



## Wonder Moments in Amazing Thailand Media Educational Trip â?? Day 2

### Description

Coming into day 2 of our [educational trip](#) in Bangkok, my bed was too comfortable to get out from. Noting we have a long day ahead, I enjoyed a quick moment by the pool and headed for my buffet breakfast.

### The Salil Hotel Riverside â?? Bangkok



The hotel's marketing team took us on a tour of the hotel, showcasing their various room types including the presidential suites. I especially like the ones looking towards Chao Phraya River where occasionally you see ferries moving calmly across. Next to this hotel, there is a ferry terminal call [Watworachanyawas](#) where you can hop on a ferry to get across the river.

The hotel's facade is fused with creativity borne of some of the most famous Thailand artists such as Jay Soonthornsawad, Nattapon Pichairat, Nakrob Moonmanas, Panyawat Phitaksawan and Atthakrisna Vannason. ([Journey of Dreams](#))

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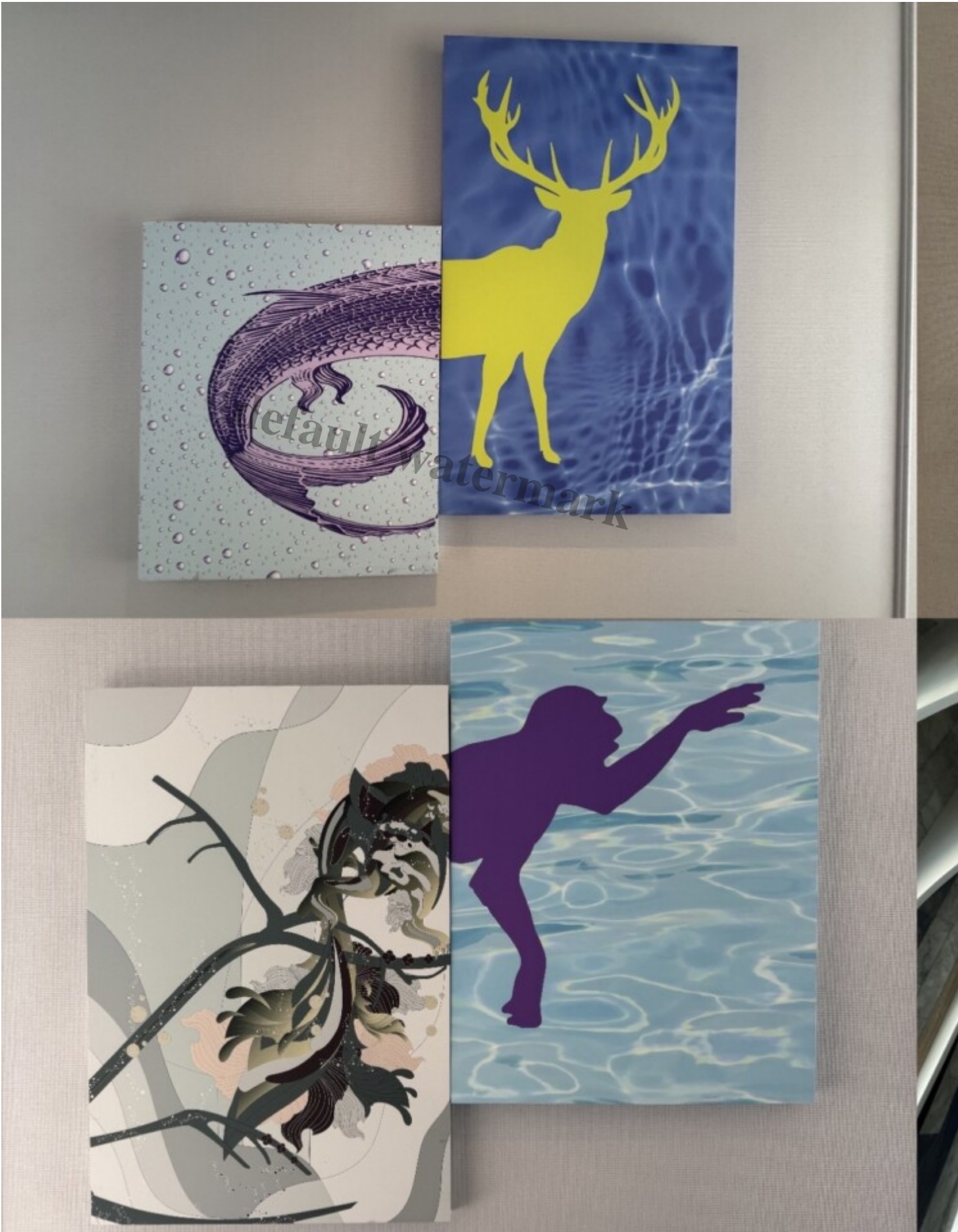






The hotel embraces a whimsical artistic style, blending animal and plant forms into imaginative hybrids. Guests are greeted with a unique mythical creature plush toy upon arrival, and each room showcases distinct, original artwork.

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## **Bangkok Bustaurant**

After the hotel tour, we moved off to catch a restaurant on a bus called [The Bangkok Bustaurant](#). It reminds me of Singapore's DUCKtours and Big Bus Tours without the air-conditioning and dining features.

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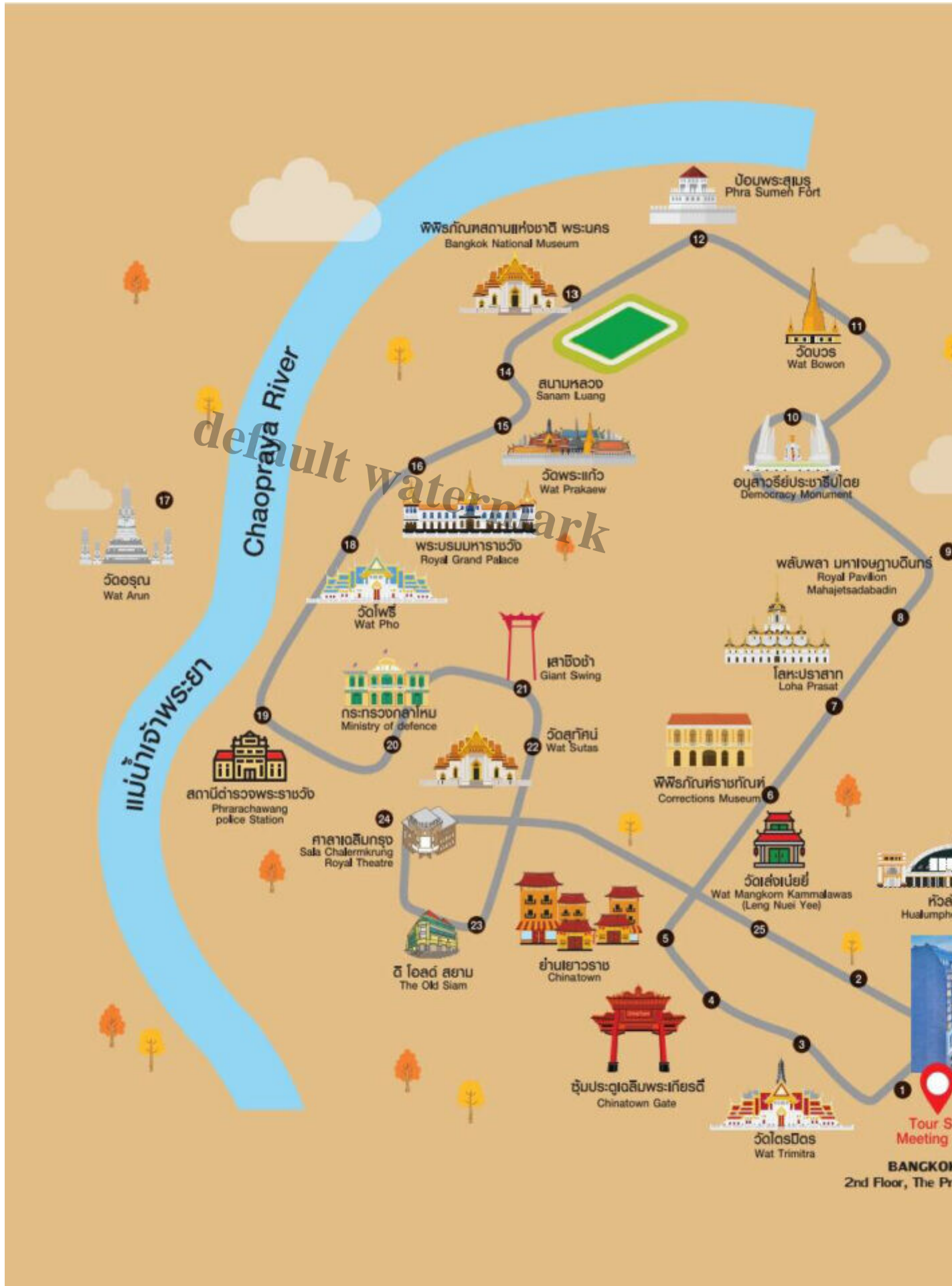
The Bustaurant is eye-catching, majestic with a modern touch

There was another group of passengers who were delayed by their flight so they could not make it in time. We have the whole bus to ourselves! The seats are arranged by couple seating or groups of 4. The tour guide welcomes us with a brief introduction on what to expect on this tour.

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Source: Bangkok Bustaurant

We set off from Soi Chareonkrung 22, where the bus company is located on the 2nd level of The Prime Offices Hua Lamphong. Here goes our journey back in time!

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The Chinatown Gate, also known as the Odeon Gate, is a prominent landmark that marks the entrance to Bangkok's vibrant Chinatown. It stands as a symbol of the strong cultural ties between the Chinese community and Thailand. Built in 1999, it was erected to celebrate King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 72nd birthday.

The gate's surroundings are a lively mix of markets, street food, and shops, offering a rich cultural experience. The gate is a cultural landmark that represents the historical and ongoing connection between Chinese and Thai cultures in Bangkok.

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Chinatown Gate

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關帝廟 or Kuan Yim Shrine (Thian Fa Foundation) along Yaowarat Road

The Kuan Yim Shrine on Yaowarat Road is dedicated to Guanyin, the Goddess of Mercy. It is part of the Thian Fa Foundation, i.e. the first foundation and private hospital established by Chinese immigrants in 1903 to provide free medical care. It houses a 900-year-old teak wood statue of Guanyin, where devotees pray for good health or even good grades for university entrance exams.

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A surprise view of the afternoon sun, momentarily

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A typical day on the streets of Chinatown

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In the vicinity of Chinatown Night Market are known for gold shops. The oldest goldsmith shop in Bangkok founded in 1875 is call Tang Toh Kang, known for its excellent customer service and top-notch gold quality.

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The Shrimp Salad Rolls which are thinly wrapped with rice skin is one of my favourite dish

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I am still munching on my 1st dish while my Shrimp Salad Rolls await

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This Shrimp Tom-Yum soup serves a sweet sour punch to my taste buds

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We passed by [The Temple of the Emerald Buddha](#), which is one of Thailand's most sacred Buddhist temple. It houses the Emerald Buddha, a highly revered Buddha image, though it's actually carved from jade. It's located within the grounds of the Grand Palace in Bangkok, making it a central part of the city's historical and cultural heart. The temple complex is renowned for its intricate architecture, vibrant decorations, and beautiful murals, showcasing exquisite Thai craftsmanship.

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Statue of King Rama IV, to commemorate King Mongkut who celebrated for modernising Thailand in

King Rama IV, also known as King Mongkut, was the fourth monarch of Siam (now Thailand) from the Chakri dynasty. He reigned from 1851 to 1868 and is a significant figure in Thai history, particularly for his role in modernising the country. He recognised the importance of engaging with Western powers and initiated reforms to modernise Siam, by embracing Western science and technology, promoting their study within the kingdom.

King Rama IV engaged in diplomatic relations with Western nations, signing treaties that opened Siam to international trade. Before ascending the throne, he spent many years as a Buddhist monk, during which he became a renowned scholar.

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The Sala Chalermsongkro Royal Theatre opened in 1933 and it was one of Bangkok's first modern

The Sala Chalermsongkro Royal Theatre was commissioned by King Prajadhipok (Rama VII) to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Bangkok's founding. The theater's architecture blends Thai and Western influences, reflecting the modernisation of Siam at the time. While it initially served as a cinema, it has since transitioned into a venue primarily for traditional Thai performing arts. It is now particularly renowned for its performances of Khon, a classical Thai masked dance.

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For a photographer or videographer, this is the best conditions for shooting with ample lighting in all directions. For a dancer, this is oven temperature to be dancing in those clothes. Phew. They spotted us waving and their camera turned around and shot us instead. Maybe we will appear in some Thai commercial or MTV.

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We were served with other dishes like the Chicken Taco with Spicy Fried Cashew, Salmon Steak with Red Curry Sauce served with Rice Vermicelli. Throughout the journey, I realised the bus was moving steadily without much jerking, which helps a lot on a full stomach from the sumptuous lunch.

### Onsen at Letâ??s Relax

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Let's Relax Onsen and Spa (Thonglor), the first branch in Bangkok to introduce Onsen facility  
After lunch, it is time to relax at [Let's Relax](#)! The cycling has to wait once again.

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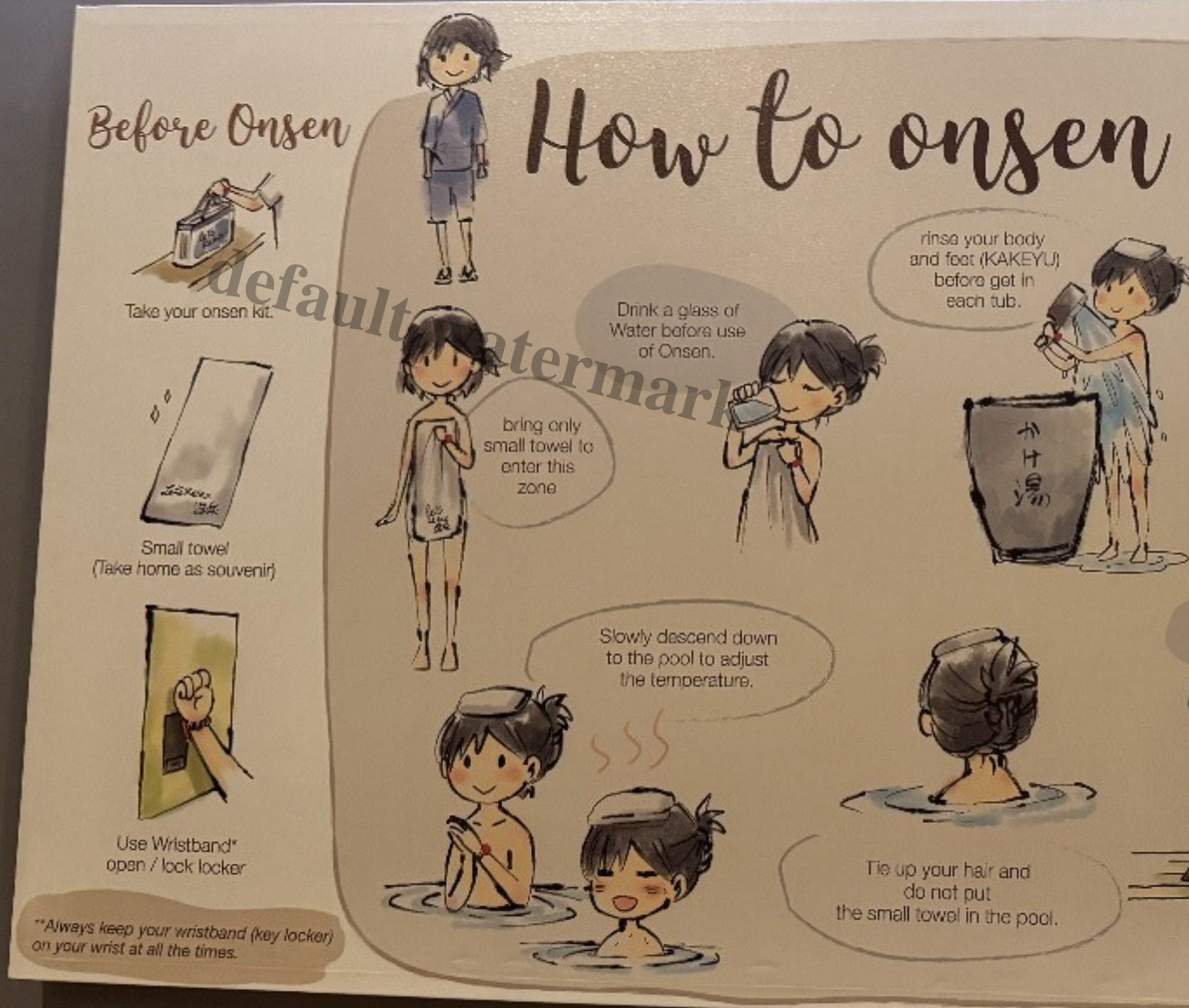




Located on the 5th floor of Grande Centre Point Hotel Sukhumvit 55 in Thonglor, this branch is easily accessible via BTS Thonglor station. It offers a wide range of massage and spa treatments, such as Thai massage, warm oil massage, aromatic hot stone massage and foot reflexology.

It is iconic for its Japanese-inspired onsen and spa, which features a variety of mineral bathtubs, sauna, steam rooms, and cool-down rooms. The overall ambience features classic Earth-tone and wooden partitions, creating an elegant Japanese touch.

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For the first-timers, some instructions will help but do not be faze by the multiple steps. No one will k

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Assorted snacks and beverages for your enjoyment while waiting for your company

### **TAT Welcome Reception**

Following a relaxing soak to relieve our fatigue, the highlight of the day was the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) HQ's annual Welcome Reception. Held at Flamenco Sky Bar Lounge in EmQuartier, the event gathered Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) from across the region to showcase Thailand's captivating sights and delectable cuisine.

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A photograph of a city skyline with a red rose in the foreground and a wooden table surface. The text "default watermark" is overlaid on the image.

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The event had workshops to design your own carriers and hats. A fun way to break the ice and get to know people. The KOLs at this event are mainly from India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Australia and Singapore.

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Wilber is searching for the right letters to design his man-purse



I had a hard time finding all the letters, why do we have such a long name?

Here is a curated collection of photographs showcasing the province of Loei, located in the northeastern region of Thailand. It is known for its stunning natural beauty, including mountains, national parks, and waterfalls. Loei is home to several national parks, such as Phu Kradueng, Phu Ruea, and Phu Hin Rong Kla. These parks offer opportunities for hiking, camping, and enjoying breathtaking scenery.

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Loei is known for its diverse cultural heritage, with influences from Lao and Thai traditions. You can experience local customs, visit temples, and enjoy traditional handicrafts. Compared to other parts of Thailand, Loei has a cooler climate, making it a pleasant destination during the hot season.

There are connecting flights from Singapore to Bangkok, before continuing to Loei Airport by flight. Another route is to fly into Udon Thani International Airport and take a bus to Loei.

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Having much fun with the right company

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Fancy for some freshly fried Phad Thai or spicy Khao Soi? I cannot decide so I had both. The Khao Soi is spicy indeed.

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Several key names were at the event, such as Miss Pattaraanong Na Chiangmai (Deputy Governor for International Marketing ?? Asia and the South Pacific), and Mr. Kittipong Prapatpong (Deputy Governor for Digitalisation, Research and Development). Both of them were recently promoted from 1 Oct 2024.

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Miss Pattaraanong Na Chiangmai, the current Deputy Governor for International Marketing ?? Asia

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A performance featuring intricately choreographed cultural dance was interwoven with traditional Mu

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The gathering brought together a diverse group of media enthusiasts, each sharing their unique exp

We ended the night with a resounding cheer for the success of the Welcome Reception. More adventures coming up as we travel to Hua Hin on [Day 3](#)!

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