

CLIMATE FRIENDLY MOBILITY IN TOURISM RESPONSIBLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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Low carbon mobility and tourism are related and becoming immerging **L**issues. Cycling tour and walking tour in tourism destinations play important roles in promoting urban tourism with low carbon perspective in many cities around the globe. An important goal of this study was to gain insights into interrelationships of responsible tourism, change in carbon emission and climate change, the expansion of tourism destination as the urban areas can be seen all over Thailand. Population density in famous tourism destination is one of the major concerns in tourism development strategy of the country. Mobility has been raised as the main problem for residents who want to commute for their travel purposes. The study will show case of low carbon mobility on Phangan Island in Thailand as a low carbon destination. This case of success stories in the urban tourism by promoting responsible mobility in a new emerging tourism destination in Thailand such as cycling and walking as low carbon mobility. As the famous tourism destination in the gulf of Thailand, Phangan Island has good reputation as health tourism destination. Promoting cycling and walking as slow life in tourism is not only for creating healthy life style but also for coping with the climate change. The result of this study will recommend cycling routes especially for tourism promotion and these routes will be used for daily commutation. This life style can imply both tourist and resident for responsible tourism and living to climate change in the area.

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