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Thai PBS Series Brings Fresh Perspective to Bangkok Travel
Canadian Expat Travels Thailand in TV show "Long Krung": Fascination Street

Bangkok, Thailand (PRWEB). May 24, 2011. Daniel Fraser, long-time Thailand expatriate and co-founder of luxury Southeast Asia travel operator Smiling Albino (SA), stars in a Long Krung, a Thai Public Television series exploring unique sides of Thai culture, traditions and beliefs from the eyes of an informed resident westerner. Fraser is currently filming 26 episodes of the show, which started airing April 10, from 18:00-18:30 on Thai PBS Channel 6.

Along with Smiling Albino business partner, Scott Coates, Fraser has lead adventure trips in SE Asia and Nepal for discerning North American clientele since 1999. Fraser has explored the multiple layers of the Far East, thus making Bangkok his home for over 10 years.

"Long Krung brings an outside perspective to various phenomena in Thailand," says Fraser, who was asked to audition for the TV series last year by a well-known Thai TV personality. "The show provides local viewers with a western viewpoint into the oddities and eccentricities of Thai culture through an often comical narrative of life in Thailand, all in the Thai language."

The weekly program includes extensive interviews with a variety of locals including monks, artists, village headmen, athletes, musicians, taxi drivers, celebrities and farmers. The shooting style is candid and unrehearsed, with Fraser often carrying a small video camera himself and shooting raw scenes of interacting with villagers and others. Each episode addresses a larger issue, such as cultural erosion, social inequality, or merely addressing the differences between eastern and western values. **One specific episode on all-night street dining in Bangkok earned 50,000 YouTube views within a few days of airing.**

"We lead the audience to know Thailand from a foreigner's point of view," says director Nithi Samuthkhojorn, explaining the theme of the cultural-travel series. "The program offers a new viewpoint of how a foreigner sees Thai society by investigating various topics and giving in-depth information."

Along with destination-focused topics, Long Krung plans additional episodes around an exciting array of topics over the coming months, including spirit festivals, sacred tattoos, hidden corners of Bangkok, traditional village life, urban development, and more.

The television series is narrated in Thai; select episodes have English subtitles for western viewing.

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