

The Yorkshire Inn in the same soi has just changed hands in the past month. Paul Gibson , another Yorkshireman is the new face down there.

While we are still in Soi Sansabai, a peek at the daily dessert menu at Geo the other day had this choice;

Treacle Tart, Bread & Butter Pudding, Apple Pie, Apple Crumble, Apple & Cherry Pie, Apple & Blueberry Pie, Strawberry & Mango Pie, and Pancakes.

I am told that it changes every day.

Just an add-on for the article put in by Ingrid and Lynne (Page 9) about their trips to Khao Lak for the tsunami relief.

After their letter was published in the last issue of the *Andaman Post*, they received many more donations so they could assist even more than they would have been able to.

Even Makro ended up donating 200 BBQs for use there.

Unfortunately, the BBQs don't come with the gas bottles needed to fire them up, so if anyone can assist in that direction, once again give Rex or Awarut a call at DD Swiss Resort and they'll organise to get them to the right spots.

If you keep up with the local newspapers, you will notice every now and again some official comes out with a story of how Phuket or Thailand is to become a hub of something or other.

Nothing is ever mentioned about how these so called 'hubs' are going to be achieved, maybe just mentioning the fact will make it happen.

It worked with the movie 'Field of Dreams' so who knows.

Well someone down at 'farangaffairs.com' has been jotting down the ever-increasing hubs that Thailand is going to be the hub of, so if you have heard of any more, please let us know.

The list so far;

1. Medical hub of Asia
2. Asian film industry hub
3. Global rubber hub
4. Regional ICT hub
5. Tourism hub of Asia
6. Regional aviation hub
7. Automobile hub of Asia

9. Fashion hub of Asia
10. Trading Hub of Asia
11. Health Tourism Hub of Asia
12. Cultural hub of Asia
13. Transportation hub of Asia
14. Energy hub of Asia
15. Hub for Cargo Logistics in Southeast Asia
16. Meeting, Incentive, Convention, and Exhibition Hub of Asia,
17. Remote sensing hub of Asia
18. Call centre hub of Asia
19. Internet and technology hub of Asia
20. Summer fashion hub of Asia
21. Cargo hub of Asia
22. Commercial and tradeshow hub of Asia
23. Direct marketing hub of Asia
24. Services Hub of Asia
25. Education hub of Asia
26. Printing and publishing hub of Asia

We Don't Care

With tourist numbers down at the moment, you would think that airlines would fall over backwards to keep customers.

Apparently no so.

This little item comes from a Phuket regular about a recent flight to the Philippines. Now our intrepid traveller notches up more air miles in a couple of months than most of us would do in a couple of years, so when he purchased a return business class ticket to Manila with Philippine Airlines, he didn't expect any dramas.

The outward leg from Phuket to Manila went as it should, no problems there, but when he arrived at the airport for the return leg, all hell broke loose.

When he presented the ticket at the airport, airline staff detained him saying the ticket was stolen. For two and a half hours he remained there despite having the receipt from the travel shop in Patong. He ticket was then taken from him and he was told that if he wanted to get back to Thailand he would have to buy another ticket.

The cost? US\$452 no less! Luckily he had a credit card available to him so he could get out of there.

His treatment there was one thing, but at the time of printing, Philippine Airlines has neither admitted its mistake to him nor reimbursed for the extra ticket he had to



Above: Several of these signs have appeared around the beaches. The long lasting glad wrap covered paper signs will do well in reminding tourists that the only way to escape a tsunami is to run away from the beach.

Below: Much more fun than a paper tsunami sign, one of the coyote dancers at Dragon Disco.



buy. After viewing the emails sent from Phuket trying to get a response from Philippine Airlines for the past month and a half, the one thing we noticed was the email address for them; wecare@pal.com.ph We don't think so, and will take great interest to see if Philippine Airlines makes amends for their stuff up. If they do this to their business class passengers, what hope has anyone in economy class got.

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