

Press Guidance
'1 Year in Memory of Tsunami' Ceremony
Phuket – Phang-Nga – Krabi – Trang
Thailand
26 December 2005

The Royal Thai Government will be hosting the "1 Year in Memory of Tsunami" Ceremony on 26 December 2005 concurrently in Tsunami-affected areas of Phuket, Phang-Nga, Krabi and Trang, Thailand. Apart from the participation from the members of the Royal Thai family and the Royal Thai Government, the event is to be attended by foreign dignitaries, members of the Diplomatic Corps as well as invited Tsunami Victims Next-of-kin.

Media members are required to apply for media accreditation in order to cover the ceremony.

1. Required documents for Media Registration

Media members wishing to join the ceremony on 26 December 2005 are required to apply for media accreditation. Media registration is available

- On www.thaigov.go.th/web-tsunami/index.htm on 1-15 December 2005
- at the Media Center at Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa between 08.00-20.00 hrs on 16-20 December 2005.

Media badges can be collected on 21-24 December 2005 between 09.00-19.00hrs at Phuket Press Center, Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa. Upon collection of badges, media members are required to present :

- (1) Photo ID card or passport and
- (2) a letter of assignment with a letter head signed by editor

2. Program

Date: Monday 26 December 2005

Venue: Tsunami-affected areas in Phuket, Phang-Nga, Krabi and Trang

Tentative Program

Tsunami Victims Memorial Service: (09.00 – 11.00 hrs)

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| 9.00 hrs | Arrival of guests at the 7 venues as follows:
Phuket -- Patong Beach, Kamala Beach and Mai Khao Memorial Wall
Phang-Nga -- Ban Namkem and Bang Niang Beach
Krabi -- Phi Phi Islands
Trang -- Yao Beach |
| 10.00 hrs | Arrival of VIPs |
| 10.05 hrs | Speech by Deputy Prime Ministers or Ministers as representative of the Thai Government |

10.10 hrs	Laying of flowers by Deputy Prime Ministers or Ministers and VIPs
10.30 hrs	Minute of silence
10.35 hrs	Laying of flowers by relatives of victims and general participants

Tsunami Memorial Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony: (14.00 – 17.09 hrs)

Venue: Haad Lek Beach, Khao Lak-Lam Roo National Park

(For VIPs and Tsunami Victims Next-of-kin only)

14.00 hrs	Guest registration
15.30 hrs	Orchestra performance Slide Presentation of the Tsunami Memorial Foundation Stone
16.00 hrs	Arrival of VIPs
16.20 hrs	Arrival of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra
	<u>Official functions:</u>
	- Presentation of Tsunami Memorial Foundation Stone, carried by Royal Thai Navy soldiers
	- Buddhist ceremony presided over by the Prime Minister
	- Speech by Deputy Prime Minister Suwat Liptapanlop, Chairman of the '1 Year in Memory of Tsunami' Committee
	- Presentation of Five Selected 'Tsunami' Sculptures
	- Speech by Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra
	- Brahmin ceremony
16.39 hrs	Tsunami Memorial Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony by the Prime Minister
	<u>Official functions:</u>
	- Laying of Tsunami Memorial Foundation Stone by the Prime Minister
	- Buddhist ceremony
	- Brahmin ceremony
	- Saxophone performance
	- Poetry reading by foreign children
	- Thai flute performance
	- Poetry reading by Thai children
17.09 hrs	Memorial Ceremony for public Visit of exhibition by the Prime Minister

Interfaith memorial services: (17.00 – 19.35 hrs)

Venue: Bang Nieng Beach, Phang-Nga

17.00 hrs	Arrival of guests
18.15 hrs	Arrival of the Prime Minister
18.30 hrs	Arrival of Princess Ubol Ratana
18.35 hrs	Inter-faith memorial services, approximately 5 minutes for each religion [Buddhism, Christianity (Roman Catholic and Protestant), Islam, Sikhism and Hinduism]
19.00 hrs	Video presentation
19.05 hrs	Speech by the Prime Minister
19.10 hrs	Speech by Princess Ubol Ratana On behalf of tsunami victims next-of-kin
19.15 hrs	Poem reading
19.20 hrs	Minute of silence

19.21 hrs	Lighting of candles by Princess Ubol Ratana
	Lighting of candles by the Prime Minister and participants
19.30 hrs	Lighting of floating lanterns
19.35 hrs	End of program

3. Media Centers

To help the coverage of this special commemorative event, media centers will be set up in 3 different provinces: Phuket, Phang-Nga and Krabi. Each center offers hi-tech telecommunication devices such as computers with Hi-speed Internet, printers, photocopy machine, facsimiles and phones for use.

Phuket

Venue:	Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa
Address:	190 Thaweewong Rd., Patong District, Amphur Kathu, Phuket 83150
	Tel : 6676 370 555
	Fax: 6676 370 599
	Website: www.phuketgraceland.com
Date:	16 – 27 December 2005
Operating Hours:	08.00 – 20.00 hrs.

Phang-Nga

Venue:	Khao Lak Merlin Resort
Address:	7/7 Moo 2, Petchkasem Road, Khao Lak Beach, Lamkan, Taimuang, Phang-Nga
	Tel : 6676 428 300, 595 300, 443 300
	Fax : 6676 443 200
	Website: www.merlinphuket.com/khaolak
Date:	25 – 27 December 2005
Operating Hours:	08.00 - 20.00 hrs.

Krabi

Venue:	Khlong Jiraj Pier
Date:	25 – 27 December 2005
Operating Hours:	08.00 - 18.00 hrs.

For more information about media centers, please contact:

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4. Traveling To-From Phuket

By plane

Thai Airways International

Tel: 662 628 2000
 Ticketing: 662 535 2081-2
 Website: www.thaiairways.com

Nok Air

Call Center: 1318
 Tel: 662 900 9955
 Website: www.nokair.co.th

Orient Thai Airlines

Tel: 662 267 2999
 Fax: 662 267 3216-17
 Ticketing: 662 267 3210-5
 Email: reservation@orient-thai.com
 Website: www.orient-thai.com

Bangkok Airways

Call Center: 1771
 Tel: 662 265 5555
 Fax: 662 265 5556
 Email: reservation@bangkokair.com
 Website: www.bangkokair.com

By Bus

The Transport Company Limited

Tel : 662 936 2841-48 , 662 936 2852-66
 Fax : 662 936 1160

Phuket Central Tour

Tel : 662 435 5019

5. Accommodation

For information on accommodation in Phuket, Phang-Nga and Krabi, please visit www.tourismthailand.org.

6. Transportation To-From Press Centers

Buses will be provided for your convenience during 24 – 26 December 2005.

Please note that the buses will be scheduled to serve passengers between the two media centers of Phuket and Phang-Nga only.

Any journalist wishing to travel by bus is required to register in advance at Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa in Phuket or at Khao Lak Merlin Resort in Phang-Nga prior to departure. You may check daily bus schedule at front desk of the two media centers mentioned above.

7. Host Broadcasters

The uplink-downlink satellite service will be provided by CAT Telecom Public Company Limited (CAT). Note that the fee charge may apply.

For more details, please contact:

CAT Contact Center

Tel: 1322 / 662 614 1000 throughout 24 hrs.

MCOT Public Company Limited

Tel: 662 201 6000

The Government Public Relations Department

Tel: 662 618-2323 ext. 1700

Email : prforeign@prd.go.th

8. Related Websites

www.thaigov.go.th

www.mfa.go.th

www.prd.go.th

www.phuket.go.th

www.phangnga.go.th

www.krabi.go.th

www.mot.go.th

www.transport.co.th

www.phuketremembers.com

www.thailandtsunami.com

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