

Part 328 for Cathy's blog

Friday 23rd to Saturday 31st January, 2026.

Deep in the “jungle” before you get to the Victory Gate, lies the East Top Temple. It is a small temple, but there were plenty of carved blocks around it.





This carving (a lintel) has had some restoration work.



Serious Naga.



There was quite a lot of (small) wildlife here too.



Dragonflies.



Peek-a-boo.

Then it was on to Don Mao temple, another temple deep in the jungle.

Nephilia spider. (I was politely corrected by one of the excavation workers... I said “ping bee-ung” for spider, but she corrected me... it is “ping bee-un” .)



Back near home is this unoccupied house, needing a bit of attention. This is on the way to language school.



Saturday 24th January, 2026.

Saturday again, so another walk to the supermarket.



On the way home... garlic anyone?

In the afternoon, we went to the language school for a workshop (on daily life in Siem Reap).

(They provided a great afternoon tea!)

Sunday 25th January, 2026.

A quiet day at home, with a lot of language study... I am a bit nervous before my language test, actually.

Monday 26th January, 2026.

It was my turn to have a congestion headache ... so we stayed home.

Tuesday 27th January, 2026.

Temple Day : Ta Nei

Ta Nei is another temple we love to visit. They are doing some serious excavations on the east entrance and have dug up some large blocks of the balustrades.



Ta Nei workers' campsite.





We did find this stick insect in the new growth (east of the temple).



And there were dragonflies.



And ordinary flies.



And this cute fellow!



Lichen making a pretty camouflage pattern on this tree trunk.

We went out for tea (one day late) to celebrate 41 years of marriage.

This is David at The Grill Lounge (Sivutha Boulevard).



Wednesday 28th January, 2026.

This is David's last day at Anjali. It is time for a change (more on his plans later).

I have the cleaning and the washing nearly organised.

I also have done lots of revision for my test tomorrow.

Thursday 29th January, 2026.

We stayed home to finalise the washing and packing.

I had my language test in the afternoon... the reading and sentence work was easy, but the listening was hard. Even the speaking wasn't as much of a problem as I had worried about!

Friday 30th January, 2026.

We were picked up by our airport transfer at 7:30.

It was a straightforward trip to the airport, only to find the flight had been delayed by an hour. This wasn't a problem as it left us only four! hours free time at Singapore.

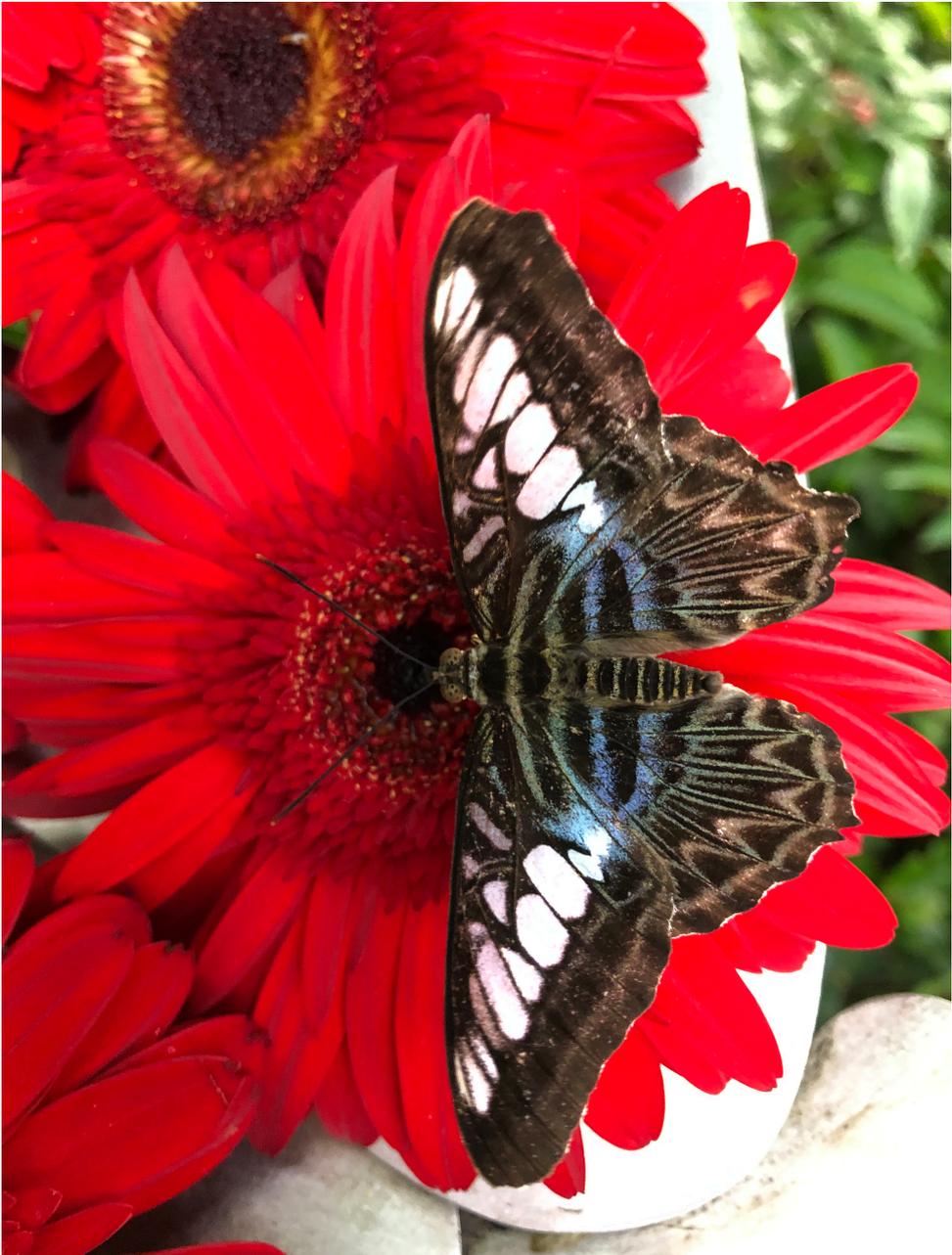


SAI = Siem Reap International Airport.

At Changi, Singapore, we went to the cactus garden and the butterfly garden, and then headed down to the gate to be ready to fly to Melbourne.



Butterflies at Changi, Singapore.





Saturday 31st January, 2026.

Landed safely in Melbourne for a bit more than three weeks with the grandchildren. (And the rest of the family)