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HIGHER CALLING

Airline president Capt Puttipong
Prasarttong-Osoth on the rise of
Bangkok Airways

THAI FILMMAKERS SHINE AT
ROTTERDAM FILM FESTIVAL;
ASIA'S POWER WOMEN;
DINING AT THE CHEF'S TABLE

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BODY BEAUTIFUL

Essential blossoms offer a pampering experience at The Okura Spa

THE SAKURA FLOWER HAS GREAT SYMBOLISM IN Japan where it is associated with the ephemeral or transient nature of life, reminding us to seize our opportunities and to enjoy what nature has to offer. Nowhere is that better encapsulated than in the 90-minute Ritual of Sakura treatment at The Okura Spa at The Okura Prestige Bangkok. The treatment begins with a gentle 10-minute cleansing footbath using a sakura salt scrub to soften the skin. A 30-minute exfoliating sakura glowing body scrub to remove old, dry skin follows. Finally, a 50-minute exfoliating massage using antioxidant-rich sakura oil relaxes and revives tired muscles. Available daily, from 10am-10pm, April 1 - June 30, price 3,900 ++ baht. Call 0-2687-9000 or email spa@okurabangkok.com for bookings and information.

SMART CALL

In keeping with the hotel's slogan of Stay Savvy, Maitria Hotel Sukhumvit 18—a Chatrium Collection hotel—is currently offering a high-tech stay with the Handy Phone smartphone for access to hotel services. Every Maitria room features its own free smartphone, which allows unlimited local calls and free international calls to 11 different countries. Guests will also have unlimited internet access both within the hotel's premise and outside with interactive maps. The phone also offers on-the-go hotel concierge services, as well as access to exclusive brand promotions and Luxos travel finds. Designed for international travellers, the phone comes with adaptive language options and a privacy assurance that guarantees all personal data will be erased on returning the Handy Phone. For more information and reservations, email info.maitria@chatrium.com, visit chatrium.com or call 0-2302-5777.



MONEY MOVES

As we get ever closer to a cashless society, KTC has partnered with Visa to launch KTC Scan to Pay Cross Border, which allows international payments using credit cards via QR codes.

Providing special privileges for worthwhile transactions through QR code scanning, KTC limits foreign-currency exchange fluctuation risks to less than two per cent, the lowest rate among credit card purveyors. In addition, members can receive up to one-and-a-half per cent cash back for every transaction made using credit cards, which complies with Visa's standards and can be safely used world wide. Tosapong Rangkawara, vice president of KTC Krungthai Card, also revealed that members will be able to use other financial institutions' mobile applications to scan KTC's QR codes when making transactions.



NORTHERN LIGHT

The Dawn Medical Rehab and Wellness Centre, a luxury facility for people seeking treatment for addictions, trauma and stress, has launched its latest centre on the banks of the Ping River in Chiang Mai. Offering a holistic road to recovery for those fighting drugs, alcohol, sex and gambling addictions, The Dawn pursues a twin-pillar approach, which is a proven combination of modern psychological services and holistic wellness therapies such as yoga, meditation and even Thai boxing. The centre also makes use of new transcranial magnetic stimulation technology, a non-invasive technique that stimulates nerve cells in the brain to improve mood and relieve cravings and symptoms of depression. Under director Ohm Poolsawaddi, The Dawn maintains a roster of more than a dozen internationally qualified therapists, medical staff, counsellors and trainers and can host up to 20 clients at any one time. Visit thedawnrehab.com for more information.