

## OUR PARTNERS:



## TFCC PLANS FOR 2019

**Yulia Molnar, Executive Director**

Dear Partners and Members,

First of all, let me introduce to you our first issue of TFCC News, the official newsletter of the Chamber. From now on you will receive monthly the news on what happens in life of TFCC and its Members. The newsletter's goal is to serve a link among the Finnish community in Thailand. Let us stay connected!

Second, I would like to use this opportunity and share some plans that we have in store for you until the end of the year.

1. TFCC, following its goal to become a "facilitator" of professional services, will organize a series of business workshops and seminars in the upcoming fall. Please, follow us on FB, or visit our website ([www.thaifin.org](http://www.thaifin.org)) for the updates.

2. We have also started the "Young Professionals Group" (approximately 50 people already!!!), which unites young Finnish citizens, who live in Thailand.

## WHAT'S IN OUR LATEST ISSUE:

### TFCC News:

- Validation Waste-to-Value Workshop;
- TFCC Business Barometer 2019;

### Embassy News:

- Finland towards circular economy;

### Members' News:

- KIS welcomes new Head of School;
- PEIKKO comes to Thailand!

### What's up Next Month:

Friday Get-Togethers!

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In the framework of “Young Professionals Group” we will organize quarterly meetings, where speakers, CEOs from various companies, will talk about recent trends in jobs and professional development.

3. TFCC will continue to organize social events, because they are fun and relaxing. We all need a bit of relaxation in our life, don't we? Golf Tournament, Pre-Christmas Party, Friday Get-Togethers, etc. are on our planning list. Stay tuned!

4. And finally last, but not least – we need to hear from you! Share your thoughts and recommendations with us. Share your latest news and achievements with your fellow Finns. Tell us where we could improve to be of better service to you. Let us make TFCC a two-way communication channel!



## WASTE-TO-VALUE VALIDATION WORKSHOP

On June 6, 2019, The Embassy of Finland and TFCC organized “Waste-to-Value” Business Opportunity Validation Workshop, the goal of which was to present some identified market opportunities suitable for the Finnish companies working in this sector and get comments and suggestions from participating companies on how to tap into these opportunities. The event also provided a perfect platform for the key players, which have already established their operations here, for exchanging ideas and experiences, related to issues associated with waste management. In total, 39 participants (representatives from Finnish and Thai businesses, Thai state officials and University scholars) shared their views on existing opportunities and barriers which slow down the business development in this sector.

The participants identified the following challenges for Finnish companies which impede winning the deals from ongoing and upcoming local projects:

- 1) Understanding the real needs of customers and decision-making criteria;
- 2) Understanding the local culture and conditions for participating in the upcoming bids; (Very often the participation process is non-transparent and the bids are won by those, who are in close connection with the decision-maker);

Read more **on our site.**



# TFCC BUSINESS BAROMETER 2019

In spring 2019, TFCC held a survey among its members in order to understand its current status and to see the achievements and challenges of the member-companies. Please, see the results of the survey on our site:

<https://thaifin.org/tfcc-business-barometer-2019>



## EMBASSY NEWS

### FINLAND TOWARDS THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY



Circular economy creates business opportunities, and Finland aims to become a pioneer in a world in which economic competitiveness and well-being are no longer based on the wasteful use of natural resources.

Finland was the first country in the world to publish a national road map for circular economy in 2016. The goal set in the first version of the road map was to make Finland a global leader in the circular economy by 2025. Where is Finland now?



Within the framework of the ASEAN Sustainable Energy Week 2019, the Finnish Embassy, in collaboration with Waste to Energy Trade Association and UBM, has organized a seminar dedicated to the issues of circular economy and the progress Finland is making in this direction.

The seminar was opened by Chairman of Waste to Energy Trade Association Dr. Montri Wiboonrat and Ambassador Satu Suikkari-Kleven, followed by presentations.

The representatives of BMH Technology, Ductor and RE Power Group introduced their #CircularEconomy based businesses and shared their companies' success stories. The Thai perspective on circular economy was well presented by representatives of Bangkok Chief Resilience Officer and Office of the Energy Regulatory Commission.



## MEMBERS' NEWS



### KIS WELCOMES NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

KIS International School in Bangkok is looking forward to welcoming their new Head of School, Paul Johnson, for the start of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Paul will be coming in from the American Embassy School in New Delhi, India. He has also previously worked at international schools in Vietnam, China, Bangladesh, Morocco and the USA and has over 20 years of experience in education leadership.

*" Working in schools in Morocco, Bangladesh, China, Vietnam, and India has emboldened me to keep a strong commitment to internationalism alongside strong respect for the host culture.*

*Diversity brings out the best in everyone."*

*Paul Johnson*

KIS International School is an IB World School, offering the International Baccalaureate for children from 3- 18 years old. This academically rigorous and balanced curriculum consists of the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme and the IB Diploma.

KIS interviewed Paul during his recent visit to the school. Please, read the full interview here: <https://www.kis.ac.th/news/kis-welcomes-new-head-school>

### PEIKKO COMES TO THAILAND

TFCC would like to welcome our newest Corporate member, Peikko Group. Peikko is a family-owned international company founded in 1965. It is headquartered in Lahti, Finland. Peikko supplies a large selection of concrete connections and composite beams for both precast and cast-in-situ solutions in a wide variety of applications. Peikko's innovative solutions make the construction process faster, safer, and more effective. Peikko's network covers local offices in 34 countries and certified own production in 10 countries worldwide.

The company's aim is to serve the customers locally with leading solutions in terms of quality, safety, and innovation. Peikko has a clear focus on regularly introducing new, tested innovative solutions and services.

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## WHAT'S UP NEXT MONTH


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Join us over casual afterwork drinks! TFCC starts a new tradition - Friday Get-Together!!! Every last Friday of the month we invite you for informal drinks and networking. Friday Get-Together is a great chance to meet the Finnish community and TFCC members if you are in Bangkok!

Friday Get-Togethers are held at Bully's Pub (8 Sukhumvit Rd, between BTS Nana and BTS Ploen Chit). Entrance is free of charge and all the drinks and food are with 20% discount (6pm - 9pm).

Please, come and enjoy a nice'n easy atmosphere in a circle of friends!!!

### FRIDAY GET-TOGETHER!!

JOIN US FOR A CASUAL AND RELAXING AFTERWORK SNACKS AND DRINKS.	
TIME: 6.00PM - 9.00PM*	 <b>BULLY'S PUB</b>
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