

## 15<sup>th</sup> District Twinning Anniversary Celebration 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 at Surattani, Thailand

Greetings from District Chairperson for International Understanding and Cooperation!

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 nine lions inclusive of yours truly embarked on an Air Asia flight to Phuket while another 2 adventurous lions travelled by road to the venue. Apart from PDG Alex Nah, 3 Club Presidents and several lions represented the District and the following is a brief account of the eventful visit.

On arrival on 12.6.09, PDG Somchai (LC of Phuket, District 310B Thailand) and PDG Narahas and Phuket Lions gave us a warm welcome at Phuket Airport and provide us with transport from the Airport to Surattani which was a solid 150 minutes non-stop drive!

Since the flight from KLIA was delayed, we arrived late and the bus took us directly to the fellowship welcoming dinner held by the riverside where we were entertained by both local lions and visitors. The fellowship was great and all had sumptuous seafood dinner with plenty of drinks. "Spirit" was high and we were well entertained with plenty of local fruits too.

Lions from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand were well represented. 11 Lions from our District 308 B1, 30 Lions from District 308 B2, 7 Lions from District 307A and 2 Lions from District 307B. The crowd was of course from MD310. Host is District 310B and 36 Lions Clubs from Thailand demonstrated the famous Amazing Thailand hospitality.

The second day was equally exiting and as early as 7:00am Lions were abuzz with activities and immediately after our breakfast, the host prepared a few coaches for us to visit a Home for the Blind. Each visiting District donated US\$500.00 to the hosting District for the meaningful project.

All visiting Lions were then invited to join the host for a tour of Suratthani's places of interest which include boat rides. The Grand Banquet was held in Hotel Diamond Plaza and all District Chairpersons for International Understanding and Cooperation, Past District Governors, Council Chairpersons from 2 Multi District (307 & 310), District Governors (308B2, 307A, 307B and 310B) and Vice District Governors (308B2 & 310B).

Meet to deliberate about the organization for the following years' celebration. District Governor of District 307B, Indonesia, DG Intria Asikin Nataregatom expressed their interest to host the 16<sup>th</sup> International District Twinning Anniversary in Bali sometime in either February or March 2010. This will need their District Governor Elect's consent and would revert to all present in due course. District Governor Elect Choong Kwei Loi of District 308 B2 had given his consent to be host if Governor Elect of District 307B reject the offer.

The event did not end without a superb performance by our PDG Dato Alex (Johnny Walker) Nah with his Bee Gees and Elvis Numbers. (Please check performance via [youtube.com-KL CITY](http://youtube.com-KL CITY) or Lions Club KL City BLOG)

The Trip ended with a day tour in Phuket with magnificent view and delicious food.

