

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## INTRODUCTION

Cricket Association of Thailand is committed to developing cricket within the kingdom. In order to do so CAT has adopted a development strategy based on steady progress. Initially this strategy requires the establishment of a strong foundation which shows little results to begin with but will bear fruit later on. For instance, the seeds for Thailand's first ever Women's Cricket team were sown back in 2003, however it was not till 2008 that the general public became aware of the existence of a national Thai women's team. Thailand competed within the first ever ACC Women's Tournament held in Malaysia. The Thai squad had the distinction of being one of the only fully ethnic squads to be partaking within the competition.

In 2009 all the hard work out into the women's cricket initiative started to pay off as Thailand came runners up in the inaugural ACC Women's T20 tournament, losing to Hong Kong by a mere 4 runs in the finals. Also 2009 saw a nearly full ethnic Thailand Boys Under 19 team secure a promotion to the elite dividend The slow and meticulous approach of CAT,

# Mission Statement

**To promote and popularize Cricket throughout all the provinces of Thailand**

**To provide an ideal playing environment and create the much needed "Cricket Culture" and to support talented cricketers to reach their full potential**

**To improve the quality of life through embracing the traditions and values of cricket; and to propagate the "Spirit of Cricket"**

which focus on unearthing and nurturing ethnic cricketers talent

s is finally starting to pay dividends.



Cricket Association of Thailand is committed to the principles established within the mission statement as it thrives to develop cricket in the Kingdom. As such a lot of emphasis has been placed in the strategic development areas such as governance, player development, talent identification, women's cricket, cricket education, competitions and facilities.

This annual report for development period 2008-2009 is meant to provide an overview of the major activities of the Association for the period in question. This report is formatted chronologically starting from January 2009 and ending December 2009. The report highlights three main things; the events hosted by CAT, the events attended by CAT and developmental activities.

## JANUARY, 2009

### ACC CHALLENGE CUP 2009

CAT started of the year by hosting the ACC Trophy Challenge 2009 in Chiang Mai from the 11th to the 19th of January. Eight senior men's teams took part in what is effectively the Asian Cricket Council's second division. The teams were divided into two groups of 4. Oman, Bhutan, Brunei and Myanmar made up Group A, while Thailand, Maldives, Iran and China made up Group B. Each team played three qualifying matches of 50 overs aside with the top two teams in each group progressing to the semi-finals.

Thailand got off to a great start by defeating rivals Maldives in the opening match and topping their respective group. However Thailand suffered a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of Bhutan in the semis and eventually finished the tournament in 4th position.

### BPS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2009

BPS continued their tradition by hosting the BPS Invitational Tournament this year from Jan 31st to Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Three teams took part within the tournament BPS, Khon-Kaen (KK) and an All-star team. In the previous year's KK and All-stars had taken the honors and BPS team was keen on bringing the title home this year. All-star got off to a great start by beating BPS by 9 wickets followed by a win over KK by 4 wickets. The next day BPS got themselves together and beat KK by 77 runs. Reaching the finals, BPS beat All-stars by 2 runs, giving them the title for the first time.

## FEBRUARY, 2009

### ACC COACH EDUCATOR COURSE LEVEL 1

2 members of CAT attended the 7 day ACC Coach Educator's course which was conducted in Singapore from the 9th to the 15th of February. A total of 25 participants from 14 different

countries took part in the course. John and Zia represented Thailand. The course was conducted by ACC in conjunction with Cricket Australia while ACC Development Officer Iqbal Sikander and Roger Binny co-ordinated the proceedings.

### UMPIRES REFRESHER COURSE

CAT conducted a two day Umpires Refresher Course, with the help of Cricket Australia and NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association. The course was held at the Jasmine Hotel in Bangkok from the 26th to the 27th of February and was conducted by Mr. John Evans and Mr. Darren Goodger. 22 participants from Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Phuket took part in the course. The aim of this course was to reinforce, refresh and clarify some of the more technical aspects of the umpiring discipline for those whom have been actively involved within their respective local communities.

## MARCH, 2009

### ACC UMPIRES COURSE LEVEL 2

ACC conducted a Level 2 Umpires course for its member countries in Malaysia from the 1st to 7th of March. Two representatives (Warawuth & Surin) from Thailand took part in this 7 day course which was held in Kuala Lumpur.

### WOMEN'S CENTRALIZED CAMP

The Thai women's team attended the first of three planned centralized training camps in preparation for the ACC Women's T20 Cup 2009. The camp took place in Chiang Mai from the 24<sup>th</sup> of March to the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. This camp was used to shortlist women players whom would continue on to the second and third camps. The camp was overseen by the Women's coach Shan.

### DEVELOPMENT MEETING

CAT held its annual Development meeting in Bangkok at the Sports Authority of Thailand building on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Development staff from all seven provinces attended the meeting, where they were brought up to date with the development activities planned for the year and had the opportunity to make suggestions as to what they think needs to be done to help take cricket development in Thailand to the next level.

## APRIL, 2009

### WOMEN'S CENTRALIZED CAMP

The second of three training camps for the women was held in Bangkok from the 21<sup>st</sup> of April to 4<sup>th</sup> of May. At this camp the players short listed in the first camp took part in intensive cricket skills development activities. The camp was overseen by the Women's coach Shan.

### CDWCA, SRI LANKA - FIVE MACH SERIES VS THAILAND

Having gone through two centralized training camps CAT hosted a bilateral one day series in which the Thai Women's National teams squared off against Colombo District Women's Cricket Association in a 5 match series of 30 over cricket. A summary of the series results is provided below.

**Match No. 1 - 27th April, 2009 at AIT**

CDWCA 64 all out (Chaturika 26, Nanthanit 3 for 13, Nathakan 2 for 6, Nattaya 2 for 3)  
Thailand 49 all out (Ratchanee 11 not out, Chaturika 5 for 6, Pooja 2 for 9, Anuradha for 10)  
**CDWCA win by 15 runs**

**Match No. 2- 28th April, 2009 at AIT**

CDWCA 80 all out (Gayani 19, Sachi 14, Pooja 15, Nathakan 2 for 3, Thanapan 2 for 21)  
Thailand 82 for 5 (Nattaya 27 not out, Thanapan 13, Sachi 2 for 15)  
**Thailand win by 5 wickets**

**Match No. 3 - 30th April, 2009 at AIT**

CDWCA 80 all out (Gayani 24, Nanthanit 3 for 11, Thanapan 2 for 12, Naruemo 2 for 8)  
Thailand 67 all out (Thanapan 15, Sachi 3 for 18, Chaturika 2 for 13, Gayani 2 for 13)  
**CDWCA win by 13 runs**

**Match No. 4- 1st May, 2009 at AIT**

CDWCA 52 all out (Nathakan 3 for 8, Naruemo 3 for 16, Nanthanit 2 for 8)  
Thailand 48 all out (Siwaporn 19 not out, Anuradha 4 for 5, Chaturika 2 for 8, Sachi 2 for 6)  
**CDWCA win by 4 runs**

**Match No. 5 - 3rd May, 2009 at BPS**

Thailand 79 for 5 (Thanapan 25 not out, Chaturika 2 for 23)  
CDWCA 78 all out (Ayesha 19, Nanthanit 3 for 10, Naruemo 2 for 16)  
**Thailand win by 1 run**

The Thai women's team performance was good, not allowing the much more experienced and talented CDWCA side reach triple figures. A point to note is that Thailand managed to bowl out their opposition on all five occasions. Batting once again proved to be Thailand's Achilles heel as they were unable to follow up their exceptional bowling and fielding with an equally exceptional batting performance. Going into the final match CDWCA has already clinched the series and with nothing but pride at stake Thailand posted a total of 79 from their allotted thirty over and managed to skittle CDWCA out for 78.



## JUNE, 2009

### ICC CENTENARY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ICC held its annual conference in London from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of June. The conference had approximately 350 attendees which included ICC members, ICC Directors and senior staff, ICC commercial partners, local invites, test team inclusions, cricketing/non-cricketing celebrities. Mr Ravi Sehgal (Chairman of CAT) represented Thailand. Thailand were awarded the Best Women's Cricket Development Award for South Asia at the conference

### ICC CENTENARY CATCH THE SPIRIT EVENT

In honor of the ICC centenary CAT hosted a one day cricket carnival in Khao Yai with the theme catch the spirit. On the 20th of June, 2009 Thailand really did "Catch the Spirit of Cricket" as Khao Yai was buzzing and humming to the tune of cricket as CAT unleashed a flurry of cricketing activity in a bid to leave a lasting impression not only on Khao Yai but on Thailand Cricket in general.



CAT also took this opportunity to unveil Thailand's first ever Centre of Excellence for Cricket in Khao Yai at the St. Stephens International School. This centre is not only meant to serve Khao Yai but will also serve the surrounding regions. With the help of Mrs. Jane Deotrakul, the Principal of St. Stephens International School, and Dr. Visut Charoensiriwatana, a member of the board of directors, the opening of the Center of Excellence went on without any hiccups.



### WOMEN'S CENTRALIZED CAMP

The third and final training camp for the women ACC Twenty20 squad was held in Khao Yai from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. This camp was used to work on areas of weaknesses which were identified in the previous two camps and in the 5 match one series against the Colombo District Women's Cricket Association.

## JULY, 2009

### ACC WOMEN'S T20 CUP 2009

Thailand took part in the inaugural Asian Cricket Council Women Twenty20 Cup held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 1st to 12th July. The tournament featured 12 Asian countries and whom took part in two groups:

Group A: Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Qatar, Bhutan and Iran.

Group B: Malaysia, Hong Kong, Oman, UAE, China and Kuwait.

Thailand performed exceptionally well. The Women's team topped their group not losing a single match, securing themselves a place in the semi finals where they defeated China by a margin of 27 runs. Thailand were narrowly beaten by Hong Kong in the final of the Asian Twenty20 Women's Cup. They lost by four runs after a see-saw encounter. A summary of Thailand's performance in the tournament is provided below.

**FINAL: Hong Kong v Thailand @ Kinrara Oval**

HONG KONG WON BY 4 RUNS

**Final: Thailand vs Hong Kong**

**Hong Kong win by 27 runs**

***Hong Kong win the toss and elect to bat***

**Hong Kong:** 106 for 4 off 20 overs (C. Wong 23\*, K. Gill 39, N. Pratt 27)

**Thailand:** 102 for 4 off 20 overs S. Tippoch 36\*, P. Prathanmitr 20; K. Gill 2-17)

**Player of the Match:** Keenu Gill (Hong Kong)

**Semi Final: Thailand beat China by 27 runs**  
**Thailand beat Nepal by 23 runs**  
**Thailand beat Iran by 67 runs**  
**Thailand beat Bhutan by 83 runs**  
**Thailand beat Qatar by 50 runs**  
**Thailand beat Singapore by 12 runs**



## AUGUST, 2009

### CAT DEVELOPMENT MEETING & AGM

CAT held its bi-annual development meeting and AGM on the 22nd of August at the Sports Authority of Thailand complex. The meeting was attended by 20 people with development officers from all the 7 different regions attending. During the meeting all 7 provinces highlighted their achievements in terms of spreading cricket in their respective regions and suggested improvements as to how cricket uptake can be accelerated even further. All in all this edition of CAT bi-annual development meeting was very constructive as it clearly defined the path which CAT needs to follow in order to continue developing cricket in Thailand.



## SEPTEMBER, 2009

### CAT LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE (THAI)

At the request of Khao Yai CAT organized a 3 day level 1 coaching course in the Thai language from the 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> of September. This course was aimed at bringing onboard local physical education instructors from the local schools so that they could proceed with integrating cricket into the Physical Education curriculum. A total of 22 participants attended the course which was overseen by John and Shan.

### CAT BASIC UMPIRING COURSE (THAI)

CAT organized a basic Umpiring course in the Utradit province from the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of September. The course was designed to help bolster the regions coaching body. A total of 21 participants attended the course which was overseen by Warawut Suttajit.

## OCTOBER, 2009

### ACC / ICC BUDGET TEMPLATE WORKSHOP 2010

Cricket Association of Thailand hosted the ACC / ICC Budget Template Workshop 2010. The 2 day workshop was held at the “Jasmine City Building” from 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October in Bangkok and was organized by the ACC. The workshop was attended by the representatives from Brunei, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Maldives, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore and Thailand.

The objective of the workshop was to bring the ICC associate & affiliate members from South Asia up to speed with the new budgeting process and to educate them on the importance of good governance and accountability as ACC and ICC attempt to professionalize cricket within the region.

The workshop was conducted by resource people from ACC and ICC. Mr. Bandula Warnapura and Mr. Ganesan Sundarammoorthy were present from the ACC while Ms. Sarah de Rozario and Mr. Hayden Smith were present from the ICC side. Overall the workshop can be considered to be a success as can be inferred from the comments of the participations and resource people.

### UNDER 19 TRAINING CAMP & PRACTICE GAMES

With the ACC Under 19 Challenge Cup 2009 around the corner, CAT conducted its preliminary training camp. The camp was held over a 2 weeks at the Bangkok Patana School facility, with players Chiang Mai and Khon Kaen. The camp consisted of daily fitness programs at the hotels gym and swimming pool, followed by net sessions.

The camp was concluded with two matches against Perak Youth Cricket Club from Malaysia, one 40 over and one Twenty20 match. The boys carried over the positive mindset into the matches as Thailand comprehensively won both the matches. The Thailand side comprised of the Under 19 squad members and coaching staff bowled out the opposition for a total of 124 and chased down the total in 18 overs to take the first match. Thailand won the Twenty20 in similar fashion. Thailand batting first posted a respectable total of 148 in their allotted 20 over's. P.Y.C.C put up a good fight however were unable to keep up with the required rate of nearly 7.5 runs an over. They managed to muster together 133 runs at the expense of 6 wickets. Some tight bowling by Thailand saw them comfortably take the match by 15 runs (Mahased: 4 overs, 17 runs, 1 wicket and Zia: 4 overs, 1 maiden, 21 runs, 2 wickets).



## NOVEMBER, 2009

CAT hosted its inaugural National Youth Cricket Championship in Bangkok from the 19th-22nd November. Ten teams took part in this year's championship, 6 men and 4 women Under 19 teams.

**MEN GROUP A: KHON KAEN, BANGKOK, PETCHABUN**

**MEN GROUP B: CHIANG MAI, CHONBURI, PHUKET**

**WOMEN: KHON KAEN, CHIANG MAI, BANGKOK, PETCHABUN**

The men teams played each of their group members once in a 15 over match with the top two from each group progressing to the final, while the top ranked women's team was

declared champions. Chiang Mai went on to win the championship by defeating Khon Kaen in the final, while the Bangkok women team took top honors in their group.

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## DECEMBER, 2009

### ACC U19 CHALLENGE CUP 2009

Thailand hosted the ACC Under-19 Challenge Cup held in Chiang Mai from 9th to 18th December. The ACC Under-19 Challenge Cup is an eight-team tournament for teams across Asia. The teams have been divided into two groups: Kuwait, China, Brunei and Myanmar make up Group A, while Thailand play in Group B with Maldives, Bahrain and Iran.

Thailand made it through the group stage undefeated, and defeated China by 9 wickets in the semi finals to secure a place in the finals. Thailand stumbled at the last hurdle as Bahrain

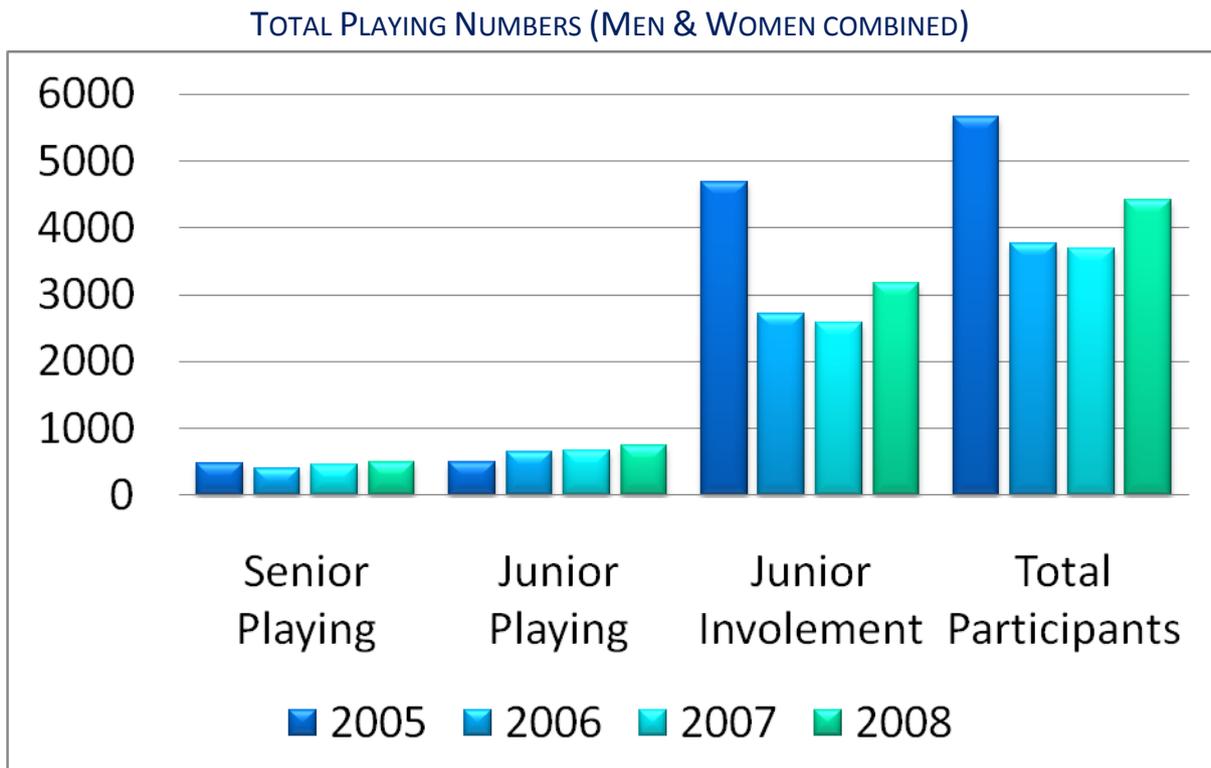
defeated Thailand 5 wickets. However by securing the runners up position Thailand secured a promotion to the Elite Division.





## DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW - FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 2009



	Senior Playing	Junior Playing	Junior Involvement	Total Participants
2008	495	750	3,177	4,422
2007	450	675	2,573	3,698
2006	405	645	2,713	3,763
2005	480	495	4,681	5,656



## OVERVIEW OF CRICKETING FACILITIES IN THAILAND

	Turf	Permanent Artificial	Portable Artificial	Total Grounds
2008	5	6	4	15
2007	5	6	4	15
2006	5	6	3	14
2005	2	2	0	4
2004	2	2	0	4