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Here are eight article ideas focusing on infrastructure and development on Thailand's Eastern Seaboard.

1. Pattaya's High-Speed Train: Stuck at the Station?

Proposed length: 800-1,000 words



A few years ago, I wrote enthusiastically about a high-speed train that would connect Pattaya to Bangkok in roughly 30 minutes. Since then, the project has moved at a glacial pace.

But Thailand has a history of completing ambitious infrastructure projects after years of delays, disputes, and skepticism. This article will examine whether the three-airport railway can get back on track, whether a modified version might be more realistic, and why better connections between Bangkok and the Eastern Seaboard remain important.

2. U-Tapao: The Airport That Refused to Wait

Proposed length: 800–1,000 words



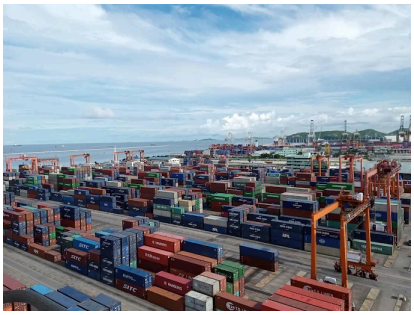
While the high-speed railway remains stuck in negotiations, U-Tapao International Airport has decided not to wait for its glamorous traveling companion.

Construction of the airport's second runway is 30% complete, with completion scheduled for late 2028. Other aviation infrastructure, including aircraft maintenance facilities, is also progressing, although the larger Aviation City development still faces important implementation milestones.

This article will explore how a former American military airbase is being transformed into a major regional aviation center. More importantly, it will explain how airport expansion could influence tourism, employment, transportation, and property development throughout the southern Eastern Seaboard.

3. The Sleeping Giant Next Door: Laem Chabang Wakes Up

Proposed length: 750–1,000 words



Most Pattaya residents rarely think much about the enormous container ships arriving and departing just north of town. But Laem Chabang is one of the most important engines driving the region's economic future.

The port's Phase 3 expansion is advancing, with the marine construction component reported more than 95% complete in mid-2026. The project is designed to substantially increase cargo capacity and strengthen Thailand's position in international trade.

This article examines how the port's growth influences surrounding communities. Industrial expansion and logistics employment create demand for housing, schools, shopping, and healthcare. That activity could also benefit residential neighborhoods farther south, including East Pattaya and Hua Yai.

The central message: Pattaya's future isn't being determined entirely by tourists arriving at the beach.

4. Pattaya's Shopping Mall Wars: Whatever Happened to the Big Plans?

Proposed length: 750–1,000 words



Pattaya has never suffered from a shortage of places to spend money. But a few years ago, developers announced two very different shopping destinations that promised to change the retail landscape: a beachfront lifestyle village in Wongamat and a massive commercial complex near Ocean Marina.

This article examines retail trends in Pattaya that now appear to be shifting toward smaller, neighborhood-oriented lifestyle centers that compete with traditional shopping malls. Central Group announced a new 430-million-baht Tops Wongamat development in May 2026, designed as a *premium neighborhood lifestyle mall* with restaurants, cafés, and specialty shops.

The trend is evident all over the Chonburi Coast.

5. Pattaya's Billion-Baht Battle Against the Rain

Proposed length: 750–1,000 words



Pattaya is preparing a major new offensive against its perennial flooding problem. In November 2026, the city announced a four-phase drainage improvement program worth about 2.75 billion baht. Scheduled for 2027–2030, the project aims to improve flood protection across 15 square kilometers and benefit more than 37,000 households.

This article explains the proposed improvements, identifies the neighborhoods expected to benefit, and examines why flooding has remained such a persistent problem despite years of road and drainage construction.

For property owners, tenants, motorists, and insurance customers, this is infrastructure that matters every time the monsoon arrives.

6. The New Face of Jomtien: From Sleepy Beach to Seaside Boulevard

Proposed length: 1,200–1,500 words



When I moved to Jomtien in 2009, the stretch of beach road near my home was relatively sleepy. A handful of condominium buildings stood along the coast, and much of the neighborhood still felt like a quiet alternative to Pattaya.

Seventeen years later, the transformation is astonishing.

Wide boulevards, landscaped promenades, luxury condominium towers, hotels, international restaurants, and an increasingly cosmopolitan population have created a very different Jomtien.

This article will take readers on a personal tour of that transformation, examining the infrastructure improvements, residential development, and changing lifestyles that have turned Jomtien into a destination in its own right.

Rather than another property market report, it will be an eyewitness account of a neighborhood growing up—and what that evolution might tell us about the Eastern Seaboard's future.

7. East Pattaya: The Suburbs Are Growing Up

Proposed length: 900–1,100 words



For years, people moving to Pattaya assumed they needed to live within walking distance of the beach. But more residents are discovering that some of the area's most appealing neighborhoods lie on the other side of Sukhumvit Road.

East Pattaya has evolved into a sprawling residential district with pool villas, gated communities, international schools, golf courses, shopping facilities, and convenient access to the motorway network.

This article explores how East Pattaya, Lake Maprachan, and Hua Yai have become attractive alternatives to coastal condominium living.

We'll examine the infrastructure and lifestyle advantages that make these neighborhoods appealing to families, retirees, and long-term residents.

Real estate companies could link to relevant East Pattaya listings on their websites.

8. The Southward Shuffle: Is Bang Sare the Next Jomtien?



Proposed length: 1,100–1,300 words

Development along Thailand's Eastern Seaboard seems to be moving south.

Over the past two decades, the wave of construction and infrastructure improvements has moved from Pattaya through Jomtien and Na Jomtien, reaching the once-quiet coastal villages of Ban Amphur and Bang Sare.

This article will explore the emerging communities south of Pattaya, comparing their current stage of development with what Jomtien looked like 10 or 15 years ago.

New roads, residential projects, restaurants, supermarkets, and recreational facilities are changing these neighborhoods' character.

But will Bang Sare become another Jomtien, or can it preserve the traditional seaside charm that makes it attractive in the first place?