

Day 27 –Kuala Lumpur and travel to Phuket [Thursday 17-Feb-2011]

I got up early to prepare for a call with GSN back in Waltham. After the call, I did some checking on Phuket and other house keeping tasks.



Free breakfast at the hostel in Kuala Lumpur: toasts with jam, peanut butter, etc.

I cannot say enough good things about the Hostel in Kuala Lumpur. The staff was exemplary and really took good care of us. The premises were clean. The breakfast was included and tasted very good.



The shared bathroom on our floor at the guest hour in Kuala Lumpur

One final peek into the bathroom shared by people on our floor of the hostel. Spartan and clean. The flight I had bought to Thailand left from the Low Cost Charter Terminal (LCCT), which is at a different location from the main Kuala Lumpur airport. We took a taxi from the hostel, using a firm that had a contract with the hostel. It was a very nice ride. We chatted about all sorts of things with the driver, who was Muslim, including the meaning of Halal. It was clear that he, and others, were very keen on ensuring a good Malaysian image to the outside world. He even took us for a side tour of the main Formula-1 track next to their LCCT. A big international race is coming up in April and the tickets are only \$10/person.



The name of this burger epitomizes the difference in growth rates between Malaysia and Asia versus the west



Flying into Phuket, Thailand. Patong Beach is the bay at the top. Three beaches below.



I've been places. The first thing that struck me in Phuket was the electrical wiring!! OMG.

The electrical wiring in Phuket is out of this world. I think that calling this a snake nest would be too kind. Dangling wires all of the place. There are manual patches right in the middle of lines, to feed houses and business. Who knows how much of it is metered!



Lilli was anxious to race down to the beach and put her feet into the warm water

I think it is fair to say that the beach is full of macho men. The jet skis are driven like crazy. Overhead, we could see customers flying parasail. Some of them flew alone while others had a helper with them, often a totally crazy person straddling the customer at great height.



Parasailing: This crazy co-pilot is flying with the customer at 200ft+ above the water



Enjoying a few beers and some food at Patong Beach in Phuket, Thailand



We got to enjoy a great sun-set in Phuket

We continue to be amazed by older white men walking about with young Thai women, who we can only assume are performing some sort of escort service.



Colorful display at the shopping mall pays tribute to the Chinese New Year



Bangla Street in Patong Beach of Phuket is a wild place.



A Thai policeman is trying to manage traffic on a busy street in Phuket

After walking about for a while we headed back to the hostel and went to bed. We were very pooped.