Siam Legal Phuket Expands Immigration Support as Law Firm Addresses Stricter Visa-Free Entry Enforcement

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Siam Legal International's Phuket office has strengthened its immigration advisory services to assist foreign visitors and residents navigating intensified entry screening measures at Phuket Airport, where authorities have implemented Thailand's strictest visa-free entry enforcement protocols.

The enhanced legal support comes as Phuket Immigration officials have refused entry to over 2,000 travelers in early 2025 for failing to meet new screening requirements. Immigration officers now conduct intensive questioning of visa-free arrivals who have stayed more than 150 days in Thailand, examining confirmed itineraries, proof of accommodation, and reasonable trip duration for every visitor.

Travelers unable to provide clear answers about their destination, length of stay, or means of financial support face immediate denial of entry. Officials have particularly targeted those presenting fake or unpaid return tickets, displaying suspicious behavior patterns, or showing indicators of concealed work or unauthorized long-term residence without proper visa documentation.

"The current enforcement measures at Phuket Airport represent a significant shift in Thailand's immigration approach, particularly affecting digital nomads, retirees, and long-stay visitors who may have previously relied on visa-free entries," said Omar O Manee, Senior Immigration Advisor at Siam Legal Phuket. "We are seeing increased demand from individuals who need professional guidance to maintain lawful status and avoid the serious consequences of visa violations during this heightened enforcement period."

The Phuket lawyer office has expanded its service offerings to include comprehensive immigration advice and screening preparation, visa assessment for long-stay visitors seeking legal alternatives, and assistance with converting from visa-free entry to appropriate long-term visa categories. The firm also provides legal consultations for those who have been denied entry or face visa revocation, along with specialized support for families, retirees, investors, and digital nomads pursuing compliant extended stays in Thailand.

Siam Legal Phuket assists clients in selecting appropriate visa categories based on their specific circumstances, including the Thailand Privilege Visa for those seeking long-term residency benefits, the Long-Term Resident Visa offering ten-year stay options, Retirement Visas for qualifying seniors, and various Non-Immigrant visa routes for business professionals and investors.

The firm's expansion of immigration services addresses growing concerns among the expatriate community about maintaining legal status as authorities implement stricter controls on visa runs and repeated border crossings. Immigration officials now closely scrutinize patterns indicating attempts to circumvent Thailand's visa regulations through frequent exits and re-entries.

Siam Legal International brings over 20 years of experience providing English-speaking legal assistance throughout Thailand, with established offices in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Phuket. The firm specializes in immigration law, property transactions, business formation, family law matters, and civil and criminal litigation. Their Phuket office serves as a regional hub for southern Thailand, offering localized expertise combined with the resources of a national legal practice.

The firm's immigration practice encompasses visa application services for multiple countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and Schengen areas, alongside comprehensive Thai immigration support including work permit processing, business visa arrangements, and compliance advisory services for foreign companies operating in Thailand.

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