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Thailand Remains Dynamic Production Center

From a total of 496 productions in 2009, we are slated to surpass the total number of productions this year – already 464 at the end of October 2010. Not only has the first half of 2010 been strong, but the second half looks likely to generate foreign production revenue closer to our all time high in 2008 of US \$61.3 million. Total production value through 2009 was US\$27.6 million and we have hit more than US \$49.6 million (adjusted to 2008 value of 33 baht per US \$) by October 31 2010, with several large productions in the pipeline slated to begin before the end of the year.



The Thailand Film Office is pleased that our industry continues to grow and mature. To that end, we offer seminars for both government and the private sector regarding laws and regulations related to filming activities in Thailand and trends and insights into international film industry

developments.

Our website at www.thailandfilmoffice.org contains the most up-to-date information on filming in Thailand which the Thailand Film Office supplements with published and digital materials given out at markets such as Hong Kong, Pusan, Cannes and the Location shows in Santa Monica and Seville Spain. And, even though we are not one of the more active people on Twitter, you can follow any breaking news and developments at [film_thailand](https://twitter.com/film_thailand)

Increasingly we are finding that production companies are coming to Thailand not just because of our locations, but to utilize Thai based production services such as set construction, costume and make-up crafts, and post production work including sound and digital services.

A fine example of Thailand's production services can be found in the recently released Weinstein Company film, *Shanghai*, (starring John Cussack, Gong Li, Ken Watanabe and Yun-Fat Chow), which was filmed in Thailand and the UK. Costumes, props and sets were created turning Bangkok into Shanghai, China, circa 1941.

Warner Bros will start shooting *Hangover Part II* in Bangkok later in November while several European features are also in production.

And if you have not heard the news, Thailand was named one of the top three (along with Hong Kong and Singapore) production centers in Asia and one of the top 10 film location destinations in the world by P3 Update Magazine.

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Recently, the Department of Tourism Development under which the Thailand Film Office operates, formally became the Department of Tourism. In October, 2010, Mr. Supol Sripan was appointed Director General to head up the Department of Tourism.



Who is saying what?

Jerry Day, Tuolumne County Film Commissioner
Chairman, FLICS (Film Liaisons in California, Statewide)



Jerry Day

As Film Commissioner for Tuolumne County (CA.) I receive a lot of newsletters from around the world. **Film in Thailand** (FiT) happens to be one that I read. It is filled with useful information about the local film commission and productions that are taking place in Thailand.

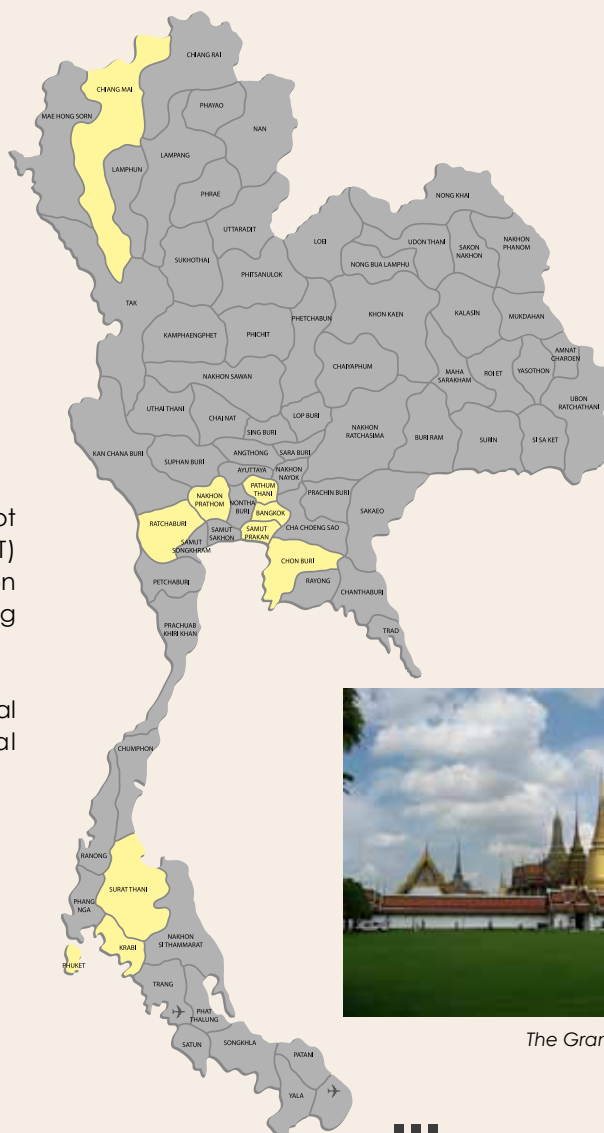
The only suggestion I can make is to help us get to know the local "players" a bit better by featuring profiles of your local coordinators. Otherwise, great job folks!

Top Thailand Locations

Wondering what the top locations for foreign film shoots in Thailand are?

In order of popularity (click on location to see it on Thailand map):

1. Bangkok	6. Pathumthani
2. Chonburi	7. Krabi
3. Samut Prakarn	8. Ratchaburi
4. Phuket	9. Nakorn Pathom
5. Chiang Mai	10. Surat thani



The Grand Palace, Bangkok



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