

We go, Indigo

Indigo Pearl celebrated final completion of the trendy resort's uniquely styled rooms and facilities dubbed "industrial elegance", conceived by renowned landscape artist, Bill Bensley.

The lavish cocktail reception on September 21 gave guests a taste of Indigo Pearl's culinary creations and an insight into the hotel's inspired contemporary design.

The evening began in true Indigo Pearl fusion style, bringing old and new together with the showing of a dynamic 360-degree virtual-tour of the resort at the Tongkha Tin Syndicate snooker hall and whiskey bar, which is designed to reflect the resort location's tin mining industry history.

The contemporary industrial theme continued throughout the night with innovative hors d'oeuvres and international delicacies accompanied by fire-poi displays from Indigo's talented bar tenders at the Coliseum Gardens.



Mixing

Clubbers in Phuket have been foaming at the mouth in anticipation of some fresh talent arriving on the island. With the limited appeal of the clubbing nightlife Phuket has to offer, a visit from an internationally-renowned DJ is just what the scene needs.

However, this visit comes from no ordinary DJ. A former nude model who started out as a normal Isarn girl, DJ Nakadia packs a punch on the dance floor and has been hailed by the international music community as "next big thing".

Matt Crook talks to Thailand's first superstar DJ to see what all the fuss is about.

Female DJs are nothing new, there are plenty playing in Europe and the US, but they are a rarity in Thailand. Aside from a select few in Bangkok such as DJ Pichy and Magic Muffin, they are few and far between. Take a stroll through Patong or any of Phuket's popular nightspots and you won't see a single female DJ.

All that is about to change – albeit for one night only – with the arrival of Thailand's hottest export. Fresh on the heels of a lengthy tour across Europe and poised to jump into the coveted annual top-100 DJ list compiled by *DJ Mag*

in the UK, DJ Nakadia has spent the past five years playing with the boys and representing Thailand.

"I have been touring a lot this year. Just two weeks ago I came back from my European tour. It was six months of hard work, playing over 50 gigs. I just started my own record label, K-Dia, for me to release my music on. Now I'm even busier than ever," said Nakadia.



PRIZED POSSESSION: An ecstatic DJ Nakadia holds the coveted FIFA World Cup trophy.

Nakadia's story is unique. After growing up in the paddy fields of Northern Thailand, she met a photographer in a chat room on the Internet in 2001 and moved to France to pursue a career in modeling. Capitalizing on her ample figure, Nakadia did a number of nude photo shoots; a few can still be found on the Internet today.

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WELL SPUN: DJ Nakadia shows off at the Berlin Love Parade, where she performed in front of more than a million revelers.

Nakadia traveled to Germany where she was first exposed to the clubbing scene and dance music.

In 2002, she had a change of heart for her chosen career and started working as a DJ. Combining modeling with DJ work is a path many female DJs take, but to go from a regular Isarn girl to a nude model, to a superstar DJ in five years sets Nakadia apart from the rest.

Nakadia quickly learned the tricks of her trade and latched on to famous DJs including Westbam and Timo Maas for support and guidance. With energizer-bunny enthusiasm and a look that had men falling at her feet, Nakadia

soon made a name for herself as she began touring the world, visiting Thailand only when she had time off for short holidays.

“In Europe at interviews, people always ask me a lot about Thailand. I am happy that I have the chance to promote my country in that way, but people have to understand that the world is one big dance-floor.

“There are good DJs from every part of the world. You don’t need to be from the UK to be good or to have good records. When I started DJing, this was a little bit different. In the beginning, the people did not care about the Thai chick behind the decks and they only came to

look at me,” said Nakadia.

Nakadia’s biggest achievement to date was being the only DJ to play at the World Cup final in Berlin in 2006, although the set didn’t turn out quite how it was supposed to.

As well as meeting the players, holding the trophy and touching the World Cup final game ball in front of a packed house at the Olympiastadion, Nakadia was promised that her set would be shown live on television around the world to almost three billion people. The plans were tossed and turned and in the end Nakadia’s performance was broadcast only in some countries.

“The World Cup final was

great and sad at the same time,” said Nakadia. Thai TV refused to air Nakadia’s performance, inciting rumors that it was because of her dark skin and stirring up the debate about how Thailand’s media treats darker-skinned people.

Nakadia’s greatest successes have come outside of Thailand. On her trips back, she regularly plays at Glow in Bangkok and Qbar in Samui, but opinion is still polarized on her talent.

Controversy aside, no other Thai DJ can claim to have played live to more than a million people, which is exactly what Nakadia did at the Love Parade in Germany

in 2006 and 2007. She has been flying the flag for Thailand, meeting the right people, making the right friends, but for now she is on a much-needed vacation.

“For the next couple of months I am going to try and relax in Thailand, playing only five or six gigs around Asia. I will carry on producing music and then embark on another European tour on November 15.

“Next year I have plans to help organize a Thai float at the Love Parade, which will be held in Dortmund, Germany. More than a million people will get to see a DJ team from Thailand,” said Nakadia.

“I’m aiming to help promote electro in Thailand so that people have more than just hip hop to listen to. I hope Thailand is ready for this,” she added.

If this is enough to whet your appetite, then there is only one place to be this coming Friday: Club Lime on the beach road in Patong. Located next to Rock City and part of Club Andaman Resort, Club Lime is shaping up as the center of nightlife in Phuket.

Nakadia will be gracing the decks on October 12. There will be no cover charge for the event and you can be sure this is going to be a busy one as rumors of the Nakadia date spread like wildfire even before it was confirmed.

“This is the first time I have been to Phuket and I am really excited because I have already received so many emails about the gig. People have been mailing me to say that they are waiting for me, and some tourists who know me from my world tours have contacted me as well,” said Nakadia.

“I think it will be a lot of fun. I don’t know what I will play because I will have to see what the people there will like, but I will try to make it an unforgettable part for sure.”



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