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Hard Rock Cafe Koh Samui

Hard Rock Samui ready to welcome guests

Koh Samui – Hard Rock Cafe brings the brand’s one-of-a-kind blend of music, entertainment, iconic merchandise, and authentic American flair to Koh Samui! The 1,250sqm state-of-the-art cafe is slated to open this in the heart of Samui’s exciting entertainment hub of Chaweng. The new Hard Rock Cafe Koh Samui joins three successful Hard Rock Cafe locations in Thailand: in Bangkok, Phuket, and Pattaya. Hard Rock Cafe Koh Samui marks the brand’s fourth location in Thailand. Hard Rock Cafe Koh Samui will be represented by Destination Resorts, which has already helped to successfully expand the brand in Thailand as the franchisee of Hard Rock Cafe Phuket. Located on Chaweng Beach Road, Hard Rock Cafe Koh Samui will feature indoor seating for 200 guests and a spacious outdoor terrace and bar that can accommodate up to 100 guests. The new cafe will also offer an impressive outdoor pool area complete with private bar and guest cabanas. A large outdoor stage will feature the best in live music and entertainment from Koh Samui and around the globe.

X2 Vibe Chiang Mai-Decem Hotel opens

Chiang Mai -- Bespoke Hospitality Management Asia and Thailand-based design hotel group X2 recently announced the opening of X2 Vibe Chiang Mai-Decem Hotel. X2 Vibe (Tel: 053 214 828; email: book.cmd@x2vibe.com) is the younger more youthful, fun sibling of the X2 Luxury by Design Brand that has been gaining momentum in the Thai and Southeast Asian luxury 5-star market over the past five years.

X2 Vibe Chiang Mai, which follows on the heels of the X2 Vibe in Vietnam Hoi An, offers 76 newly designed chic urban style rooms in a loft style up to 60sqm with views over Doi Suthep and Doi Pui from almost every room. The hotel is located in the hippest spot in Chiang Mai, literally a short walk to Maya mall and the super cool

café and restaurants that now make up hipster Lana life. The hotel is now offering introductory rates starting at only THB 2,500 net including breakfast.

Shangri-La BKK unveils unique painting by 8 world-renowned artists

Bangkok -- Eight of the world’s most renowned artists for modern and contemporary street art came together to create a unique live painting of “Paradise on the River”-- only at Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok (www.shangri-la.com/bangkok). The painting is located on the corridor near the hotel’s Health Club between the Shangri-La Wing and the Krungthep Wing. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences and having different inspirations for their paintings, artists



Shangri-La Bkk

from the Netherlands, Romania, Greece, Korea, Japan and Thailand, jointly created an unimaginable art piece that reflects the lifestyle along the banks of the Chao Phraya River.

This live painting took place at the hotel’s Bukruk II Afternoon Tea Party in the Krungthep Wing lawn, where 13 artists from eight European countries, three Asian countries including Thailand, plus legendary street art photography were introduced as part of the “Bukruk II Urban Arts Festival” co-sponsored by the hotel. The festival aims to help the city make its bid as a regional arts hub and to cement its position as a city that breathes and lives art.

Ramada Maenam launches 'Shrek' promo

Bangkok -- As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, the iconic Ramada Plaza Bangkok Menam Riverside Hotel (www.ramadaplazamenamriverside.com) has been lining-up exciting opportunities for guests to enjoy in the city. As an official partner of “Shrek The Musical,” the hotel is now offering two exclusive accommodation packages that include tickets for the hugely popular international show.

Guests booking a Deluxe Riverside Room (double occupancy) will get two complimentary tickets for the show. Bookings for the same room type but with single occupancy receive one ticket. Guests spending a minimum of THB 6,500 net at any hotel outlet will receive one complimentary show ticket. Those spending a minimum of THB 11,000 THB net at any hotel outlet will get two complimentary show tickets.

“Shrek The Musical” is slated to have eight performances at Bangkok’s Muangthai Rachadalai Theatre July 1-5. The special offer applies to bookings made via the hotel’s website booking engine for stays between June 30 and July 5.