



Information Bites Luncheon: How Seriously to Take Gen-Yers

Paul Gardner of Grey Australia gave an illuminating as well as humorous luncheon presentation at the Pan Pacific on 21 May based on Grey's most recent research of Generation Y attitudes. It appears Paul's two daughters had been useful candidates for his research.



Information Bites Luncheon: 2008....1929 Revisited?

Scott Campbell of MitonOptimal Sydney gave an interesting presentation on the state of the global economy at the Westin Hotel on 5 June. Needless to say, he answered his own rhetorical question in the above title of the presentation with an emphatic "No".



Breakfast Briefing: Digital Signatures

Andrew Sloan and Yuval Pilaysky briefed members at AustCham's office on 27 May about digital signatures and the latest available software. Basically they explained how to save paper and avoid signing every page of large contracts, yet ensure that the contract had not been changed in any way. An environmentally friendly solution.



Breakfast Briefing: Q&A on Customs Issues

Phil Bell from Ernst & Young gave an update to members on the latest draft of the uniform customs legislation in Thailand at AustCham's office on 3 June. There was a very active Q&A and our speaker quickly felt like Dr. Phil!

Phuket Sundowners at Twin Palms on 30 May 2008



Australian Embassy Bangkok

Our first Phuket Sundowners of the year was held at Twin Palms Hotel, Surin Beach, sponsored by the Australian Embassy. Our Ambassador Bill Paterson and Helen Paterson were able to join us and this enabled the Australian business community in Phuket to say their farewells to Bill and Helen, especially appropriate since Bill and Helen took up the ambassadorial posting at the time of the 2004 Tsunami.



Phuket Seminar: Risks and Opportunities in the Hospitality Industry at Twin Palms on 30 May

Saeed Zaki of dwp arranged and moderated this well attended seminar prior to Phuket Sundowners. The panel of speakers at the Twin Palms covered the full range of risks and opportunities in the hospitality industry. We would like to thank the panelists: Narelle McDougall - Minor Hotel Group; Khun Khanitha Jarukirati - CB Richard Ellis; Andrew Durieux - Coverage Limited; and Adrian Bowen - Raimon Land.