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(Chinese New Year's starts January 31 and runs for 15 days)

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<http://www.DonsLifeInThailand.com>

This email is to advise you of any updates at:

"Immigration"

"Air Quality"

"Thai Driving License"

"Thai Government Health Care Insurance for Foreigners"



Chiang Mai Immigration - GPS Latitude 18°46'17.63" Longitude 98°58'15.4"E

Immigration

(Chiang Mai)

NOTE: Chiang Mai Immigration has very little parking available. If you're coming by car you might want to park at Airport Plaza and walk to Immigration

RENEW VISA - The next available day to make a reservation to renew your Visa is:

- May 6 - 4 Time Slots available
- May 7 - 2 Time Slots available
- May 8 - 3 Time Slots available
- May 9 - Holiday
- May 10-11 - Weekend
- May 12 - Over 100 day limit (should have 10 slots available in 3 days)

Note: Go to the Online Queue to make your reservation about 100 days prior to the day you want to renew your visa (Be sure to access the Queue early in the morning for best results)

To make a reservation click this link or paste it into your address bar

chiangmaiimm.com/th/queue-online.html

To download Immigration Forms [CLICK HERE](#)

If you don't make a reservation, you have to go to Immigration, get a number, then wait for hours for your number to be called or possibly come back the next day.

Thai Driving License

There is a new application Form for the "Thai Driving License". It's available on my website:

<http://donslifeinthailand.com/Thai-Drivers-License-2.html>

Government Health Insurance Plan for Foreigners

NOTE: At the present time it appears that this program has been put on hold nationwide. Indications are that it will not be activated again until after the elections. For those of you who already have the Health Card, I understand that the Hospitals are honoring those cards. For details [CLICK HERE](#)

* If you have any additional new information, regarding the Govt Health Insurance Program, please let me know *

Expat Experience at Immigration (No Appointment)

NOTE: This was reported by Mark (Expat) on Nov 6, 2013. He didn't have a reservation (Chiang Mai) As to Immigration... I was told by a few people yesterday that Immigration now puts a box outside in the morning with large, blue colored numbered cards that set you up for where you are in 'line' when they open the doors and start calling out numbers for your queue number. When I got there at 7:50, people were already seated inside. They all had these cards in hand and the box containing the cards was sitting out on counter 1 at that time. Since I had to wait, I didn't get out of there until after 4pm

Residency Certificate

(Chiang Mai)

October 2013. There is now a small office in the back of the main building that only does Residency Certificates
To Download Residence Certificate <http://www.donslifeinthailand.com/files/ApplicationForResidenceCert.pdf>

*The sign there says "1 week turn around". You drop off your paperwork there.
You are given a receipt, then you pick up your Certificate 1 week later.*

I've been told that some Immigrations offices are no longer doing Residency Certificates so you must go to your Embassy or Consulate to obtain one.

Immigration Interview

NOTE: On Feb 13, 2013 Chiang Mai City Life interviewed the head of Chiang Mai Immigration. If you would like to read the Interview paste this link into your address bar.

<http://www.chiangmainews.com/ecmn/viewfa.php?page=2&id=3724>

Government Holidays

February 14 March None April 13-16

** For a list of all Govt Holidays, CLICK this Link or paste it into your address bar
<http://www.donslifeinthailand.com/Festivals-Holidays.html>

Temperature (Chiang Mai)

["CLICK HERE"](#)

(Includes 10 day forecast)

/ Links to Other Websites With Valuable Information About Chiang Mai /

ThaiWebSites.com

<http://www.thaiwebsites.com/north.asp>

Air Quality Index

Govt Holidays for 2014

January 1 - New Years Day
February 14 - Makha Bucha
April 7 - Chakri Day
April 13 - Songkran Festival
April 14 - Songkran Festival
April 15 - Songkran Festival
April 16 - Songkran Festival



Friday 1\31, 2014

Last Reading 9:00 for PM 9

- May 1 - Labor Day
- May 5 - Coronation Day
- May 13 - Viskha Bucha Day
- July 11 - Asahna Bucha Day
- August 12 - Queen's Birthday
- October 23 - Chulalongkorn Day
- December 5 - King's Birthday
- December 10 - Constitution Day
- December 31 - New Year's Eve

Yupparai "45"
City Hall "86"

To see Stats for **all of Thailand** and explanation of readings, click link or copy this link to your address bar : <http://agmthai.com>
 The danger level is any number over 100 (or 120+, see below)

To see "Air Quality Map" [CLICK HERE](#)

There are 2 location for reading in Chiang Mai

- **Yupparai Wittayalai School** (Middle of the Moat)
- **City Hall** (Close to 700 Stadium)

World Standard

<u>PM-10 Level</u>	<u>Pollution Level</u>	<u>Color</u>
0-50	Low / Good	Green
50-75	Medium / Moderate	Yellow
75+	High - Unhealthy	Red

Air Quality Index (AQI)

Each country around the world has it's own AQI guidelines and terminology can differ - for example some countries call this the "Air Pollution Index" API. thailand too has it's own formula for calculating their AQI level.

NOTE: Although the danger level in Thailand is stated at 100+, in actuality, Thailand doesn't report it as dangerous until the level is "120+".

<u>Thailand AQI Level</u>	<u>Pollution Level</u>	<u>Color</u>
0-50	Low / Good	Green
50-100	Medium / Moderate	Yellow
100+	High / Unhealthy	Red

**Thai Government
 Healthcare Plan for Foreigners**

NOTE: On hold for now. Will advise when enrollment opens again.

All Foreigners can now sign up for the Insurance at the Government Hospital in your area. Many Expats have already signed up for it. For details

[CLICK HERE](#)