

April 16, 2020

## Thai Enquirer Summary

### Economic News

- The cabinet meeting endorsed an urgent policy to have state agencies revise down their budgets by 50% to help the government fund measures against the Covid-19 pandemic and cope with its impact on the economy.
  - ❖ In the light of the policy, Air Force chief ACM Maanat Wongwat announced plans to slash 23% of its annual budget.
    - He said the decrease will not seriously affect development plans although the air force will be required to adjust some projects and outlays.
  - ❖ The Air Force is poised to delay a 2.4-billion-baht T-50 trainer-jet order from South Korea as well as the upgrade of C-130 aircraft and other construction projects worth over 3 billion baht.
  - ❖ Additionally, the Cabinet announced that 3 royal decrees to provide relief measures in the fight against the COVID-19 outbreak are now awaiting royal endorsement.
  - ❖ The 1<sup>st</sup> decree will allow the government to borrow 1 trillion baht; the 2<sup>nd</sup> decree will allow the Bank of Thailand (BoT) to offer 500 billion baht in soft loans with a 2% annual interest rate to small and medium-sized enterprises, with a credit line of no more than 500 million each and the 3<sup>rd</sup> decree will enable the central bank to set up a 400-billion-baht Corporate Bond Stabilisation Fund (BSF).

- ❖ The Finance Ministry said it expects to start the borrowing process from May.
- The criteria will be changed to include students who are working and helping their family could be eligible to them too.
  - ❖ “For all those who have registered we will open it as much as we can say” said director of the Fiscal Policy Office (**FPO**), Lavaron Sangsnit.
- People who have loans with leasing companies are complaining after firms don’t agree to extending the payments.
  - ❖ The Ministry of Finance (MoF), has in the past said that it had talked to these firms but the fact that these leasing firm said the client has to pay the 3-month interest 1<sup>st</sup> before they can get their break on payments.
  - ❖ Media reported that the firm which has been the one breaching the trust of the people has its name starting with ‘R’
- The state-owned Government Savings Bank (GSB)’s electronic system crashed yesterday (April 15) due to huge number of people trying to register for GSB’s emergency low-rate loan.
  - ❖ GSB saw its system crash on the first day the bank opened registration for an emergency low-rate loan of 10,000 baht per person with 0.10% interest per month through its website [www.gsb.or.th](http://www.gsb.or.th). The package is available for informal and temporary employees affected by the COVID-19 outbreak who are covered by the social security system.
  - ❖ Meanwhile, the Finance Ministry said it has now rejected 12 million out of some 27 million people registered for the 5,000-baht cash handout while around 6 million applicants are entitled to appeal for the scheme.
  - ❖ Finance permanent secretary Prasong Poonthanet said the 5,000 baht cash handout available for 12 million, 6 million rejected applicants can seek to appeal

for the scheme. He said the ministry is seeking additional information from 6 million rejected applicants.

- The National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) will hold talks today (April 16) with 6 major mobile operators after asking them to reduce service fees and extend bill payment deadlines to 2-3 months to ease hardship among mobile phone users.
  - ❖ In the first round of talks with mobile operators, 3 major mobile operators rejected the NBTC's requests to lower service fees, insisting that their new prepaid promotional pandemic packages suffice to ease public burden. The 3 companies said they have allowed post-paid customers with good payment records to extend the bill payment to 3 months during the crisis.
  - ❖ Earlier, the NBTC demanded all major mobile operators provide promotion packages for prepaid users with up to 30% lower fees.
  - ❖ Last week, the NBTC kicked off a campaign to allow mobile users to apply for 10 gigabytes of free mobile data. However, the scheme received criticism on social media for operators receiving benefits through the NBTC.
  - ❖ NBTC secretary-general Takorn Tantasith denied that operators are getting preferential treatment, saying the operators would receive only 100 baht per applicant from the NBTC and 10GB packages are more expensive under regular terms.
- The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) has extended its inbound flight ban to April 30, except humanitarian aid, medical, repatriation and cargo flights, in a bid to ramp up control of the COVID-19 spread.
  - ❖ CAAT director-general Chula Sukmanop cited the necessity to maintain the continuation of measures to control the disease.

- ❖ People arriving on the exempted flights are subject to disease control measures including 14-day quarantine and relevant measures imposed under the executive decree on public administration in emergency situations.
- The Energy Ministry promised to look into the private sector's call for it to reduce the price of electricity by 5%.
  - ❖ Energy Minister Sontirat Sontijirawong said the ministry will consider helping large enterprises after the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCIB) advised the government to come up with stimulus measures to mitigate the impact of the outbreak through measures such as cutting the electricity bills for businesses, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and homes by 5% for 1 year to help them reduce expenses.
  - ❖ He added that the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) had instructed the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (Egat) and the Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA) to cut the price of electricity, including the 3% value added tax (VAT) for all consumers from April to June.
- The Government Lottery Office (GLO) said that they would delay the payments for the April 16 winning until May 16<sup>th</sup> amid fear of the virus
  - ❖ Earlier plan was to delay it until May 1 but now it has been moved to May 16<sup>th</sup> drawing.
  - ❖ Each drawing means that the GLO will lose putting in 1.8 billion baht into the state coffers
  - ❖ Thailand's official lottery draws are held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of each month and the GLO records a net profit of 1.8 billion baht for each drawing.

- Kasikornbank (KBank) announced a bid to expand its presence in Indonesia market by holding a 40% stake in PT Bank Maspion Indonesia Tbk (Bank Maspion), worth the amount not exceeding US\$130 million (approximately 4.16 billion baht).
    - ❖ KBank's acquisition of additional shares in Bank Maspion has been approved by the Bank of Thailand (BoT) and is in the process of being approved by the Financial Services Authority of Indonesia (Otoritas Jasa Keuangan - OJK), which should be finalised mid this year, Pattarapong Kanhasuwan, KBank Executive Vice President and Chairman of KBank, said.
  - Global oil prices slumped further after the International Energy Agency (IEA) warned that the biggest production cuts in history will fail to offset the deepest fall in demand in 25 years because of the global lockdown across numerous countries and territories to contain the virus.
    - ❖ The prices later in the day recovered but the situation remains fragile and oil prices could dip further.
    - ❖ The benchmark price for Brent crude dropped by more than 5% to US\$28 a barrel amid gloomy forecasts for demand during the coronavirus pandemic. At the same time US oil prices tumbled to 18-year lows of \$19.20 a barrel after the quickest rise in surplus oil supplies in history.
    - ❖ The latest IEA report says the oil market is at its darkest moment in what will be a historic year for the industry because of the unprecedented global lockdown.
    - ❖ The IEA also warned that the recent agreement of cutting production cuts by the Opec+, will not outweigh this shrink in demand.
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## **Political News**

- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha admitted that the government could only afford to pay the 5,000 baht cash subsidies in April to 9 million people who are not covered by the social security scheme.
  - ❖ During a news conference yesterday (April 15), Gen Prayut said the government will use residual budget in the central fund, estimated at about 50 billion baht, which will cover only 1 payment.
  - ❖ For the other payments, he said that everyone will have to wait 2-3 months, until the government can secure a 1-trillion baht loan, adding that this loan will not be extended as a lump sum but in several tranches.
    - “The 1-trillion baht loan is just numbers on paper. The government doesn’t have a single baht and several people have started dividing up the money already,” said the Prime Minister.
  - ❖ He also dismissed an earlier report that the government might provide up to six 5,000 baht payments. His office came out to stress that payment would be made for sure for 3-months at least.
  - ❖ The statement by Gen. Prayut was made @ the last minutes of his press conference thus causing a panic that the payment was going to be just for 1-month
- Boonkua Pussatevo, a Bhumjai Thai Party member and an assistant to Yossawat Mapaisarnsin, a Bhumjai Thai MP for Kanchanaburi, faced the axe after posting a Facebook comment which says “stupid citizens will lead us to death.

- ❖ Mr Boonkua was dismissed from the party after Deputy Prime Minister Anutin Chanvirakul demanded that Boonkua apologise to the public for his inappropriate comment.
- ❖ Mr Boonkua’s comment came after a group of people who were denied the 5,000 baht government handout by the system’s software marched to the Finance Ministry to demand their dues yesterday (April 15). He posted the abbreviation of a Thai word that can be interpreted as “stupid citizens will lead us to death”.
- ❖ Mr Anutin, as Bhumjai Thai Party leader, said when our people are in trouble, we should help them, not blame them. Every member of Bhumjai Thai is working on solving the problem, but the one who has ruined the party’s image must be punished. I, as leader of the party, want to apologise to everybody on this matter.
- Former leader of the now-defunct Future Forward Party (FFP) Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit, who is now with the Kao Klai [Move Forward] Party, informed the public about his plan to produce medical supplies for medical professionals at hospitals nationwide to help fight the COVID-19 outbreak.
  - ❖ Former Future Forward spokeswoman Pannika Wanich later tweeted: “#Future Forward Movement wants to be part of the fight against COVID-19 by producing medical equipment for hospitals nationwide to save medical staff, patients and Thailand. Ready to be dispatched within next week”.



- Suporn Atthawong, assistant minister to the Prime Minister’s Office, lodged a complaint against Adisorn Piengkes, the opposition spokesman, with the Technology Crime Suppression Division (TCSD) police.
  - ❖ Mr Suporn filed a defamation charge against Mr Adisorn after the latter posted a poem accompanied by 2 photos of Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha and him seeking blessings from former prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra on his Facebook page “Adisorn Piengkes”.
  - ❖ Mr Suporn said Mr Adisorn’s action is deemed defamatory and violated Section 16 of the Computer Crime Act, causing divisions in the country during the COVID-19 crisis.



- Former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra is said to donate money for the Pheu Thai Party to produce alcohol sanitizers for Thais amid a shortage of face masks and hand sanitizers.



- ❖ At the Parliament Complex, Pheu Thai MP for Ubon Ratchathani Somkid Chua-kong distributed bottles of alcohol sanitizer with alcohol content of 75% to Parliament reporters. It is interesting that the bottles of alcohol sanitizers have pictures of Mr Thaksin with a message that reads, “worried about Thai people. From Thaksin Shinawatra, the 23<sup>rd</sup> prime minister”.
- ❖ Mr Somkid said Mr Thaksin was worried about every Thai due to mask and alcohol shortages. The ex-premier has donated money to help with the coronavirus relief effort by asking Pheu Thai MPs to provide around 100-200 bottles of alcohol sanitiser in each constituency.



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### **General News**

- The government is mulling the easing the curfew after seeing a drop in the country's daily tally of new COVID-19 cases.
- ❖ The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) will conduct an assessment on whether the government may ease the curfew by the end of this month if Covid-19 cases continue to fall.

- ❖ Speaking after the cabinet meeting yesterday (April 15), Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha said that he is satisfied with a decline in the number of newly recorded virus cases per day.
- ❖ He said the CCSA will assess the situation and work out the most appropriate measures for the situation, including the possibility of easing some restrictions in certain areas.
- The governor of Phuket was suddenly transferred to Phetchaburi in the wake of high coronavirus infection rate on the province.
  - ❖ The transfer order was announced yesterday (April 15) and will be effective after royal endorsement. It involves a 3-way swap which will see the governor of Chaiyaphum moved to Phuket.
  - ❖ Outgoing Phuket governor Phakaphong Tavipatana said he had done his best during the crisis.
- Thailand reported 30 new coronavirus cases, with 2 new deaths.
  - ❖ CCSA spokesman Dr Taweessin Visanuyothin said the decrease in the number of new COVID-19 cases is a good sign but noted the trend of increased infections among members of the same household.
  - ❖ Accumulated infections in Thailand so far are 2,643, with 1,497 recoveries and 43 deaths in total.
  - ❖ Seventeen of the new infections were in close contact with those already infected, another had also recently returned from abroad and 2 had visited crowded places.

❖ Infections among members of the same household in April have increased threefold, Dr Taweessin said.

- Globally the number of infections around the world has risen past the 2 million mark and the number of fatalities has reached 135,000 with the United States recording the single largest fatalities in a single day yesterday with 2,600 people.

| Country, Other               | Total Cases | New Cases | Total Deaths | New Deaths | Total Recovered | Active Cases | Serious, Critical | Tot Cases/ 1M pop | Deaths/ 1M pop | Total Tests | Tests/ 1M pop |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| World                        | 2,081,770   | +83,867   | 134,508      | +7,907     | 509,880         | 1,437,382    | 51,144            | 267               | 17.3           |             |               |
| <a href="#">USA</a>          | 644,061     | +30,178   | 28,526       | +2,479     | 48,701          | 566,834      | 13,487            | 1,946             | 86             | 3,258,879   | 9,845         |
| <a href="#">Spain</a>        | 180,659     | +6,599    | 18,812       | +557       | 70,853          | 90,994       | 7,371             | 3,864             | 402            | 650,755     | 13,918        |
| <a href="#">Italy</a>        | 165,155     | +2,667    | 21,645       | +578       | 38,092          | 105,418      | 3,079             | 2,732             | 358            | 1,117,404   | 18,481        |
| <a href="#">France</a>       | 147,863     | +4,560    | 17,167       | +1,438     | 30,955          | 99,741       | 6,457             | 2,265             | 263            | 333,807     | 5,114         |
| <a href="#">Germany</a>      | 134,753     | +2,543    | 3,804        | +309       | 72,600          | 58,349       | 4,288             | 1,608             | 45             | 1,728,357   | 20,629        |
| <a href="#">UK</a>           | 98,476      | +4,603    | 12,868       | +761       | N/A             | 85,264       | 1,559             | 1,451             | 190            | 398,916     | 5,876         |
| <a href="#">China</a>        | 82,295      |           | 3,342        |            | 77,816          | 1,137        | 113               | 57                | 2              |             |               |
| <a href="#">Iran</a>         | 76,389      | +1,512    | 4,777        | +94        | 49,933          | 21,679       | 3,643             | 909               | 57             | 299,204     | 3,562         |
| <a href="#">Turkey</a>       | 69,392      | +4,281    | 1,518        | +115       | 5,674           | 62,200       | 1,820             | 823               | 18             | 477,716     | 5,664         |
| <a href="#">Belgium</a>      | 33,573      | +2,454    | 4,440        | +283       | 7,107           | 22,026       | 1,204             | 2,897             | 383            | 128,132     | 11,056        |
| <a href="#">Brazil</a>       | 28,610      | +3,348    | 1,757        | +225       | 14,026          | 12,827       | 296               | 135               | 8              | 62,985      | 296           |
| <a href="#">Canada</a>       | 28,379      | +1,316    | 1,010        | +107       | 8,937           | 18,432       | 557               | 752               | 27             | 462,353     | 12,250        |
| <a href="#">Netherlands</a>  | 28,153      | +734      | 3,134        | +189       | 250             | 24,769       | 1,279             | 1,643             | 183            | 140,845     | 8,220         |
| <a href="#">Switzerland</a>  | 26,336      | +400      | 1,239        | +65        | 15,400          | 9,697        | 386               | 3,043             | 143            | 199,000     | 22,993        |
| <a href="#">Russia</a>       | 24,490      | +3,388    | 198          | +28        | 1,986           | 22,306       | 8                 | 168               | 1              | 1,517,992   | 10,402        |
| <a href="#">Portugal</a>     | 18,091      | +643      | 599          | +32        | 383             | 17,109       | 208               | 1,774             | 59             | 208,314     | 20,430        |
| <a href="#">Austria</a>      | 14,350      | +124      | 393          | +9         | 8,098           | 5,859        | 232               | 1,593             | 44             | 156,801     | 17,410        |
| <a href="#">Ireland</a>      | 12,547      | +1,068    | 444          | +38        | 77              | 12,026       | 158               | 2,541             | 90             | 90,646      | 18,358        |
| <a href="#">Israel</a>       | 12,501      | +455      | 130          | +7         | 2,563           | 9,808        | 180               | 1,444             | 15             | 117,339     | 13,557        |
| <a href="#">India</a>        | 12,322      | +835      | 405          | +12        | 1,432           | 10,485       |                   | 9                 | 0.3            | 244,893     | 177           |
| <a href="#">Sweden</a>       | 11,927      | +482      | 1,203        | +170       | 381             | 10,343       | 954               | 1,181             | 119            | 74,600      | 7,387         |
| <a href="#">Peru</a>         | 11,475      | +1,172    | 254          | +24        | 3,108           | 8,113        | 146               | 348               | 8              | 109,385     | 3,318         |
| <a href="#">S. Korea</a>     | 10,591      | +27       | 225          | +3         | 7,616           | 2,750        | 55                | 207               | 4              | 534,552     | 10,426        |
| <a href="#">Chile</a>        | 8,273       | +356      | 94           | +2         | 2,937           | 5,242        | 389               | 433               | 5              | 91,873      | 4,806         |
| <a href="#">Japan</a>        | 8,100       | +215      | 146          |            | 853             | 7,101        | 152               | 64                | 1              | 89,551      | 708           |
| <a href="#">Ecuador</a>      | 7,858       | +255      | 388          | +19        | 780             | 6,690        | 135               | 445               | 22             | 26,093      | 1,479         |
| <a href="#">Poland</a>       | 7,582       | +380      | 286          | +23        | 668             | 6,628        | 160               | 200               | 8              | 156,493     | 4,135         |
| <a href="#">Romania</a>      | 7,216       | +337      | 372          | +21        | 1,217           | 5,627        | 245               | 375               | 19             | 74,827      | 3,890         |
| <a href="#">Norway</a>       | 6,797       | +174      | 150          | +11        | 32              | 6,615        | 64                | 1,254             | 28             | 130,216     | 24,020        |
| <a href="#">Denmark</a>      | 6,681       | +170      | 309          | +10        | 2,748           | 3,624        | 89                | 1,153             | 53             | 77,712      | 13,417        |
| <a href="#">Australia</a>    | 6,447       | +47       | 63           | +2         | 3,686           | 2,698        | 76                | 253               | 2              | 371,377     | 14,564        |
| <a href="#">Pakistan</a>     | 6,383       | +546      | 111          | +15        | 1,446           | 4,826        | 46                | 29                | 0.5            | 73,439      | 332           |
| <a href="#">Czechia</a>      | 6,301       | +190      | 166          | +5         | 819             | 5,316        | 84                | 588               | 16             | 137,672     | 12,856        |
| <a href="#">Saudi Arabia</a> | 5,862       | +493      | 79           | +6         | 931             | 4,852        | 71                | 168               | 2              | 150,000     | 4,309         |
| <a href="#">Philippines</a>  | 5,453       | +230      | 349          | +14        | 353             | 4,751        | 1                 | 50                | 3              | 45,486      | 415           |
| <a href="#">Mexico</a>       | 5,399       | +385      | 406          | +74        | 2,125           | 2,868        | 207               | 42                | 3              | 40,091      | 311           |

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## **Political News Headlines in Thai Media**

- The governor of Phuket has suddenly been transferred to Phetchaburi in a move believed to be linked to the high coronavirus infection rate on the resort island.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1900615/governor-for-phuket-shifted>
- Eleven national and international human rights organizations called in an open letter, on Wednesday, for Thailand to address severely crowded prisons in light of the coronavirus outbreak.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11555/rights-groups-call-for-thailand-to-release-prisoners-to-prevent-potential-coronavirus-outbreaks/>
- In 1975, Thailand established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. In the communique signed by Kukrit Pramoj and Zhou En-lai, Thailand endorsed the One China policy on the basis of the “the traditionally close and friendly relations between the peoples of the two countries.”
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11469/what-does-the-history-of-sino-thai-relations-tell-us-about-its-future/>
- An assistant to a Bhumjaithai Party member of parliament, the second biggest party in the current coalition government, was fired from his position by the head of the party and health minister, Anutin Charnvirakul, for criticizing desperate citizens.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11541/coalition-aide-fired-after-criticizing-desperate-people-left-behind-by-government-subsidy-scheme/>
- Thailand's government said on Wednesday that it had discovered 30 new coronavirus infections bringing the total number of infected to 2,643.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11496/thailand-discovers-30-new-coronavirus-infections-extends-airspace-shut-down-until-the-end-of-april/>

- Fifty former military doctors have been recalled to the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) in an urgent mission to battle the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1900600/ex-air-force-doctors-recalled-for-virus-fight>
- The cabinet has agreed to endorse the Asean Special Meeting Declaration that underscores the region's strength of cooperation and capabilities to deliver health protection in a collective battle against the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1900630/govt-to-sign-asean-pact-on-covid-19>

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### **Economic News Headlines in Thai Media**

- The government will consider easing lockdown measures as coronavirus infection numbers continue to fall, Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha said on Wednesday.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11566/prayut-says-government-has-only-enough-money-to-pay-one-month-of-aid-to-those-affected-by-coronavirus-phuket-governor-reshuffled/>
- Banks and global institutions have come out to warn that the recession that has gripped the world could be far worse than predictions made just weeks ago as the spread of the virus has been far worse than their expectations.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11448/coronavirus-impact-steepens-as-global-banks-project-sharper-dip-in-economic-growth-and-unemployment/>
- Wednesday marks the first day the Government Savings Bank (GSB) is allowing people from the informal sector to register on their website for cheap credit.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11546/government-savings-bank-website-crashes-as-4-million-people-register/>

- The Thai Chamber of Commerce is preparing to deliver its plan to lift the lockdown to the government.
  - Link- [http://nationthailand.com/news/30386073?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](http://nationthailand.com/news/30386073?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- In a move to reinforce itself as a regional digital bank, Kasikornbank will expand its presence in Indonesia by boosting its holding in PT Bank Maspion Indonesia Tbk (Bank Maspion) to 40 per cent from 9.99 per cent.
  - Link- [http://nationthailand.com/business/30386062?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](http://nationthailand.com/business/30386062?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The Energy Ministry is acknowledging the private sector's call for it to reduce the price of electricity by 5 per cent for large enterprises and is looking into what can be done to help them, Energy Minister Sontirat Sontijirawong has said.
  - Link- [http://nationthailand.com/news/30386074?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](http://nationthailand.com/news/30386074?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- Just two months ago, Thais were still out and about and experiencing all that life had to offer. But sunny days and outdoor walks seem a lifetime away as the crisis continues unabated. With nowhere else to channel all the pent-up energy, anxiety, and confusion, the people of Thailand have turned to Tiktok.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/11455/thailand-turns-to-tiktok-in-times-of-plague/>
- The cabinet on Wednesday endorsed a proposal to extend a Covid-19 financial compensation programme intended for workers in regular employment affected by the pandemic.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1900610/aid-for-workers-extended>
- The April 1 lottery draw has been postponed for a second time, from May 2 to May 16, as part of social distancing to help contain the spread of Covid-19, says the Government Lottery Office (GLO).

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1900730/lottery-draw-delayed-to-may-16>
  - The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) has extended its ban on inbound flights to April 30.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1900840/inbound-flights-ban-extended>
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### **Issues to be watched out for**

- April, 2020 – The Ministry of Finance is set to review GDP growth target due to a host of negative factors.
- April 13-17, 2020 – The Criminal Court scheduled a trial of a former school headmaster who faces 9 charges in connection with the armed robbery of a gold shop in Lop Buri province on January 9.
- April 20, 2020 – The Criminal Court scheduled for former spokeswoman of the now-defunct Future Forward Party Pannika Wanich to testify in an inquiry into a defamation case filed against her by Palang Pracharath MP Watanya Wongopasi.
- April 30, 2020 – The Supreme Court is scheduled to give a verdict in the case against 5 leaders of the United front for Democracy against Dictatorship (UDD) over the siege of late Privy Council president Prem Tinsulanonda's residence in 2007.
- May 26, 2020 – Prosecutors has delayed a decision on charges against Piyabutr Saengkanokkul, former secretary-general of the now-defunct Future Forward Party, for alleged contempt of court after he criticized the Constitutional Court's decision to dissolve the Thai Raksa Chart Party.
- July 2020 – The Expressway of Thailand (EXAT)'s planned opening schedule of the new Motorway Route 7 Section from Pattaya to Map Ta Phut.

- October, 2020 – The bidding for construction and operation for the 140-billion-baht Orange Line western extension linking the Thailand Cultural Centre with Bang Khun Non.
- October, 2020 – The Thailand Grand Prix was rescheduled after being postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

### **Key Data**

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| <b>SET Index</b> | <b>1,236.10</b> | <b>-20.25</b> |
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- Link - [https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming\\_ipo\\_set.html](https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html)

### **Global Commodities**

- Metal -Link <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/>
- Energy -Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/>
- Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND>

### **Global Equity Market's Movements**

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/asia-pacific/>

### **Asian Equity Markets Movement**

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/>

### **Information on April 15, 2020**

#### **Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management**

| <b>Stock Code</b> | <b>Volume</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Action</b> |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|



|       |           |        |          |
|-------|-----------|--------|----------|
| ALL   | 40,000    | 2.77   | Purchase |
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| AP    | 50,000    | 4.9    | Sale     |
| BKI   | 3,600     | 232.53 | Purchase |
| BM    | 4,000     | 1.46   | Purchase |
| CK    | 3,000,000 | 16.2   | Purchase |
| CTW   | 20,000    | 4.59   | Purchase |
| CCP   | 500,000   | 0.21   | Purchase |
| CCP   | 500,000   | 0.21   | Purchase |
| EASON | 22,000    | 0.92   | Purchase |
| GREEN | 18,000    | 0.8    | Purchase |
| KCM   | 100,000   | 0.35   | Sale     |
| LH    | 500,000   | 7.45   | Purchase |
| MINT  | 500,000   | 20.1   | Purchase |
| MINT  | 102,074   | 1.38   | Sale     |
| MINT  | 265,070   | 1.38   | Sale     |
| MINT  | 500,000   | 22.4   | Purchase |
| RJH   | 15,000    | 21.5   | Sale     |
| SANKO | 119,000   | 0.84   | Purchase |
| SUSCO | 50,000    | 2.1    | Purchase |
| TAPAC | 750,000   | 0.72   | Sale     |
| TPOLY | 421,939   | 1.95   | Purchase |
| WHART | 500       | 13.6   | Purchase |

### **XD, XE or XM or other notifications**

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on <http://www.set.or.th/set/calendarofevents.do>

### **Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand**

| Daily as of 15 Apr 2020 |          |       |          |       |           |   |
|-------------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|---|
| Investor Type           | Buy      |       | Sell     |       | Net       |   |
|                         | Value    | %     | Value    | %     | Value     | % |
| Local Institutions      | 8,512.15 | 12.26 | 7,045.60 | 10.15 | 1,466.55  | - |
| Proprietary Trading     | 5,012.23 | 7.22  | 6,333.90 | 9.12  | -1,321.67 | - |

Unit: M.Baht

| Foreign Investors                                  | 21,364.27    | 30.78 | 24,696.23    | 35.58 | -3,331.97  | - |
|--|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|------------|---|
| Local Individuals                                  | 34,530.22    | 49.74 | 31,343.13    | 45.15 | 3,187.09   | - |
| <b>Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 15 Apr 2020</b>  |              |       |              |       |            |   |
| <b>Unit: M.Baht</b>                                |              |       |              |       |            |   |
| Investor Type                                      | Buy          |       | Sell         |       | Net        |   |
|  | Value        | %     | Value        | %     | Value      | % |
| Local Institutions                                 | 82,335.54    | 11.42 | 71,566.38    | 9.93  | 10,769.16  | - |
| Proprietary Trading                                | 54,924.71    | 7.62  | 52,733.64    | 7.32  | 2,191.07   | - |
| Foreign Investors                                  | 228,427.68   | 31.69 | 253,246.27   | 35.14 | -24,818.58 | - |
| Local Individuals                                  | 355,035.24   | 49.26 | 343,176.88   | 47.62 | 11,858.35  | - |
| <b>Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 15 Apr 2020</b> |              |       |              |       |            |   |
| <b>Unit: M.Baht</b>                                |              |       |              |       |            |   |
| Investor Type                                      | Buy          |       | Sell         |       | Net        |   |
|  | Value        | %     | Value        | %     | Value      | % |
| Local Institutions                                 | 608,220.25   | 12.41 | 571,377.68   | 11.66 | 36,842.57  | - |
| Proprietary Trading                                | 530,164.04   | 10.82 | 535,322.99   | 10.92 | -5,158.95  | - |
| Foreign Investors                                  | 1,797,622.92 | 36.68 | 1,937,796.41 | 39.54 | -          | - |
| Local Individuals                                  | 1,965,175.48 | 40.1  | 1,856,685.60 | 37.88 | 140,173.50 | - |

**Total Trading Value 69,418.86 Million Baht.**

### **Background Information –**

The strength of each party in the Thai Parliament as of May 8, 2019 as per the report by the Election Commission of Thailand. Elections took place on March 24, 2019

- [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/news\\_all.php?cid=24](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/news_all.php?cid=24)
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