



ESARN HOMESTAY WINS INTERNATIONAL GREEN TOURISM AWARD



visits the local school and the market - giving tourists an overview of the Thai culture, past and present. They also offer activity packages - silk spinning and weaving, basket and mat-making, and food-foraging in the rice fields, canals and the lake. Lamai and Jimmy have encouraged the local people to benefit from tourism by using their skills to demonstrate these traditional crafts, thereby bringing in much needed income to the rice farmers.

In the meantime, he and Lamai have been undertaking a new project. With the help of the village elders, they have extended the range of accommodation on offer by resurrecting a local craft and constructing a dwelling using blocks made from earth and rice husks.

Lamai Homestay, run by Jimmy and his wife Lamai in Esarn in rural Thailand, has won a prestigious Highly Comended Award in the 2007 Virgin Responsible Travel Awards, in the category of Small Hotels.

On 14th November, at the World Travel Market in London, Jimmy's UK family collected the award on behalf of Lamai Homestay. It was presented by the Managing Director of Virgin Travel, and Justin Francis, Managing Director of Responsible Travel.

The business beat competitors from all over the world due to its contribution to the economy of the local community, its emphasis on the conservation of the local culture and bio-diversity, and its energy conservation and re-cycling achievements.

The homestay's website www.thailandhomestay.com, offers local tours to Khmer, Buddhist and Hindu temples;



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FARANG PLACES IN ESARN

When you go "up-country" (to another province) in Thailand it is convenient to know the places where farangs (foreigners) meet and exchange information about that area of Thailand

"Pattaya People Weekly" list here some of these places. Please do not hesitate to inform us of any other places and any changes.

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