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CYCLISTS WITH COMPASSION!



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Time is flying!!!

The idea for the inaugural CWC ride in January 2016 was put into reality in May this year..., six months ago! And since then, so much has happened. We have now 24 committed cyclists that will take on the challenge to ride nearly 900 km from just outside Bangkok to Chiang Mai. For a cause, for a purpose!

What makes people wanting to join such a mentally and physically ride? I guess, we all have our own motivations; let it be as a personal challenge, to prove something to yourself or others or the desire to do something special, something extraordinary. Whatever drives those 24 people, there is something that all of have in common: Compassion! Compassion for those that are not as fortunate as most of us are! And because of this compassion we will do all we can to make a difference in the life of some by contributing our little bit to give them hope for a better future.

The ride in January will be our inaugural ride and I feel blessed by the support we were given by those that we approached for corporate sponsorship. While private donations for activities like ours usually come in at a later stage, closer to the actual ride and even still after the ride, corporate sponsorship needs to come in early as some of the organisational costs, such as jerseys, hosting the lunch at the children's home, toys and bicycles as gifts need to be covered and confirmed well before the ride. The deadline for corporate sponsorship is October 31, 2015 and it would be fantastic, if the logos of more corporate sponsors could shine on our jerseys.

Selina is working on the design of the jerseys and I can already tell you now: They will be stunning! Every rider, who raised more than AUD 200 (AUD 400 for a couple) by December 31, 2015 from private or corporate sponsors will be given two free jerseys. Additional jerseys can be bought at AUD 50. The proceeds from the jersey sales will go fully to <u>Effective Aid International</u>, the beneficiary of this ride!

This newsletter from now on will be produced monthly and it will be sent to the cyclists as well as friends, family and sponsors of our initiative. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, please mail the word "Unsubscribe" to <u>contact4cwc@gmail.com</u>.

Safe cycling, always! God Bless!

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Our Corporate Sponsors...

...so far!



Corporate Sponsorship still available until October 31, 2015!

Why not convince your bosses or yourself (if you are the boss) to become a corporate sponsor for the CWC 2016 ride. For a donation of USD 1,000 not only will your company's logo be featured on our jerseys and other collateral, not only will your company receive six team jerseys (just in time for the company Christmas party); in addition, your company will contribute to a great cause by supporting our beneficiary <u>Effective Aid International</u>. For more info on corporate sponsor Info sheet. As a corporate sponsor, a team from your company will also be entitled to participate in the one day sponsor ride and visit the **Baan Fah Sighy children's home** together with the cyclists of CWC 2016. More about in a separate section of this newsletter!

Centara Grand at Central World supports CWC 2016!

The Centara Grand at Central World (CGCW) stands for a lot of superlatives and is certainly one of the best hotels in Bangkok. Fantastic food, beautiful sunsets from the roof top bar, cosy rooms and the best, most efficient and professional staff.

The CWC ride 2016 will commence on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 8 am from the Centara Grand at Central World. The management of the CGCW has offered a special rate for participants of CWC 2016 for the night or nights prior to the start of the ride. The special rate of Baht 5,000 net for a double room (Baht 4,600 net for single) includes breakfast, WiFi, an upgrade to a Deluxe World room and a free airport transfer for you and your bikes!

Please contact me at contact4cwc@qmail.com for room reservations!









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Donating to EAI!

Our beneficiary for the CWC 2016 ride is Effective Aid International, an Australian-based charity, which over the past 14 years has been changing the future for many displaced, orphaned and abandoned children both in Northern Thailand and on both sides of the Thailand-Myanmar border. They have done marvellous work, but they need our, your help to ensure that their beautiful mission to give hope for a better life for so many children will continue into the future!

You can donate via PayPal or credit card by clicking <u>here</u>! Any donation - no matter, how big or small - will be appreciated and will go fully to EAI and their mission!

Please note that EAI is an Australian-based charity and the donation currency will be in AUD. Hence you may want to do a currency conversion before you input the donation amount. For donors based in Australia, EAI will issue a tax receipt to be used in your income tax declaration.

EAI has no office in Thailand or elsewhere outside Australia and hence there will be no tax benefits for donations from outside Australia. However, unless the donation amount is in the thousands of dollars, the benefit from that is rather marginal anyhow and neither this nor the donation currency should prevent you from donating as it never did in any other charity I was involved! After all, charity and compassion do not look for monetary benefit!

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Introducing: The CWC 2016 Family and Sponsor Ride

As a first, we will introduce a special day ride for friends, family members and sponsors to join the CWC cyclists for a joint ride into the children's home. The sponsors and family members will be met in the morning in Chiang Mai and brought by bus to a meeting point, from where we will ride together the last kilometres to the home to spend time with the children and to see, how our donations make a difference to the lives of those children. In the afternoon the bus will bring our casual riders back to the hotel in Chiang Mai, where they will join us for the celebration dinner next day.

As for the CWC ride, Spiceroads will organise the ride for us. We negotiated a very special rate of Baht 13,000 (Baht 6,000 for single supplement) for the four day package. Why not treat your family to this outstanding experience!

Here are the details for the package and the itinerary!

Day 1 (28 Jan 2016) : Arrive in Chiang Mai

Upon your arrival in Chiang Mai, the SpiceRoad team will pick you up and provide a transfer to the hotel. A special welcome dinner at a restaurant by Ping River will be organised for you.

Accommodation : Aruntara Riverside Boutique Resort (Deluxe Room)

Day 2 (29 Jan 2016) : Chiang Mai – Transfer to Jom Thong – Ride to Ban Fah Sai Orphange Home

Today you will transfer out of Chiang Mai city to Jom Thong, where you will start the 40 km ride to the Ban Fah Sai Orphange Home to meet the CWC riders. After the charity event at the orphange home, you will transfer again by bus about 1.5 hours to our hotel. Dinner is under your own arrangement.

Accommodation : Aruntara Riverside Boutique Resort (Deluxe Room)

Day 3 (30 Jan 2016) : Chiang Mai Free Day Celebration Dinner

Today is free at your leisure, but you will be gathering at the hotel for a celebration dinner with the CWC group tonight.

Accommodation : Aruntara Riverside Boutique Resort (Deluxe Room)

Day 4 (31st Jan 2016) : Transfer to airport

After breakfast, Spiceroad provide a group transfer to Chiang Mai International Airport.

Tour Price Includes:

- English Speaking Guides
- A/C Support Vehicle for Transfer and Back up on the riding day
- A transfer from Chiang Mai Airport to Aruntara Riverside Boutique Hotel on Day 1
- A transfer from Aruntara Riverside Boutique Hotel to Chiang Mai Airport to Aruntara on Day 4
- Accommodation in double / twin shared room as mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks & Snacks whilst cycling
- Bike Rental

Please contact paveena@spiceroads.com at SpiceRoads to book this package!