

# **British Club Seniors Section**

## **Lunch Presentation:**

### **“A NEW ERA IN THAI TRAIN TOURISM”**

#### **Introduction of the Speaker: Wanwit Niampan, Assistant Chief, Foreign Relations Department, The State railways of Thailand**

Good afternoon everyone, I would firstly like to welcome our guests before moving on to introduce our Speaker. Led by their Chairperson Beverly, we have a nice number of Golden Years members with us today. We also have long-time British Club Members Brian and Yurachat Brook and Richard and Boom Souter, so welcome to you all.

Now, to our speaker today, Khun Wanwit. Not only is he the youngest speaker we've ever had, but importantly for us, his connection to trains runs very deep. His lifelong passion for railways began as a toddler, when his father would take him on numerous train journeys.

Wanwit's fascination for railways didn't just stay a childhood hobby—it became a career. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in English for International Communications, and then at Chulalongkorn University a Master's in Integrated Communications Management, he joined the State Railways of Thailand in 2014. In just a few short years, he now holds the impressive role of Assistant Chief of the Foreign Relations Department at SRT, where he is responsible for international partnerships, managing study tours, and coordinating with global partners. He has just returned from a work trip to Indonesia and, of note, last year in Japan, he participated in the East Japan Railway Company's 'Railway Culture Foundation Program', focusing on 'Tourist Trains and Local Co-Creation' - I think it's safe to say that many of the current and future initiatives involving SRT's tourist trains that he will talk to us about today, bear far more than just his influence!

Wanwit's long-term vision is both ambitious and inspiring: he dreams of making Thai trains an essential state welfare asset. He envisions a future where all train carriages are air-conditioned, impeccably clean, and equipped with better safety and information systems, making railway travel accessible and pleasurable to all, regardless of income.

And just to add to his growing list of achievements, he runs a popular Facebook group called "Team Riding the Train with Mr. Hammun," boasting a community of over 241,000 followers, where he shares his passion and ideas for the future of Thai railways.

Will you please welcome Khun Wanwit !