connections as a means of trying to find work and has it been successful for me.

Have a read, especially if you are looking for work.

Here's a link to the article: https://lnkd.in/gGjDqquk

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Here are TEN of the latest news articles to tempt you with.

### **Construction News**



Bangkok's Scala Theatre demolition breaks hearts of Thai film fans

November 4, 2021

Bangkok's Scala Theatre demolition breaks hearts of Thai film fans The once-famous "Scala Theatre", in operation for 54 years in Bangkok's Siam Square, was demolished earlier this week. It was a heart-breaking moment for local film fans. The capital's only independent, single screen cinema closed its curtains for the final time last year. The demolition, [...]

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**New 2-kilometre-long link road to ease traffic at U-Tapao International Airport in Rayong** November 4, 2021

New 2-kilometre-long link road to ease traffic at U-Tapao International Airport in Rayong A 2-kilometrelong road is set to be constructed linking a nearby motorway with U-tapao airport in Rayong, the Department of Highways (DoH) said on Tuesday. The project will take three years to complete and is due to break ground next year at [...]

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State-run Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand eyes 2nd floating farm November 4, 2021

State-run Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand eyes 2nd floating farm Set to build a solar plant in Khon Kaen State-run Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (Egat) looks forward to building its second floating solar farm in Khon Kaen after commencing commercial operation of the hydro-floating solar hybrid project at Sirindhorn Dam in Ubon Ratchathani. Claimed [...]

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Cambodia's Dara Sakor International Airport in Koh Kong province Set for Flight Trials Early Next Year

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Cambodia's Dara Sakor International Airport in Koh Kong province Set for Flight Trials Early Next Year Dara Sakor International Airport in Koh Kong province is set for flight trials earlier next year as the whole construction process is close to completion. The trial will lead to commercial flight service to commence and contribute to the [...]



Bangkok's 42-kilometre 8-lane Ratchapruek road to be expanded to 10-lane road by 2024 November 4, 2021

Bangkok's 42-kilometre 8-lane Ratchapruek road to be expanded to 10-lane road by 2024 Ratchapruek Road, one of the main routes to the north of Bangkok and the western bank of the Chao Phraya River, is being expanded to keep up with the robust economic activities in Nonthaburi and Pathum Thani, said the Department of Rural [...]

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Demolition begins on Bangkok's historic art deco Scala theater despite mall developer's preservation promise

November 3, 2021

Demolition begins on Bangkok's historic art deco Scala theater despite mall developer's preservation promise SEE ALSO: Can Bangkok's Historic Art Deco Theater 'The Scala Cinema' Be Saved? Nov 1, 2021 The historic facade of an art deco theater from Bangkok's golden age of cinema was being demolished this morning, according to a video taken from [...]



Siemens Gamesa signs \$400 million wind gear agreement with Vietnam's BCG Energy November 3, 2021

Siemens Gamesa signs \$400 million wind gear agreement with Vietnam's BCG Energy Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGREN.MC) has signed a preliminary agreement to supply wind turbine gear worth up to \$400 million to Vietnam's BCG Energy, Vietnam's government said on Monday. The memorandum of understanding is part of the Vietnamese firm's move to develop wind [...]

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Cambodia announces it does not plan to develop anymore new coal-fired power plants November 3, 2021

Cambodia announces it does not plan to develop anymore new coal-fired power plants Suy Sem, Minister of Mines and Energy, has said that Cambodia does not plan to develop anymore new coal-fired power plants in addition to the projects already approved by the Royal Government since 2019 and continue to encourage investment in clean energy [...]



Grundfos introduces new groundwater pump controller to advance Thailand's smart agriculture future

#### November 3, 2021

Grundfos introduces new groundwater pump controller to advance Thailand's smart agriculture future A pump industry-first, the controller provides reliability and flexibility to control submersible borehole pumps for irrigation, extraction, and agricultural water supply and transfer Thailand, 1 November 2021: Grundfos, a global leader in advanced pump solutions and water technology, today announced the launch of [...]

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**Construction works giving new life to Bangkok's canals** November 3, 2021

Construction works giving new life to Bangkok's canals Bangkok Metropolitan Administration is set to unveil five new public spaces by year-end that will increase green cover Once known as the Venice of the East, Bangkok has seen its vast network of rivers winding through the capital vanish due to urban development. Construction has filled in [...]

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## Blog



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Thailand still a retiree magnet – ranks 5th in world's most desirable places to retire Thailand ranks in the world's top five most desirable places to retire, according to an analysis of Google search terms. The study involved searches made from 142 countries, and was conducted by Money.co.uk, one of the UK's leading comparison websites [...]

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Thailand prepares to welcome back tourists on November 1 after shutdown that has devastated the hotel sector – with properties now in a fierce price war November 1, 2021

Thailand prepares to welcome back tourists on November 1 after shutdown that has devastated the hotel sector – with properties now in a fierce price war Visitor numbers crashed from 40million in 2019 to just 73,000 in 2021 so far The kingdom is expecting the return of at least a million visitors by March The [...]



Thailand reopens on 01 November 2021 – what you need to know October 29, 2021

Thailand reopens on 01 November 2021 – what you need to know Thailand's once-lucrative tourism sector is a shadow of its former self after months of coronavirus travel restrictions. But on Monday, the kingdom reopens its doors to vaccinated travellers from more than 40 countries. Here's what you need to know: Tourism, year zero Before [...]

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Cambodia to re-open to international travellers on 30 November 2021 October 28, 2021

Cambodia to re-open to international travellers on 30 November 2021 Foreign tourists will soon roam Cambodia's ancient Angkor Wat temples once again, after officials on Tuesday flagged a partial reopening to vaccinated travellers. The coronavirus pandemic and travel restrictions put the brakes on Cambodia's burgeoning tourism industry — revenue plummeted to \$1 billion last year, [...]



WHAT IS YOUR CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTING LINKEDIN INVITATIONS? October 26, 2021

WHAT IS YOUR CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTING LINKEDIN INVITATIONS? As I'm currently looking for \*construction and engineering work opportunities, I'm spending more time on LinkedIn than I usually do when I'm busy in fulltime work. One of the things I do regularly to try to 'hunt down' potential opportunities, is sending a LinkedIn invitation to connect [...]

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<u>AustCham Thailand</u>; Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce, 20th Floor, Unit 203, Thai CC Tower, 889 South Sathorn Road, Yannawa, Sathorn, Bangkok 10120 Thailand, Email. <u>execdirector@austchamthailand.com</u>, <u>http://www.austchamthailand.com</u> – contact Mark Carrol, Executive Director, <u>execdirector@austchamthailand.com</u>

THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS International Chapter, Thailand; Visit www.aiqs.com.au; Email. Leong Choong Peng leongchoongpeng@gmail.com

BCCT; General Enquiries: greg@bccthai.com; http://www.bccthai.com

UPDATED 20.04.21 - <u>Thailand Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators</u> – https://www.ciarb.org/ournetwork/asia/thailand/

<u>CIBSE (Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers)</u>: We understand that there is no longer a Country Representative for Thailand – for the closest chapter, refer to the CIBSE website link ( <u>https://www.cibse.org/networks/regions/international-chapters</u>)

Engineering Institute of Thailand (EIT) - http://www.eit.or.th/eng/

Engineers Australia - Thailand Interest Group ~ Enquiries: Len Johnstone lenj@loxinfo.co.th

<u>ICC (Thailand)</u>; International Chamber of Commerce – Thailand Board of Trade of Thailand Bldg., 3rd floor, 150/2 Rajbopit Road, Bangkok 10200 Email : <u>admin@iccthailand.or.th</u> ; Website : <u>http://www.iccthailand.or.th</u>

**UPDATED 26.01.20** - International Chamber of Commerce (Thailand) Arbitration & ADR Commission – The current Chair is Mr Desmond Hughes of the law firm Hughes Krupica whose email address is desmond@hugheskrupica.com

Project Management Institute Bangkok Chapter, 75/33 Sukhumvit 26, Richmond Bldg. 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bangkok 10110, Tel: 02 661 3850, Website: <u>http://www.pmithai.org</u>

<u>Society of Professional Engineers Thailand (SPET)</u>; SPET usually meets on the third Thursday of every month except April, when there is no meeting (usually meetings are held at the British Club); contact Christopher Moore at <u>chris@lasanne.com</u>.

Thai Contractor Association - http://www.tca.or.th/html/index.asp.

<u>The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) - Thailand</u>, The current chairperson of the RICS is Mr. Leong Choong Peng whose email address is <u>LeongCP@arcadis.com</u>

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# \*\*\*Lighthouse Club (Branches):

All updated details below kindly provided by Janey Rogers on 18 May 2020.

DETAILS OF ALL LIGHTHOUSE CLUB BRANCH GET-TOGETHERS AND OTHER EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE LIGHTHOUSE CLUB INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE: www.lighthouseclubintl.com

DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 SITUATION MOST, IF NOT ALL, EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. SOME ARE TAKING PLACE "VIRTUALLY". SEE BRANCH DETAILS BELOW.

#### Australia

Generally, meet once per month or once every 2 months in the following locations: Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney. Details available from their website www.lighthouseclubaus.org. Contact Paul Roberts, proberts@secretariat-intl.com or Nick Longley, nick.longley@hfw.com

#### Cambodia

Meet monthly or every 2 months in Phnom Penh. Contact Kerr Thomson, kerr.thomson@covathinking.com or Ben Whitrod, md@imagineppm.com

#### Hong Kong

Meet monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month. Venues vary. Contact Robert Gordon, robert.gordon@burohappold.com or Elaine Man, info@lighthouseclubhk.com. Website www.lighthouseclubhk.com.

#### Macau

Meet monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Venues vary. Contact Keith Buckley, keith.buckley@lighthouseclubmacau.com or Phil Clarke, phillip.clarke@lighthouseclubmacau.com

#### **UPDATED 25.10.21**

#### Malaysia

Meet monthly in KL on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Venues vary. Contact Cindy Wong at lighthouseclubkl@gmail.com or check out their Facebook page www.facebook.com/LighthouseClubKL

#### Myanmar

Meet monthly usually on last Wednesday of the month. Venues vary. Contact John Anderson, johna@meinhardt.net

#### Philippines

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> month. Venues vary. Contact Sam Powell, samuel.powell@hmrphils.com

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Meet monthly every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and every last Friday of the month for the Late Lunch. Contact Gareth Hughes, gareth.hughes@rsmthailand.com

#### Vietnam

Meet every 2 months. Venues vary. Contact Colin Johnston, cjohnston@bkasiapacific.com

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## The 'Outro' [it never changes]: Your contributions are needed

Thailand has become home in recent decades to many expatriates from countries all over the globe and particularly for those of us in the construction, engineering, oil, petroleum, property and telecommunications industries. We work in huge industries, we're spread all over the nation and we're all so isolated and living in our little world that we all know a little bit of what's happening out there in the industries but there's currently nothing available as an instrument to convey and inform us more about what's currently happening outside one's little office, project site, 6 pm sundowners bar or wherever your little world is, other than word of mouth. TCN reckons that Thailand needs a 'jungle drum' to which we can all contribute to disseminate [ooh, big word – Ed] our own little knowledge to others. TCN wants to be that 'jungle drum' [a kind of an emailed version of the stuff you talk about in those rather nice bars in Soi 33 on the way home – that 4<sup>th</sup> beer is the dangerous one isn't it, eh! – Ed] to make it work though we will need the input of you, you and you - our subscribers. Contribute as much as possible, PLEASE.

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