

EXPAT RECOMMENDED BUSINESSES

During the Club's Sunday Meeting Open Forum, attendees ask their fellow Expats if they can recommend certain types of businesses or where they can locate certain products. To assist other Expats in finding a business or product, we will be listing them here.

The Club does not sponsor or guarantee satisfaction with any of the listed businesses. The Club receives no monetary or other consideration from these businesses.

If you wish to recommend a business, please contact us and provide their name, the goods or services provided, and a brief description of your experience with the business. Also, please state whether you have any financial or other interest in the recommended business.

Likewise, if you use one of the listed businesses and are not satisfied with the goods and/or services please advise us of your experience. Also, advise us if you find the business is no longer there.

Generally, we will list businesses that in our sole discretion we consider to be useful to our fellow Expats. You can contact us by email to: info@pcec.club.

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¹ Express Mail, Household, Hearing Aids, Passport Photos, Septic Tank, Gym, CCTV, Fitness

Air Conditioning Service

Kungman Group

315/155 M12, Thappraya Road, Telephone 038-251-888.

His comments about their service:

They pulled everything apart, cleaned everything, added some Freon for just over 1,000 baht, they took just over one hour. They were also very clean protected furniture and floor and cleaned the balcony when finished. A professional job, very happy.

Toh

086-140-7595. Plumbing – only speaks Thai.

Originally reported to do plumbing work, but a later report says they contacted him and he says he only does airconditioning work.

Hom

Tel. 087-827-2012

According to person recommending, he does good work and speaks English - also, reasonably priced.

Jomtien Air - Nusorn and Micky

Tel. 086 889-9001.

Expat recommending said: "Excellent job for great price. Excellent English with the head repairman and extremely agreeable workers on the team. Also does electrical work.

Clothing – Large Sizes

A SHOP WITH BIG CLOTHING SIZES – A member reports there is a shop where you can get BIG (farang) sizes. The shop has shirts, shorts, T-shirts and is located at the Avenue Shopping mall on 2nd Road – enter the Villa Market through the doors from the mall (there is a wine shop on the left before the entry door) – just after you enter, the shop will be immediately to your left.

Moo and Noi Tailor Shop

Tel. No. 084-779-6629

280/28, Moo 9,(narrow) Soi Sanam Muny, Off of Soi Buakhao from Pattaya Klang (Central) Road.

Expat comment: Alterations. Restitching. My wife had 3 trousers measured--great fitting.

Computer Services

"A" - 08-1743-7073. He works out of his home. He comes to your location. He does repair work and can build a desk top computer to your specifications. Several members recommend him, his English is good and his prices reasonable.

Kilin Poolswan - 081-295-3860. He works out of his home - Repair at your home, new desk top computers built to your specifications, WiFi installation. Recommended by several members - English is good and prices reasonable.

InvadeIT – http://www.invadeit.co.th/

Located in Hua Hin. They have a listing by category for their products showing a brief description and price – they also have a link to the manufacturer's information and specifications. Their listing will show time for shipment, usually 1-3 days - they show payment may be by credit card, PayPal, or online transfer from certain Thai banks. You also choose your method of delivery; they list the shipping cost for Thai Post Office EMS or Thai Express delivery service. The Expat recommending them states: I found the products I wanted, put them in the shopping cart, completed information re name, shipping address, email address, etc. I noted that I wanted to use Bangkok Bank to make payment (no fee) and EMS service. Shortly after ordering I received a confirming email that products were available, the amount send, and a Bangkok Bank Account to use for the transfer – they note that a copy of the bank receipt for the transfer should be sent to an email address. Within about 10 minutes after transferring the funds and emailing a copy of the receipt, I received an email confirming receipt and noting they would advise when shipment was made. I received an email when the items were shipped (2 days from date ordered) along with the tracking number and a link to go to track the shipment. The items were sent by Kerry Express because the one of the items came in after the Thai Post Office closed for that day. The items were received in the afternoon of the next day.

Repair Services

Reliable Electrical Appliance Repair

Directions: Soi 19 (from soi Buakhao) links to 3rd Road. You need to get to the 3rd Road end. Once there turn right. This man's workshop is only a few steps along on the right. Usually there are a pair of orange jacketed motorcycle Taxi guys outside of his shop.

Expat recommending's comments: I took in a Remington (rechargeable) Electric Shaver. It had been in a drawer for ages. Many had tried (and failed) to fix it - "Sorry mister - cannot fix." After visiting this Thai guy it is buzzing away like new! He certainly has got a talent for fixing electrical stuff. He sits with a fixed smile - all day - every day - on his workshop floor. He has NO legs!!! If ever a man warranted help from a falang it is he. Please tell all of your friends. Oh! The shaver repair ... \$200. Embarrassingly cheap. In the UK, I can see £20 + VAT and the aggravation of waiting for a 'dubious' spare part to arrive. YES - I did give him a Tip.

OUD Electronics

PCEC member who contacted the repairer about a faulty fridge had a temporary fridge supplied while hers is being repaired. Both the owner and his wife speak good English.





OUD ELECTRONICS 301/29 MOO 12 THEPPRASIT ROAD 20150

TEL NO 038 197899



Loetsiri Phanich Ltd., Part. (Glass Repair)

Telephone: 038-426-941, 038-420-424/5, 038-360-168, 038-420-424 (fax) Suvit Siriphaisarntavee, Manager - Mobile Telephone 081-683-3861

241/11-13 Central Pattaya Road (Next to Big C Extra)

Pattaya City, Chonburi 20150

Telephone: 038-426-941, 038-420-424/5, 038-360-168, 038-420-424 (fax)

Expat Remarks: After having condo sliding door blown out by a sudden storm shattering all the glass. We called them the next morning and talked to Khun Suvit (good English) who said they might be able to fix that day. In the afternoon, with another storm approaching we called him, and within 15 minutes he was there measuring and about an hour later he returned with a crew and the panel of glass - by 4pm it was fixed. Total bill was 2,500 baht. I cannot imagine any better service.

Leather Repair

Located at the corner of soi Buakhaou and soi 21 (at the side of a foreign currency exchange). Diagonally across from the Bangkok Bank.

Expat Remarks: Over the years I have used this man's services many times. I have always been impressed by his skills in his chosen field. His prices are embarrassingly cheap. So much so that he really does warrant a decent tip.

Leather Repair

Leather House Pattaya 199/38 Moo 9, Pattaya Klang Telephone 038-411-978 or 059-752-6887 or email info@leatherhouse-pattaya.com, or i.leatherhouse@gmail.com.

Directions: past Soi Buakhoa going towards Beach Road. Take the Soi with the Green Sign for March Hotel on right, shop is quite a long way down on the right, a sign up in air on corner of sub Soi.

Expat Remarks: They will make leather items to order, but are very good for repairs. The Expat recommending notes that his wife has had at least 5 handbags done - new linings, new straps, new zips. He notes that all the work was very good and at fair prices.

Upholstery Shop on Sukhumvit Road near Boon Kanchana Intersection. If traveling South on Sukhumvit, make a U-turn at the Boon Kanchana traffic light (next one after Thepprasit Road intersection) OR if traveling to the top of Boon Kanchana, turn left (north) on Sukhumvit. The shop is on your left 2 or 3 shophouses from the intersection. Telephone: 089-931-4274



Expat recommending: Took my 7 year old Honda Car in to fix a seat upholstery problem 2 years ago, looked like new when they finished and still looks very good today. Took my 3-year-old Executive Office Chair in because fabric was splitting (December 2018). Took it in on Wednesday afternoon, picked up opening time (8am) on Friday morning, looks like new. Cost was 2,500 baht. Not sure how good they may speak English as my Thai partner was the one that took the car and later the chair in.

Washing Machine Repair - "Sam" Tel. No. 081-403-4746

Thepprasit Road-- 200 Meters from junction with Sukhumvit Road (traffic lights), keep on inside lane (no sign outside---washing machines visible--- next shop selling washing machine parts). Expat comments: He will do house calls for assessment. Speaks little English but a Thai person would advantageous.

Handymen & Construction Services

Darko

Telephone No. 089-095-9376

Builder

Manu

089-252-3510.

Electrician (limited English)

PK Cleaning

038-333-233

Expat comments: they did a good job on our wall to wall carpet and can also do area rug cleaning. They charge by the square meter. Price was about the as in the US and just as well done.

SEENUAN Engineering

Two telephone numbers: 087-5832166 & 092-9127124 On card says Pho Yai Gui market is 500 meters away

No name on card, but suggest you have a Thai speaker to call them as English is very limited For Installation & Repairs-Rain gutter-Zinc, Stainless steel-Hood-Ventilator, Awning-Wrought iron, all kinds of steel.

Member comment: Came and put stainless steel sheet under our tiles at side of house where rain was coming in and extended three down pipes to ground so rain flowed away quietly. Total cost 4.5K, efficient and very professional.

Nai

Telephone No. 086 355 9805

Carpenter

Member Comment: Khun Nai recently built a house for my friend. He did it exactly to her specifications. He will also do smaller jobs. He speaks English.

Custom Kitchens

Planet Kitchen, Ltd.

Kieran Oldham

Telephone: 081-862-6438 038-252-568

315/55 Thepprasit Road Does custom kitchens

Expat Remarks: Excellent work. May be a bit higher than other companies, but well worth it for having it done properly – he stands behind his work – if his workers don't do it properly, he has them

correct it.

Insurance Agents

Neng (Chamnong Anusat-utai)

Telephone: 084-003-6030,

084-003-6030 (Neng), 094-895-5465 (Taa) E-mail: neng611@hotmail.com

300/24 M. 10, Chan Thong Place

On Pattaya 3rd Road (Opposite Diamond Badminton) between Soi 17 (traffic light) and Bali Hai

Overpass of Thappraya Road.

Neng is an individual broker offering all types of insurance. He is recommended by several Club members. Speaks good English. Sometimes he is traveling, so contacting him by email may be best.

Wanarom (Wana) Hiranprapakul

MLG Consulting Service Co. Ltd

63/14-15 Moo 10 South Pattaya Road

Telephone: 038-427-904/5, 038-424-534 Fax: 038-424-535

Email: wanarom@mlgconsultingservice.com

Mechanic - Auto & Motorcycle

United Pattaya Auto Telephone: 099-491-2929

At the Sunday, August 28, 2016, meeting, we received a recommendation for car repairs. United Pattaya Auto for service and accessories. The Manager speaks good English. Telephone number for English 087-129-2427 per their brochure – the above number was given to the Expat who used their service and highly recommended them (PCEC suggestion, you may want to contact by telephone to be sure the Manager is there when you bring your vehicle in for service). They are located on Sukhumvit Road between Pattaya Klang (Central) Rd and Pattaya Nua (North) Rd on the West (Ocean) side – going North from Pattaya Klang they will be after the PTT station – there is a car dealer than United Pattaya Auto.

Khun Sakda - Auto

Telephone: 081-715-6819

Expat Remarks: For the past eight years I have been driving an ancient Mazda 626. For the first three years I was constantly being ripped off by mechanics who took money for work which later proved not to have been done. Five years ago I was introduced to a mechanic and I have been constantly amazed by his total honesty and great service. He works from his house which is far from the city center however he will come to your home, leave his car there, and take yours away. He charges foreigners exactly the same as Thais and his work is excellent. He does speak some English however for the initial contact in giving the address it would be helpful to have a Thai speaker call him.

Toon Cycle Shop- Motorcycle

Telephone: 087-600-4388 (From sign in front of shop)

Location: Go east on 3rd Road from Thappraya Road and it is about 40 meters on your left before you get to end of the Third Road Overpass on your right. If on 3rd, stay to the left as if going to Thappraya Road intersection and do a U-turn under the overpass before you get to the intersection, Toons will be immediately on your left after the U-turn.

Expat Remarks: When I arrived at the Toon motorcycle shop, I was impressed to see many trophy's and awards around the well organized shop. The owner explained to me in very good English that he was the lead motorcycle mechanic for Mityon here in Pattaya and they had sent him to scores of training programs from the manufactures both here in Thailand and in Japan and other countries. At some point Toon entered into a competition for best motorcycle mechanic in Thailand and a huge trophy awarded to him was displayed in his shop. I am a electronic engineer with 40 years' experience repairing and modifying cars and motorcycles in USA myself but I am happy to use Toon for these services here in the Pattaya area. Toon is able to completely understand all of my complex customization requests on my many motorcycles and has been able to perform these and so many maintenance and repair activities for me. I am extremely satisfied with the quality of his work and the price.

Car/Truck Window Mechanism Fitter/ Repairer.

Tel. No. 084-362-4805

28/38 Moo 9, Sukhumvit Road - between Pattaya Tai (South) Road and Pattaya Klang (Central) Road 3 shops just before "slip road" turn into Pattaya Klang Road. Expat Comments: Motor stopped working, they stripped the whole mechanism out, stripped the motor down cleaned out all the carbon--now works perfectly---- charged 350 baht. New on offer also.

Motor/ bike/car Upholsterer - Khun Manus Tel. No. 086-208-3913

46/112 Soi Chaiyaphruek 2 – from Sukhumvit past Collingboune's Auction House, just before Sports Stadium - shop will be on the right. Open Mon/Fri 0830-1700. Expat Comment: Re-upholstered my motor bike seat for 350 baht - excellent workmanship -price depends on material, size and complexity of design. Speaks a little English.

Products/Services

EXPRESS MAIL

Pattaya Courier Service (DHL, FedEx, and UPS)

To contact them for information, pickup locations, etc. or to Express ship an item, visit their website at: http://www.pattayashipping.com/Fedex_DHL.php. They list locations for sending by DHL, Fedex, and UPS.

The member recommending them said he contacted their DHL location by telephone for an item he needed to send. They came to his house on the East Side to pick it up – no extra fee for this pick up service.

To contact them for information, pickup locations, etc. or to Express ship an item, visit their website at: http://www.pattayashipping.com/Fedex DHL.php.

HOUSEHOLD

ARC

Showroom: 389/114 Moo 6, Sukhumvit Road, Naklua, Banglamung, Chonburi 20150

Telephone 038-716-868 or 086-112-8908; Fax: 038-223-893 Website: http://www.pvcwindowsthailand.com/index.html

Windows, sliding doors, home improvement - Located on Sukhumvit Road between Pattaya Nua (North Road) and Pattaya Klang (Central Road). *Member purchased sliding glass doors for condominium. Well satisfied with product and installation. Sales person he dealt with was Derek.*

HEARING AIDS

DMED Hearing Center Co., Ltd. Pattaya Branch

389/8-9 Moo 6, Naklua, Banglamung, Chonburi, Thailand (located on Sukhumvit Road opposite Pattaya Orphanage)

Tel. 038-719-047

Office hours: 9am to 6pm (closed only on Sunday)

Website: http://en.dmedhearing.com/tag/hearing-aids-pattaya

Located on East side of Sukhumvit Road, almost opposite Pattaya Orphanage.

They have products from Siemens, Widex, and Audifon

Several members have obtained hearing aids from DMed. Their operations are overseen by Mukda Pattana-anek, Audiologist. In celebration of HM the Queen, they usually have a promotion during the month of August where many items can be 50% to 70% off. They will conduct a hearing test on the premises including a Medical Certificate if needed for insurance purposes.

PASSPORT PHOTOS

Fotoku Plus - Studio & Digital Output Station

Telephone number is 038-412-612

Hours: 10am to 9pm daily

It is located on the Soi that runs on the North side of Big C North – about half way between 2nd Road and the road that goes past the back side of Big C.

The Expat recommending the shop noted they have a sheet showing the requirements of various countries, i.e., USA, UK, etc. He obtained photos there to renew his USA passport and had no problem with them being accepted.

SEPTIC TANKS

John

086-155-8425

Expat Comment: He came an emptied tank for 1,500 baht.

I noticed the recommended septic tank plumber charges B1500. This lot charges about 1/2 that - in the Huay Yai area, not sure of their range - 087 581 4682. I don't have a name for them, just have a Thai speaker call them.

FITNESS & FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Seara International, Sports Engineering And Recreation Asia, Ltd. Andrew Seymour, General Manager

143/126-128 Moo 12, Chaiyapruk Road (located in strip of shops on Sukhumvit just South of Chaiyapruk Road – large sign and parking in front)

Telephone number 038-757-198 or 099-197-6622

Email: andrew@searasports.com Website: www.searasports.com

Expat recommending says a wide range of fitness equipment. The General Manager is very knowledgable and will recommend the appropriate equipment for your health & fitness needs.

<u>Note</u>: Andrew participated in David Shnider's exercise demonstrations (presentation to PCEC in March 2020 on mature health & Fitness) as well as providing the fitness equipment used. <u>Click here</u> to view the presentation-Andew's participation appears at 31:40 minutes into the video.

"Fun Gym" Open 07:00 am to 22:00 pm everyday

Telephone number 087-238-2366

Expat recommending says they have all new equipment and membership fee is about one half of that charged by another popular gym in Pattaya. To reach "Fun Gym" you need to travel up Soi Siam Countryclub until you reach the traffic lights at the junction with the top of Soi Nernplubwan. While travelling east towards the reservoir, you will see a Tesco-Lotus and a 7-Eleven hugging two corners of this well-known junction. You need to get behind the buildings that house the 7-Eleven, which you can do by turning in off Nernplubwan, or by turning off Soi Siam after passing the traffic lights by 20 meters.

CCTV/POS SYSTEMS

K Hart

Telephone 095 951 5246, Line prakit038

Individual that works out of his home. Recommended by Stuart Saunders, who notes: He does CCTV, also POS (Point of sale) systems around Pattaya. Is responsible for the CCTV at our temple. Good English. Says he will give a good price to expats - (mention Khun Stuart).

Storage Facilities

Storage facilities are something that many Expats often inquire about. Although we only have a specific recommendation regarding one of the two businesses listed here, they are the only facilities in Pattaya that we are aware of. You may wish to visit their facilities before contracting for storage. If you should contact or use them, we would appreciate some information on your experience – email: info@pattayacityexpatsclub.com

U-Store-It

Telephone: 087-831-7919 (Owner's name is Lee)

Their brochure states they offer 24 hour security, various size cages from small containers up to furniture from a 2 Bedroom house. Further, they will drop off a container at your location to be filled and then pick it up and take it to their storage facility. They also offer storage parking for motorcycles and automobiles. *They offer Club members a 10% discount.* They also offer a discount for long term storage - A member just contracted with them for long term storage and received a 15% discount. The member said the facilities are nice, have ventilation, and CCTV cameras.

Tax Preparation Services

Around the time that USA income tax returns are due, we often get inquiries about someone that can prepare USA income tax returns. If not too complicated, several of our members use TurboTax online for preparation and electronically filing their income tax returns. We have no specific information on the following, but they are the only service we are currently aware of for preparing USA tax returns. We would be interested in receiving comments on your experience with any listed by the US Embassy or the other company listed below – also, any other company that you may have dealt with and would recommend to your fellow Expats – send email to info@pattayacityexpatsclub.com

US Income Tax Preparation - US Embassy has list – See below – Call the American Citizens Service office at the US Embassy (02-205-4049) for any updates.



American Embassy

Bangkok, Thailand

American Citizen Services Unit 95 Wireless Road Bangkok 10330

Telephone: (66) (2) 205-4049, Fax: (66) (2) 205-4103 Website: http://bangkok.usembassy.gov

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Website: www.irs.gov Telephone Assistance 1-800-829-1040 (Individuals) 1-800-829-4933 (Businesses) By mail for taxpayers outside of the U.S.: Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 920 Bensalem, PA 19020 Tel: 215-516-2000 Fax: 215-516-2555

TAX CONSULTANTS/PREPARERS IN THAILAND

The following individuals/companies in Bangkok have indicated that they can provide tax consulting services and assist in the preparation of income tax returns for U.S. taxpayers in Thailand. The list is not exhaustive nor its inclusion meant to be an indication of U.S. Embassy endorsement for the quality of services available.

Taxplan Ltd.
4th Floor, Panunee Bldg.
518/3 Ploenchit Road
(Next to Amarin Plaza)

Tel: 02-251-9832 / 02-251-2323 Fax: 02-652-0788 Email: taxplan@taxplan.co.th

 Nawarat, Williams & Co., Ltd. Tax Services for Expatriate Americans The Royal Place II 6/311 Soi Mahadlek Luang 2 Ratchadamri Road, Lumpini Bangkok 10330 Tel: 089-925-9905 Fax: 02-650-5800 Email: lanny@loxinfo.co.th

Tel: 053-869-155 Fax: 053-878-658 Email: krebs@us-taxpayers

Email: krebs@us-taxpayers.com pukawan@us-taxpayers.com

JP Rooney & Associates Ltd.

4th Floor, Panunee Building, 518/3 Ploenchit Road, Bangkok 10330 Tel: 02-254-7343, 02-251-2323, 02-251-9832 Fax: 02-652-0788

Email: taxplan@taxplan.co.th Website: www.jprooney.com They advertise tax preparation and advisory service for USA.

Legal Services

Thai888 Law Co., Ltd offers a 50% discount to PCEC members for preparing a Last Will & Testament (normally 10,000 baht plus and now 5,000 baht). Members obtaining a Last Will & Testament have recommended this service. No Expat reports on other legal services have been received.

For information on their firm, visit https://www.thai888.com/ or contact Jeab on 080-102-8978 or by email to jeab@thai888.com.