

FILM IN THAILAND

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What's News?

Tax Incentives for Foreign Film Location Shoots in Thailand Move Closer to Implementation

Rebates & Incentives

It is hard to believe we are in the last quarter of 2010 and many production houses are already slating their 2011 calendars.

In so doing, please consider taking your production here to Thailand as we will surely have tax incentives in place making it even more economically attractive to Film in Thailand.

At the Royal Thai Cabinet Meeting on August 24, 2010, the Cabinet upon recommendation from Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva approved several tax incentives for foreign film makers shooting their productions in Thailand. While several of these initiatives have been sent back for additional comments and input from the relative Ministries, they are expected to be implemented shortly (possibly with some slight changes).

Here are the proposed initiatives which have been approved but sent to the Revenue Department for consideration to be reported back within one month:

Foreign film production companies will be eligible for 100% VAT cash refund after submitting refund application along with supporting documents within a specified period of time.

As incentive for foreign film production companies to continuously produce films in Thailand, a tax credit of 20 – 25% will be granted to companies having made their first film in Thailand and re-entering the Kingdom to make their second film – first production taxes refunded upon 2nd entry. Tax credit at 20 -25% of the second

film will be kept for tax refund of the third film production and so-on.

There shall be 0% withholding tax for foreign actors and actresses working on productions in Thailand.

To emphasize the importance of foreign film production in Thailand, the Immigration Bureau will set up express immigration queue at all international airports in Thailand (beginning at Suwanaphumi Airport) for foreign production cast and crew filming in Thailand for 15 days or more and who have been granted a Non-immigrant Visa from a Royal Thai Embassy in their country of origin AND certificate letters From the Department of Tourism.

We will continue to keep you informed regarding the outcome of these initiatives

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Office of Tourism Development Becomes Department of Tourism

A formal name change has taken effect and the Office of Tourism Development, under which the Thailand Film Office operates, has officially become the Department of Tourism.



Head of the Department is Dr. Suwat Sidthilaw, Deputy Director General.

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Thailand Film Office Takes the Message of Film in Thailand “On the Road”

Please stop in and see us as we visit several film festivals and exhibitions over the next couple of months.

First up is the Pusan International Film Festival which runs October 7 – 15, 2010. The Thailand Film Office will participate with a booth in the Busan International Film Commission & Film Industry Showcase (BIFCOM) which runs, October 9 – 11.

Next up, we will be at the Tokyo International Film Festival, October 23 – 31, 2010. Specifically, our booth will be at TIFFCOM which runs Oct. 25 – 28th.

And then we travel to Seville Spain for the Seville International Locations Expo (SILE) which is the European trade fair for the locations market. SILE runs November 11-13 2010.



We look forward to visiting with old friends and making new ones interested in Thailand as a center for production of their next feature film, TVC, documentary, music video or other audio visual project.

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8th World Film Festival to Unfurl in Bangkok November 5 – 14, 2010

The objective of the World Film Festival of Bangkok is to introduce quality, non-mainstream films from all over the world. It aims to become a showcase for independent films and new work from rising talents to cinema masters to show the continuity from generation to generation as a vital component in the development of the film industry.



More than 80 international films are screened at the festival each year, featuring works from the European Union Film Festival, Latin America, Asia and Southeast Asia and included short films, experimental films, documentaries and animation productions - which are considered a new focus of the industry.

Apart from film screenings, there are film-related talks such as Master Class Workshop and other special events. The festival, in co-operation with the Festival of Three Continents and Produire Au Sud from France, also runs a workshop to guide film producers seeking funds for their new projects. At the end of the workshop, the most interesting film projects in Southeast Asia will be selected to receive funds and the makers will be invited to the final selection in France.

With over seven years experience, the World Film Festival of Bangkok has now become a significant film festival in Southeast Asia attracting more film industry and media from all over the world and is also attended by directors, film stars.

The Festival is organized by The Nation Multimedia Group Public Company Limited and the Office of Contemporary Art and Culture, Ministry of Culture. Screenings will be held at Paragon Cineplex in central Bangkok.

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Who is saying what?



A shout out to script writers for CBS television's (USA) NCIS Los Angeles, (Shane Brennan Productions), who in the March 16, 2010 episode where Special Agent G. Collen (Chris O'Donnell) and Special Agent Sam Hanna (LL Cool J) when interrogating a young gang member suggested (in the holding cell) they order out for Thai food.

Thanks folks for thinking of something "Thai" and writing it into your script. Please keep it up!

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What's Up Private Sector?

"Number 13"



photos courtesy The 6th Element

The 6th Element recently completed 27 days on a Russian production entitled "Number 13" It was a contribution of production skills of The 6th Element, the Production firm of Igor Tolstunov along, with assistance from local inhabitants in Samui, Koh Tao and Koh Nangyuan where the movie was shot, as well as support from government sectors and local administrative offices.

This movie earned at least 20 million Baht (approx. US\$615,000) for Thailand.



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Film Me

Ko Nang Yuan is a group of three islands northwest of Koh Tao. The pretty little islands are interconnected by a long sandy beach. The long stripe of smooth white sand can be explored on foot.



The beaches on the islands are undisturbed and quiet, and they are all clean. The highlight of Nang Yuan is the beautiful scenery of the underwater world. The most magnificent and deepest spot is called Khong Hin Nang Yuan which has unspoiled and untouched coral reefs.

Nang Yuan is also good for snorkeling. Just 10 m away from the shore, the deepwater coral reefs and marine life are clearly seen in the transparent blue seas

and the bright sun. The stunning view of a panoramic scene of the sandy beach that links all three islands together can be reached by a 50 m staircase.



Now you know so come to Thailand and Film it!

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