

2008 Marathon Champion Stephen Paine set to return to Phuket

2008 Marathon champion Stephen Paine (Australia) is set to return to Phuket to defend his title. The Australian won the race in 2008 in a course record time of 2:37:52 h and has set his focus on going event faster this year.

Stephen is very excited about returning to Phuket where he enjoyed not only his race but the whole experience of participating in the event. Looking forward to his return to Phuket he was raving about the event:

"Before 2008, I hadn't heard much about the Laguna Phuket International Marathon™ but having competed in the event last year, I can honestly say that it was one of the best run marathons in which I've had the pleasure of competing. The drink stations were plentiful and well stocked with icy cold drinks and despite the warm conditions, the flat course enabled me to run what was then a personal best time for me of 2.37.



The magnificent pre and post race dinners at the Laguna Phuket Resort and the hospitality at the resort in general mean that this marathon is not one to be missed which is why I'll be back again this year and hope to make it a regular event on my calendar. I'm sure that over time, as more and more people hear about the event and with the help of big-name sponsors like Nike, this race will continue to grow into one of the most popular destination marathons in the world."