

## THE LAST TWO DIGITS

As a part of Aracha Cholitgul's ongoing series, 'Tree of Life' - a study on Thai lottery culture.

Thai government lottery is drawn two times each month: on the 1st and the 16th. The lottery ticket contains 6 digit numbers. For each draw, there are 14,168 prizes out of 1,000,000 lottery tickets.

(That is 1.4168% of winning chance.) There is also the underground lottery (huay tai din).

The underground lottery is based on the official numbers of each draw, and people can buy only a single number or 2 or 3 digit combination. People would write the numbers they want to bet on on a paper and then give it to the seller/organizer - illegal, however, popular as the winning chance is higher.

Superstitions play an important role when it comes to choosing numbers. Here are some of the most popular sources for lucky numbers:

1. Dreams
2. Holy beings/trees/ghosts
3. Famous lottery gurus
4. Important events
  - 4.1 Morbid events. For example, if someone dies, you could try the age of a deceased person. Or, if there's an accident, try the car's license plate number.
  - 4.2 National events. If birthdays of important people happen within the month, pay close attention.
5. Whatever you think it would be.