



Dear Phuket Dive Operator,

On 14 October Khun Jatupol Jindapol, president of the TDA Sports Committee, met with Phuket Governor Udomsak regarding the new dive industry regulations the governor recently signed. Khun Jatupol was also representing TDA's Chief Consultant, Dr. Pornchai Chuthamas from the Royal Suan Jitlada Palace. Khun Jatupol asked the governor to postpone the effective date of the new regulations for one year in order to allow all interested parties to work together to draft more appropriate regulations that would address the government's concerns without unduly burdening the dive industry. The governor denied this request, and insisted that the regulations will go into effect as scheduled.

Khun Jatupol has now scheduled a meeting at the Royal Palace with Dr. Pornchai to discuss TDA's next step. One option they will discuss is the possibility of a lawsuit to force a postponement of the regulations. TDA will report to you as soon as possible what our next course of action will be. But in the meanwhile, Khun Jatupol asks that you please **not register under the new regulations** until after his meeting at the palace. Registering now will just make it more difficult to get these regulations postponed and changed. If you want more information or have any problems regarding these regulations please contact TDA and we will try to help any way we can.

Thank you,



Ronachai Chindapol
President

