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## Water woes as low-priced condos pour into Hua Hin market

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Amid an overwhelming surge of affordable condominiums in Hua Hin is the occasional insufficient flow of tap water with this leading to projects located closer to the start of the water main faring better than the others and among them is the successful 78-rai Boathouse Hua Hin development.

Praphaisith Tankeyura, managing director of Boathouse Hua Hin Company, said recently that both adjoining seaside towns Hua Hin and Cha-am had to cope with inadequate tap water supply for three months until it started raining recently.

The big excitement in Cha-am-Hua Hin resort towns is the eagerly anticipated high-speed rail line with Mr Praphaisith mentioning that this route is vital for Thailand because by extending it all the way down south it could link up with Malaysia and thereby cross over to Singapore thus immensely boosting trade and tourism.

He has also heard rumors that the new station would most likely be located next to Hua Hin airport with this location being selected over three other possibilities because it would not affect the traffic flow in the two resort towns.

Meanwhile holidaymakers are flocking to the new Venezia shopping mall which launched its pre-opening activities this month. This Venetian-themed mall has about 200 shops plus a large Villa Supermarket outlet which is likely to open in the middle of this month.

Rumors are also circulating that a company has bought 32-rai of

"Even we had to buy tap water from outsiders to feed the village. The Cha-am municipality is building an 800-cubic-meter facility to supply more tap water but the trouble is a shortage of raw water especially when it doesn't rain."

"Hua Hin is worse off because it is farther down the water main but Boathouse gets the first flow being located at the starting point."

However it doesn't seem that condominium developers and buyers are too concerned about this issue with several new projects especially low-priced ones expected to enter the market soon.

Mr Praphaisith revealed that budget condominium specialist LPN Development Plc has acquired a total of three land plots in Cha-am-Hua Hin area while Sansiri Plc also introduced a few reasonably-priced condo projects in the first quarter of this year with the entry point being as low as 1.4 million baht and downpayment only 2%.

However some posh condo projects are also being unveiled and among them are the first ones by two well-known Bangkok developers, Pace Development which is currently building the super luxurious Mahanakorn project next to Chong Nonsi station and Property Perfect whose Metro Sky condo brand is well-accepted in the capital.

"Land and House Plc just launched a new project, Wan Vayla Khao Tao, and the lowest price is 106,000 baht a square meter."

land next to Venezia where it is going to develop a chocolate theme park similar to the one on the Japanese Hokkaido Island.

Mr Praphaisith sees both Venezia and the possible development of a chocolate theme park adjacent to it as being a blessing for Boathouse because they are just 200 meters away from this well-designed project.

With three out of five condominium towers already built construction of the fourth one, called the Legend, is about to start at the end of this month. This soars up 18 floors and is likely to take 18 months to complete.

Mr Praphaisith mentioned that around 50% of the condos in the Legend have been sold with the 44-square-meter one-bedroom units being the most popular because at 90,000 baht a square meter the total price adds up to around 3.9 million baht.

