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Four new scuba instructors from Aquanauts professional dive training center



New PADI instructors from Aquanauts Dive Centre. From left, Master Instructor Gary Tytler, IDC Staff Instructor Sally Rathbone, new Open Water Scuba Instructors Justin Mah, Christian Holmes, Becky Maxwell and John McGraw and Course Director Roger M. Smith.

While Pattaya is well known for playing host to foreign tourists and retirees, it's also a major center for professional scuba diving training. Aquanauts Dive Centre, a 5-Star Career Development Center under the Professional Association of Dive Instructors, last week saw four more of its dive students become PADI instructors.

Christian Holmes, 35, and Becky Maxwell, 18, of the United Kingdom; Justin Mah, 23, of Canada and John McGraw, 25, of the United States all earned top marks in the three-day PADI Instructor Exam held at Pattaya's Discovery Beach Hotel June

19-21. They now can go to work anywhere in the world introducing people to the underwater world.

Aquanauts' June graduates are but four in a long string of divers - young and old that have embarked upon new careers through the Soi 6 center's Diving Instructor Training internship program. The 2-6 month training packages include accommodations, equipment, courses, materials, testing fees, a one-year visa, unlimited diving and job placement.

The program has seen considerable success. Last week's successful exam gave Aquanauts a 100 percent pass rate on the PADI test

for the past two years, a mark that is unrivaled in Central Thailand.

For more information on Aquanauts' internship program, dive courses or trips, see the company's professional training website at www.DivingInstructorTraining.com or its tourist-centric site at www.AquanautsDive.com.