

# NEW ZEALAND-THAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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April 2007

## Message from the President

Dear Member

I am writing this note on my return from Kanchanaburi where I was honoured to represent the NZ Chamber at the Anzac Day wreath laying ceremony held at the Allied War Cemetery. It was an extremely hot day and listening to an ex-POW describe living conditions on the Burma railway in 1942 one could imagine the ordeal it must have been for the service men who were sent there.

During April representatives from the JFCCT met with members of the NLA to discuss further amendments to the draft FBA. The outcome was that a revised new draft will now be prepared for NLA approval however it does appear that not all the JFCCT suggestions will be included in the new document. When we are sure that the FBA amendments are final we will arrange a briefing session to summarize the changes and highlight the implications for our members.

Recently we mentioned that we are keen to promote a NZ Chamber networking function down the Eastern Seaboard. To progress this further some of the committee travelled to Pattaya to investigate venue options, discuss arrangements and have a friendly game of golf. During the game a thunderstorm struck so we took shelter in a sala. The excitement came when a lightning bolt struck and dismantled a tree about 30 metres away so for John Pollard, John Vivian and myself it was an enlightening experience!

We noted last month that the NZ Alumni Association is hosting its annual golf tournament at the Rose Garden GC on 11<sup>th</sup> May and that we are looking for players to make up a couple of teams to represent the Chamber. Currently we have six players confirmed but would like at least two more so we can enter two teams. If anyone else would like to join us on the day please contact Julie Littlejohn.

Last month's function was held for the first time in the smaller but cosier "Cove" room on the ground floor. It was a good turnout and an enjoyable event and because it was a new venue, any feedback from members on comparisons would be welcome. We look forward to the same this month with our first time new sponsor Bangkok Hospital Medical Centre.

Finally and on behalf on the NZ Chamber I would like to wish Joe and Annette Hall our best wishes for their move to KL. As MD for BMW Leasing, Joe has been a very good sponsor and supporter of the Chamber over the years so thank you to them both.

Kind regards

Cris Dunning  
President

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## April 2007 Corporate Knight Function

26<sup>th</sup> April 2007

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Ballroom 2

Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit (Hotel Sponsor)

Corporate Sponsor:



ศูนย์การแพทย์โรงพยาบาลกรุงเทพ  
BANGKOK HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

Bangkok Hospital, Thailand is the largest private hospital group in Southeast Asia. The hospital was established in 1972 and has gradually developed into a network of seventeen hospitals in Bangkok and outlying provinces within Thailand. Over the last two years, the main hospital on New Petchburi Road, Bangkok has expanded into a state-of-the-art **Bangkok Hospital Medical Center (BMC)**. It has heavily invested into three main areas - Heart, Neurology and Oncology and assembled all modern technology and world class doctors and specialists to care for the patients. The present BMC consists of

- **Bangkok Hospital**
- **Bangkok Heart Hospital**
- **Wattanosoth Cancer Hospital.**
- **Bangkok International Hospital**
- **Bangkok Hospital Dental Center**

Our services include arranging doctor appointments, airport and hotel transfers, accommodation and travel arrangements, banking, visa assistance, E-immigration services, liaison services with embassies and insurance companies, catering for special diets, shopping and sightseeing tours and other special needs. BMC has a fully equipped 24-hour medical evacuation service, repatriating to any destination worldwide.

Our mission is to combine state-of-the art medical services with compassionate care and traditional Thai hospitality. Over 600 doctors, 2,200 staff members, and continuous growth and development have contributed to the hospital's current status, ranking it amongst the top medical institutions worldwide.

### ***New Chamber Members:***

**Harley-Davidson of Bangkok**, Chamber Representative: Mr Ross Higgins. Business Type: Importer, Sales & Service Motorbikes  
**Seaskan Co, Ltd**, Chamber Representative: Khun Sudhisakdi Manibhandu. Business Type: Consultant

## Chamber Events/ Dates for Your Diary

*Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May*

**NZ Alumni Golf Tournament**

Rose Garden Samphran Golf Club,  
Nakhornprathom.

Shot gun start at 12.00 noon.

Cost per member Baht 2,500

Members interested in joining one of  
the Chamber's teams, please email

[director@nztcc.org](mailto:director@nztcc.org)

*Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May*

**AustCham Backyard BBQ  
NIST Campus**

Members of the South African  
Chamber and NZTCC are invited to  
attend at AustCham member's rate.  
Family ticket (consisting of 2 adults, 2  
children) 1,100 Baht; or Child 200  
Baht; or Adult 500 Baht.

From 3pm

Please register with

[director@nztcc.org](mailto:director@nztcc.org)

*26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May*

**9th Phuket International Rugby  
Tens**

Karon Stadium, Phuket

With 24 teams from around the world  
taking part. For details

[bpayne@montpeliergroup.com](mailto:bpayne@montpeliergroup.com)

*Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May*

**NZTCC's May**

Corporate Knight

Networking Evening at the Sheraton  
Grande Sukhumvit Hotel

Details: [www.nztcc.org](http://www.nztcc.org)

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

**DHL Bangkok Lions RFC  
Standard Chartered Bank Rugby  
Dinner.**

Featuring Jonah Lomu, and Steve  
Thompson

Imperial Queen's Park Hotel.

Tickets: Baht 2,800

For tickets/details email

[bob@achmanagement.com](mailto:bob@achmanagement.com)

*Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June*

**Save the date!**

**NZTCC's Eastern Seaboard  
Networking Event**

Details to follow shortly