

PHUKET WEEKLY UPDATE

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COMING SOON

UPCOMING EVENTS

PHUKET HOTELS ASSOCIATION

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กองบังคับการตำรวจภูธรจังหวัดภูเก็ต

วันศุกร์ที่ 11 สิงหาคม 2566 เวลา 09.00 - 12.00 น.

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DIGITAL MARKETING CONFERENCE

A Commercial Strategy Event

23 August 2023 2pm to 7:30pm

PHUKET HOTELS ASSOCIATION

Courtyard by Marriott Phuket Town | PHUKET THAILAND

• DIGITAL MARKETING CONFERENCE

23 August
Marriott by Courtyard

PHUKET HOTELS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MANAGER'S QUARTERLY MEETING
3/2023

AUGUST 17, 3.00 PM - 6.00 PM
AT WHITE CANVAS, HYATT REGENCY PHUKET RESORT

GUEST SPEAKERS

REGISTER FOR MEMBERS BY INVITATION ONLY

KIM ONG
Regional Director, SEA STR

NIKHOM JENSIRIRATANAKORN
Director, Horwath HTL

DR. CHAYANON PHUCHAROEN
Deputy Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, PSU PHUKET

CHRIS MEYLAN
Chief Operating Officer, Minor Education

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THE SUSTAINABLE HOSPITALITY LEARNING EVENT

2023

• **PHIST 6**

4 September
SAii Laguna Phuket

Register NOW

PHUKET HOTELS ASSOCIATION'S NEW MEMBERS



OUR PHUKET HOTELS ASSOCIATION FAMILY IS GETTING BIGGER!

We are delighted to welcome two new members to our family. Currently, there are **92 hotels** that belong to Phuket Hotels Association!



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PHUKET AIRPORT ACCELERATES TAXI SERVICES WITH DEDICATED PICKUP ZONE



In a recent move to regulate taxi services in Phuket, Phuket International Airport put its foot on the accelerator and introduced a dedicated zone allocated for legally permissible taxis to facilitate the pickup of tourists. The news, revealed yesterday, came from a statement published by the airport itself, which was shared by Phuket MP, Somchart Techathavorncharoen.

The statement, which was presented as a clarification was the aftermath of a series of issues encapsulated in a formal complaint lodged by none other than Somchart last month. The document was marked specifically to the MP and affirmed by Monchai Tanode, sitting General Manager of Phuket International Airport for the Airports of Thailand (AoT) branch in Phuket.

Addressing the grievance about holidaymakers having to march in the rain to reach the bus stop within the airport's vicinity, Monchai stated that the car park for the bus has now been switched to a sheltered area.

In light of complaints indicating the necessity of a bus stop at the international terminal as well, Monchai revealed that a sheathed walkway has been set up, enabling tourists to walk the mandatory 200 metres while remaining protected from rainfall.

[For more information](#)

TRAGIC TIDE: PHUKET'S DROWNING INCIDENTS CLAIM FOUR TOURISTS IN FIVE DAYS

The popular tourist destination of Phuket in Thailand has recently seen a tragic spike in drowning incidents, resulting in the death of four tourists over a five-day span. In the most recent incident, two young Indian men lost their lives while swimming at Karon Beach.

At around 8.14pm yesterday, police officer Chomphunutch Anahtayakul from the Patong Police Station in Phuket was alerted by radio that two tourists had drowned at Karon Beach and were pronounced dead at Patong Hospital. The deceased were identified as 26 year old Wemah Hashid and Sajer Jatawat, both Indian nationals.

[For more information](#)



BOOKING.COM LAUNCHES K-POP EXPERIENCE

With the growing popularity of K-pop, Booking.com recently introduced the "Ultimate K-pop Experience" in Seoul offering exclusive access that begins with a two-night stay at the Executive Producer Suite at RYSE, followed by the true essence of K-pop culture, coveted front-row seats to the live music show M Countdown, and a private makeover from professional hair and make-up artists who work with K-pop. Guests will be treated like exclusive fans by K-pop idol Kang Daniel, who will provide exclusive fan treatment-including autographed albums and personalised recorded content.

Only one lucky pair of guests will get a chance to be immersed in the ultimate experience, which includes seamless travel provided by Booking.com services from their flights to South Korea.

[For more information](#)

HOW BLUE TREE PHUKET IS HELPING BUSINESSES BUILD BETTER TEAMS

Transforming the way businesses build their teams, Blue Tree Phuket now offers team-building services to B2B business groups. The initiative utilises their spacious environment and their expertise in fostering individual growth in organisations.

Blue Tree Phuket is an all-encompassing entertainment complex. It boasts more than 55.35 acres of green area and state-of-the-art facilities. And today, it's extending its service range. Characteristically, Blue Tree now sets its sights on B2B business groups, offering them an arena for team-building activities.

Recognised as a strategic tactic for organisational development, team building serves to boost employee performance. And in Blue Tree's proficient hands, each service is custom-designed, enhancing skills, nurturing relationships, and fully utilising the complex's versatile space.

[For more information](#)



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS & EVENTS

LIFE SAVING TRAINING PROGRAM (COURSE 2)



On 1st August, we have completed our second, 3-day intensive training in Lifesaving. 23 hotel staff of member hotels joined the training with enthusiasm and were eager to improve their skills. Our last intensive lifesaving training course is being conducted from 3rd to 5th of August, and there are 24 participants joining the session. We are overwhelmed by support for this project to boost safety in hotels and resorts!

Peter Gibney and Jack Kennedy, Community trainers from Lifesaving Victoria, meet with Jayne MacDougall, Executive Director, and Bjorn Courage, President of Phuket Hotels Association for an informal discussion on water safety. Peter and Jack have been in Phuket since 24th July to support the Lifesaving Program for staff of our member hotels. There is no doubt the skills they have imparted in the training will impact the safety at our hotels. Thanks to Lifesaving Victoria and to the Australian Consul-Generals Office here in Phuket!



URGENT MEETING ON A SURGE OF DROWNING CASES IN PHUKET



On Friday 4th August, Dakota, Event Executive, from Phuket Hotels Association attended an urgent meeting called by the Phuket Governor, prompted by the the large number of drowning cases at Phuket beaches in the past week.

TOURISTS MARKET OVERVIEW

THE STATISTICS OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO PHUKET FOR AUGUST 2023



Domestic Flights

1 Thai Smile Airways

4 Thai Lion Air

2 Bangkok Airways

5 Nok Air

3 Thai Air Asia

6 Thai Vietjet Air

Total (Departures & Arrivals) 3,722 Flights



International Flights



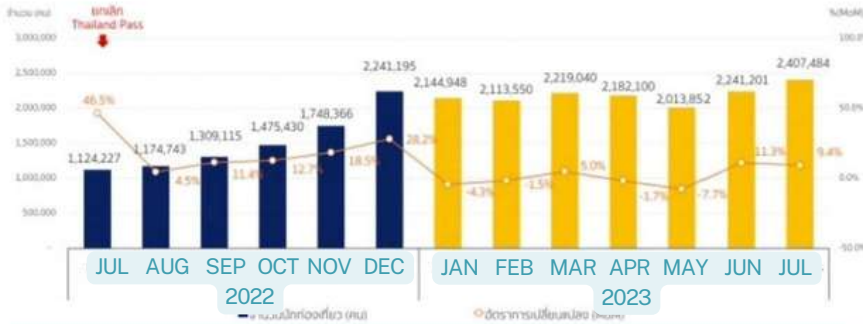
43 Airlines



**Total (Departures & Arrivals)
3,731 Flights**

TOURISTS MARKET OVERVIEW

1 Tourists in Total 1st of Jan till 30th of July 2023



2 Total Number of Tourists
1st of Jan till 30th of July 2023

15,322,175 คน
384% (YOY)

3 Most tourists in Thailand are from

1	Malaysia	2,439,710 คน
2	China	1,839,660 คน
3	South Korea	907,463 คน
4	India	885,772 คน
5	Russia	854,946 คน

4 Important factors over the past week

- Summer holidays of tourists from particular continents i.e. Middle East, and East Asia
- There are no public holidays in Malaysia similarly to the past weeks.
- End of Summer Holiday in Asia i.e. Indonesia and Singapore

Source: Economics Tourism and Sports Division

USEFUL ARTICLES

ENGLISH

[Hospitality industry's new tipping system: What you need to know](#)

[Extreme tourism: Integrating ethical perspectives in boundless thrills](#)

[What Hotel General Managers can learn from Marriott International](#)

THAI

[TravelTech 2023 ที่ควรคำนึงมาต่อยอดธุรกิจท่องเที่ยว?](#)

[แนวทางต่อยอดเกษตรอินทรีย์สู่การท่องเที่ยวอย่างยั่งยืน](#)

[แนะนำวิธี "ปรับธุรกิจพีชิตใจนักท่องเที่ยว Gen Z"](#)

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ABOUT US

"The Phuket Hotels Association is a nonprofit organisation comprising a broad spectrum of hotels"

Phuket Hotels Association Leadership Team

Bjorn Courage President
Daniel Muery Director, Secretary – General
Brett Wilson Director, Treasurer

Phuket Hotels Association Core Team

Jayne MacDougall Executive Director
Kallaya Manabuth Operations Manager
Julalak Phimarn Administrative Coordinator
Dakota Meesomsarn Events Executive

Advisory Board

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Puangkaew Kulsuppakorn Executive Secretary, Amanpuri

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