

Testimonials!

9. Dear Thayhorn, thank you so much for guiding us through the complexities for obtaining a spouse visa for my son, Ricky. In dealing with refugee families applying to get a visa here, there is so much documentation that needs to be done in the right way in order to satisfy the visa specifications. We value your vast knowledge of the system in speeding up the process! Ricky's wife is finally arriving. Thank you for your assistance. I would recommend you to anyone! Rev. Dr Stringer; Australia



Ricky and Lilly exciting of the PR news

10. Dear Thayhorn, thank you so much! I don't know where to start. I'm so excited with the result that I hardly expected. I'm so pleased with the best advice for my Partner Visa. I was so stressed before applying! You provided wholistic case management of the matters and with relevant information we should consider for the circumstances, what exactly needed without wasting time. I have no words to describe how happy I'm for my PR visa coming in just several weeks. I can't stop smiling. I love to share this very good news with friends! With many thanks, Vorleak and Shane.



Presenting PR grant notification to Vorleak

11. Dear Thayhorn, thank you for fantastic immigration assistance for my fiancé to Australia. Previously, we tried to do it ourselves with no luck one refusal after another for three times and was at a point that I didn't know what to do. I then found you, and you helped us prepare a good visitor application, giving us great advice. A visa was granted as advised, and we are happy to be together during the processing time. You are thorough and thoughtful and your extensive 25 years of experiences count! I would highly recommend you to anyone. Well Done! Thanks again Aaron and Sreynou's family.



Aaron and Sreynou

12. Dear Thayhorn, we would like to congratulate and thank you very much in helping us achieve our goal. You have helped us in different difficult situations. It wasn't easy ... we thought it would be. We thank you for having very strong belief in us. We also know you've dealt with many different types of married couples of different ethnicities which is why you were able to help us through all this. Thank you for giving good advice and for being flexible. We appreciate it because you understand what others are going through. You strive for the best results. You put in extra hard work not just for us but for your other clients and we see the work you do, which is why we came to you. We believed in your services and advice. We will highly advise those who need help to come to see you because you work hard to find the best results. Sincerely, Gabriel & Mealani



Mealani and Gabriel

13. I would like to say a big "Thank You" for your representative for my husband Song for his Waiver Condition 8503 and Protection Visa. Attending the tribunal was a big challenge having all my 7 children and many witnesses for my husband's case. Your professionalism putting so much effort and working overtime for my husband's case have certainly paid off and is rewarding having won the tribunal. Thank you so much for your support and great service. Your many years of experience we certainly say you tackle every possibility to help our family reunite from being separated. A biggest thank you to a great success migration representative!



Kind Regards Tina

Tina and Song receiving unexpected good news

If you have complex and difficult immigration matters, contact us to discuss. We will explore options that would be suitable for you! For further information, please contact:

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- Review, Tribunal, and its appeal processes.

Do you want to find out about an opportunity to stay or to enter Australia temporarily or permanently? Many are eligible for a visa to stay or to enter Australia, but they don't get good advice, and sometimes it is too late to fix or do anything! It is extremely important to get good advice from the start as it's fundamental to a successful outcome of an application, especially for appeals.

Fundamental questions about immigration:

- Know your rights and responsibilities?
- Know your right about immigration history?
- What steps can be done if it is not right?
- What are ramifications in amending records?

Australia's immigration rules are changed often. Some visa applications are simple and straight forward, but many are complex and require careful consideration of policies, legislations and court decisions.

There are over 5000 Registered Migration Agents (RMA)/Lawyers practising in Australia. They are regulated by regulators and given a number. However, there are many unscrupulous unlawful operators in Australia and Overseas. So how do you avoid a costly mistake?

In deciding which advisor, it is extremely important to look at their qualifications and experiences. Their track record of success is also a significant factor in your decision making. Having a highly skilled advisor/lawyer can mean the difference between success and failure.

Savik and Phalla are over the moon after a remarkable win at the tribunal's hearing- oral decision on the spot.



Thayhorn has written many columns and made contributions to local newspapers and radio regarding visa matters. Here are a few examples of articles and quotations: Newspapers (various) articles:

By Cam Lucadou-Wells, Dandenong Star Journal: 9.03.21, p9  
"... Thay-Horn Yim has welcomed temporary concessions to the family visa scheme."

*A Parliamentary inquiry will look into Australia's family visa system requiring applicants to fly out of the country to apply for visas.*

Mr Hill said, "...The inquiry will examine the broader mess of the family and partner visa program, and it can't come soon enough."

"... Thay-Horn Yim said the concessions were a result of "tremendous pressure" from groups who "champion Australian family values". He said applicants forced to fly offshore had to seek a travel exemption to re-enter Australia ...."

"The great news about this concession is that it will allow Aussie families to cherish their immediate family time during Covid restrictions and will save a lot of time and money...."

Mr Yim ... also warned against "dodgy" unregistered migration agents. Several have been recently convicted for operating unlawfully without registration."

"Many clients...were told by unlawful operators not to worry they would take care of the matters, but then they were left in limbo."

**NEWS**

**Family's deportation win**

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

A Dandenong family is "jumping for joy" after winning their last-ditch legal fight to remain together in Australia.  
Administrative Appeals Tribunal member Scott Clarry on 24 June ruled that asylum seeker Mr S. Song met the criteria for a protection visa. He ordered the matter should be "reopened for reconsideration".  
After six years of road-blocks, Mr Song's battle to stay with wife Tina and seven kids is back on track.  
If he lost his tribunal appeal, he would have been deported back to Cambodia - which he fled after being seriously assaulted for his political beliefs.  
Mr Song arrived in Australia on a tourist visa in 2009. He married Tina, who has four children from a previous marriage, in 2014.  
Tina and the children are all Australian citizens but were prepared to join their husband and dad in Cambodia, despite the dangers and risks of persecution.  
"So the tribunal win brought her both shock and relief. Her kids were 'jumping for joy', she says.  
"It was thinking in this time I just feel thankful that he's now safe here and can live at home in Australia."  
"Australia is the best place to stay where we can have a normal life without fear."  
Mr Song's application had been rejected three times by the Department of Home Affairs. The most recent blow was delivered by a Home Affairs Minister delegate in April 2020.  
"Some of the fault lies with his hangover, disinterested migration agents in the past," Tina says.  
This time, migration agent Thayhorn Yim, led the case with advice from well-known human rights barrister Julian Baramade QC.  
He says the evidence was "overwhelming" in Mr Song's favour, and blamed the outcome



Jason, Tina Kim, Nicholas, Song Song, Justice and Adam.

to the "blatant" asylum-seeker family's recent chance of serious harm from the Cambodian Government" due to his political opinions.  
"I am satisfied that Mr Song is a person in respect of whom Australia has protection obligations," Mr Yim said.  
The member accepted that Mr Song was assaulted and his business vandalized in Cambodia due to his political opinions.  
And that he was violently assaulted at a party in Melbourne by a man making "politically-based threats".  
A refugee must demonstrate a well-founded fear of persecution in their home country on the grounds of race, religion, political opinion, nationality or being a member of a particular social group.  
His attacker was sentenced for the assault at Dandenong Magistrates' Court.  
Mr Clarry noted there was no Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade "country information report" for Cambodia.  
"But other sources indicate the Cambodian Government 'harshly opposes political dissent'.  
"Political dissidents and members of opposition parties can face arbitrary arrest, detention and violent attacks from the government and its supporters."  
The major opposition party the CNRP was dissolved by the Supreme Court of Cambodia, effectively turning Cambodia into a "one-party state", Mr Clarry stated.



Here are some tips before choosing an advisor:

1. Is the advisor an RMA/lawyer? If yes, you may wish to look at their experience. In general for RMAs, the first two digits of the seven of Migration Agent Registration Number (MARN) indicate the year of registration; that is, the MARN of 93XXXXX or 17XXXXX would be registered in the year of 1993 or 2017 respectively.
2. Some agents/interpreters or 'middle persons' may act to help you and to complete a form. If so, do you ask for advice, like 'who is a relative to enlist in a form'? Do you know a different between giving advice and information?
3. Is the agents responsible for their wrong advice?
4. Does the agent have a professional indemnity covering for their immigration advice/ assistance?

Some people decide to save money by not seeking an experienced RMA only to find out the hard way that it was not a good idea, for example, when missing the deadlines for lodgement/appeal and the substantial fee increases.

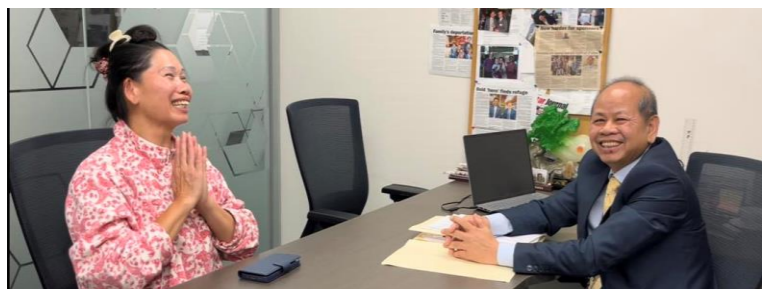
To avoid a costly mistake, you need to see Thayhorn Yim who is a trusted and experienced Immigration Advisor. He has extensive experience, and he has a caring nature for his clients. His advocating skills are exemplar.

Thayhorn has worked in public services, in community, and in private sectors in the migration field for over 30 years. He is specialised in family migration especially clients from Asian backgrounds. He has represented his clients at the tribunal, immigration department and various embassies. He has been highly successful in getting the best outcome and visas for his clients.

Thayhorn had worked for Australian Government departments in the migration field for 10 years as 'Specialist Migrant Officer', and he held a senior position of the Commonwealth Public Services. Also, he worked as a Field Co-ordinator for UNHCR Resettlement section.

Thayhorn is a member of the Migration Institute of Australia (MIA) since its inception, over 30 years. He was a Vice President/Committee of MIA Vic/Tas from 2019-23. Also, he was a Vice President/Committee of school council for four years. He has extensive experience in dealing with various agencies including government departments and its processes. These include cutting the 'red tape'.

Thayhorn has an excellent understanding of his clients' needs and in advocating on their behalf.



### Humanitarian Award for Thayhorn Yim, Dandenong Journal

by LICARDO PRINCE

THAY Horn Yim's wife sometimes finds it hard to understand his boring commitment to helping the community.

But don't get the wrong impression, he says. Mrs Yim is extremely supportive of her husband's numerous community interests at professional and voluntary level but being married to someone so committed takes a decent level of commitment in itself.

"Sometimes my wife doesn't understand how I could be involved in so many things," said Mr Yim, 37, the recipient of a special commendation at the annual Australian Multicultural Education Service (AMES) Awards.

"But it's just that I want to get back into the community which gave me so much joy."

Canadian-born, he arrived in Australia 10 years ago after three years in a Thai refugee camp and a short stay in Canada.

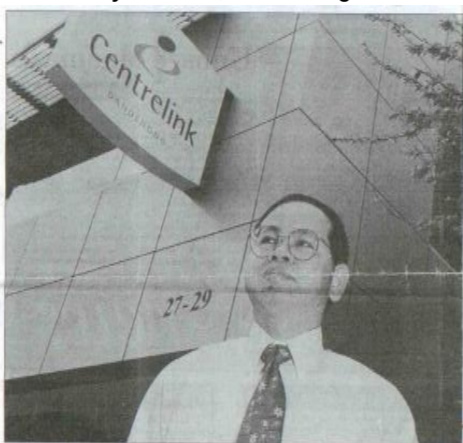
Upon setting foot on Australian soil he was about trying to make the most of what he considers his good fortune.

It could be said his life has been characterised by making the most of tough cards dealt but.

In the refugee camp he had learned English to the point where he worked as an interpreter for United Nations staff.

Once in Australia, he worked hard to further improve his English skills and education.

Before long he had started working with the Commonwealth Employment Service and resumed with the



Setting In: Thay Horn Yim had received an award for his work with newly-arrived migrants. Photo: LICARDO PRINCE

organisation when it became Centrelink in 1997.

He is now Multicultural Services Officer at the Dandenong office, a role which requires him to help those of non-English speaking background to use the range of services on offer.

He has worked tirelessly over the past few years to ensure new arrivals' initial experiences in the area are as smooth as possible.

A member of the Migrant Settlement Committee of the cities of Greater Dandenong and Casey, State

Tertiary Education and Training Minister Phil Honeywood mentioned this aspect of his work when handing out the commendation last week.

Mr Yim is also one of the driving forces behind the local Cambodian New Year celebrations.

Through his professional career, Thayhorn has received numerous awards including:

- **Victoria's Award for Excellence in Multicultural Affairs** presented by the Governor of Victoria. This Meritorious Services Medal Award is in recognition of his multicultural community work.
- **AMES Humanitarian Award** presented by Minister of Education and Multicultural in recognition of his assistance for employers and refugees.
- **Khmer Community Service Award:** presented by the Immigration Minister in recognition for his work in the field of social welfare and settlement services for Cambodian communities.
- **Centrelink National Award for Excellence in Multicultural Youth Services:** presented by a senior executive in public services in recognition of his excellence to Centrelink's youth clients from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Thayhorn has a high success rate for his clients, and he represents his clients effectively in achieving a successful outcome as stated in Testimonials.



Home Affairs Minister Clare O'Neil, The Most Venerable Sudhep Nan, The Most Venerable Sovann Srey, The Venerable Satha Sor, The Most Venerable OI Sam and Thay-Horn Yim at Wat Buddharamsi on 21 September.

### Monks push for visa change

By Cam Lucadou-Wells

Buddhist monks are calling for migration reforms to allow them to stay in Australia on permanent visas.

A council of five spiritual leaders from the South East recently raised the issue with Hotham MP and Home Affairs Minister Clare O'Neil at a round-table at Wat Buddharamsi temple in Springvale South.

The monk council's spokesperson Thayhorn Yim said temples were finding it difficult to attract monks from overseas under the current migration settings.

Recruiting home-grown monks was also not practical, Mr Yim said.

The required courses weren't taught in Australia. Plus the life of a monk - who is not paid - was not attractive to many domestic residents.

In the "productive" meeting with Ms O'Neil, Mr Yim said hopes were raised that the permanent visa system including religious visas would be reviewed in 2024.

A spokesperson for Ms O'Neil said "religious leaders are some of the crucial pillars of our diverse community here in Melbourne's South East."

### Testimonials<sup>2</sup>

1. Dear Thayhorn, I sincerely thank you for assisting my monastery and me personally over 25 years. I have witnessed many difficult cases of immigration matters where you have overcome the problem. You have been a very good representative on our behalf and for you your clients, and strongly advocating to various agencies for the benefit of Cambodian communities. You have very good understand of Cambodian culture and Buddhist community that make you an outstanding among other Cambodian community leaders. Many clients have highly valued your skill and expertise. I have no hesitation recommending your services to anyone! Faithfully, Most Venerable Sudhep Nan, Abbot, Victoria

2. Dear Thayhorn, we appreciate for getting the spouse visa for us. We were so impressed by your professionalism and meticulous attention to details which smoothed the application process and created an excellent working relationship with the Immigration Department's case officers. Above all, your friendly and caring nature made the whole process far less stressful for us. We have no hesitation recommending you to anyone. Yours truly, Dr K. Dummett (Senior Public Servant)

3. Dear Thayhorn, thank you for all that you have done in helping us with Immigration process. We are very happy that the tension and anxiety is over, considering the time we gave you. Now, we can sleep better. We can't find the correct words to describe it, but truly you are great and professional. The results are amazing. Yours truly, Jessy & Andy; Rushworth, Victoria, Australia

4. Dear Thayhorn, on behalf of my wife, Sam and I, we would like to thank you Thayhorn for working hard to succeed. Without you, my wife would not have been here, and we want to thank you for everything you've done and we wish for your business to continue to be successful. Thank you for your five-star service. We will always be your clients. Chanthan & Samphors

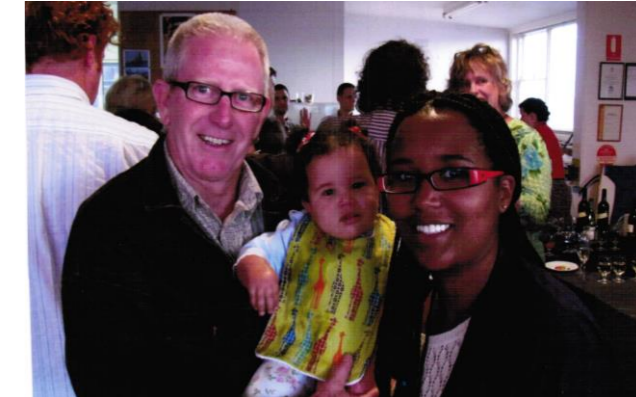


At the hearing: remit oral decision At Engagement/Wedding

5. Dear Thayhorn, thanks for representing our family's immigration matters. It was unbelievable for getting my son's partner visa after 5 years of refusal from the Tribunal. His application which was assisted by a worker was refused. The embassy linked his case to my other son's migration history. The appeal to Tribunal by an agent in Springvale was also rejected. After 5 years of no hope, you got my son's spouse visa and so making us qualified for parent's visa in Australia. Many thanks, Hout's family



Most Ven. Sudhep Nan, Abbot of Wat Buddharamsi Melbourne, Ven. S. Phan, Ven. S. Chem (R-L)



Dr K. Dummett, their Baby and Jo



Jessy who is original from Malaysia) and Andy Taylor

6. Dear Thayhorn, thank you so much for assisting me with my protection application. You made my dream come true. It is amazing that my family eventually got to settle permanently in Australia. It was the luckiest time of my life to have you represented me and my son. I wish you the best and be successful in your profession. Your sincerely, Kim

7. Dear Thayhorn, we sincerely thank you for successfully representing us in getting our spouse visa. We are very impressed of with your skilful advice. Your work ethics helped the process to get the visa soon after our wedding enabling us to travel together to Australia after the wedding. This is really embedded in our loving relationship, especially for our culture. Yours truly, Nguyen's family; SA

8. Dear Thayhorn, I sincerely thank you for your advice in getting me the permanent visa. I did not leave Australia after my appeal's protection application which was lost and I hid for over 10 years. Previous agents did not advise me in 10 years about the visa option that I could have applied. I finally got the permanent visa. That's unbelievable. Sincerely, Chea's Family.