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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).

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Welcome to a Bumper Xmas Edition.

Wishing you all a Velly Melly Chlismat and a Happy New Year

I'm this old!

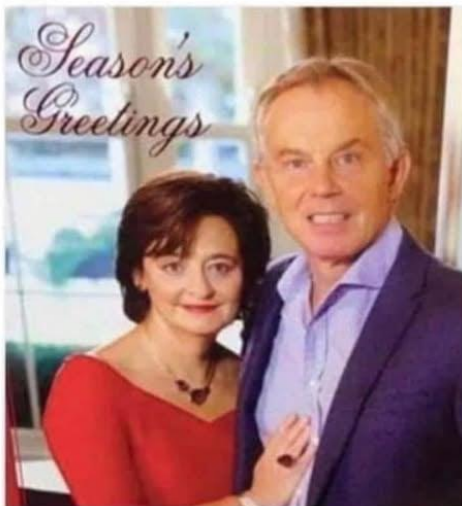
**It must be nearly
Christmas...**



**The bin men are starting
to say "Good morning!!"**



I never truly feel the Christmas spirit
until I see the "Tony Blair being held
back from attacking you in the pub" card



Don't be mad. I said I was
sorry. I should have made
reservations.
Talk to me Mary.
Mary...?!?!
MARY????????????

I'm
FINE

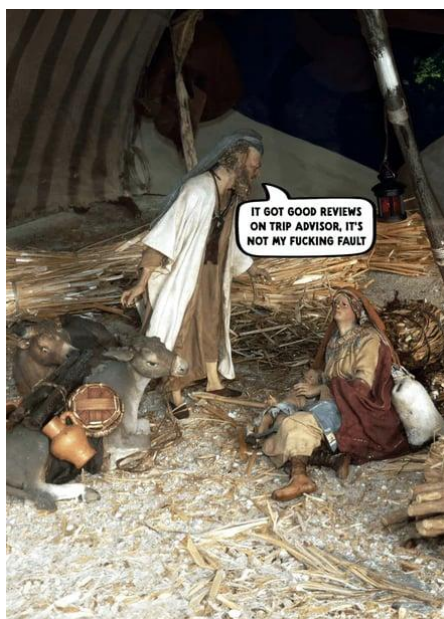
**how silent night
began**



when u think u meeting Satan but u read the sign wrong and now u here



Found my stripper name



Vomcab

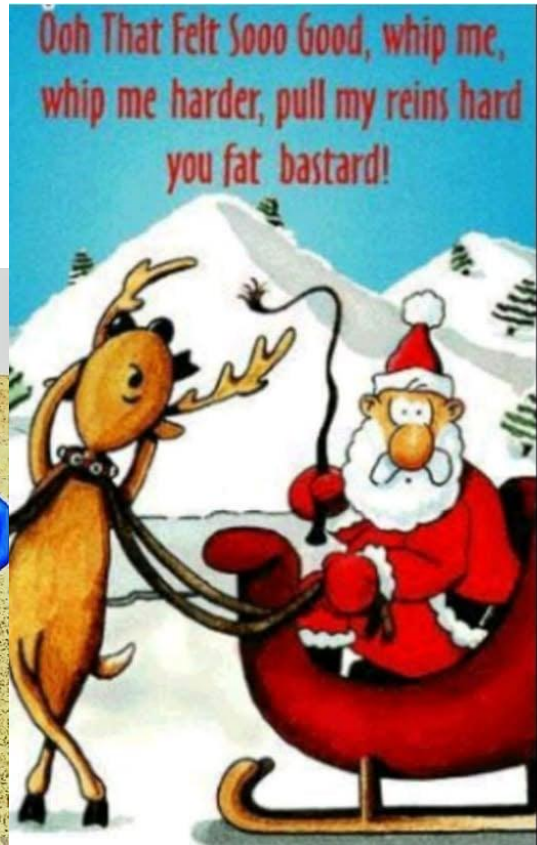
[Vom-kab]

Made up disgusting words like 'Crimbo' and 'Holibobs' 'Chillax' etc.



The only way to start – with a joke or two

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



Viagra is now available in a teabag. It doesn't improve your sexual performance...but it stops your biscuit going soft.

'This is really a lovely horse, I once rode her mother.' (Ted Walsh Horse Racing Commentator)

"Moses Kiptanui -the 19 year old Kenyan, who turned 20 a few weeks ago." (David Coleman)

"We now have exactly the same situation as we had at the start of the race, only exactly the opposite." (Murray Walker)

"He's pulling him off! The Spanish manager is pulling his captain off!" (RTE's George Hamilton on Spain manager Luis Suarez's substitution of Butragueno during their world cup qualifier with Ireland in Seville, 1992)

On the difficulties of adjusting to playing football and living in Italy: "It was like being in a foreign country." (Ian Rush)

"Bill Frindal has done a bit of mental arithmetic with a calculator." (John Arlott)

"Hodge scored for Forest after 22 seconds -totally against the run of play." (Peter Lorenzo)

"We actually got the winner three minutes from the end but then they equalised." (Ian McNail)

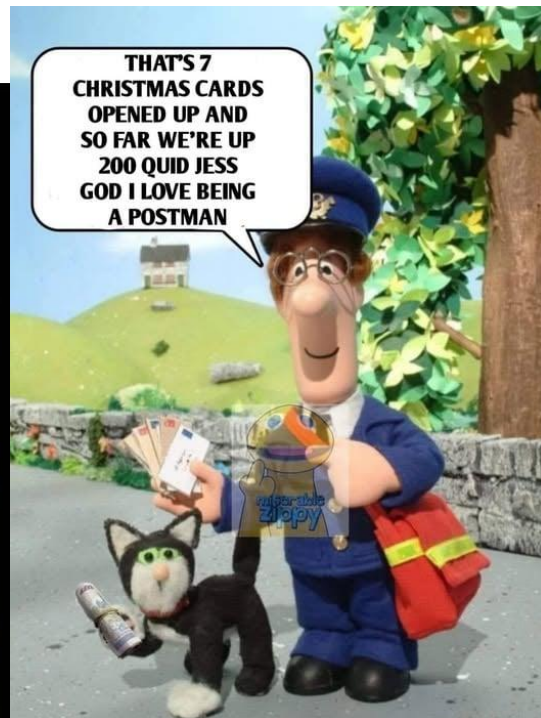
"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body." (Winston Bennett)

"The lead car is absolutely unique, except for the one behind it which is identical." (Murray Walker)

"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father." (Greg Norman)

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in boxing -but none of them serious." (Alan Minter)

When you are determined to get your money's worth out of that twelve foot skeleton you bought for Halloween.



"The racecourse is as level as a billiard ball." (John Francombe)

"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again." (Terry Venables)

We'll still be happy if we lose. It's on at the same time as the Beer Festival.' (Noel O' Mahony, Cork City boss before the game in Munich)

'I would not say he (David Ginola) is the best left winger in the Premiership, but there are none better.' (Ron Atkinson).

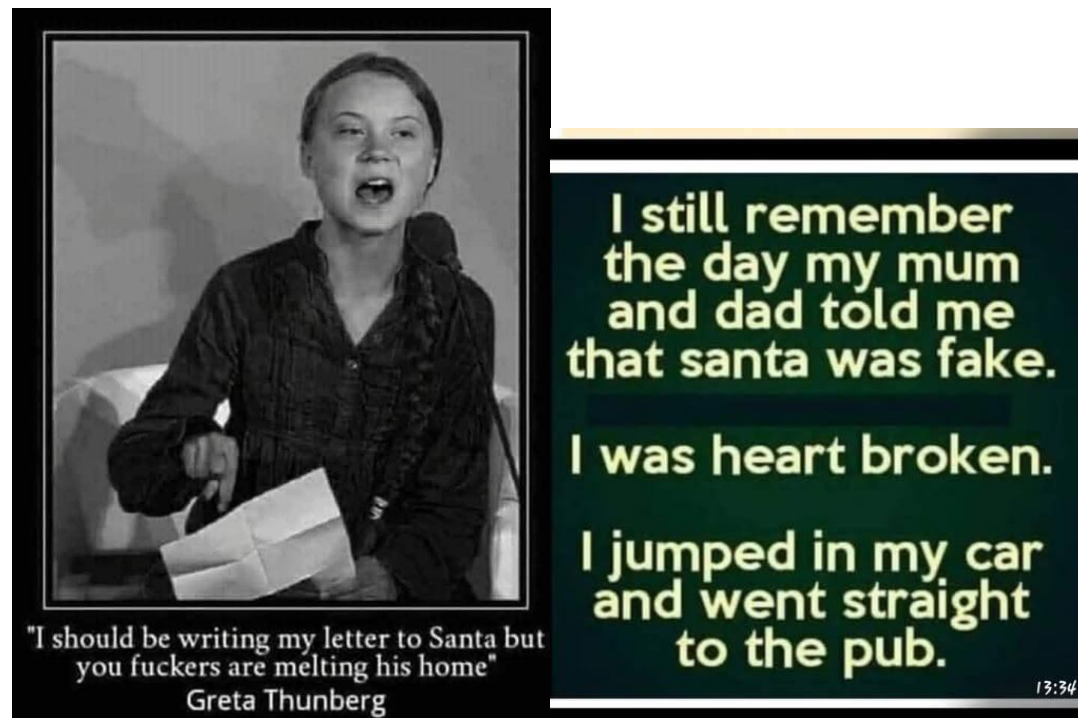
MARY, EXHAUSTED FROM THE LONG TRIP, HAVING JUST GOTTEN JESUS TO SLEEP, IS APPROACHED BY A BOY WHO THINKS TO HIMSELF:
WHAT THIS LADY NEEDS RIGHT NOW IS A DRUM SOLO...



'He dribbles a lot and the opposition don't like it -you can see it all over their faces.' (Ron Atkinson)

'I never comment on referees and I'm not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that prat.' (Ron Atkinson)

'It took a lot of bottle for Tony (Adams) to own up.' (Ian Wright commenting on his teammate's alcoholism)



'Ah, isn't that nice, the wife of the Cambridge president is kissing the cox of the Oxford crew.' (Harry Carpenter -BBC TV Boat Race 1977)

'Here we are in the Holy Land of Israel -a Mecca for tourists.' (David Vine)

'Morcelli has four fastest 1500-metre times ever. And all those times are at 1500 metres.' (David Coleman)

'Julian Dicks is everywhere. It's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field.' (Metro Radio)

'....and later we will have action from the men's cockless pairs....'(Sue Barker)

'Her time is about 4.33, which she's capable of.' (David Coleman)

Dennis Pennis: 'Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?' Chris Eubank: 'On what?'

'Sex is an anti-climax after that!' (Grand National winning jockey Mark Fitzgerald.)

'Well, you gave the horse a wonderful ride, everybody saw that.' (Desmond Lynam)

'To play Holland, you have to play the Dutch.' (Ruud Gullit)

'Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw.' (Ron Atkinson)

'For those of you watching in black and white, Spurs are in the all-yellow strip.' (John Motson)

'Strangely, in slow motion replay, the ball seemed to hang in the air for even longer.' (David Acfield)

'What will you do when you leave football, Jack -will you stay in football?' (Stuart Ball -Radio 5 live) 'I'd like to play for an Italian club, like Barcelona.' (Mark Draper? Aston Villa)

'There goes Juantorena down the back straight, opening his legs and showing his class.' (David Coleman at The Montreal Olympics)

'And for those of you who watched the last programme (Fanny and Johnny Craddock), I hope all your doughnuts turn out like Fanny's.' (David Coleman at the start of Match of The Day)

'...and Ray Illingworth is relieving himself in front of the pavilion.' (John Arlott)

'These greens are so fast they must bikini wax them.' (Gary McCord on the greens at Augusta)

'One of the reasons Arnie (Arnold Palmer) is playing so well is that, before each tee-shot, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them -Oh my God, what have I just said?' (USTV commentator Johnny Huntridge)



A man met a beautiful lady and he decided he wanted to marry her right away.

She said, "But we don't know anything about each other."

He said, "That's all right, we'll learn about each other as well go along."

So, she consented, and they were married, and went on a honeymoon to a nice resort.

One morning they were lying by the pool, when he got up off of his towel, climbed up to the high diving board, and did a two and a half tuck gainer, followed by three rotations in a jackknife position, where he straightened out and cut the water like a knife. After a few more demonstrations, he came back and lay down on the towel.

His new bride said, "That was incredible! Where did you learn to dive like that?" to which he replied "I used to be an Olympic diving champion. You see, I told you we'd learn more about ourselves as we went along."

A few minutes later she got up, jumped in the pool, and started doing laps.

After about fifty laps she climbed back out and lay down on her towel, hardly out of breath.

The shocked husband said, "That was incredible! Were you an Olympic endurance swimmer?"

"NOPE" she replied, "I was a hooker in Venice and I worked both sides of the canal."

What's new?

Do you or your company have some news?

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

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- ✓ 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 them 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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Laos to Welcome Tallest Hotel–Condominium Landmark by 2028

December 18, 2025

Laos to Welcome Tallest Hotel–Condominium Landmark by 2028 KPL Laos is set to reach new heights—literally. Construction is underway on the Lao Center Project, the tallest hotel and condominium development in the country. Rising 46 storeys in Phapho Village, Sisattanak District, Vientiane, the mixed-use complex is expected to be completed and open to the public [...]

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Bangkok's City Hall prepares to consider future of skytrain

December 18, 2025

Bangkok's City Hall prepares to consider future of skytrain Study to set out all the options as existing concession will expire in 2029 Bangkok city officials are preparing to consider the future of the skytrain system, as the expiry of the existing 30-year concession is just four years away. The Traffic and Transportation Department expects [...]

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Thailand's High-Speed Rail Project Faces Fresh Delays After Political Shift

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Thailand's High-Speed Rail Project Faces Fresh Delays After Political Shift Thailand's three-airport high-speed rail project has hit yet another delay following the House dissolution, which pushed the government into caretaker status and blocked further action on key contractual amendments. The ambitious project, designed to link Don Mueang, Suvarnabhumi, and U-Tapao airports, has stalled as the [...]

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Thailand's Transport Ministry maps out 160-billion-baht buyback of four rail lines under 30-year O&M model

December 17, 2025

Thailand's Transport Ministry maps out 160-billion-baht buyback of four rail lines under 30-year O&M model Transport Ministry plans a 160-billion-baht buyback of four PPP rail lines to create single ownership under MRTA, cap fares and enable a seamless common ticket The government is preparing a 160-billion-baht plan to buy back concessions on four major electric [...]

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Accelerated construction on the 25B and 25C axes connecting to Vietnam's Long Thanh Airport

December 17, 2025

Accelerated construction on the 25B and 25C axes connecting to Vietnam's Long Thanh Airport In mid-December, construction on routes 25B and 25C connecting to Long Thanh Airport was proceeding rapidly, with many items accelerating towards completion; some sections will be completed this year, while the remaining sections are expected to reach completion in 2026. One [...]

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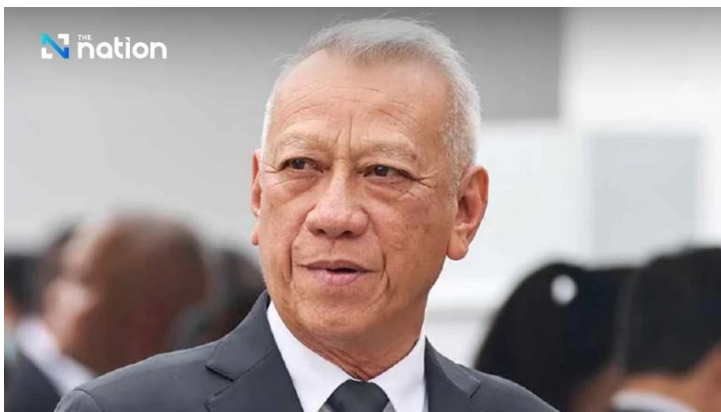


Mitsubishi Power Receives Contract to Upgrade Existing Boiler Equipment at the O Mon 1 Thermal Power Plant in Vietnam

December 16, 2025

Mitsubishi Power Receives Contract to Upgrade Existing Boiler Equipment at the O Mon 1 Thermal Power Plant in Vietnam — Playing a Central Role in the Oil-to-Natural Gas Fuel Conversion Project — 2025-11-05 · Leveraging Mitsubishi Power's technical capabilities as the OEM of the existing boiler to carry out the fuel conversion · In addition [...]

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Thai Cabinet to decide on revision of 3-airport high-speed rail contract, says Phiphat

December 16, 2025

Thai Cabinet to decide on revision of 3-airport high-speed rail contract, says Phiphat Transport Ministry will ask the Cabinet to decide whether to amend the high-speed rail linking three airports contract, warning that changes could expose the state to lawsuits from losing bidders over altered project conditions. Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn [...]

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The greening of power – how Thailand's Government Complex has transformed into a climate-resilient, human-centric public space

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The greening of power – how Thailand's Government Complex has transformed into a climate-resilient, human-centric public space 'It is full of concrete. Dry and barren.' That was his first impression of Government Complex on Chaeng Watthana Road when Nalikatibhag Sangsnit took the helm at Dhanarak Asset Development (DAD). Supervised by the Treasury Department, DAD, a [...]

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Vietnam Approves \$7.8 Billion to construct Gia Binh International Airport in Bac Ninh Province

December 16, 2025

Vietnam Approves \$7.8 Billion to construct Gia Binh International Airport in Bac Ninh Province Vietnam's National Assembly has approved a VND196 trillion (\$7.8 billion) project to construct Gia Binh International Airport in Bac Ninh Province. Set to become a world-class aviation hub, the new airport will cater to 30 million passengers by 2030 and expand [...]

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Fierce resistance to the idea of turning Kasetsart tunnel–Ngamwongwan Road–Phong Phet Bridge into part of a double deck expressway

December 13, 2025

Fierce resistance to the idea of turning Kasetsart tunnel–Ngamwongwan Road–Phong Phet Bridge into part of a double deck expressway Mass transit preferred: Bangkok is too small to expand roads and expressways. Yet it has more room to expand mass transit systems The fierce resistance against the idea of turning the Kasetsart tunnel–Ngamwongwan Road–Phong Phet Bridge [...]

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Calls to publicise Thailand's updated entry rules as the country tightens measures to curb multiple visa runs

December 13, 2025

Calls to publicise Thailand's updated entry rules as the country tightens measures to curb multiple visa runs Amid a rise in the number of cases of travellers being denied entry to Thailand, tourism operators are urging the government to regularly publicise updated rules and rely more on pre-screening methods, as the country tightens measures to [...]

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New calls to increase UK State Pension for over 400,000 people with frozen pensions next year

December 13, 2025

New calls to increase UK State Pension for over 400,000 people with frozen pensions next year
Campaigners say it would cost the UK Government just £63 million to unfreeze State Pension payments. Over 400,000 British retirees living overseas say they have once again been left 'out of sight, out of mind and out of pocket' [...]

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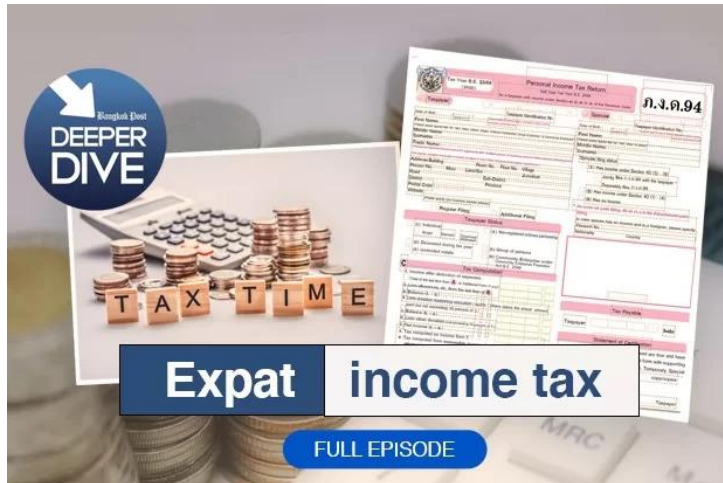


Bangkok's Single Transit Card for Bangkok's Four Rail Lines Delayed Over Financial Issues

December 11, 2025

Bangkok's Single Transit Card for Bangkok's Four Rail Lines Delayed Over Financial Issues The introduction of a single transit card for Bangkok's four rail lines has hit another delay, with Transport Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn citing unresolved financial issues. The proposal has not yet reached the cabinet stage, as further studies on medium fare rates and [...]

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Bangkok post's Deeper Dive: Do you owe income tax in Thailand?

December 10, 2025

Bangkok post's Deeper Dive: Do you owe income tax in Thailand? Watch full interview below or search for "Deeper Dive Thailand" wherever you get your podcasts If you stay more than 180 days in any calendar year in Thailand, you are considered a Thai tax resident, and since the beginning of 2024, any money you [...]

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Cambodia Hits Lowest Rank in Global English Index, Malaysia leads the Asia region

December 6, 2025

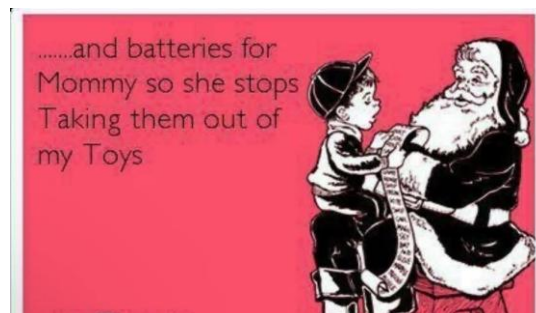
Cambodia Hits Lowest Rank in Global English Index, Malaysia leads the Asia region Cambodia has been ranked bottom of the EF English Proficiency Index 2025, placing 123rd out of 123 countries with a score of 390. The Netherlands topped the table with 624 points, underscoring the gulf between nations at the highest and lowest ends [...]

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In the process of moving eleventy billion books from the corner where our Christmas tree will shortly be placed, I remembered the time I misplaced a Wise Man and had to improvise. It's still my favourite nativity scene even after 15 years.



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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 22.04.23 - International Chamber of Commerce (Thailand) Arbitration & ADR Commission – The current Chair is Khun Tossaporn Sumpiputtanadacha, a Partner in the law firm Watson Farley Williams whose email address is tsumpiputtanadacha@wfw.com

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

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UPDATED 17.11.23 - The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) no longer have a Thailand Branch. They have re-structured RICS Asia to be centred in Singapore and HK only.

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Updated 01.11.2022 Generally, meet once per month or once every 2 months in the following locations: Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney - There's a New branch in Adelaide. Details available from their website www.lighthouseclubaus.org. Contact David Gibson, david.gibson@dga-group.com or Nick Longley, nick.longley@hfw.com

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

Updated 25.05.2024 If you are interested in joining the monthly lunch meetings, contact danny@choice-interiors.com

Vietnam

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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 4th 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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