

Events & Activities

– February to early November

The Embassy of Sweden sponsored the February Chamber Networking with Members gathering to discuss the latest developments sharing views and information. Also in February Henrik Essen an International Executive Coach based in Singapore briefed Chamber Members on “Strategic People Management” at a popular Breakfast Meeting.

In March Members gathered at the **Networking Evening** sponsored by the Chamber in continued vibrant and dynamic times catching up on the latest news. **The Chamber Annual General Meeting** was also held in March at which a new Chamber Board was selected. At the dinner event after the **AGM** a much appreciated Special Presentation was held on the “Gripen Story” by Kaj Rosander from SAAB International.

Back at the **Networking Evening in April**, Chamber Members enjoyed sharing a good time sponsored by **SEB Private Banking**. Also in April the SEB Group provided their much valued Evening Seminar once again. This time we had Arvid Boehm from SEB Merchant Banking with us as speaker on “**Outlook for the Emerging Markets**” together with a SEB team led by Ole Hamre from SEB Private Banking.

In **May** Members again gathered for the **Networking Evening** sharing views and information. In mid may a **special Dinner Talk** was held with **Sigve Brekke - CEO of DTAC** the second largest mobile phone company in Thailand. Sigve Brekke addressed a large enthusiastic crowd on the subject of “**How to Succeed in Business in Thailand**” and how mobile communication is empowering people. The Joint Foreign Chambers held a popular well visited Networking Evening in late May at Siam Paragon also showcasing a large display of vintage cars in Thailand.

James Engel from the BullRun Group briefed Chamber Members on why “**Smart Leaders Don’t Pay for Training**” at a popular Breakfast Meeting in June. Also in June the Bangkok Bank attracted a large audience at their head office venue providing information on a range of topics from **Internet & Expat Banking**, investment

opportunities and mortgage loans under the heading of “**Expat Banking in Thailand**”.

In mid August **HM Majesty King Carl Gustaf of Sweden and HM Queen Silvia** presided over a Gala Dinner for the grand promotion of “**The Royal Napkins**” for the benefit of Boy Scout activities in Thailand on the occasion of their Royal Visit to Thailand.

At a very well visited **Breakfast Meeting** in late August the two topics of “**Insight into Company Law Amendment and New Work Permit Law**” were addressed by Kobkit Thienpreecha briefing many attending Chamber Members on the new legal features.

A Special Concert “**The Nordic Masters**” was held in early September at the Thailand Cultural Centre with **Okko Kamu** as Conductor, **Patrik Jablonski** on Piano and the **Bangkok Symphony Orchestra** performing musical pieces of Sibelius and Grieg in tribute to the **Memory of HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana under the framework Great Artists of the World 2008**.

In September the first Networking Evening at the new venue of the **Sukhumvit House Number One House** was held with SAS as a sponsor. The new attractive environment created a great atmosphere attracting a large and broad audience.

SEB was back with us with an Evening Seminar on the topic of “**Global Economic Outlook and Your Investments**” with Magnus Prim from SEB Merchant Banking as the speaker. He was accompanied by Lars Friberg from SEB Wealth Management and the **SEB Private Banking** Team briefing Members on key economic issues in turbulent times.

In October we were back at a Breakfast Meeting once more with **Tilleke & Gibbins and Yingyong Karnchanapayap** as speaker presenting the “**Thailand Cyber Crimes Act**” under the theme of Big Brother Is Watching You. In early November SEB were back with us once again this time sponsoring a popular and very well attended Networking Evening at the Sukhumvit House Number 1 venue.

