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Santhiya Welcomes Skål International Koh Samui, Thailand

April 5th, 2009 – Santhiya Resort & Spa warmly welcomed over 50 Skålleagues from the neighbouring island of Koh Samui. The Santhiya Management Team laid on a fantastic brunch-time spread with gourmet delicacies specially prepared by Santhiya's Executive Chef, Khun God Keawpeth. The Skal group from Samui, headed by their president, Mr Horst Hornung, (also editor of Samui Journal Magazine) were greeted by Santhiya management, General Manager Khun Chak Paladsongkran and Resort Ambassador, Jenny Jones. Discussions on enhancing tourism on Samui and Phangan were hot topics at the gathering as Skal clubs primary goal is to do "business among friends".

Skål International is the largest travel and tourism organization in the world. The exclusive membership is made up of executives in the tourism industry. Its monthly dinner meetings offer the members a venue for networking and discussion. Skål (www.skal.org) is non-political organization with over 20.000 members at 500 clubs worldwide. Representatives from Bahrain's SKAL club were also present as part of a fellow team member exchange programme to encourage business on an International scale. The Bahrain guests thoroughly enjoyed their tour around Santhiya resort and have a lot to tell their Middle Eastern friends about their lovely experiences while on the beautiful Thai islands.

The function at Santhiya went very well and all guests enjoyed their food and wine. Many of the guests went to take a look at the on room inspection afterwards and one member commented that they were 'astounded at the level of luxury found in the middle of the jungle'. Khun Chakrapong, Santhiya's new general manager is a long standing member of the SKAL club, and he thoroughly enjoyed being visited by his friends from the SKAL club to his new resort in Koh Phangan



Pictured above: The Skålleagues enjoying their day trip to the luxurious Santhiya Resort on the exotic island of Koh Phangan. Their President, **Mr. Horst Hornung**, also editor of Samui Journal in the light blue shirt and dark blue cap on the left hand side.



Pictured above: Fellow Skålleague and Santhiya's General Manager, **Khun Chak Paladsongkram**, caught serenading Santhiya's Resort Ambassador, **Khun Jenny Jones**

Skål International Koh Samui was officially installed as Skål Club # 679 on March 20, 2004. Since then, the club was represented at the annual Asian Area Congresses as well as the Skål World Congresses and has become the biggest Skål Club in Thailand with more than 100 members and recently hosted the biggest international event in the club's history, the "37th Skål Asian Area Congress" last year of May 21-25, 2008. As a result of its generous attitude, Skal Samui has conquered the nickname "Champagne Club". The famous Skal Samui Dinner sessions with great buffets & free flowing drinks are celebrated each third Tuesday of the month at 19:30.

The Skål group is presided by the Editor of Samui Journal Publication Mr. Horst Hornung, who will be writing an article about the wonderful outing to the resort. **Samui Journal** was introduced to the Samui media scene in March 2002 and since then has been recognized as the undisputed top

lifestyle publication on the island of Samui. For more information about Samui Journal please check their website (www.samuijournal.com).