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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! ←**

**A blind man walks into a bar. And a table. And a chair.**

I know a lot of jokes about unemployed people but none of them work.

**What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.**

My wife accused me of being immature. I told her to get out of my fort.

**When a deaf person sees someone yawn, do they think it's a scream?**

As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.

**How do crazy people go through the forest? They take the physco path.**

A woman walks into a library and asked if they had any books about paranoia. The librarian says "They're right behind you!"

**The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.**



Therapist: Have you ever had a job?

Me: I once worked at a zoo

Therapist: Great! And what did you take from that?

Me: Definitely not a penguin

Therapist: what

Me: what

**In a tiny village lived an old maid. In spite of her old age, she was still a virgin. She was very proud of it. She** knew her last days were getting closer, so she told the local undertaker that she wanted the following inscription on her tombstone:

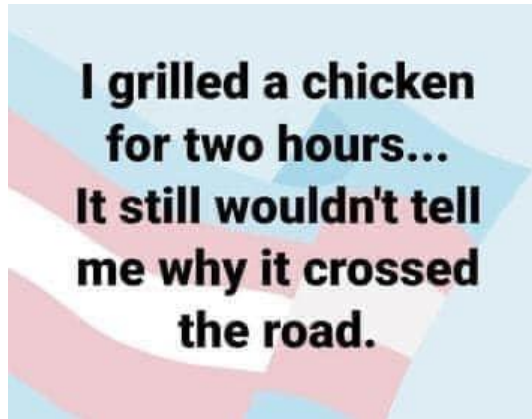
*"Born as a virgin, lived as a virgin, died as a virgin".*

Not long after, the old maid died peacefully, and the undertaker told his men what the lady had said. The men went to carve it in, but as the lazy no-goods they were, they thought the inscription to be unnecessarily long. They simply wrote:

*"Returned unopened"*



If a man is standing alone in the woods and says something and there is no woman there to hear him speak, is he still wrong?



The downstairs neighbor just installed a stripper pole. What is the best way to deal with this?



Xavier  
Hook a car battery to it.

***There was this preacher who was an avid golfer. Every chance he could get, he could be found on the golf course swinging away. It was an obsession.***

*One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golfing. The sun was out, no clouds in the sky, and the temperature was just right. The preacher was in a quandary as to what to do, and shortly, the urge to play golf overcame him. He called an assistant to tell him that he was sick and could not do church, packed the car up, and drove three hours to a golf course where no one would recognize him. Happily, he began to play the course.*

*An angel up above was watching the preacher and was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, "Look at the preacher. He should be punished for what he is doing." God nodded in agreement.*

*The preacher teed up on the first hole. He swung at the ball, and it sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup three hundred and fifty yards away. A hole-in-one. He was amazed and excited.*

*The angel was a little shocked. He turned to God and said, "Begging Your pardon, but I thought you were going to punish him."*

*God smiled. "Think about it -- who can he tell?"*

Finally, some clothes for drunk people



WIFE AWARD OF THE YEAR,  
GOES TO.....!!!!



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 proving 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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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.

LIFE SKILLS CLASS			
HOW TO SPEAK TO WOMEN			
DANGEROUS	SAFER	SAFEST	ULTRA SAFE
What's for dinner?	Can I help you with dinner?	Where would you like to go for dinner?	Here, have some wine.
Are you wearing that?	You sure look good in brown!	WOW! Look at you!	Here, have some wine.
What are you so worked up about?	Could we be overreacting?	Here's my paycheck.	Here, have some wine.
Should you be eating that?	You know, there are a lot of apples left.	Can I get you a piece of chocolate with that?	Here, have some wine.
What did you DO all day?	I hope you didn't over-do it today.	I've always loved you in that robe!	Here, have some wine.



Packing for your return



The Oatmeal

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**Thai cabinet makes commendable decision to allow legal migrant workers from Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos to stay on in Thailand**

March 18, 2022

Thai cabinet makes commendable decision to allow legal migrant workers from Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos to stay on in Thailand Migrant workers required in the food processing and construction sectors This week, the Thai cabinet made a commendable decision to allow legal migrant workers from Myanmar, Cambodia and the Lao PDR, who have been working [...]

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### **South Korea's Samsung C&T and Vietnam's Lilama Corp win \$940 mln contract for Vietnam's first LNG power plants**

March 18, 2022

South Korea's Samsung C&T and Vietnam's Lilama Corp win \$940 mln contract for Vietnam's first LNG power plants Consortium will build the Nhon Trach 3 and Nhon Trach 4 plants A consortium of South Korea's Samsung C&T Corp and Vietnam's Lilama Corp has won a \$940 million contract to build Vietnam's first LNG-fired power plants, [...]

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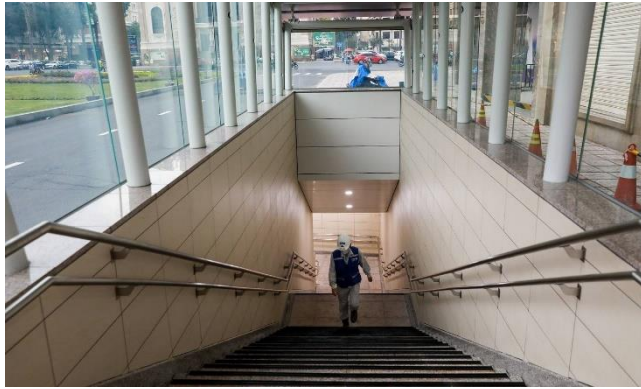
### **Bangkok Metropolitan Administration starts courting Grey Line monorail project investors, due to begin in 2026**

March 18, 2022

Bangkok Metropolitan Administration starts courting Grey Line monorail project investors, due to begin in 2026 READ ALSO: Plans For Bangkok's New 'Grey Line' Electric Monorail Project Gather Steam, Feasibility Studies Ahead Of March 2022 Start The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) is seeking private companies interested in investing in its Grey Line monorail project as construction [...]

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### **HCMC's 1st metro line plans \$7-mln upgrade of automatic fare collection system**

March 18, 2022

HCMC's 1st metro line plans \$7-mln upgrade of automatic fare collection system upgrade would enable passengers to buy tickets using credit cards, e-wallets and QR codes. The developer of HCMC's metro line No.1 has sought approval to upgrade its automatic fare collection (AFC) system to improve efficiency of service. The HCMC Management Authority for Urban [...]

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### **Myanmar suffers power cuts amid turmoil, rising costs**

March 18, 2022

Myanmar suffers power cuts amid turmoil, rising costs Myanmar is suffering frequent power outages following last year's military coup and as energy prices rise. The military-controlled electricity and energy ministry says transmission equipment at hydro-power plants has been destroyed by militant forces. The ministry also says some natural gas-fueled power plants have suspended operations because [...]

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### **Laos power plant deals in the pipeline**

March 18, 2022

Laos power plant deals in the pipeline Developers and operators of four hydroelectric power plants in Laos will sign power purchase agreements with energy policymakers in Laos and Thailand within May under a plan to promote more renewable energy. Massive investments in these power plants, which will be located in northern Laos, are expected over [...]

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### **Thailand's Koh Samui port feasibility study launched**

March 18, 2022

Thailand's Koh Samui port feasibility study launched Site at Laem Hin Khom in tambon Taling Ngam seen as a potential location for proposed cruise ship terminal project The Marine Department has decided to launch a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a cruise ship terminal on Koh Samui in Surat Thani province. In an [...]

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### Self-built homes in Thailand hit by 5-8% cost hike as Russia-Ukraine conflict pushes up prices

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Self-built homes in Thailand hit by 5-8% cost hike as Russia-Ukraine conflict pushes up prices Prices of self-built homes will rise 5-8% after the Russia-Ukraine conflict pushed up prices of metals and fuel by more than 50% in less than a month, according to the Home Builder Association. Woravut Kanjanakul, the association's president, said metal [...]

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### Laopec, The first modern petroleum refinery in Laos

March 18, 2022

Laopec, The first modern petroleum refinery in Laos Lao Petroleum and Chemical Co Ltd (Laopec), located in the Saysettha Development Zone in Lao capital Vientiane, has invested more than \$200 million in a petroleum refinery. Laopec launched the first phase of production of its three million tonnes a year refinery in December 2020, which has [...]

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## Thai Transport minister checks work on fifth Thai-Laos bridge from Bueng Kan to Bolikhamsai

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Thai Transport minister checks work on fifth Thai-Laos bridge from Bueng Kan to Bolikhamsai Transport Minister Saksayam Chidchob on Saturday inspected work on the fifth Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge from Bueng Kan to Bolikhamsai. The bridge is due for completion in 2024. It will carry goods and tourists between the two countries on Highway 212 from [...]

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Police appeal for any information on this man seen not wearing a mask in Tesco yesterday





## Blog

# QSC LTD.

## Quantity Surveying Consultants Ltd.

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August 16, 2021

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You know it's cold as fuck out there when you put ur wig over your hoodie



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

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

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**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](mailto: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: <http://www.pmithai.org>

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

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) - Thailand, The current chairperson of the RICS is Mr. Leong Choong Peng whose email address is [LeongCP@arcadis.com](mailto:LeongCP@arcadis.com)

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

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**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](http://www.lighthouseclubaus.org). Contact Paul Roberts, [proberts@secretariat-intl.com](mailto:proberts@secretariat-intl.com) or Nick Longley, [nick.longley@hfw.com](mailto:nick.longley@hfw.com)

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#### **Philippines**

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#### **Singapore**

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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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