



Introduction

Singapore celebrated its 44th year of independence on 9 August 2009, and here in Thailand many members of STCC also joined in this celebration hosted by the Singapore Embassy. The key messages that came out of this year's Singapore National Day focused on the tenets of our Singapore's national pledge, as well as the need for continuing racial and religious harmony.

On the economic front, Singapore appears to be lifting out of the recession with better than expected 2nd quarter GDP performance. Likewise, Thailand's 2nd quarter GDP performance has also improved significantly. Many other countries in Asia and Europe are also showing positive signs of recovering from the recession, and showing that the worst is behind us.

Whilst there is no certainty as to when the recovery will be in full steam, businesses in Thailand and the region can now at least look forward to more cautious optimism.

On this note, STCC is continuing on its charity projects to help those needy people in Thailand who are even more in need of help during this difficult time.

To raise fund to support such projects, STCC is again, with THTA, jointly organizing the annual Charity Golf Tournament. This year it will be held on Thursday, 29 October 2009, at the Summit Windmill Golf Club - which is one of the better golf courses within a short proximity of Bangkok city.

So members pitch in your part. Somebody once said that "golf is good for the soul". In this case we certainly agree – especially, when you can enjoy a game of golf, and at the same time help the needy and economically disadvantaged people.

On the subject of charity, in this issue of the newsletter, we will be featuring a special interview with Ms Pansy Lim, our Charity Director, who has been actively spearheading the many STCC charity projects for many years.

Other activities are also being lined up in the next couple of months – such as the OktoberFest outing to Pattaya in early October and the STCC 16th Anniversary Networking Nite.

We look forward to meeting you at these events.

Khoo Thiam Hock
Zaw Zaw Aye
(Newsletter Committee)



STCC Happening

MTCC –STCC-THTA Joint Networking Night

On 8th July 2009, about 30 members of the MTCC, STCC and THTA gathered at the All Seasons Sathorn Bangkok Hotel for the Joint Networking Night. Hosted by the MTCC, the guests were treated to a delightful buffet spread of Malaysian cuisine and wine. The tri-chamber event also provided great networking opportunities for both the old and new members.



JFCCT Presidents' Council Luncheon Hosted by STCC

Organised by the STCC, the JFCCT Presidents' Council Luncheon was well attended by 45 Presidents of various Chambers in Thailand as well as the Board of Directors. Held on 20 July 2009 at the Millennium Hilton Bangkok, the luncheon served as a platform for our guests to mingle and update each other about the happenings within the Chambers.





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THTA – STCC – MTCC Joint Networking Night

The THTA-STCC-MTCC Joint Networking Night held at the Ballroom Foyer of the Four Seasons Hotel on 23 July 2009 saw the participation of 50 members. In addition to the array of finger food and beverages offered, the guests also had the privilege to interact with our guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Durieux, who gave an insightful presentation on containing the H1N1 virus.





STCC-THTA-MTCC-KTCC Joint Chamber Golf Challenge

On 25 July 2009, 44 members from the STCC, THTA, MTCC and KTCC gathered at the Krungthep Kreetha Golf Club for the Joint Chamber Golf Challenge. The golf enthusiasts who turned up took a break off the monotony of work and enjoyed their rounds of friendly tee-off. Mr Raymond Chong emerged Champion in the challenge, whilst Mr Kun Chalerm Kiatkul and Mr David Bak clinched the 1st and 2nd Runner Up position respectively.





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4th STCC Fun Bowl

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Social Networking Dinner Hosted by MTCC

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Luncheon Talk on How Thailand Free Zone can increase your profit

The luncheon talk on "How Thailand's Free zone can Increase your Profits" had a high turnout of 80 people. Held at the Conrad hotel on the 20th of August, this seminar opened our eyes on how Thailand free zone can increase your profit by Mr. Tanat Suvattanametakul, Director of Suvarnabhumi Airport Cargo Clearance Customs Bureau





Asian Chamber Joint Networking Night

It was a fun-filled night at the Bamboo Chic, Le Meridien on the 3rd September 2009 where more than 160 people enjoyed a night of socializing and drinking. We had different companies from different countries mingling and this marked a night to remember for STCC.





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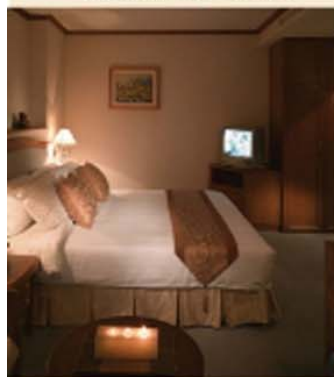
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Interview with STCC Charity Director : Ms. Pansy Lim

STCC has continued fund raising for a number of charity projects to help needy communities in various parts of Thailand. STCC Newsletter Team member, Mr. Zaw Zaw Aye interviewed Ms. Pansy Lim, STCC Charity Director, about charity works organized and coordinated by STCC. Below are the highlights of the interview:

STCC Newsletter Team : First of all, I would like to congratulate you for successful charity projects which STCC has been coordinating and liaising. In the last issue of STCC Newsletter, there was a picture of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn speaking to you at one of the charity projects located in Wiang Kaen near Thai-Laos border. You should be very proud of being a charity director and playing a key role in these charity works.



Ms. Pansy Lim : I am very thankful to STCC and friends for giving me this opportunity to give back to the society.

STCC Newsletter Team : Could you briefly tell me about the main charity works STCC has been involved in the past 2 years, their location and key donors of each event?

Ms. Pansy Lim :

In 2009 ;

- CapitalLand Hope Foundation donated over 1.5 million Baht to build one building + furnishers at Panghadsahasat School in Chiangrai Province
- CapitalLand Hope Foundation and Ascott International donated almost half million Baht to build dormitory and toilet for Por Vittaya School in Chiangrai Province
- STCC and Mr. Koh Kew Sek donated about three hundred thousand Baht to build one canteen for Kun Kwak School in Chiangrai Province

In 2007;

- CapitalLand Hope Foundation donated over six hundred thousand Baht to build two dormitories for Baan Thakam School in Chiangrai Province

In 2006-2007;

- AIS donated almost 700,000 Baht to build 2 dormitories and furnishers for Chanatpiyai School in Chiangrai Province





STCC Newsletter Team : That's a significant contribution. Why did these donors come to you instead of directly donating to those areas or donating through other organizations – Why STCC?

Ms. Pansy Lim : STCC acts as a bridge between the sponsors and the community. STCC ensures that 100% of the donations in terms of cash or goods will reach the needy. All donations are distributed personally by STCC Charity Directors. All administrative costs are absorbed by STCC and the volunteers.

STCC Newsletter Team :. Why did you become actively involved in these charity works? Is it due to personal interest or religious belief or any other reason?

Ms. Pansy Lim : I feel for the needy because of my poor childhood.

STCC Newsletter Team : That's very kind of you. STCC has been organizing Annual Charity Golf. Do you have any specific targets for donation from the golf charity?

Ms. Pansy Lim : There are proposals from various schools and nursery schools waiting for our consideration .

STCC Newsletter Team : Can individuals contribute to the charity works under STCC arrangement? Can donors apply for tax reduction, or donations made through STCC can be used for tax exemption?

Ms. Pansy Lim : Individuals can participate in our charity works. The receipts given by schools for the donation can be used for tax reduction as far as I understand.

STCC Newsletter Team : Thank you so very much for your time, Ms. Pansy Lim. Well, I wish you every success in future charity works and in your personal and professional life.

Ms. Pansy Lim : Every single individual can make a difference. Each of us has our role to play. Let's do ours !





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QUIZ CORNER

"In the beginning was the word..."

It is interesting to discover the origin of words. Some common words are formed from the first letter of a group of words e.g. UNESCO is the acronym for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. For some words, there is no written reference, so they might be just smart speculation.

- Can you guess where the following words come from?
(and which word might be speculation or not authenticated)
golf, laser, news, radar, sonar, scuba
- See the answers on next page



Upcoming Events

- 1) **3rd Oktoberfest**
Date: Saturday 3 October 2009
Venue: Pattaya
- 2) **16th Anniversary 16 Chamber Joint Networking Night**
Date: Thursday 8 October 2009
Venue: Thonburi Room, Millennium Hilton Bangkok
- 3) **10th Annual STCC- TH TA Charity Golf Tournament**
Date: Thursday 29 October 2009
Venue: Summit Windmill Golf Club

Answers to "QUIZ CORNER?"

GOLF : Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden (of course, this is not authenticated)

LASER : Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation

NEWS : North East West South - issues or information from every direction or all over the places (also not authenticated)

RADAR : Radio Detection And Ranging

SONAR : Sound Navigation And Ranging

SCUBA : Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus