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2005 Laguna Phuket Triathlon Champions, Greg Bennett and Samantha McGlone
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Time Running Out to Enter 2006 Laguna Phuket Triathlon

Southeast Asia's premier multisport event, the Laguna Phuket Triathlon expects to attract 1400 competitors to race in Phuket on 3 December, 2006.

With 500 triathletes and 40 relay teams already registered, those interested in participating in either the Triathlon, Team Relay or 6k Fun Run are encouraged to sign up fast, as the race is limited to 750 triathletes, 50 relay teams and 500 fun runners. Race organizers anticipate a sold out event again this year.

Last year's Laguna Phuket Triathlon champions, top professional triathletes Greg Bennett from Australia and Samantha McGlone from Canada, will return to Laguna Phuket to defend their titles and compete for a share of the US\$20,000 pro prize purse. Both Bennett and McGlone, who were newcomers to Laguna Phuket in 2005, thoroughly enjoyed their 'Thai triathlon' experience and are looking forward to racing in Phuket again.

Adding to the elite pro athlete line up are Laura Bennett (USA), 2005 runner up and the first female ever to lead the field out of the Laguna Phuket swim leg, Massimo Cigana (ITA) who placed fourth in 2005, Terenzo Bozzone (NZL) who bombed out at Laguna in 2005 and wants to prove himself this December, and Laguna Phuket newcomer Leanda Cave from the UK who recently won the Australian Triathlon Championships.

The increasing popularity of the Laguna Phuket Triathlon can be attributed to its race course. Apart from being one of the most scenic -- passing beaches, rubber plantations, Thai villages, lush rainforests and the Laguna Phuket resort complex -- it is also one of the most challenging, starting with a unique two-part swim course. The first section of the swim leg covers 1,200 metres in the sea, then athletes cross the beach to swim 600 metres in a tropical lagoon. The 55k bike course has earned a reputation of being extremely tough with its steep, winding hills. The 12k run course goes through the Laguna Phuket complex incorporating Laguna's award-winning golf course for the first time.

Apart from a spectacular race course, Laguna Phuket also offers a long list of leisure activities for travel companions including spa treatments, golf, water sports, kids' clubs, local day trips, and much more.

For online registration or further information and updates, please visit www.lagunaphukettriathlon.com or email triathlon@lagunaphuket.com.

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Note to the Editor

Laguna Phuket is Asia's finest destination resort comprising five deluxe hotels: Banyan Tree Phuket, Dusit Laguna Resort, Laguna Beach Resort, Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket and Allamanda Laguna Phuket, which all share 600 acres of tropical parkland and three kilometres of beach frontage with the Laguna Phuket Golf Club, Canal Shopping Village, Banyan Tree Spa, four Angsana Spas, Laguna Wedding Chapel and Quest Laguna Phuket Adventure, a leading corporate training and outdoor recreation facility.