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Acronyms and Key Thai and Japanese Terms

Acronyms

ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
EMPOWER	Education Means Protection of Women Engaged in Recreation
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNP	Gross National Product
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
JNTO	Japan National Tourist Organisation
MoI	Ministry of Interior [Thailand]
MoLSW	Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare [Thailand]
NCWA	National Commission on Women's Affairs [Thailand]
NCWT	National Council for Women of Thailand
NEC	National Education Commission [Thailand]
NESDB	National Economic and Social Development Board [Thailand]
NIC(s)	Newly Industrialised Country/ies
NSO	National Statistical Office [Thailand]
SEPOM	Self-Empowerment Programme of Migrant women
TAT	Tourism Authority of Thailand
TDRI	Thailand Development Research Institute
UNDP	United Nations Development Plan
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WGCP	Working Group for Country Paper

Thai Terms

<i>baa tua</i>	bars that cater for group tourists
<i>baan</i>	house, home, village, home country
<i>bun khun</i>	reciprocal notion of indebtedness, gratitude and care
<i>farang</i>	foreigner [white Westerner]
<i>feen</i>	lover, steady boyfriend/girlfriend, partner
Isaan	the northeast region
<i>kaerk</i>	guest, customer
<i>kit tung</i>	think of, long for, miss
<i>(mii) nam jai</i>	(having a) generous mind
<i>otton</i>	endurance
Patpong	the name of streets/area, full of bars that cater mainly for international tourists in central Bangkok

<i>sabaai (jai)</i>	(feeling) comfortable, care-free
<i>tam bun</i>	accumulation of merit
<i>than samay</i>	in step with the time, modern, trendy
Thaniya	the name of a street full of <i>snacks</i> /clubs that caters mainly for Japanese men near Patpong
<i>ying borigaan</i>	service women [sex workers]

Japanese Terms

<i>chounan</i>	the oldest male child
<i>danna-san</i>	master, husband [comical connotation] [-san: polite handle to a name]
<i>douhan</i>	bring along [a customer when a hostess checks in her bar for the night's work]
<i>gaijin-san</i>	foreigner [with the polite handle to a name]
<i>gaman</i>	endurance
<i>kazoku seido</i>	family system [Japanese patriarchy]
<i>kyukei</i>	rest [short time contract with a customer]
<i>Love Hotel</i>	purpose-built hotel for renting rooms for couples having sex
<i>mama-san</i>	mum [female manager of a bar]
<i>okaa-san</i>	mother [colloquial]
<i>okyaku-san</i>	guest, customer
<i>otou-san</i>	father [colloquial]
<i>papa-san</i>	dad [male manager of a bar, husband of <i>mama-san</i>]
<i>sensei</i>	teacher
<i>Snack/Club</i>	Japanese style bars
<i>Soap Land</i>	brothel in which sex workers have a bath with customers
<i>tomari</i>	staying overnight [with a customer]
<i>Tour Bar</i>	bars that cater for group tourists
<i>yakuza</i>	Japanese crime syndicate, its member

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