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**POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THAILAND**  
**STATEMENT BY THAI PRIME MINISTER, H.E.MR ABHISIT VEJJAJIVA**

Ladies and Gentleman,

We have restored order in the capital of Bangkok and the provinces of Thailand. We have been able to do this with the cooperation of government officials, volunteers, and of course the people of Thailand.

We will continue to move swiftly to restore normalcy and we recognize that as we move ahead there are huge challenges ahead of us, particularly the challenge of overcoming the divisions that have occurred in this country.



Let me assure you that the Government will meet those challenges and overcome these difficulties through the five-point reconciliation plan that I have previously announced. That plan is based on the principles of participation, democracy and justice. We will allow the due process of law to operate, and use our parliamentary democracy to resolve the problems with the participation of all groups of people.

At the same time, that plan will include an independent investigation of all the events that have taken place during the protests, so you can be assured that this government has every intention to move the country forward, restore order, and make sure that our recovery is well on track and that we will do so in a transparent manner.

Thank you very much.

Abhisit Vejjajiva  
Prime Minister

Statement from the Ministry of Tourism and Sports  
The Royal Thai Government

Pursuant to the Declaration of a Severe Emergency Situation in the areas of Bangkok and some provinces in Thailand implemented by the Centre for the Resolution of the Emergency Situation (CRES) under the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation of B.E. 2548 (2005), the Ministry of Tourism and Sports wishes to announce that political unrest in Thailand has been completely under control and order in the Capital of Bangkok and the provinces of Thailand has been restored.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has strongly reaffirmed to continue on the National Reconciliation Roadmap to resolve the political situation nationwide. Peace and normalcy in Thai society will be sustainably restored from present onwards in order to assure the international tourists that Thailand remains a pleasant destination in the region. Major tourism destinations in provinces across the country are still pristine, peaceful and safe. Various measures have been implemented to bring normalcy back to the country and to assure foreign visitors that Thailand remains quality and value for money destination.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports has put the importance of the safety and security for international tourist at the first place. Free travel insurance for foreign tourists and a waiver of tourist visa fees have been extended to March 31, 2011. The Royal Thai Government has issued insurance measures to protect foreigners visiting Thailand who are damaged or unable to travel out of Thailand in case of a riot. This programme will help increase confidence of foreigners in safety and security in traveling to Thailand.

The Royal Thai Government has been launched the urgent recovery plan and measures in order to enable tourism industry, especially small and medium entrepreneurs to return their business as soon as possible. Bangkok Metropolitan together with related government agencies and local resident has made a concerted effort to return normalcy and business environment to Bangkok. Major tourist destinations, facilities and services are still regularly accessed by both domestic and foreign tourists. Public utility and mass transportation services are fully operated. Suvarnabhumi Airport and other international airports remain in operation without any disruption. The Ministry of Tourism and Sports is working closely with other Ministries and agencies to ensure the safety and convenience of all visitors traveling in Thailand.

With integrated efforts of government agencies and full engagement of private sectors and other related stakeholders, the Ministry of Tourism and Sports affirms that public safety and security, including peace and normalcy, is now flourishing in Thailand.

## TAT Mumbai Director's Message

Dear travel partner,

Greetings from Tourism Authority of Thailand, Mumbai!

As part of our focus on promoting Thailand as an **up-market golf destination**, Tourism Authority of Thailand, Mumbai recently concluded a familiarization visit for professional golf trainers from the cities of Chennai & Bangalore. This familiarization visit to the cities of Bangkok, Phuket & Pattaya was conducted in order to further enhance the image of Thailand as a premier golfing destination among the southern states.



For shopping lovers, be ready for our annual three-month shopping extravaganza: **The Amazing Thailand Grand Sale from 15 June to 15 August**. Thailand offers an excellent shopping experience with a diverse selection of quality products, services and special discounts.

For honeymooners & romantic getaways, we have the islands of Koh Kood, Ko Chang, Hua Hin, Krabi, etc. We offer culture & history lovers Kanchanaburi, Ayutthaya, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai & last but not the least with its Seven Amazing Wonders, MICE / Corporate / Incentive groups get an amazing value for their money.

We take this opportunity to reassure our travel trade partners that the situation in Bangkok has now come under control and it is back to business as usual. For your information, in this month's newsletter, we are attaching the latest statement issued by H.E. Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Thailand.

The Ministry of Tourism & Sports – Royal Thai Government's statement is also enclosed for reader's reference.

I thank you & look forward to your continued support towards promoting "Amazing Thailand"

Warm regards,

**Sethaphan Buddhani**

**Director**

**Tourism Authority of Thailand**

**(Western, Southern & Central India – Sri Lanka & Maldives)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Chiang Mai Golf Festival 2010 May-June 2010



The Chiang Mai Golf Festival 2010 will last for the whole **May-June 2010 in 12 golf courses** of Chiang Mai and Lumpoon. The cost is Baht 800 per head.

In addition, Chiang Mai Golf Festival Championship 2010 will take place from **1 May to 26 June 2010 in all 9 golf courses**. The application fee to join the Championship is Baht 900.

The list of golf courses is as follows:

- Alpine Golf Resort – Chiangmai 9,18 holes
- Summit Green Valley Chiangmai Country Club 9,18 holes
- The Royal Chiang Mai Golf Resort 9,18,27 holes
- Lanna Golf Course (Lanna Sport Center) 9,18,27 holes Driving Range
- Maejo Golf Club 9,18 holes
- Gymkana Golf Course 9 holes
- Gassan Khuntan Golf & Resort 9, 18 holes Accomodations
- Gassan MarinaGolf Club 9, 18 holes Accomodations
- Star Dome Golf Club 9, 18 holes Accomodations
- Chiang Mai High Land Golf Spa Resort 9, 18 holes Spa & Resort
- Chiang Mai Inthanon Golf Resort 18 holes
- Gold Canyon Country Club 9, 18 holes

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## Chonburi – Pattaya Golf Festival 2010 (The Color of the East)

May – October 2010



Once again, with the Greatest Golf Tournament for amature The Color of the East Chonburi – Pattaya Golf Festival 2010 with top 15 Golf courses over the Eastern Region May – October 2010.

To qualify the best golfer from 15 golf courses for the final tournament get honorary member from 15 golf courses worth over 500,000 Baht with golf package included air ticket and accommodation 2 day 1 night at Santiburi Chiang-Rai and much more prize worth over a million.

The Application fee starts at 1,200 Baht.

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## Samui the 9<sup>th</sup> Samui International Yacht Regatta

May 31 - June 5, 2010



The regatta will take place on the sun-drenched island of Koh Samui from 31 May to 5 June 2010. For the ninth consecutive year, this leading lifestyle and sporting event attracts competitive and social sailors from around the world. The five-day regatta is one of Asia's most glamorous sailing events and is part of the Asian Yachting Grand Prix Championships. In addition to the competitive sailing, the Sawadee.com Regatta is about fun parties and is firmly established as a 'must attend'

event on the international sailing circuit. The 2010 regatta welcomes new event partners 'Prana Resort' and 'Beach Republic', as well as the debut of a golf tournament that will tee off at the

island's premier 'Santiburi Samui Country Club'. 'B1 Villas & Spa', 'Dhevatarata Properties' and 'Samui Villas & Homes', all return to the regatta as event partners. Headquarters for the event for the ninth time will again be the 'Centara Grand Beach Resort', which has been the home of the regatta since its conception and that welcomes crews from far and wide year after year.

For further details:

[www.samuiregatta.com](http://www.samuiregatta.com)

### **Phuket Film Festival**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010**



The 2nd edition of the Phuket Film Festival which runs June 4 – 13 on the beautiful resort island of Phuket, Thailand is pleased to announce its Opening Film will be the Asian premiere of Indian director Paresh Mokashi's debut film, Harishchandrachi Factory. Director Mokashi will attend.

Harishchandrachi Factory was India's entry to the 2010 Oscars in the Foreign Language Film category.

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### **Amazing Thailand Grand Sale 2010**

**June 15 – August 15, 2010**



The Amazing Thailand Grand Sale, Thailand's annual shopping extravaganza offers world-class shopping, a diverse selection of quality products and services, special discounts of 5 - 80 per cent and promotional offers being extended by leading department stores, shopping complexes, King Power Duty Free shops, airlines, hotels, spas, golf courses, online travel agencies, hospitals, jewellery shops and participating retail outlets along designated 'Shopping Streets' in Bangkok and at special events held in the popular tourist destinations of Chiang Mai, Phuket, Pattaya, Hua Hin, Koh Samui, Udon Thani and Hat Yai.



The 'Shopping Streets' provide a convenient opportunity to spot great buys in an exotic range of unique crafts and cottage industry products, including exquisitely hand-crafted decorative items for home and living and fashion accessories, available in the traditional as well as contemporary design.

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### **Thailand Promotions**

#### **Thai Airways Companion Free Offer**



As part of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, we are pleased to offer the special COMPANION FREE OFFER for travel ex- INDIA on TG operated flights on Royal First Class and Royal Silk Class service. This promotion is valid in First and Business class only for ticketing and outbound travel until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

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#### **Soneva Kiri Island Escape Package**



Soneva special offer for a consecutive 3 nights stay and receive 4th night free include daily buffet breakfast, plus free night stay at the Four Seasons Bangkok. This is valid until 31 October 2010 (except 27 December 2009 to 04 January 2010)

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## Bangkok Natural Spa & Resort



In the heart of Bangkok, yet another new shining Bangkok emerged. Bangkok Natural Spa & Resort, a luxurious boutique resort at Bangkok or "RESORT IN A CITY". Located on Pattanakarn Soi 30, Bangkok, it is also so-called the heaven of tranquility or the Lush landscape.

The Resort's 29 Reenergize Deluxe Suites, 02 Revitalize Jacuzzi, 101 Refresh Spa Room feature modern tropical interiors with spacious size bed room and plush amenities. Bangkok Natural Spa & Resort is very pleased to offer you gracious, discreet and observant service. Thailand's biggest spa in the metropolitan area, creating a new way of recreation.

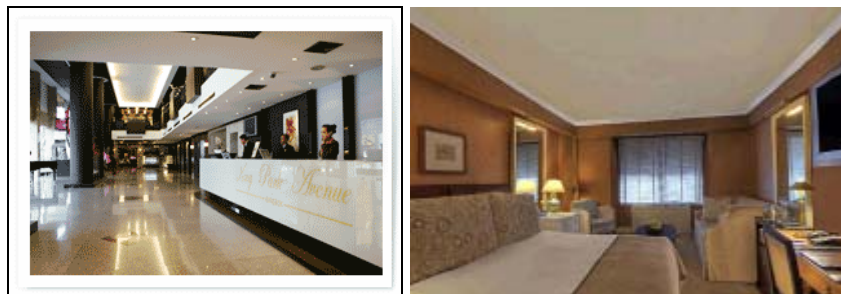
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## King Park Avenue Hotel & Spa



The Famous Airport hotel working with almost all big brand in Thailand, Now it is a time to share your momentums, rejuvenate your soul, reward yourself, recharging your batteries, and relax at King Park Avenue Hotel & Spa. The Hotel's offer 230 most convenient room at an amazing value but with pleasing people.

Surrounded by all kinds of shopping facilities and amenities, within just a few minutes walk (literally) you will be inside "Seacon Square", one of the biggest shopping malls in Asia. Also "Seri Centre" and "Central City Bang Na" are only a few minutes further away. If more entertainment is



needed, a short taxi ride will take you to the "BTS" sky train station on Sukhumvit Road where the possibilities are limitless.

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### **Natural Wing Health Spa & Resort**



A Boutique Natural Wing Beach Resort and Spa located amid Natural Surroundings of Maenam Koh Samui Thailand, with a concept of 'Green' to balance the mind with body and soul. Their Natural Boutique Garden accommodates 43 Spacious Villa with magnificent view.

The renowned spa of Natural Wing may not require description as highly recommended by most of world class magazine, their health spa is typically Thai, with a great touch of their magical therapist who are just maestro in there art of treatment from more then 10 years. Their resorts has got the different prestigious awards during 2007-10 and also being recommended by CNN, Marie France, Kronen Zeitung, Point de Vue, Bangkok Post, The Nations etc.

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