

## INBrief

### Chalong underpass opens to the public

**PHUKET:** The underpass at Chalong Intersection was officially opened yesterday by Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha and Transport Minister Arkhom Termpittayapaisith.

The underpass, which is 560 metres long, was constructed to ease traffic congestion at Chalong Intersection, which is one of the busiest on the island.

The Department of Highways said that since Phuket is a fast-growing city and an important tourism destination, traffic congestion has had a direct and adverse impact on the province's economy.

The underpass features modern traffic monitoring technology and is expected to become a tourist attraction too, since the site has a roundabout with a clock tower.