



## Thailand Floods - Crawford® Responds

Crawford & Company®'s South East Asian adjusters are moving into affected regions of southern Thailand, as floods which hit 12 southern provinces after the New Year begin to subside.

Flooding began on 1 January 2017 over the southern provinces of Thailand, impacting more than 1.1 million people; rail, road and air transport links as well as commercial property, infrastructure and factories.

Patipan Soodarram, Managing Director, Crawford® Thailand said the business was so far aware that over 100 bank branches had been closed along with almost 2,500 local schools.

“On this relatively narrow strip of land connecting Thailand with neighbouring Malaysia, the main highway and railway line linking the southern province has been cut. One airport in the Nakorn Sri Thammarat province has been closed since 6 January and is due to open on 12 January.

“Sadly most of the affected properties are uninsured or subject to very low flood limits, but now as floodwaters have begun to recede it is expected that insured losses will begin to be reported into our offices in Bangkok.”

Earlier fears that the vital tourist infrastructure in the region which employs many Thais would be severely damaged have been allayed to an extent. Phuket, Phang-nga and the Andaman coastal area, have all been relatively unaffected. The Tourism Authority of Thailand® also announced in 10 January that Koh Samui and Koh Phangan have both returned to normal.

“Our adjusters are now on site to assist and we are confident that our recent experience of flooding in the north of the country during 2011 and subsequent years will help us to access more difficult to reach areas and ensure a smooth process for insured customers.”

*Image courtesy of Reuters via Guardian Newspaper*

If you need any information about the situation on the ground or want us to assist you with claims, our key contact details are shown in this market update.

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