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ESPN STAR Sports Presenters at the Laguna Phuket International Marathon 2007

ESPN STAR Sports presenters Charlie Webster and Andy Penders will participate in the Laguna Phuket International Marathon 2007 on Sunday 17 June 2007. Both Charlie and Andy visited Phuket in March to help raise funds, together with Laguna, for Life Home Project.



ESPN STAR Sports' Charlie Webster.

High resolution image available at <http://www.lagunaresorts.com/~ftpdm/Pictures/Charlie2.JPG>

Charlie Webster of *Club EPL* will be participating in the 21k Half Marathon, scheduled to start at 6am. She will also start the 1k Kids Run at 9am. Charlie is a former English 400m runner, a photographic and catwalk model, a linguist and a specialist in football. She is also a qualified personal trainer, studied as an actor and has a degree in English Language and Linguistics. Prior to joining ESPN STAR Sports, she spent a season with Real Madrid International Television. She worked and travelled with Real Madrid FC throughout the La Liga season including the pre-season training, world tour and Champions League matches, interviewing the Galacticos regularly as well as the world's biggest stars past and present. Charlie is, at the moment, the only female football presenter in Asia who is able to go on air "live" without a script to read from.



ESPN STAR Sports' Andy Penders

High resolution image available at <http://www.lagunaresorts.com/~ftpdm/Pictures/AndyPenders07.JPG>

Fans will also get the chance to meet Andy Penders of *Football Crazy* who will join the 5k Walk, a new event introduced this year. Andy started his career in the football journalism world at TeamTalk, the United Kingdom's largest football news company, where he was editor of one of the world's largest football websites. Having covered the Euro Championships for the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), he then moved to Australia to work as a content manager for one of the country's largest bookmakers, followed by a move to Singapore as Chief Editor of the acclaimed ZoomSports network of websites. Andy's role at ZoomSports gave him his television break as a pundit on Channel 7 where he would give his expert opinion on Premier League matches. After a two-year stint at ZoomSports, Andy moved to ESPN STAR Sports as Senior Producer. Andy's predictions and overall football comments made him the ideal candidate to host *Football Crazy*.

The 5k Walk, which will start at 06:55am, has received great interest from local clubs and organizations, all of whom are encouraged to use this event as a fund raising and team/fitness building opportunity not only to demonstrate support for their organization and their community spirit, but also to raise funds for either a charity of their own choice or the Marathon's official charity, HOPE *worldwide* Thailand.

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HOPE *worldwide* Thailand supports and promotes activities of the Department of Public Welfare and the Ministry of Social Development. In 1999 the charity established a Computer Training Centre at the Kredtrakarn Protection and Occupational Development Training Centre in Nonthaburi Province, a governmental rehabilitation centre for young girls under 18 years of age who are at risk of human trafficking and suffer from various types of social problems. There are 348 girls at the centre who remain at the centre for two years. HOPE teaches basic Microsoft Office computer skills for approximately 150 students per year.

The charity also supports work at the Nonthapum Home – home for children with disabilities in Nonthaburi Province by teaching computer skills and encouraging them to participate in fun activities. There are more than 400 disabled children in the Nonthapum Home.

Participants may seek individual sponsorship to support their participation in the event which can be conveniently managed (pledged and paid) online at www.phuketmarathon.com with the donations going to HOPE *worldwide* Thailand.

Organizations that have confirmed their participation in the 5k Walk include Laguna Phuket, the Rotary Club of Laguna Phuket, Amanpuri, The Chedi Phuket, Horizons Learning Centre, and the Phuket International Women's Club, which has confirmed 25 participants in the Walk.

The cost for locals to enter the 5-km walk is only THB 200 and entries will be accepted up until 16 June.

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Laguna Phuket is Asia's finest destination resort, a collection of 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.