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ABSTRACT

The objective of this research is to understand tourists' inspiration for attending the "Full Moon Party" at Suratthani Province on Pagan Island, their behavior at the party, and the party's social impact. The information has been collected from interviews of 30 people. From the research, problems were raised by police officers, government officials, community leaders, businessmen, and Thai and foreign tourists. Several reasons have made Pagan Island a favorite choice of tourists: the natural and geographic environment of the island, its many restaurants and hotels, its role as a place where international tourists can be harmonized with the local tradition, its friendly hospitality, its safety, and its natural and romantic location. The "Full Moon Party" is an especially magnificent selection for tourists. Their behavior is normal for human beings. Sex and drugs are only a problem for some people. Most people believe the island is not the place where people should have the freedom to have public nudity and drugs. As regards disadvantages and advantages, the advantages are the increased jobs and money for the people in the area. The disadvantage is constituted by people acting against the law.

Recommendations

The government should be more concerned and support the tourism. They can assign local administrators to have specific authority and responsibility to eliminate the problems. They can increase the safety level regarding life and property by providing standard security for the tourists, by increasing supervision of the party, and by improving the information system.

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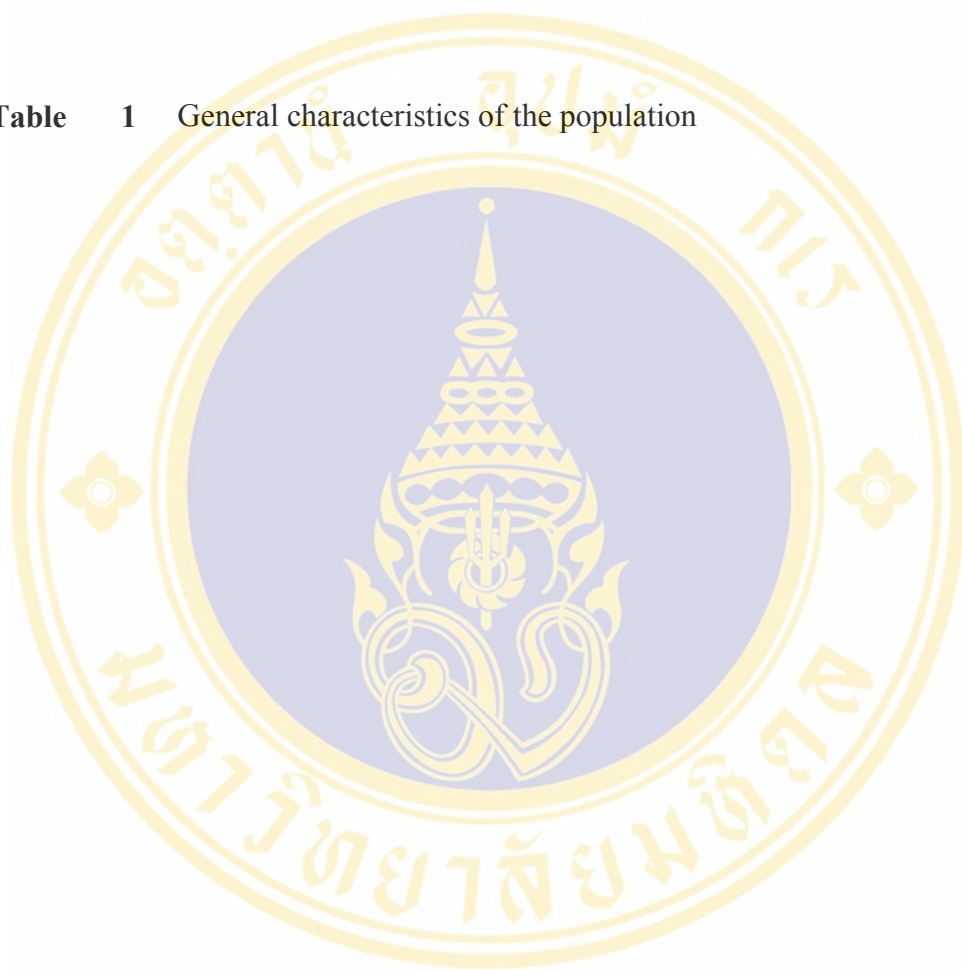
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Nature and significance of the problem

Tourism is considered to be a major source of income for Thailand nowadays. Its major reasons are that the country has natural wealth and is governed in democratic system, that it has liberty for the people to invest in tourism. The promotions of tourism industries of several governments result in manifested huge incomes for the country. There are a lot of tourism places for the tourists. A major source of the tourism place is the area of aquatic place. The author concerns in studying “Pangan Island” in Suratthani province as the place of study.

Tourism in Pangan Island is signified because of the beautiful scenery of “Rin beach” that is told by the tourists who ever attained, and the beach is a major tourism source of the Pangan Island. It is mentioned that in the “Full Moon Night”, the beach is extremely beautiful at time of the reflection of the moonlight over the water surface that is scarcely seen in any other places in the wide world. Some tourists mention that the scenery of the beach is one of the five most beautiful in the world. According to a large number of tourists that enter the beach in Pangan Island, a party in the full moon night is held every month known as the “Full Moon Party. The festival, vastly told among tourists, makes Pangan Island well known to them via verbal sources, governmental public relation activity and the Internet. It is also known that narcotics drugs are easily searched in the party. The drugs include Marihuana, Ecstasy, cocaine and others as a means for better appreciation of the Nature of the full moon night. Such consumption of drugs brings about negative effects on life style of the local community peasants and long term negative effect on tourism as a whole. It is come along with various crimes such as theft, larceny, physical offenses including suicide. The “Full Moon Party” affect negative results both locally and countrywide. The

crime suppression of the authorities is discussed on the effect on the tourism industry that means the income of the local people and of whole country.

The drugs widely used in Full Moon Party are of several kinds such as Opium, Morphine, Heroin, Amphetamine, Inhalants, Tranquilizers, Hallucinates, Katamine, Cocaine, Ephedrine, Kratom, Marihuana, Ecstasy and so on. Ecstasy is populated among the foreign tourists who enter the Full Moon Party.

In the study, the author aims at the behavior of the tourists who enter the Full Moon Party in drug consumption. The study is conducted via qualitative research method through interview of the local authorities and both Domestic and Foreign tourists. The study concerns the actual objectives of the tourists in attending the Full Moon Party and the effects occurred from the use of drugs.

1.2 Objectives of the study

1.2.1. To obtain the motives and behaviors of the tourists who attend the Full Moon Party at Pangan Island, Suratthani province.

1.2.2. To know the wholistic situation of the Full Moon Party tourism at Pangan Island on narcotics drug problem, crime problem and natural environment.

1.3 Scope of the study

The study is conducted as qualitative research in the area of Pangan Island, Suratthani province. The methods used in data collection are non-participated observation and in-depth interview.

1.4 Operational definitions of terms

1.4.1. **Tourists** mean the person who enter Pangan Island of Suratthani province both domestic and foreign of both sexes and attend the Full Moon Party.

1.4.2. **Drug consumption of the tourists** means methods and sequences of drug taking at time of attendance in Full Moon Party. The behavior includes the symptoms prior and post to drug consumption. In this study, then behavior is emphasized on the motives in drug consumption such as the atmosphere, the environment, offering of drugs of the tourists, the law enforcement and the joy of drug taking.

1.4.3. **Motive in drug consumption** means the causative need in drug taking both physically and mentally that urges in need of drug.

1.4.4. **Side effects** mean the symptoms manifested followed by drug taking that are:

1.4.4.1 Physical side effects;

Shock followed by over dozed

Vomiting from rejection of drug

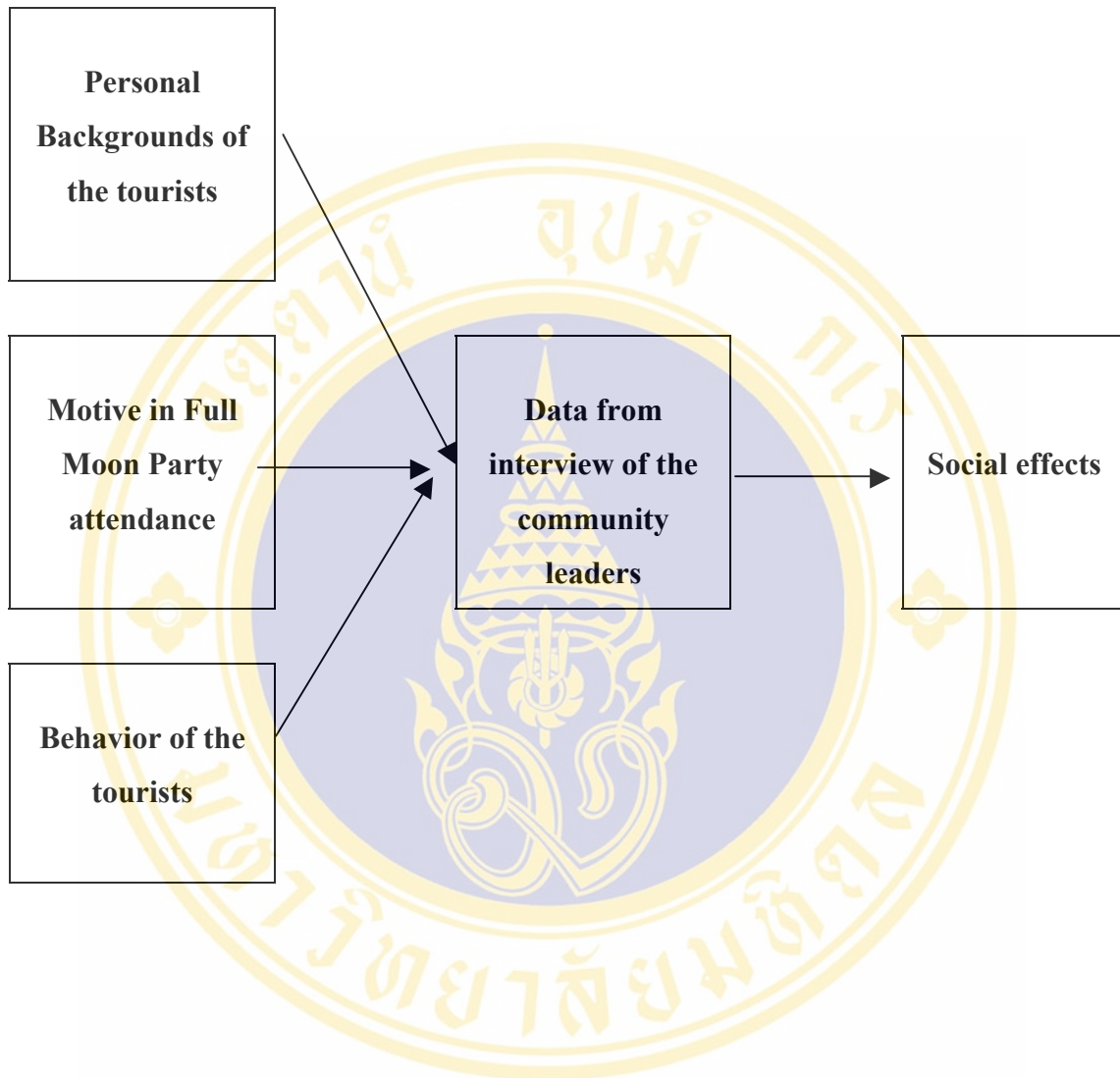
1.4.4.2 Mental and psychological side effects;

Hallucination from the drug residual in the body

Depression after drug taking from

the nervous-brain deterioration

1.5 Conceptual framework



CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

In this study, the following topics are reviewed by using concepts, theories and related literatures;

- 2.1 General characteristics of Koh Pangan district, Suratthani province
- 2.2 Over view of Tourism Industry
- 2.3 Narcotics drugs and the Full Moon Party

2.1 General characteristics of Koh Pangan district, Suratthani province

North – Chumporn province and Ranong province

South – Nakhorn Srithmmarat province and Kabi province

West – Panga province and Ranong province

East – Gulf of Siam and Nakhorn Srithammarat province

Suratthani province has a distance of 685 Kilometres from Bangkok. It has the total area of 12,891 square Kilometres. The area is mostly high plateau with several mountains and precious forestry. The middle area and the seashores are plains. There are number of satellite islands. There are 2 rivers (Tapee and Phumduang)

running through the provincial area. Suratthani province consists of 18 districts and 1 sub-district. Koh Pangan (Pangan Island) is one of Suratthani's districts sited on the North of Samui Island with the distance of an hour traveling from Samui Island. Pangan Island has an area of 120,000 Rai or 192 square Kilometres. The transportation on the island is currently still in sufficient. Most of the trails are black roads. The places for tourism need traveling by sea and further on foot. Pangan Island has a mountain at the middle of the island lying from the North to the plain on the West side of the island. On the East, the mountain lying through the sea with some suitable areas for ship docking. The Monsoon season of Pangan Island is during October to January with Eastern wind blowing through. Pangan Island sites at 9 degree and 45 minute North Latitude and 100 degree East Longitude and is about 100 Kilometres from the provincial center. The amount of population is 12,000 and most of them earn their living by coconut plantation and near coast fishery.

2.2 Over view of Tourism Industry

Tourism industry is an entertainment business and being one of the most popular entertainment activities. Tourism creates experience and develops quality of life as well. Tourism also promotes people to relax, challenge people to appreciate with nature and precious elements that are rarely found in everyday life. Tourism also provides traditional and art understanding of the community members to the tourists. Tourism provides historical understandings among different cultural communities as well as among urban and rural societies. The World Tourism Organization has the slogan that "Tourism for international understanding, peace and cooperation".

Tourism industry has a significant role in development of the country and is a major entertainment source of the national income. One-tenth of the world population have traveled domestically and internationally each year and one-tenth of the tourists are inbound for the area of South-East Asia and the Pacific, one-tenth of them enter Thailand each year. For Thailand, the tourism industry has about 23.6% of extension rate and is the highest source of the national income.

The role of Tourism industry upon the national economic

1. It increases foreign monetary for the national economic system, Tourism industry earns the most income for the country.

2. It promotes daily currency and distribution of income from urban to rural societies. It supports the development of buildings, surroundings, facilities to serve the tourists and creates jobs and professions to the community members.

3. It stimulates the production and processing of natural resources in forms of local products, souvenirs and facilities used in local services.

4. It is the waste less industry that does not consume raw material; the products can be continuously disposed.

5. It stimulates the production cycle of the country within the domestic system.

The role of Tourism Industry on society and community

1. It promotes international human relation, creates peace and understandings between the hosts and the visitors.

2. It helps developing and creating development to local communities and raises the quality of life of the peasants.

3. It promotes the cultural, environmental and natural conservation and recovery. It also promotes appreciation and realization of art, culture and nature.

4. It promotes the feeling of Thai cultural identity and increases the feeling of respect in motherland.

5. It narrows the gap between the rural and urban communities.

Effects of Tourism on social, cultural and environmental aspects

On social aspect:

Advantages;

1. It increases social mobility.
2. It arouses the improvement of public facilities and services such as transportation, garbage collection, law enforcement and disaster prevention.
3. It stimulates the improvement of sanitary facilities.
4. It stimulates the development of tourism and entertainment facilities for relaxation.

Disadvantages;

1. It is the cause of several crimes such as burglary, robbery, theft, treason and assault on the tourists.
2. It produces undesirable activities in the societies such as drug disposal, prostitution, gambling and others.
3. It produces congestion of the population in public facility and infrastructure consumption.
4. It reduces the kinship system in the community as a result of the deterioration of community cohesion.

5. It annoys the privacy and peace of the residents of the community.

6. It reduces the using of local dialects and destroys the solidarity of local languages.

7. It increases animosity between peasants and aliens in enterprises held by foreigners.

On cultural aspect:

Advantages;

1. It results in expression of local cultural differences.
2. It creates local handcraft recovery.
3. It creates the conservation of historical places, monuments, legends, religious and architectural heritages.
4. It creates the pride of the peasants and loyalty towards the social aspect of the community.
5. It creates the understandings between the peasants and the visitors.

Disadvantages;

1. It causes the changes in values, moral and domination in the members of the community.
2. It causes the reduction of the fine art standards such as imitation, production of low quality products, faking and false documents.

3. It causes the feeling that the festivals and ceremonies are held only for commercialization. The delegates are not participated in the events.

Additionally, there are social and cultural effects that are not able to be discriminated between advantage and disadvantage. Such either perception is considered dependent to the actual situation, such a migration, social and cultural change in the structure and status, occupations, pattern of relaxation, imitation of food consumption and other consumptions of facilities.

Physical-Environmental aspect:

Advantages;

1. It causes the construction and improvement of infrastructure facilities and the reach of tourism places.
2. It causes the increasing construction and improvement of the facilities concerning tourism such as hotels, rest lodges, restaurants and hospitals.
3. It causes the control of diseases, disasters and natural threats.
4. It causes the control and management of the resources for tourism such as water reserve, coasts, beach and others.
5. It causes the improvement of the geographical scenery and planning of the standards of environment concerned in the tourism areas.
6. It causes the improvement of the land usage and resource management.

Disadvantages;

1. It causes unbalance or changes in significant species of plant and animals in the tourism areas.
2. It causes reduction of quality in the tourism areas in natural environments and scenery.
3. It causes pollution of the water, air and ground.
4. It eliminates former natural resources.
5. It causes the loose of land for agriculture, forestry and farming due to the extension of the communities that are invaded by tourism.
6. It causes congestion and density of tourists in the season of tourism.
7. It causes noise pollution.
8. It causes the replacement of former environmental surroundings and natural scenery by modernization.

Elements of Tourism Industry

Tourism is service industry that contains of the following elements;

1. Tourism resources mean the places for tourism, activities and tradition-cultures that stimulate the needs of tourists to attain.
2. Transportation is one of the most important means to enter the tourism sites both domestic and international.

3. Custom, immigration and information service must be available for the tourists and easy to understand. The information concerning residences, vehicles and tourist service must be complied.

4. About the residences, there must be alternative types for the tourists to select. There also must be control of expense, sanitary facilities as international standard states.

5. Restaurants and food shops must be available including the prices must be just for the tourists of various tastes to use.

6. Tourist agents and guides must be legally established and trained for knowledge concerning tourism.

7. There must be quality control of souvenirs and the prices must be fair.

8. The safety in life and property of the tourists must also be concerned.

9. Distribution of tourism information must be clarified both domestic and international.

Tourism Images

The attraction of tourism sources is an important factor in the success of tourism industry. The other two factors are transportation and entertainment facilities. Prior to the journey, the tourists must have images concerning the destination of the trips. The images may be resulted from the documentation study, public relation media and other sources. The images consist of 3 following components.

1. Holistic image is the generality of the destination that is the environment, it is the relationship between the tourists and the places. It is in the deep part in mid of human beings. Holistic images are stimulated through advertisement. Tourists may be interested in the former status of the places by entering the surrounding that is different from their everyday life. This component of image generally depends mostly on the safety factor.

2. Traditional image is the one that the tourists create up through the association of the past of the places. This image concerns arts, literatures, music, sports, believes and way of life of the peasants. The tourists will concern of this image if the occurrence is vastly different from their surroundings in everyday life. The original way of life, folk traditions and festival are exciting and arousing the needs of this type of tourists.

3. Contemporary image is the concept of trips that the tourists have picture in mind prior to the trips either it is realistic or not. The tourists have different images that vary due to the time. It is believed that by the end of the 20th century tourists have more images concerning traveling in space.

2.3 Narcotics drugs and the Full Moon Party

Full Moon Party is the ceremony that is held in the full moon night of every month on the beach of Haad Rin(Rin Beach) on Pagan Island of Suratthani province. It is popular among the foreign tourists as the identity of Pagan Island. So far, Full Moon Party creates problems to the people and image of Pagan Island concerning narcotics drug and the causes of crimes. There has been tentative crime suppression from the authorities that cause conflicts in tourism among the authorities and the people.

Due to estimation, there is 34.59% of domestic tourists and 65.41% of foreign tourists. The tourists are distributed in several major tourism places such as

Haad Rin Nok (outer Rin beach), Haad Rin Nai (inner Rin beach), Haad Thongsala (Thongsala beach), Haad Baan Khai (Baan Khai beach) and Au Voktoom (Voktoom bay). Most of the foreign tourists reside in the residences around the island especially at Haad Rin Nok and Haad Rin Nai.

The tourist season of the domestic tourists is during April to May. The tourist season of the foreign tourists is during December to February, that it is the winter time of the Western world. The peak of the tourists is in January, the lesser is February and December, and the off peak of the tourist season is in October.

The cocaine, Ecstasy and Katamine situation

In the past, these drugs were widely used only among the Western tourists in Thailand. As the time past, these drugs spread to the groups of high income Thai people especially the ones who used to live abroad in the Western countries and the ones who were in the entertainment businesses because of their high price. At present, the drugs spread to other groups especially the ones in educational ages and the ones who begin career.

At first, the drugs were transported from the European countries, the United States and Australia that were easy to purchase and were transported by the drug-takers themselves as the objectives of using the drugs while residing in Thailand. Then there was drug trafficking imported to be for using among Thai citizen. After the drugs are widely used and well known among the users and the price decreases, there happens to actually import for sale. The suppliers that are European, Australian, Singaporean and Malaysian set up the network of drug trafficking. There are several channels of drug import such as International airports, Thai-Malaysian borders and post-parcels. The points of disposal are the same as the points of Amphetamine such as the tourism places and entertainment places. The purchase of these drugs is direct to the users or disposers, the spread of these drugs are not as wide as the local drugs. Bangkok is the main area of distribution of the drugs to other provinces such as Choburi, Khon Kaen,

Chiang Mai, Pitsanulok, Sukhothai, Nakhorn Rajsima, Suratthani, Songkhla and Phuket Island.

Cocaine

Cocaine is the drug that has its origin out of the country and spreads in Thailand before the occurrence of Ecstasy, the distribution is still less than Ecstasy. It is because the price is still high (2,000 – 3,000 Baht per gram). The use of Cocaine is limited in the smaller group. Never the less, there is still trafficking of Cocaine to supply the needs of customers. The import is in small amount attached to the ones who return from other countries that there is no criminal record, or sent via post. The disposers are Thai students who reside abroad and develop themselves from users to disposers and extend the network among friends and foreigners who reside in Thailand. However, there must be closed surveillance of Cocaine to prevent more spread than its existence.

Ecstasy

The spread of Ecstasy is specially sighted because it has spread to several areas out of Bangkok. The places found are such as Banglamong district of Choburi province, Hadd Yai district of Songkhla province and Muang district of Khon Kaen province. Although Ecstasy is produced abroad and has to be imported, the numbers of offenders and evidences arrested are raising. Almost all of the Ecstasy is produced in Netherland and smuggled by foreigners such as Taiwanese, Singaporean, Pakistani, Iranian including Thai people via International Airports and post parcels. The price disposed is about 600 – 1,200 Baht per pill depending on the customers.

Katamine

Katamine has a tendency of epidemics along with Ecstasy. In several arrests, Katamine and Ecstasy are found in the same crime scenes. Previously, Katamine was special controlled medicine disposed only via orders of physicians. Afterward Katamine was found abuse and spread. The Ministry of Public Health has stated Katamine to be 2nd type of Psychogenic substance. Katamine was captured by 111,000 millilitres in November 2541 B.E. and increasing to 640,620 millilitres in 2542 B.E.. It is believed that there is a huge amount of Katamine that is not captured. Almost all of Katamine is found imported from India and Singapore and sold in Thailand at the price of 800 Baht per bottle. Katamine is widely spread among teenagers and the young workers. The users usually appoint themselves in the rooms in apartments or houses to let to consume Katamine along with Ecstasy, Marihuana and alcoholic drinks.

Other Psychogenic drugs

Either Opiate drug, heroin, marihuana or inhalant has a decreasing tendency of significant crime problem. The use of such drugs is begun to be limited among specific groups. Since the effects and the duration of use varies to environmental, social and economic situations.

New species of drugs

The new species of drugs involved are Amphetamine Type Stimulants (ATS). Both legal and illegal substances that are used in medicines such as Anti allergic drugs and Anti-cough syrups.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

The study is conducted through collecting data from the survey of the villages on Pagan Island, interview of the leaders, investors and tourists. The author collects basic data and motives of entering Pagan Island of the tourists towards the use of drugs prior to and post to the Full Moon Party.

3.1 Site of the study

The study is conducted through purposive selection of the target area in one district of Suratthani province. The district selected is Pagan Island district that is well known throughout the world for touring in the Full Moon night.

3.2 Target population

The target population of the study consists of:

1. Community leaders and authority officers concerning in Full Moon Party festival. The sample size of this target population is 10.
2. Foreign and domestic tourists who attend the Full Moon Party. The sample of this target population is 10.
3. Local investors concerning the tourism industry on Pagan Island. The sample of this target population is 10.

The total number of samples of the target population is 30.

3.3 Methods of study

3.3.1. Secondary data are collected from documentary researches, textbooks, reviews, magazines, journals and newspapers.

3.3.2. Primary data are collected through individual interview with the interview schedules as follows:

1. Personal data of the target population
2. Motives of attendance in Full Moon Party
3. Behavior
4. General opinions toward Pangan Island and tourism situation
5. Impacts of tourism

3.4 Data collection

3.4.1. Creation of rapport: The rapport is created with the peasants and the tourists at the site of study. The author is introduced to the community to establish understanding of the role of researcher and trust in giving the data.

3.4.2. Survey: The author surveys and makes the map of the community including the structure of the community, geographical and historical characteristics, social, cultural and economic factors including the narcotics drug suppression of the community.

3.4.3. In-depth interview: The in-depth interview was done to 3 groups of target population as follows:

1. The tourists who attend the Full Moon Party were interviewed by using interview guidelines concerning population characteristics, attitudes toward using drugs in the Full Moon Party, motivation in using drugs including the behavior of drug taking.

2. Key informants interview was managed both formal and informal of the local police officers, the sheriff, heads of the villages, and senior persons in the villages to gain the life style of the peasants and the impact of narcotics drugs on the living in the area.

3. The local investors concerned were also interviewed to gain the role of activity creators.

3.4.4. Observation was conducted parallel to other means of data collection throughout the duration of data collection to verify the facts gained from interview. The observation dues to environmental status, social surroundings, motivation and behavior of the tourists in drug taking in the Full Moon Party.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS

The study is conducted as qualitative research. There is data collection via in-depth interview from 3 target population groups: the leaders of community and the authority officers concerning in Full Moon Party, Tourists who attained the Full Moon Party both domestic and foreign, and local investors concerning tourism. The total sample size is 30.

4.1 General characteristics of the target population

4.1.1. There are 20 persons of community leaders and authority officers that is equal to 66.7%.

4.1.2. There are 10 persons of tourists that is equal to 33.3%.

4.1.3. There are 25 males that is equal to 83.3% and 5 females that is equal to 16.7%.

4.1.4. There are 3 persons who age between 20 - 30 years old that is 10.0%, 15 persons who age 30 - 40 years old that is 50.0% and 12 persons who age 40 years old and up that is 40.0%.

4.1.5. There are 21 persons of Thai nationality that is 70.0% and 9 persons with foreign nationality that is 30.0%.

4.1.6. There are 9 persons that are single that is 30.0%, 20 persons that are married that is 66.7% and 1 person is divorced that is 3.3%.

4.1.7. There are 5 persons who reside on Pangan Island between 1 - 5 days that is 16.7%, 5 persons who reside between 6 - 15 days that is 16.7%, 3 persons between 1 - 5 years that is 10.0% and 17 persons more than 5 years that is 56.6%.

Table 1 General characteristics of the population

Characteristics	Number	Percent
1. Authority officers and community leaders	20	66.7
2. Domestic and international tourists	10	33.3
3. Gender		
Male	25	83.3
Female	5	16.7
4. Age		
20 - 30 years old	3	10.0
30 - 40 years old	15	50.0
40 years old and up	12	40.0
5. Nationality		
Thai	21	70.0
Foreign	9	30.0
6. Marital status		
Single	9	30.0
Married	20	66.7
Divorced	1	3.3
7. Duration on Pangan Island		
1 - 5 days	5	16.7
5 - 15 days	5	16.7
1 - 5 years	3	10.0
5 years and up	17	56.6

4.2 Results of the study

4.2.1. The opinions towards the motives in attendance of the Full Moon Party

4.2.1.1. *In the opinions of the authority officers, local investors and the community leaders*

The Full Moon Party is a festival that contains plenty of beautiful atmospheres of the natural surroundings of the island. The ones who attain must have the will to enter because of its distance from the main land or other islands. The cost of living and the expense of the facilities such a food, electricity and water are lower than several other tourism places. The island is the center of attraction through the tales of the ones who once visited the island or told widely through the Internet. Besides, the identities of Thai people can easily be found on the island such as smiling faces, generosity, sincerity and a warm welcome for the tourists. The Full Moon Night experience and impression may be found by the previous groups of tourists and told and consensus that the Rin Beach is a beautiful place under the Moonlight in the Full Moon Night and appropriate for the ones who need privacy and setting a small party beneath the beach for dancing, drinking and for some of drug taking.

From the study, there are other reasons are that the island is almost free from Monsoon or storm season, the transportation is safe from natural threat and safe from terrorism. Some opinions state that some tourists think that the island is a free-sex and free drug-taking land. The peasants have to re-image this belief and understanding.

4.2.1.2. *In the opinions of the tourists*

The tourists receive the information concerning Pangan Island and Full Moon Party from friends and the Internet. They need to experience the atmosphere

themselves. The Pangan Island has a major part of its nature sustain surroundings. The cost of living and expenses are reasonable and enable ordinary tourists to enter.

Novel experience is also a motive for the tourists to meet new people and new natural surroundings. Some of the tourists state that drugs are not the motives of attaining the island. A warm welcome of the local people is also a motive including the freedom of traveling that makes Pangan Island one of the top most tourism place to enter.

4.2.2. Opinions on the behavior of tourists

4.2.2.1. In the opinions of the authority officers, local investors and the community leaders

The tourists, especially the Western tourists, prefer adventure and challenge. They make their lives easy but sometimes cause trouble such as drunkenness and quarrel. Sometimes they do the risky acts such as deep water diving, riding and driving without understanding of the Thai traffic regulations.

Some of the foreign tourists attempt to understand the way of life of Thai people such as going to the temples, giving foods to monks, planting, along with reading or writing that make some tourists to stay on the island for a long time.

The tourists have both desirable and undesirable behaviors; most of the behaviors are positive that makes the island well known to the Western world. The presence of the foreign tourists results in the incomes of the peasants for earning their living and the island's money currency is stably flowed.

4.2.2.2. In the opinions of the tourists

There are different opinions toward the behaviors of the tourists from different places. The European tourists prefer drinking, swimming and lying under

sunlight because they come from cool places. The Americans prefer adventure, risks, challenge and expression. The ones from Asian zone prefer calm and quietness. All of the tourists express that they need not create problems to Thai people and the Island.

4.2.3. Knowledge and understanding concerning Pangan Island and tourism on the Island

4.2.3.1. In the opinions of the tourists

The tourists learn about Samui and Pangan Islands from friends that have been to the places or receive the information from the tourist agencies' brochures and websites about the beauty of mountains, seas and beaches. The significant points of the island are that Pangan Island is a small island at the South of Thailand with beautiful landscapes, it is the center of international tourists and there is a festival called the Full Moon Party that is joyful and the tourists can fully relieve. In addition, the peasants have a warm welcome to the tourists and the land is free from terrorism.

Besides, the international tourists usually have their start at Trok Khao Sarn in Bangkok and visit Samui and Pangan Islands, and ahead to Panga, Krabee and Phuket before leaving Thailand. As found in the interview, the aim of the tourists in joining the Full Moon Party is not for drug. Hence, drug is only a fraction to make the party more exciting and joyful. In Pangan Island, there are several channels of technology for the tourists to communicate with their own homes quite comfortably.

4.2.3.2. In the opinions of the authority officers, local investors and the community leaders

The tourism industry of Samui and Pangan Islands is getting better. The amount of tourists is increasing each year. There is circulation of tourists all through the year that make the island have no low season. The nature on the island is still virgin with very little damage. The living is convenient and the expense for the

tourists is comparatively cheap. The safety is higher compare to Malaysia, Bali Island of Indonesia and the Philippines. The beaches are clean with very little garbage with the surveillance of the investors. There are a few automobiles and motorcycles. The storms are rarely seen and are not strong. There are a few crimes and accidents that do not cause major injury or death.

4.2.4. Impacts of tourism

4.2.4.1. In the opinions of the tourists

The tourists' view that there should be no damage from the tourism because the tourists have just come to sightseeing and appreciate the nature without destroying the nature. Thai people realize that what sorts of culture that the Western tourists bring in should be adopted or not. The Western tourists withdraw from the cold weather towards Thailand as the first country in Asia due to Thailand's convenience, safety and low expense. The negative aspects of the tourism are drugs and prostitutions that in sometimes some tourists happen to need them.

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CHAPTER 5

DISCUSSION

From the study, the results are discussed as follows:

The tourists that come to attend the Full Moon Party state that the significant motive in entering Pangan Island is the nature on Samui and Pangan Islands. Full Moon Party is also a highlight of the visit with the atmosphere under moonlight, participation in the festival, joyfulness and friendly relationship between the tourists and the Thai peasants. The expense in staying on the island is rather low. The safety in life and properties are high. The island is safe from terrorism. Drugs are not main aims in entering the island and the punishment of drug involvement of Thailand is rather high in the perception of international tourists.

The local community leaders and the authority officers state that the nature of the island is the main attractiveness for the tourists along with the freedom in staying on the island of the tourists. The low expense, a warm welcome of the peasants, convenient facilities and prestige of the islands along with the promotion of the governmental authority are the motives of the tourists to enter Pangan Island. The epidemic of narcotics among the tourists is decreased to almost not a problem.

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CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

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6.6 Recommendations from the study

6.6.1. The government should promote and support the local authority in control of tourism by which the local authority as an actor and the government as a supporter.

6.6.2. The government and the local authority should cooperate in surveillance of the safety and standard of tourism such as the safety of traveling by sea and the rescue.

6.6.3. The local authority and local community should cooperate to create the strong image and prestige of tourism because the international tourists bring in the foreign currency and bring out the public relation of the prestige of Thailand.

6.7 Recommendations for further study

6.7.1. There should be study of various aspects of the tourists for planning of tourism industry.

6.7.2. The data from the study should be further used in considerations of the corrections of the activities in tourism industry.

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The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender female
- 1.2. Age 32 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 5 years
- 1.5. Occupation public officer

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The foreign tourists are the ones who want adventure with new experience in life. Once they know that Pangan Island has Full Moon Party they decide to come. Some of them come to visit the Full Moon Party every year. They enjoy staying here because of cheap expense.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The peasants are used to their behavior that does not harm or cause damage to the people. Sometimes they have accidents. Some tourists use drugs that is ordinary, some tourists bring drug with them and some ones buy drug on the island.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Pangan is being modernized. The people cease planting and go to invest in resorts, food shops, car rent and boat rent. There are more roads and more ships. There is no land selling, but only land for hire.

5. Impacts of tourism

The presence of foreign tourist makes the peasant more money. The environment of the island is not damage because the tourists come only to se the sight. The Full Moon Party has only once or twice a month; it does not do any harm.

Interview Record #2
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 37 year old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 2 years
- 1.5. Occupation commerce

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The tourists appreciate the nature and the original surroundings. The expense of living is cheap. They come to join the Full Moon Party because of cheerfulness. The drug used in the party is only a small part of the party.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The tourists who come to Samui and Phuket are quite good. These tourists come to Thailand and learn about the tradition of Thailand. The sanction of law in Thailand is rather strong. The tourists dare not to violate the law, they are afraid of being imprisoned in Thailand. The worse tourists will go to Pattaya.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

It is known that Pangan Island is the place for the ships to withdraw from storms. There were a few people on the island. The peasant brought the travelers here for swimming, fishing and coral viewing. At present Pangan Island is modernizing. There are people from Samui coming here to invest. Some people have land for rent and some set up their own resorts. There are more roads on the island and the people prefer to use motorcycles to automobiles.

5. Impacts of tourism

There is more income for the peasants and people from other places come to work in service for the foreign tourists. There must be more cleansing method for the public places. There are decreasing crimes and drugs because the enforcement authorities work steadily. The peasants sell only the mushroom to the tourists.

Interview Record # 3
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 48 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 6 years
- 1.5. Occupation member of local administration

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The real motives possibly are that the island is in distance, there is plenty of nature, there is plenty of food, the expense is low and the transportation and communication are convenient. It is easy to meet new friends here and they can have new experiences. The drugs the tourists used are the drugs that they bring in themselves.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

Generally they make no trouble. The tourists do not damage the island. Contrarily, the Thai people who come to work in tourism service make trouble.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

There is increasing population on Pangan Island. People from other places come to the island to do business. There is more money spreading and more resorts. There are original nature surroundings and clear water. The tourists need facilities for convenience and the governmental authorities have to advise the local authorities.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are tourists from Trok Khao Sarn to Samui and Pangan Islands throughout the year. There must be more resorts for the tourists. The problem of garbage and drug are decreasing. There are a few crimes of thefts and homicide. There era frequently quarrels but are not violent. Tourism makes more income for the people here.

Interview Record # 4
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 42 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 3 years
- 1.5. Occupation deputy sheriff

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The motives possibly are the nature with coconut trees, beaches and mountains. The tourists are free to go anywhere without danger. The expense for dining and rest is cheaper than any other places. The Full Moon Party festival attracts the tourists to visit.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There is no misconduct found among the tourists. They come to relax, have sightseeing, sex and some amount of narcotics, afterward they leave. They do not have trouble with Thai people. Some have drunkenness, when they recover from drunkenness; they seem to be as normal. They do not have any problem.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Actually there are small number of peasants on Pangan Island, the large number of people come from the main land or Samui Island to do business on the island. The island is developed so far. There are roads, electricity, resorts and a lot of ship sailing in and out. The area is being condensed and cannot load any more construction.

5. Impacts of tourism

Tourism makes better life for the peasants. The people get more money and the authorities get more income tax. There are small amount of crimes. There are some prostitution and narcotics within the surveillance of the police and the local authority. They are afraid that the island would become the center of drug trafficking and then negatively affects the tourism industry.

Interview Record # 5
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 38 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 6 years
- 1.5. Occupation commerce

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

Pangan Island has beautiful landscape and is good to reside but it is rather distant from the main land. Some foreign tourists need to settle here. At first they come as tourists, but because of the low cost of living and the chance for business, they permanently live here. The Full Moon Party is a highlight of the island for the tourists. It seems to be Western festival not Thai traditional festival. The tourists are free to drink and enjoy in the party. During the party, Thai peasants can sell their local products such as garments and souvenirs and can have earnings.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are dissimilar types of tourists who come to the island. Some need relaxation that they come to lying along the beach and do reading and swimming. Some come to see the sight with drinking and dancing. A few of them come to get narcotics. Some of them enjoy riding motorbikes into the gardens or the woods. The

tourists make no trouble to the peasants and Thai people welcome the foreign tourists as well.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

There becomes better situation for tourism on Samui and Pangan Islands. The number of tourists increases annually and the capacity of the islands is still affordable. There has been circulation of foreign tourists all through the year. They have to reserve the residence and ship seats before entering the island.

5. Impacts of tourism

Tourism brings a lot of tourists into the island and profits to the people who involve the tourism. The peasants have to change themselves to be guides for the tourists. The routes and flights from Bangkok should be enlarged to serve the requirement of the tourists.

Interview Record # 6
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 49 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 19 years
- 1.5. Occupation trading

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The foreign tourists like the beautiful sight of the island. They come to purchase, see strange things, drink and roam. They enjoy the mood in the Full Moon Party that they are free to drink and dance and some have sex. It is the experience of their life. The people do their service and it makes the economic better.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The majority of foreign tourists who come to Pangan Island are from middle and lower classes. The high-class tourists prefer going to Phuket and Samui. They need leisure atmosphere to express themselves but they make no trouble. Now there are more tourists from Japan, China and Korea that make Pangan become international tourism place.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Pangan Island has capacity to handle more tourists. There are convenient facilities such as pipe water, electricity, radios, televisions, telephones and the Internet. The tourists like nature and convenient facilities on the island and the expense is not high. The Thai people are friendly unlike the people in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

5. Impacts of tourism

It is getting better on the island. The nature on the island is still conserved. Most of the ones who have resubmission on the image of the island never enter the island.

Interview Record #7
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 43 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 7 years
- 1.5. Occupation wage earner

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The foreign tourists are the ones who want adventure with new experience in life. Once they know that Pangan Island has Full Moon Party they decide to come. Some of them come to visit the Full Moon Party every year. They enjoy staying here because of cheap expense.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The peasants are used to their behavior that does not harm or cause damage to the people. Sometimes they have accidents. Some tourists use drugs that is ordinary, some tourists bring drug with them and some ones buy drug on the island.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Pangan is being modernized. The people cease planting and go to invest in resorts, food shops, car rent and boat rent. There are more roads and more ships. There is no land selling, but only land for hire.

5. Impacts of tourism

The presence of foreign tourist makes the peasant more money. The environment of the island is not damage because the tourists come only to se the sight. The Full Moon Party has only once or twice a month; it does not do any harm.

Interview Record #8
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 52 year old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 20 years
- 1.5. Occupation village head

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The tourists appreciate the nature and the original surroundings. The expense of living is cheap. They come to join the Full Moon Party because of cheerfulness. The drug used in the party is only a small part of the party.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The tourists who come to Samui and Phuket are quite good. These tourists come to Thailand and learn about the tradition of Thailand. The sanction of law in Thailand is rather strong. The tourists dare not to violate the law, they are afraid of being imprisoned in Thailand. The worse tourists will go to Pattaya.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

It is known that Pangan Island is the place for the ships to withdraw from storms. There were a few people on the island. The peasant brought the travelers here for swimming, fishing and coral viewing. At present Pangan Island is modernizing. There are people from Samui coming here to invest. Some people have land for rent and some set up their own resorts. There are more roads on the island and the people prefer to use motorcycles to automobiles.

5. Impacts of tourism

There is more income for the peasants and people from other places come to work in service for the foreign tourists. There must be more cleansing method for the public places. There are decreasing crimes and drugs because the enforcement authorities work steadily. The peasants sell only the mushroom to the tourists.

Interview Record # 9
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 45 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 12 years
- 1.5. Occupation member of local administration

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The real motives possibly are that the island is in distance, there is plenty of nature, there is plenty of food, the expense is low and the transportation and communication are convenient. It is easy to meet new friends here and they can have new experiences. The drugs the tourists used are the drugs that they bring in themselves.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

Generally they make no trouble. The tourists do not damage the island. Contrarily, the Thai people who come to work in tourism service make trouble.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

There is increasing population on Pangan Island. People from other places come to the island to do business. There is more money spreading and more resorts. There are original nature surroundings and clear water. The tourists need facilities for convenience and the governmental authorities have to advise the local authorities.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are tourists from Trok Khao Sarn to Samui and Pangan Islands throughout the year. There must be more resorts for the tourists. The problem of garbage and drug are decreasing. There are a few crimes of thefts and homicide. There era frequently quarrels but are not violent. Tourism makes more income for the people here.

Interview Record # 10
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 55 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 14 years
- 1.5. Occupation trading

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The motives possibly are the nature with coconut trees, beaches and mountains. The tourists are free to go anywhere without danger. The expense for dining and rest is cheaper than any other places. The Full Moon Party festival attracts the tourists to visit.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There is no misconduct found among the tourists. They come to relax, have sightseeing, sex and some amount of narcotics, afterward they leave. They do not have trouble with Thai people. Some have drunkenness, when they recover from drunkenness; they seem to be as normal. They do not have any problem.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Actually there are small number of peasants on Pangan Island, the large number of people come from the main land or Samui Island to do business on the island. The island is developed so far. There are roads, electricity, resorts and a lot of ship sailing in and out. The area is being condensed and cannot load any more construction.

5. Impacts of tourism

Tourism makes better life for the peasants. The people get more money and the authorities get more income tax. There are small amount of crimes. There are some prostitution and narcotics within the surveillance of the police and the local authority. They are afraid that the island would become the center of drug trafficking and then negatively affects the tourism industry.

Interview Record # 11
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 46 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 8 years
- 1.5. Occupation owner of resort

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

Pangan Island has beautiful landscape and is good to reside but it is rather distant from the main land. Some foreign tourists need to settle here. At first they come as tourists, but because of the low cost of living and the chance for business, they permanently live here. The Full Moon Party is a highlight of the island for the tourists. It seems to be Western festival not Thai traditional festival. The tourists are free to drink and enjoy in the party. During the party, Thai peasants can sell their local products such as garments and souvenirs and can have earnings.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are dissimilar types of tourists who come to the island. Some need relaxation that they come to lying along the beach and do reading and swimming. Some come to see the sight with drinking and dancing. A few of them come to get narcotics. Some of them enjoy riding motorbikes into the gardens or the woods. The

tourists make no trouble to the peasants and Thai people welcome the foreign tourists as well.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

There becomes better situation for tourism on Samui and Pangan Islands. The number of tourists increases annually and the capacity of the islands is still affordable. There has been circulation of foreign tourists all through the year. They have to reserve the residence and ship seats before entering the island.

5. Impacts of tourism

Tourism brings a lot of tourists into the island and profits to the people who involve the tourism. The peasants have to change themselves to be guides for the tourists. The routes and flights from Bangkok should be enlarged to serve the requirement of the tourists.

Interview Record # 12
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender female
- 1.2. Age 49 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 15 years
- 1.5. Occupation member of local administration

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The foreign tourists like the beautiful sight of the island. They come to purchase, see strange things, drink and roam. They enjoy the mood in the Full Moon Party that they are free to drink and dance and some have sex. It is the experience of their life. The people do their service and it makes the economic better.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The majority of foreign tourists who come to Pangan Island are from middle and lower classes. The high-class tourists prefer going to Phuket and Samui. They need leisure atmosphere to express themselves but they make no trouble. Now there are more tourists from Japan, China and Korea that make Pangan become international tourism place.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Pangan Island has capacity to handle more tourists. There are convenient facilities such as pipe water, electricity, radios, televisions, telephones and the Internet. The tourists like nature and convenient facilities on the island and the expense is not high. The Thai people are friendly unlike the people in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

5. Impacts of tourism

It is getting better on the island. The nature on the island is still conserved. Most of the ones who have resubmission on the image of the island never enter the island.

Interview Record #13
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 48 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 13 years
- 1.5. Occupation trading

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The foreign tourists are the ones who want adventure with new experience in life. Once they know that Pangan Island has Full Moon Party they decide to come. Some of them come to visit the Full Moon Party every year. They enjoy staying here because of cheap expense.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The peasants are used to their behavior that does not harm or cause damage to the people. Sometimes they have accidents. Some tourists use drugs that is ordinary, some tourists bring drug with them and some ones buy drug on the island.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Pangan is being modernized. The people cease planting and go to invest in resorts, food shops, car rent and boat rent. There are more roads and more ships. There is no land selling, but only land for hire.

5. Impacts of tourism

The presence of foreign tourist makes the peasant more money. The environment of the island is not damage because the tourists come only to se the sight. The Full Moon Party has only once or twice a month, it does not do any harm.

Interview Record #14
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 54 year old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 23 years
- 1.5. Occupation resort owner

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The tourists appreciate the nature and the original surroundings. The expense of living is cheap. They come to join the Full Moon Party because of cheerfulness. The drug used in the party is only a small part of the party.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The tourists who come to Samui and Phuket are quite good. These tourists come to Thailand and learn about the tradition of Thailand. The sanction of law in Thailand is rather strong. The tourists dare not to violate the law, they are afraid of being imprisoned in Thailand. The worse tourists will go to Pattaya.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

It is known that Pangan Island is the place for the ships to withdraw from storms. There were a few people on the island. The peasant brought the travelers here for swimming, fishing and coral viewing. At present Pangan Island is modernizing. There are people from Samui coming here to invest. Some people have land for rent and some set up their own resorts. There are more roads on the island and the people prefer to use motorcycles to automobiles.

5. Impacts of tourism

There is more income for the peasants and people from other places come to work in service for the foreign tourists. There must be more cleansing method for the public places. There are decreasing crimes and drugs because the enforcement authorities work steadily. The peasants sell only the mushroom to the tourists.

Interview Record # 15
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 53 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 13 years
- 1.5. Occupation member of local administration

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The real motives possibly are that the island is in distance, there is plenty of nature, there is plenty of food, the expense is low and the transportation and communication are convenient. It is easy to meet new friends here and they can have new experiences. The drugs the tourists used are the drugs that they bring in themselves.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

Generally they make no trouble. The tourists do not damage the island. Contrarily, the Thai people who come to work in tourism service make trouble.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

There is increasing population on Pangan Island. People from other places come to the island to do business. There is more money spreading and more resorts. There are original nature surroundings and clear water. The tourists need facilities for convenience and the governmental authorities have to advise the local authorities.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are tourists from Trok Khao Sarn to Samui and Pangan Islands throughout the year. There must be more resorts for the tourists. The problem of garbage and drug are decreasing. There are a few crimes of thefts and homicide. There era frequently quarrels but are not violent. Tourism makes more income for the people here.

Interview Record # 16
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender female
- 1.2. Age 35 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 16 years
- 1.5. Occupation wage earner

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The motives possibly are the nature with coconut trees, beaches and mountains. The tourists are free to go anywhere without danger. The expense for dining and rest is cheaper than any other places. The Full Moon Party festival attracts the tourists to visit.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There is no misconduct found among the tourists. They come to relax, have sightseeing, sex and some amount of narcotics, afterward they leave. They do not have trouble with Thai people. Some have drunkenness, when they recover from drunkenness; they seem to be as normal. They do not have any problem.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Actually there are small number of peasants on Pangan Island, the large number of people come from the main land or Samui Island to do business on the island. The island is developed so far. There are roads, electricity, resorts and a lot of ship sailing in and out. The area is being condensed and cannot load any more construction.

5. Impacts of tourism

Tourism makes better life for the peasants. The people get more money and the authorities get more income tax. There are small amount of crimes. There are some prostitution and narcotics within the surveillance of the police and the local authority. They are afraid that the island would become the center of drug trafficking and then negatively affects the tourism industry.

Interview Record # 17
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 35 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 10 years
- 1.5. Occupation private business

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

Pangan Island has beautiful landscape and is good to reside but it is rather distant from the main land. Some foreign tourists need to settle here. At first they come as tourists, but because of the low cost of living and the chance for business, they permanently live here. The Full Moon Party is a highlight of the island for the tourists. It seems to be Western festival not Thai traditional festival. The tourists are free to drink and enjoy in the party. During the party, Thai peasants can sell their local products such as garments and souvenirs and can have earnings.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are dissimilar types of tourists who come to the island. Some need relaxation that they come to lying along the beach and do reading and swimming. Some come to see the sight with drinking and dancing. A few of them come to get narcotics. Some of them enjoy riding motorbikes into the gardens or the woods. The

tourists make no trouble to the peasants and Thai people welcome the foreign tourists as well.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

There becomes better situation for tourism on Samui and Pangan Islands. The number of tourists increase annually and the capacity of the islands is still affordable. There has been circulation of foreign tourists all through the year. They have to reserve the residence and ship seats before entering the island.

5. Impacts of tourism

Tourism brings a lot of tourists into the island and profits to the people who involve the tourism. The peasants have to change themselves to be guides for the tourists. The routes and flights from Bangkok should be enlarged to serve the requirement of the tourists.

Interview Record # 18
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 38 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 15 years
- 1.5. Occupation police officer

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The foreign tourists like the beautiful sight of the island. They come to purchase, see strange things, drink and roam. They enjoy the mood in the Full Moon Party that they are free to drink and dance and some have sex. It is the experience of their life. The people do their service and it makes the economic better.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The majority of foreign tourists who come to Pangan Island are from middle and lower classes. The high-class tourists prefer going to Phuket and Samui. They need leisure atmosphere to express themselves but they make no trouble. Now there are more tourists from Japan, China and Korea that make Pangan become international tourism place.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Pangan Island has capacity to handle more tourists. There are convenient facilities such as pipe water, electricity, radios, televisions, telephones and the Internet. The tourists like nature and convenient facilities on the island and the expense is not high. The Thai people are friendly unlike the people in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

5. Impacts of tourism

It is getting better on the island. The nature on the island is still conserved. Most of the ones who have resubmission on the image of the island never enter the island.

Interview Record #19
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 32 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 5 years
- 1.5. Occupation wage earner

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The foreign tourists are the ones who want adventure with new experience in life. Once they know that Pangan Island has Full Moon Party they decide to come. Some of them come to visit the Full Moon Party every year. They enjoy staying here because of cheap expense.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The peasants are used to their behavior that does not harm or cause damage to the people. Sometimes they have accidents. Some tourists use drugs that is ordinary, some tourists bring drug with them and some ones buy drug on the island.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

Pangan is being modernized. The people cease planting and go to invest in resorts, food shops, car rent and boat rent. There are more roads and more ships. There is no land selling, but only land for hire.

5. Impacts of tourism

The presence of foreign tourist makes the peasant more money. The environment of the island is not damage because the tourists come only to se the sight. The Full Moon Party has only once or twice a month, it does not do any harm.

Interview Record #20
For
The Local Authority, Community Leaders and Local Investors

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 38 year old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 7 years
- 1.5. Occupation preist

2. Opinions toward the motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The tourists appreciate the nature and the original surroundings. The expense of living is cheap. They come to join the Full Moon Party because of cheerfulness. The drug used in the party is only a small part of the party.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The tourists who come to Samui and Phuket are quite good. These tourists come to Thailand and learn about the tradition of Thailand. The sanction of law in Thailand is rather strong. The tourists dare not to violate the law, they are afraid of being imprisoned in Thailand. The worse tourists will go to Pattaya.

4. General data of Pangan Island and the tourism situation

It is known that Pangan Island is the place for the ships to withdraw from storms. There were a few people on the island. The peasant brought the travelers here for swimming, fishing and coral viewing. At present Pangan Island is modernizing. There are people from Samui coming here to invest. Some people have land for rent and some set up their own resorts. There are more roads on the island and the people prefer to use motorcycles to automobiles.

5. Impacts of tourism

There is more income for the peasants and people from other places come to work in service for the foreign tourists. There must be more cleansing method for the public places. There are decreasing crimes and drugs because the enforcement authorities work steadily. The peasants sell only the mushroom to the tourists.

Interview Record # 1

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 28 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 5 days
- 1.5. Occupation student
- 1.6. Nationality British

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The nature on the island is excellent. There are a lot of nice people and the beaches are beautiful. Dancing on the beach in the Full Moon night is enjoyable. Friends suggest me to visit here. It is not disappointed to be here.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are different nationalities of the tourists who visit here with different aims. Some appreciate the nature, some come to drink and eat, some come to take drugs and have sex, some are polite but some are not. There are rather too many prostitutes here. They come to entertain the tourists and some may destroy the mood of the tourists.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

I know Pangan Island from my friends. It is a distance from home and the weather is relatively too warm. The nature is all right and the people are nice. Some of the peasants can be communicated but some are not. The season is similar to the South. I feel it safe to be here.

5. Impacts of tourism

There will be damage for the tourism place if there are too many tourists. The surroundings must be controlled. I must take care of my self from the larceny.

Interview Record # 2

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 28 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 6 days
- 1.5. Occupation private business owner
- 1.6. Nationality Australian

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The friends in the tourist club advise me to come here. The hosts dissolve the nature with the needs of the tourists that makes the party not similar to any other places.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are different types of tourists both good and bad. As met on the island, the tourists here are quite polite. The local people are nice and friendly. They have warm welcome for the tourists. Some of the tourists behave bad conduct such as larceny, theft and selling drugs, but there are a few of them. The sanction of Thai law is strong.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

Know the island from books and friends; traveling by boat from the main land is exciting like an adventure. The atmosphere does not disappoint me. The weather is quite well, not too warm or too cool. The expense for residence is low and the surrounding is natural. There are various kinds of foods to be chosen. The communication is comfortable with telephones and the Internet throughout the world.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are many European that vacate from cold weather here. The expense is low. The tourist agencies cannot prepare for a lot of customers. Thailand is quite more suitable place for relaxation compare to other places.

Interview Record # 3

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 37 years old
- 1.3. Marital status widowed
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 12 days
- 1.5. Occupation industrial mechanic
- 1.6. Nationality Canadian

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

I want to have vacation and need a long trip with cheap expense. I am not disappointed in Full Moon Party. I met tourists from various countries. I will come again next year.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The highlight of the island is the Full Moon Party that is free for everyone to express with low cost. There are a few Thai tourists. The island is better than Bali or Malaysia, those places are dangerous.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

I like Thai people because they do not dislike tourists. The tourists like to be here because of low cost and can stay here for a long time. There are a lot of things to do.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are many tourists but there is no conflict among people of different races and religions. The place is better than in Europe or America. Thai people are friendly. The life on the island is enjoyable.

Interview Record # 4

For

Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 26 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 5 days
- 1.5. Occupation student
- 1.6. Nationality American

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

I need to know the world with new experience and challenging mood. I have met new friends and the exciting nature. I have heard of Full Moon Party and it does not disappoint me. The scene is quite different from other countries. Thai people are generous. The cost of living is low. The place has safety.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

Some tourists damage the island and the corals when diving. Some tourists are interested only in drinking; taking drugs and prostitution, these tourists should have gone to other places. Pangan Island is suitable for the ones who appreciate nature.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

Pangan Island is in distance and must be reached by going to Samui Island first. It is challenging. The Full Moon Party is good to join. Thailand is better than many other countries. There is no conflict among religions. Thai people smile easily. The tourist is free to perform. They all satisfy in the place and Thailand.

5. Impacts of tourism

There is no negative impact on Thailand from tourism. The expense in tourism is low. Thailand is safer than any other places in the world. Samui, Phuket and Pangan are well known among the world tourists.

Interview Record # 5

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 32 years old
- 1.3. Marital status married
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 4 days
- 1.5. Occupation businessman
- 1.6. Nationality Thai

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The nature on the island is excellent. There are a lot of nice people and the beaches are beautiful. Dancing on the beach in the Full Moon night is enjoyable. Friends suggest me to visit here. It is not disappointed to be here.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are different nationalities of the tourists who visit here with different aims. Some appreciate the nature, some come to drink and eat, some come to take drugs and have sex, some are polite but some are not. There are rather too many prostitutes here. They come to entertain the tourists and some may destroy the mood of the tourists.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

I know Pangan Island from my friends. It is a distance from home and the weather is relatively too warm. The nature is all right and the people are nice. Some of the peasants can be communicated but some are not. The season is similar to the South.

5. Impacts of tourism

There will be damage for the tourism place if there are too many tourists. The surroundings must be controlled. I must take care of my self from the larceny.

Interview Record # 6

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender female
- 1.2. Age 32 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 5 days
- 1.5. Occupation saleswoman
- 1.6. Nationality Australian

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The friends in the tourist club advise me to come here. The hosts dissolve the nature with the needs of the tourists that makes the party not similar to any other places.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are different types of tourists both good and bad. As met on the island, the tourists here are quite polite. The local people are nice and friendly. They have warm welcome for the tourists. Some of the tourists behave bad conduct such as larceny, theft and selling drugs, but there are a few of them. The sanction of Thai law is strong.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

Know the island from books and friends; traveling by boat from the main land is exciting like an adventure. The atmosphere does not disappoint me. The weather is quite well, not too warm or too cool. The expense for residence is low and the surrounding is natural. There are various kinds of foods to be chosen. The communication is comfortable with telephones and the Internet throughout the world.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are many European that vacate from cold weather here. The expense is low. The tourist agencies cannot prepare for a lot of customers. Thailand is quite more suitable place for relaxation compare to other places.

Interview Record # 7

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 36 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 8 days
- 1.5. Occupation mechanic
- 1.6. Nationality French

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

I want to have vacation and need a long trip with cheap expense. I am not disappointed in Full Moon Party. I met tourists from various countries. I will come again next year.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

The highlight of the island is the Full Moon Party that is free for everyone to express with low cost. There are a few Thai tourists. The island is better than Bali or Malaysia, those places are dangerous.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

I like Thai people because they do not dislike tourists. The tourists like to be here because of low cost and can stay here for a long time. There are a lot of things to do.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are many tourists but there is no conflict among people of different races and religions. The place is better than in Europe or America. Thai people are friendly. The life on the island is enjoyable.

Interview Record # 8

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 34 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 5 days
- 1.5. Occupation handicraft worker
- 1.6. Nationality Lebanese

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

I need to know the world with new experience and challenging mood. I have met new friends and the exciting nature. I have heard of Full Moon Party and it does not disappoint me. The scene is quite different from other countries. Thai people are generous. The cost of living is low. The place has safety.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

Some tourists damage the island and the corals when diving. Some tourists are interested only in drinking; taking drugs and prostitution, these tourists should have gone to other places. Pangan Island is suitable for the ones who appreciate nature.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

Pangan Island is in distance and must be reached by going to Samui Island first. It is challenging. The Full Moon Party is good to join. Thailand is better than many other countries. There is no conflict among religions. Thai people smile easily. The tourist is free to perform. They all satisfy in the place and Thailand.

5. Impacts of tourism

There is no negative impact on Thailand from tourism. The expense in tourism is low. Thailand is safer than any other places in the world. Samui, Phuket and Pangan are well known among the world tourists.

Interview Record # 9

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender female
- 1.2. Age 38 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 7 days
- 1.5. Occupation office clerk
- 1.6. Nationality Spanish

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The nature on the island is excellent. There are a lot of nice people and the beaches are beautiful. Dancing on the beach in the Full Moon night is enjoyable. Friends suggest me to visit here. It is not disappointed to be here.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are different nationalities of the tourists who visit here with different aims. Some appreciate the nature, some come to drink and eat, some come to take drugs and have sex, some are polite but some are not. There are rather too many prostitutes here. They come to entertain the tourists and some may destroy the mood of the tourists.

4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

I know Pangan Island from my friends. It is a distance from home and the weather is relatively too warm. The nature is all right and the people are nice. Some of the peasants can be communicated but some are not. The season is similar to the South. I feel it safe to be here.

5. Impacts of tourism

There will be damage for the tourism place if there are too many tourists. The surroundings must be controlled. I must take care of my self from the larceny.

Interview Record # 10

For Tourists

1. Personal data

- 1.1. Gender male
- 1.2. Age 37 years old
- 1.3. Marital status single
- 1.4. Duration of residence on Pangan Island 6 days
- 1.5. Occupation teacher
- 1.6. Nationality Dutch

2. The motives of tourists in entering the Full Moon Party

The friends in the tourist club advise me to come here. The hosts dissolve the nature with the needs of the tourists that makes the party not similar to any other places.

3. Opinions toward the behavior of the tourists

There are different types of tourists both good and bad. As met on the island, the tourists here are quite polite. The local people are nice and friendly. They have warm welcome for the tourists. Some of the tourists behave bad conduct such as larceny, theft and selling drugs, but there are a few of them. The sanction of Thai law is strong.


4. Knowledge and understanding of Pangan Island and the tourism in Pangan Island

Know the island from books and friends; traveling by boat from the main land is exciting like an adventure. The atmosphere does not disappoint me. The weather is quite well, not too warm or too cool. The expense for residence is low and the surrounding is natural. There are various kinds of foods to be chosen. The communication is comfortable with telephones and the Internet throughout the world.

5. Impacts of tourism

There are many European that vacate from cold weather here. The expense is low. The tourist agencies cannot prepare for a lot of customers. Thailand is quite more suitable place for relaxation compare to other places.

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