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A Message from the President



Dear Members and Friends,

It has been a particularly active period for the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce**, with a wide range of initiatives connecting businesses, institutions, and professionals across Thailand, Italy, and the wider Asia-Pacific region. I'm pleased to share some highlights reflecting our continued commitment to creating new opportunities for our members and strengthening international cooperation.

We began July with our participation in **Italian Food & Beverage Singapore 2026**, where TICC joined Chambers from across the Asia-Pacific region in supporting Italian producers and qualified buyers. Held at **Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre**, the two-day B2B platform provided Italian companies with opportunities to explore regional markets through business meetings, product presentations, and guided tastings. At the same time, TICC supported **Torino Fashion Week 2026**, facilitating the participation of a delegation of Thai buyers and exhibiting companies, further strengthening business ties between Italian fashion and Southeast Asian businesses. Back in Thailand, we launched the **ICT and Digital Transformation Committee** at TICC Connect, chaired by Mr. **Giampaolo Carli**. The new committee will serve as a platform for promoting innovation, advancing digital transformation, and collaboration within our business community. That same week, together with **Promos Italia**, we hosted the seminar **"From Digital Inspection to Predictive Integrity,"** presented by **ANTEA Srl**. The event brought together professionals from the energy, Oil & Gas, and industrial sectors to explore digital

solutions for improving asset performance and reducing operational risk. We also welcomed an Italian business delegation specializing in machinery and beverages, organized with **Promos Italia** - over two days, seven Italian companies met with selected Thai counterparts through targeted B2B meetings to explore partnerships, distribution, and market-entry strategies.

Our commitment to Italian culinary excellence continued with the third edition of **Pasta Day**, hosted at The Food School Bangkok in partnership with **THAIFEX-Horec Asia**. The event brought together roughly 100-150 professionals from the food and hospitality sectors, the evening combined networking, live cooking demonstrations, and tastings featuring premium **Made in Italy** ingredients. We also celebrated the **Eccellenze Italiane Awards** in Phuket, honoring restaurants that continue to preserve and promote authentic Italian cuisine in Southern Thailand. With more than 70 guests, the evening reaffirmed our shared commitment to protecting Italian culinary heritage while strengthening the longstanding ties between our two countries.

As always, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our members, partners, and institutional supporters for their continued trust and engagement. Together, we keep building meaningful connections and creating new opportunities for the Thai-Italian business community.

Arrivederci,
Federico Cardini
President

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The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC), founded in 1978, is an independent, private, non-profit organization of Italian and Thai businessmen and professionals, duly constituted and registered in accordance with legislative regulations in Thailand and fully recognized by the Ministry of Economic Development and International Cooperation in Italy.

The Chamber, with its headquarters in Bangkok (Thailand), is proud to host a wide network of companies and entrepreneurs from all around the world -mostly Italian and Thai businesses, which allow TICC to pursue its objectives of enhancing commercial cooperation between Italy and Thailand. The Chamber constantly organizes activities, meetings, seminars, missions, and networking events to facilitate the promotion of economic, industrial, and cultural collaborations.

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COVER STORY

Ubon Ratchathani Candle Festival

In the heart of northeastern Thailand, the **Ubon Ratchathani Candle Festival** transforms the city into a spectacular showcase of Buddhist tradition and local craftsmanship. Held annually in July to mark the beginning of **Buddhist Lent**, the festival is renowned for its intricate wax sculptures, elaborately decorated candle floats, and vibrant cultural processions. Rooted in the tradition of offering candles to monks during the rainy-season retreat, the celebration has evolved into one of Thailand's most distinctive cultural festivals - a fascinating glimpse into the faith, creativity, and enduring heritage of Isan.

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TICC NEWS

THAILAND

Thailand's GDP Forecast Upgraded to 2.3% Amid Investment Momentum

Retrieved from the Nation Thailand, 8 July 2026

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) has kept its policy interest rate at **1.00%**, while upgrading its 2026 GDP growth forecast to **2.3%**, reflecting stronger-than-expected economic resilience. BOT Governor **Vitai Ratanakorn** said businesses have successfully adapted to geopolitical tensions and potential supply disruptions, helping cushion the impact on the economy. A 400 billion baht government stimulus package has also supported domestic purchasing power and economic momentum. With inflation remaining below earlier forecasts, Thailand retains greater fiscal flexibility to pursue development initiatives.

Thailand Approves Nearly US\$2 Billion in New Investments

Retrieved from Reuters, 8 July 2026

Thailand's Board of Investment has approved \$1.99 billion in new investments, led by projects from **Nestlé** and **Thai Airways**. **Nestlé** will invest \$688.7 million to expand its coffee production facilities in Samut Prakan, while **Thai Airways** received approval for \$430.2 million to lease eight aircraft. Japan's Data section will invest \$235.2 million in GPU server infrastructure in Bangkok and Pathum Thani. South Korea's Donsan Group will invest \$180.2 million in materials for printed circuit boards, strengthening Thailand's advanced manufacturing and digital infrastructure sectors.

Thailand Changes Visa Rules for European Travellers

Retrieved from PR Thai Government, 15 July 2026

Thailand announced changes to its visa-exemption regime, reducing the maximum visa-free tourism stay for citizens of numerous countries from 60 to 30 days. The revised arrangements also brought several additional EU countries into the 30-day visa-free framework, resulting in all 27 EU member states receiving the same 30-day tourism privilege. Although this is primarily a tourism measure, it has implications for business travel, hospitality, tourism and international mobility, including travel between Italy and Thailand.

Thailand Pushes for EU FTA and Greater European Investment

Retrieved from PR Thai Government, 16 July 2026

Thailand's Prime Minister **Anutin Charnvirakul** met representatives of more than 40 European companies and business organizations in Bangkok to discuss trade, investment and economic cooperation. The Thai government highlighted the importance of progressing the Thailand-EU Free Trade Agreement, improving infrastructure and logistics, and attracting investment in areas including digital technology, AI, clean energy, semiconductors, life sciences and modern agriculture. For Italian companies, the development is particularly relevant because an EU-Thailand FTA could improve market access and reduce barriers to bilateral trade.



Credit: Fincantieri

OTHER COUNTRIES

US-EU Trade Tensions and Global Tariffs

Retrieved from Reuters, 16 July 2026

The United States has announced new 25% tariffs on Brazilian furniture, ethanol, machinery, footwear, sugar and other goods, with the measures set to take effect on July 22. The tariffs are being introduced under Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act of 1974, following months of unsuccessful negotiations between the two countries. Some Brazilian products, including beef, coffee and aircraft, remain exempt. The move could signal a broader expansion of U.S. trade measures, with major partners including the EU, China, India, Japan and South Korea potentially facing similar action.

Singapore Moves to Curb Inflation As Oil Prices Rise

Retrieved from CNBC, 26 July 2026

Singapore unexpectedly tightened its monetary policy for the second consecutive time, taking a precautionary step against renewed inflation risks driven by rising global oil prices. Despite currently subdued inflation, the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) slightly increased the pace at which the Singapore dollar can appreciate to help limit imported price pressures. The move came as Singapore remains highly dependent on imported energy, while strong AI-driven electronics exports continue to support the country's economic growth.

ITALY

Fincantieri Announces €600 Million Underwater Technology Investment

Retrieved from Reuters, 6 July 2026

Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri announced a deal worth around €600 million to acquire majority stakes in four Italian companies specialised in underwater technologies: **Next Geosolutions, WSense, Graal Tech and Defcomm**. The investment expands Fincantieri's presence in marine surveying, underwater communications, unmanned systems and deep-sea technologies. The group expects its underwater technology business to reach approximately €1.1 billion in revenue in 2026.

Angelini Pharma Completes \$4.1 Billion Acquisition of Catalyst

Retrieved from Reuters, 16 July 2026

Italian pharmaceutical group Angelini Pharma completed its roughly \$4.1 billion acquisition of US-based Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, one of the largest international deals by an Italian pharma company. Catalyst shareholders received \$31.50 per share in cash, and the company, now delisted from Nasdaq, becomes a wholly owned subsidiary within Angelini's new Global Rare Disease Business Unit. The deal significantly expands Angelini's international operations and gives it its first major US commercial footprint in rare neurological disease, backed by roughly €1 billion each from Blackstone and Italy's state-backed CDP Equity.

Italian Machine-Tool Industry Calls for Stronger EU Trade Protection Against China

Retrieved from Reuters, 27 July 2026

Italy's machine tool association UCIMU has called on the European Union to strengthen trade defence measures against growing competition from Chinese manufacturers. Chinese machine tool exports have increased significantly as producers expand into international markets, raising concerns over Europe's position in the strategic sector. UCIMU warned that China's industrial overcapacity and subsidised exports could further pressure European manufacturers. The issue is particularly relevant to Italy, a major global producer of machine tools, as the country's share of global exports and sales to China continue to decline.

Italian Business and Consumer Confidence Rise in July

Retrieved from Reuters, 31 July 2026

Italian business and consumer confidence improved in July, offering another positive sign for the euro zone's third-largest economy. ISTAT's consumer confidence index rose to 94.2 from 92.4 in June, exceeding expectations, while the composite business morale index edged up to 95.6. Manufacturing confidence also increased to 89.6, its highest level since June 2023. The stronger sentiment follows better-than-expected GDP growth in the first half of the year, suggesting some resilience despite higher energy prices and ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

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ITALIAN FOOD & BEVERAGE IN SINGAPORE 2026: BUILDING REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



Singapore, 1-2 July 2026 – The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** participated as an official partner in **Italian Food & Beverage in Singapore 2026 (IFBS)**, the leading B2B platform dedicated to promoting Italian food and beverage products across the Asia-Pacific region.

Organized by the **Italian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore** in collaboration with partner Chambers of Commerce throughout the Asia-Pacific, the two-day event was held at the **Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre** and brought together Italian producers and qualified buyers from across the region.

IFBS serves as a strategic regional platform where Italian food and beverage companies can connect with buyers from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, India, the Philippines, and Cambodia. The programme featured two full days of pre-scheduled B2B meetings, complemented by product presentations and guided tastings of Italian food, beverages, and wines.

The 2026 edition marked the largest in the event's history, welcoming more than 300 exhibiting Italian companies and over 100 selected international buyers, who participated in an intensive schedule of business meetings and networking opportunities.

Represented by Mr. **Giuseppe D'Onofrio**, Project Manager, TICC coordinated a delegation of 15 representatives from Thai companies interested in expanding their portfolios of premium Italian food and beverage products. The initiative once again demonstrated TICC's long-standing commitment to promoting **Made in Italy** in Thailand and fostering new commercial partnerships between Italian producers and the Thai market.

Through its active participation in international trade initiatives such as **IFBS**, TICC continues to support the internationalization of Italian companies while creating valuable business opportunities for its members and partners throughout the region.



TICC CELEBRATES MILESTONE NETWORKING EVENT AND INAUGURAL BUSINESS AWARDS IN KRABI



Krabi, 4 July 2026 – The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) successfully hosted its highly anticipated Institutional Networking Event and inaugural **Business Awards** last night at **Umberto's Cucine** in Ao Nang, gathering over 60 distinguished guests, including senior chamber leadership, local authorities, and prominent regional business figures.

TICC is a premier, independent business network dedicated to promoting trade, investment, and bilateral cooperation between Italy and Thailand. Acting as a strategic bridge, the TICC connects international suppliers, local industries, and high level institutions to foster sustainable economic growth and cultural synergy across both nations.

Opening the evening, Mr. **Stefano Gonella**, TICC Chairman for Krabi Province, welcomed attendees and highlighted the significance of launching the first-ever TICC awards program in the region. He emphasized that the accolades are designed to elevate regional standards, noting that each award is strictly bound to a one-year validity period, subject to rigorous ongoing audits. The evening's protocol was divided into two distinct segments, celebrating commercial innovation alongside high-level institutional synergy.

CELEBRATING INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND COMMERCIAL EXCELLENCE

Co-presented by Mr. **Bruno Barone** (Southern Thailand Committee Chairman), the TICC **Business Recognition Awards** were presented to outstanding local enterprises demonstrating exceptional quality and unique market positioning:

- **Fast Manta Dive Krabi** (Mr. **Kari Lehtonen**): Honored as the very first diving center in Thailand to achieve official recognition as an ECO diving center.
- **Sittha Team Co., Ltd.** (Mr. **Tony Chantanasaawee** & Ms. **Jenny**): Recognized for outstanding construction quality and fast-paced growth as a premier land development firm in Krabi.
- **Krabi Specialisten** (Ms. **Ingeborg Kristensen**): Celebrated for more than 25 years of excellence as a premier tour operator and foundational pillar of Krabi's tourism ecosystem.
- **ANANA Ecological Resort** (Mr. **Wolfgang** & Ms. **Boom Grimm**): Applauded for pioneering a green, ecological standard in high-end hospitality.
- **Solyna Development** (Ms. **Onuma Suvunnakoot**): Awarded a high-level Business Recognition for exceptional contribution to luxury real estate and regional land development.





appreciation for their unwavering service and partnership in safeguarding the regional community.

Concluding the night, a **Special Institutional Certificate** was presented to Ms. **Elisabetta Zana** of the **Natacha School**, honoring more than 20 years of profound dedication to supporting underprivileged children and families in the wake of the tsunami. The event concluded with an elegant evening of open networking over fine Italian wines and spirits, solidifying a powerful new chapter for the Thai-Italian business community in Southern Thailand.

For membership inquiries or further information on upcoming regional initiatives, please contact the TICC Krabi Chapter.

The ceremony reached its commercial peak as Dr. **Francesco Pensato** (Honorary Consul General of Italy & TICC Vice President) and Ms. **Panitta Srisa-ard** (TICC Director & Deputy Managing Director CEM of The Mall Group) took the stage to present the core chamber accolades:

- **TICC Business Award**: Conferred upon Krabi Contractor Co., Ltd. (accepted by Mr. **Stefano Gonella** & Ms. **Phatchanee Pliankloed**) for their ironclad commitment to eco-sustainability development and real estate excellence in Krabi Province.
- **Eccellenze Italiane (Italian Excellence Award)**: Presented to **Umberto's Cucine** (accepted by Mr. **Umberto Barbieri** & Ms. **Napat**) for serving as an elite culinary embassy representing authentic Italianità and world-class hospitality.

INSTITUTIONAL BRIDGING AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Following an exceptional multi-course dinner, the protocol transitioned to high-level institutional honors. Dr. Francesco Pensato and Mr. Bruno Barone presented the prestigious **TICC Business Medals for Institutions** to the Royal Police Pol. Maj. Gen. **Cin Cinnawat** Former Commander Police Investigation Region 8 and Pol. Col. **Prathunang Pholmana** Deputy Commander of Krabi Province Royal Police in deep

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LE MANZANE WINERY: PREMIUM PROSECCO EXPERIENCE IN BANGKOK



Bangkok, 6 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** successfully hosted the “**Le Manzane Winery: Premium Prosecco Experience in Bangkok**”, an exclusive B2B wine tasting event dedicated to introducing the excellence of one of Italy’s most renowned Prosecco producers to the Thai market. The event brought together importers, distributors, Ho.Re.Ca. professionals, retailers, sommeliers, and wine enthusiasts for a day of networking and premium wine tasting.

Prosecco in food pairing, partially sponsored by **Food Delite Bangkok**.

The event served as a valuable platform for strengthening commercial relationships between Italy and Thailand while promoting authentic **Made in Italy** wine excellence. Participants had the opportunity to engage directly with the winery representatives, exchange market perspectives, and establish new business connections in a professional and welcoming environment.



The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce** extends its sincere appreciation to **Le Manzane Winery** for its collaboration and commitment to promoting Italian wine culture internationally. **TICC** also thanks all participants, partners, and industry professionals whose attendance contributed to the success of the initiative.

As part of its ongoing mission to foster trade, investment, and cultural exchange between Italy and Thailand, **TICC** will continue to organise business events and promotional activities that showcase the quality, authenticity, and diversity of Italian products and strengthen bilateral commercial cooperation.

Held at the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce** in Bangkok, the event provided participants with the opportunity to discover the heritage, philosophy, and production methods of **Le Manzane Winery**, a family-owned winery located in the heart of the **Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG** area in Veneto, Italy. Recognized for its commitment to quality, innovation, and sustainability, **Le Manzane** has established itself as one of the leading producers of premium Prosecco, combining tradition with modern winemaking techniques.

Throughout the masterclass and guided tasting, attendees explored a curated selection of **Le Manzane** wines, gaining insight into the distinctive characteristics of their grapes, the unique terroir of the **UNESCO-listed Prosecco Hills of Conegliano Valdobbiadene**, and the versatility of premium



TORINO FASHION WEEK 2026: CONNECTING THAI AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN FASHION WITH GLOBAL MARKETS



Turin, 1-2 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** is proud to have contributed to the international success of **Torino Fashion Week 2026**, supporting the participation of a delegation of 12 professionals from Thailand, including buyers and exhibiting companies, while also facilitating the participation of companies from Cambodia.

The B2B meetings, hosted at Eataly Torino, brought together 243 companies from 40 countries over two intensive days of international business networking, creating valuable opportunities for collaboration between fashion brands, buyers, manufacturers, and industry professionals.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all the organizations whose commitment made this outstanding event possible: **Torino Moda**, with special thanks to **Claudio Azzolini**; **Enterprise Europe Network**, with special thanks to **Federica Leonetti**; **Unioncamere Piemonte** for the excellent organization and coordination of the event.

We are also grateful to the companies that represented Thailand:

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In addition, we were delighted to welcome other member companies from South East Asia Region: **Knit & Co** and **EREB**.

Events such as **Torino Fashion Week** demonstrate the importance of international collaboration in promoting

creativity, innovation, and sustainable business development across the global fashion ecosystem.

The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce** remains committed to building bridges between Italy, Thailand, and Southeast Asia by creating new opportunities for companies to connect, grow, and expand into international markets.

We look forward to continuing this successful cooperation in future editions.



DRIVING DIGITAL INNOVATION: KICKING-OFF THE ICT & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE



Bangkok, 8 July 2026 – The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** successfully held the **ICT and Digital Transformation Committee Kick-off Meeting** in the morning at **TICC Connect**, marking the official launch of the Committee and its activities.

Chaired by Mr. **Giampaolo Carli**, in his capacity as Chairman of the **ICT**, the meeting introduced the Committee's vision, objectives, and roadmap, while highlighting its commitment to promoting innovation, digital transformation, and collaboration within the Thai-Italian business community.

Participants exchanged ideas on key technology trends and

identified priority topics for future initiatives, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital innovation, and smart manufacturing. The Committee also outlined plans to organise seminars, workshops, networking events, and knowledge-sharing sessions throughout the year.

TICC extends its sincere appreciation to all participants for their valuable contributions and looks forward to supporting the Committee's future initiatives to strengthen digital innovation and business collaboration between Thailand and Italy.

For more information and upcoming events, please contact: Membership@thaitech.org

FROM DIGITAL INSPECTION TO PREDICTIVE INTEGRITY: ADVANCING SMARTER ASSET MANAGEMENT BY ANTEA SRL



Bangkok, 8 July 2026 – The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)**, in collaboration with **Promos Italia**, hosted “**From Digital Inspection to Predictive Integrity**” at **TICC Connect**, presented by **ANTEA Srl**.

The seminar brought together professionals from the Oil & Gas, Energy, and Industrial Manufacturing sectors to explore how digital inspection and predictive maintenance can reduce costs, mitigate risks, and optimize asset performance.

Speakers included Mr. **Hafizuddin Husen**, Managing Director of Antea Asia Pacific; Mr. **Sivaphol Phunphoem**, Regional Sales Director, **APAC**; and Mr. **Fikri Zulkifli**, Project Manager, **Antea Asia Pacific**. They discussed the transition from reactive to predictive asset management through real-time data integration.

The event reflects TICC’s ongoing commitment to connecting Thai and Italian businesses through innovation, knowledge sharing, and shared expertise.

For more information, please contact Mr. **Sivaphol Phunphoem**, sivaphol.phunphoem@antea.tech

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ITALIAN MACHINERY & BEVERAGE COMPANIES EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THAILAND WITH PROMOS ITALIA

Bangkok, 9-10 July 2026 – The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)**, in collaboration with **Promos Italia**, successfully organized the “**Italian Machinery & Beverage Business Delegation**”, bringing together Italian and Thai companies for two days of targeted B2B meetings aimed at fostering new business opportunities and strengthening commercial ties between the two countries.

Throughout the mission, seven Italian companies engaged in tailored one-to-one meetings with carefully selected Thai counterparts, exploring potential partnerships, distribution opportunities, and market entry strategies across the machinery and beverage sectors.

The delegation also featured an institutional networking dinner, at the new member company **Blue Elephant Bangkok Sathorn Cooking School & Restaurant**, attended by representatives of the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce**, including Vice President **Mallika Margherita** and Secretary General **Giacomo Iobizzi**, together with the Embassy of Italy in Bangkok, represented by **Lorenzo Vermigli**, Deputy Head of Mission and Head of the Political, Economic and Commercial

Office. The occasion provided participating companies with valuable insights into the Thai market and an opportunity to discuss current trends, challenges, and future prospects for Italian businesses in Thailand.

The Italian delegation included **Agripak Srl**, **Ekosystem Srl**, **Baraldi Srl**, **VitaVigor**, **Finelli Group Srl**, **Vigna Petrusa**, and **Vendrame Vignis del Doge s.s.**

The two-day program served as an effective platform for business matching, knowledge exchange, and relationship building, further reinforcing the long-standing economic partnership between Italy and Thailand. By facilitating direct dialogue between Italian exporters and Thai stakeholders, the initiative created concrete opportunities for future commercial collaboration.

This successful mission once again reflects TICC's ongoing commitment to supporting the internationalization of Italian companies and promoting high-value business connections that contribute to the growth of bilateral trade and investment between Italy and Thailand.



SIJE 2026: CONNECTING THAI BUYERS WITH GLOBAL JEWELLERY



Marina Bay Sands, 9-12 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)**, as a **IEG** partner, was pleased to promote the **Singapore International Jewellery Expo (SIJE) 2026**, one of Southeast Asia's leading B2B jewellery trade exhibitions. Organised by **IEG Italian Exhibition Group Asia (Italian Exhibition Group Asia)** in partnership with the Singapore Jewellers Association, the exhibition was held at the Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore, from 9-12 July 2026. The Event Manager, Ms. **Ployngarm Namngoerungsree**, of the TICC accompanied buyers from Thailand to organize b2b meetings at the event for 4 days.

As the local partner institution, TICC has established a dedicated Gems & Jewellery Hub, bringing together more than 25 leading companies in the industry. Founded in 2018, the Hub serves as a platform to foster business development, strengthen industry collaboration, and promote international trade within the jewellery sector.

SIJE 2026 brought together more than 460 exhibitors and renowned jewellery brands from 26 countries across 10,000 sqm. of exhibition space spanning three halls. Over the four-day exhibition, approximately 18,000 trade buyers and public visitors attended, reinforcing Singapore's position as a regional hub for fine jewellery, gemstones, diamonds, pearls, luxury watches, and jewellery technology. The exhibition provided an international platform for sourcing, business networking, and discovering the latest trends and innovations in the global jewellery industry.

A key highlight of **SIJE 2026** was its role as one of the two cornerstone events of the **Singapore Diamond & Jewellery Week (SDJW)**, alongside the 41st World Diamond Congress,

which returned to Singapore after 38 years.

TICC extends its sincere appreciation to **IEG Asia Pte. Ltd.**, the **Singapore Jewellers Association**, and all exhibitors, partners, and participants whose support contributed to the success of SIJE 2026. TICC remains committed to promoting international trade and strengthening business cooperation by connecting Thai enterprises with leading international exhibitions and global business opportunities.

SIJE 2026 welcomed strong international participation, featuring dedicated national pavilions from Italy - supported by the Italian Trade Agency (ITA) and Vicenzaoro.

Through this initiative, **TICC** facilitates valuable connections between Thai businesses and the global jewellery community, encouraging companies to explore new sourcing opportunities, and build strategic partnerships with exhibitors and industry stakeholders from around the world.

For more information please contact business@thaitch.org or events@thaitch.org.



sije.com.sg

THE BEST LASAGNA: PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION



Bangkok, 20 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)**, in collaboration with **THAIFEX-Horec Asia**, successfully hosted the inaugural edition of **The BEST Lasagna. Professional Competition**, a new initiative dedicated to celebrating the excellence of Italian baked pasta traditions while showcasing the talent of professional chefs in Thailand.

Held at **The Food School Bangkok**, the competition welcomed 11 professional chefs representing renowned restaurants and hotels from Bangkok and across Thailand. Competitors presented their finest interpretations of Lasagna and Baked Pasta, demonstrating outstanding technical skills, creativity, and respect for authentic Italian culinary traditions.

With an exceptionally high standard across all entries, the judging panel faced the challenging task of selecting the winners. The professional jury was composed of:

1. Chef **Baitong (Kamarees Rithdaychar)** - Chef-Owner of **Sanitwong Bites & Brews**, an award-winning restaurant recognized by Thailand's Favourite Restaurant.
2. **Enrico Pantorno** - Sicilian chef with nearly twenty years of international experience across Italy, the United Arab Emirates, Denmark, and Thailand, currently representing **SO/ Bangkok**.
3. **Artom Viglione** - General Manager of **L'Antica Pizzeria Da Michele Bangkok**.
4. **Kankanit "Candice" Wichiantanon** - Bangkok-based storyteller, photographer, and food writer passionate about documenting culinary culture through both photography and writing at **RADARLIST**.
5. **Christian Martena** - Italian chef from Puglia and Chef-Owner of the acclaimed fine-dining establishment **Clara Restaurant Bangkok**, named after his wife, **Clara**.

Following a thorough evaluation, the jury awarded the following titles:

- **BEST Lasagna 2026:** Chef **Teeratham Usayapan** - **Giglio Trattoria Fiorentina Bangkok**
- **BEST Baked Pasta 2026:** Chef **Gabriele Luna** - **L'OLIVA Bangkok Ristorante Italiano and Wine Bar, Bangkok**

With a welcome speech by Mr. **Giacomo Iobizzi**, Secretary General, the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce** extended its sincere appreciation to **The Food School Bangkok** for serving as the venue partner, **Thaifex HOREC Asia** for its valuable collaboration in launching this new competition, and **Global Food Products - GFP** together with **Acqua Panna - Sanpellegrino** for their generous support.

TICC would also like to express its heartfelt thanks to all participating chefs, jury members, partners, and supporters whose passion and professionalism contributed to the success of this inaugural edition.

This first edition marks the beginning of what is expected to become an annual platform celebrating authentic Italian cuisine and promoting culinary excellence in Thailand. Building on the success of this year's competition, **The BEST Lasagna. Professional Competition** is planned to return on a larger scale as part of **THAIFEX-Horec Asia 2027**.

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PASTA DAY. LIVING THE ITALIAN WAY 2026



Bangkok, 20 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)**, in partnership with **THAIFEX-Horec Asia**, successfully hosted the third edition of **Pasta Day. Living The Italian Way** at The **Food School Bangkok**, reaffirming the event as one of Thailand's leading platforms dedicated to promoting authentic Italian pasta, culinary excellence, and business networking within the food and hospitality industry.

Designed exclusively for chefs, hospitality professionals, F&B operators, importers, distributors, media, and influencers, the event brought together approximately 100-150 industry professionals for an evening of networking, live cooking demonstrations, and tastings featuring premium **Made in Italy** ingredients.

Throughout the networking session, guests explored a series of live cooking stations where chefs prepared traditional or fusion pasta recipes using premium products supplied by the event's partners. The interactive format allowed attendees to discover the versatility of Italian pasta, exchange ideas with industry professionals, and build new commercial relationships in an informal yet highly professional environment.

With a welcome speech by Mr. **Giacomo Iobizzi**, Secretary General, the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce** extended its sincere appreciation to all partners whose support contributed to the success of the initiative:

- **Acqua Panna - San Pellegrino**
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A special thank you is extended to all participating chefs, exhibitors, sponsors, media representatives, influencers, and guests whose enthusiasm and professionalism made the third edition of **Pasta Day. Living The Italian Way** another outstanding success.

TICC is particularly grateful to Mr. **Filippo Cassabgi**, esteemed member of the Board of Directors, and Mr. **Sven Michael Schaefer**, Project Director at **Thaifex HOREC Asia** (Koelnmesse), for their guidance and precious support.

The event once again demonstrated how Italian cuisine serves not only as a symbol of quality and tradition but also as a powerful platform for business development, cultural exchange, and professional networking. Through initiatives such as **Pasta Day**, **TICC** continues to strengthen commercial ties between Italy and Thailand while promoting the excellence of **Made in Italy** products within the Thai market.

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RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL (RJC): UNDERSTANDING CERTIFICATION, AUDIT PREPARATION AND MARKET EXPECTATIONS



Bangkok, 22 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** in collaboration with **Lucile Charriaut**, successfully hosted an insightful gemology and jewelry industry seminar “**Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC): Understanding Certification, Audit Preparation and Market Expectations**” at TICC Connect.

We had the privilege of learning from our guest speaker, **Lucile Charriaut**, Founder of **Agence de Tounens**, who shared practical guidance on responsible sourcing, ESG compliance, and RJC certification readiness. Participants gained valuable insights into international buyer expectations, common audit gaps, and realistic strategies to align company practices with global standards.

A special thank you to **Lucile** for sharing her invaluable expertise, and to our moderator, **Michele Tomea**, for guiding such an engaging interactive Q&A. The evening concluded beautifully with an Italian-style Aperitivo, allowing industry professionals to connect and exchange ideas.

Thank you to all our members and friends who attended! Your dedication to responsible business practices is vital to driving meaningful change across the luxury supply chain.

We would like to thank **Food Gallery Limited, Officina Del Prosciutto Thailand, Singha Corporation, San Benedetto, L'Antica Pizzeria Da Michele** for supporting the event

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WHERE CONNECTIONS BEGIN: APERITIVO ITALIANO IN BANGKOK



Bangkok, 23 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)**, together with our Venue Partner, **Hotel Indigo Bangkok Wireless Road**, was delighted to welcome members and guests to another successful edition of our signature **Networking Aperitivo**.

The evening brought together professionals, entrepreneurs, and business leaders from across the Thai-Italian business community in a relaxed and vibrant setting, creating valuable opportunities to exchange ideas, build meaningful relationships, and explore future collaborations. At TICC, we believe that strong business connections are built through personal interactions, and events like these continue to strengthen the ties between our members and partners.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our venue partner, **Hotel Indigo Bangkok Wireless Road**, for their warm hospitality, and to our generous sponsors for making the evening possible: **Antica Luna**, **Bellman Horeca**, **Food Gallery Limited**, **Amaro Lucano**.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next **Networking Aperitivo** and many more opportunities to connect with the Thai-Italian business community.



ECCELLENZE ITALIANE IN PHUKET: AUTHENTICITY DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED



Phuket, 30 July 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** proudly celebrated the **Eccellenze Italiane Awards Ceremony** at **Amari Phuket**, honoring the restaurants that keep the true spirit of Italian cuisine alive in Southern Thailand.

More than 70 guests, including institutional representatives, chamber members, business leaders, hospitality professionals, and local authorities, gathered to celebrate the passion, craftsmanship, and dedication behind authentic Italian gastronomy.

The evening opened with an institutional welcome by President **Federico Cardini** and Vice President **Francesco Pensato**, who reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to promoting and protecting the excellence of **Made in Italy** while strengthening the economic and cultural ties between Italy and Thailand.

The event was honored by the presence of numerous distinguished guests and institutional representatives, including H.E. Mr. **Rondon Hajiyawae**, Vice Governor of

Phuket; Mrs. **Lalita Maneesri**, Mayor of Patong, Phuket; and Mr. **Sarayuth Mallam**, President of the Phuket Tourist Association; Ms. **Kirsten Fletcher**, Consul General of Australia; Mr. **Claude Baltes**, Honorary Consul of Luxembourg, and Pol. **General Chalit Thinthanee**, President of the Phuket Police Association; whose presence further highlighted the importance of the occasion and the strong support for Thai-Italian relations.

Hosting the ceremony, Mr. **Alex Huet**, General Manager of **Amari Phuket**, expressed his pride and enthusiasm in welcoming such a prestigious event, highlighting the hotel's commitment to supporting initiatives that celebrate international excellence and quality hospitality.

The awards ceremony was then led by Mr. **Giacomo Iobizzi**, Secretary-General of TICC, and Mr. **Bruno Barone**, Chairman of the TICC Southern Committee, and Mr. **Antonio Sanna**, TICC. Director who presented the **Eccellenze Italiane** certificates - an internationally recognized mark of authenticity awarded to restaurants that preserve the traditions, quality, and heritage of genuine Italian cuisine abroad.



Congratulations to the 2026 **Eccellenze Italiane** Award recipients:

- **Acqua Phuket**
- **La Casina Rossa**
- **La Napoletana**
- **Da Moreno**
- **Trattoria Luca Cini by Chef Bruna**
- **Rossovivo**
- **Viva**
- **Bocconcino**
- **Rosmarino**
- **The Smokaccia Laboratory**
- **A Mare (Patong)**
- **Manzoni**
- **La Gritta (Amari Phuket)**
- **Franco Roma (Diamond Cliff)**
- **Little Roma**



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Each of these restaurants plays an important role in preserving the authenticity, quality, and reputation of Italian cuisine in Thailand.

A heartfelt thank you to **Amari Phuket**, all our sponsor and partners (**Sanpellegrino**, **Acqua Panna**, **Asia Green Tech**, **Bellman Horeca**, **Pizzeria Da Moreno**, **Global Food Products - GFP**, **Italpro Thailand**, **Amaro Lucano**, **Manzoni**, **NSW - Next Step Wine**, **Villa Tantawan Resort - Private Pool Villas**, and **Phuket Solar**, guests, and participants for contributing to another memorable evening dedicated to celebrating the very best of Italian excellence.

ABOUT

Eccellenze Italiane is the quality certification program established by the Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) for Italian restaurants, pizzerias, and gelaterias operating in Thailand. Launched in 2025, the program identifies and promotes operators who meet the quality standards of Italian culinary tradition, while encouraging the use of authentic Italian ingredients and products.

Choosing to participate in Eccellenze Italiane means choosing to invest in the authenticity, reputation, and long-term value of what you offer.

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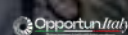
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