

January 27, 2021

## Thai Enquirer Summary

### **Economic News**

- There is some good news to cheer Thai people after the cabinet's approval a tax relief package to ease financial burden on people during the Covid-19 outbreak.
  - ❖ The cabinet meeting approved a slew of tax relief measures including:
    - A reduction of 90 per cent in land and building taxes. The cut will lead to a revenue loss of about 40.6 billion baht, according to government spokesman Anucha Burapachaisri.
    - The extension of personal income tax filing deadline by another 3 months till the end of June. E-filing of withholding tax and value-added tax is also extended by 15 days.
    - The extension of reduction in transfer and mortgage fees from 1-2 per cent to 0.01% for residential properties not exceeding 3 million baht.
- The cabinet also give nod to the Labour Ministry's proposal to cut the employee contribution to the Social Security Fund from 3 per cent to 0.5 per cent of their salaries

for February and March, but to retain employer and government contributions at 3 per cent and 2.75 per cent respectively.

- ❖ Under normal circumstances, employees' contributions are capped at 750 baht a month based on a maximum salary of 15,000 baht.
- ❖ The new cap will be 75 baht a month for employees after the temporary deduction.
- ❖ The further deduction for employees came after the cabinet last month approved cuts in the monthly contributions for both employees and employers to 3 per cent from 5 per cent.
- Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput, the governor of Bank of Thailand (BoT), came out to talk about the possibility of rising non-performing loans (NPLs) among the retail borrowers.
  - ❖ He said that the BoT will set standard for the negotiations for the retail NPLs as there is a need for such measures to sort the rising NPLs.
  - ❖ The BoT will set up a set standard for the negotiations so that the retail borrowers are not taken for a ride.
- Meanwhile, the Campaign for Democracy or "Kor Ror Por" proposed the government to impose personal income tax on the super-rich based on progressive tax rates.
  - ❖ Metha Maskhao, secretary-general of the Campaign for Democracy, voiced concerns over rampant corruption in state procurement projects at the policy level and collusion in competitive bidding for government contracts between state officials and major private companies.
  - ❖ Metha went on to question the Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha government's ability to solve corruption problems stemming from rigging bids despite being in office for more than 7 years.

- ❖ In the end, he demanded the government to take action against monopolies over necessary commodities by tycoons, ensure fairness of income distribution and issue a special law to collect taxes on wealthy people with net worth of more than 10 billion baht to reduce social inequalities.
- ❖ Metha proposed that by imposing progressive tax rates on the super-rich of at least 3.5 per cent of their assets, the government will contribute more than 200 billion baht income to state coffers.
- Those without smartphones who fear that they will miss out on the new round of the government's "Rao Chana" (We Win) financial aid scheme may not need to worry any more as the Ministry of Finance said it plans to help them with the registration for via 3 state-owned banks.
  - ❖ Finance Minister Arkhom Termpittayapaisith said the ministry would order 3 specialised financial institutions (SFIs) to assist those without smartphones to register for the scheme designed to remedy the impacts caused by COVID-19 outbreak.
  - ❖ The registration for this groups will be opened for this group on February 15, 2021. The 3 SFIs are Government Savings Bank (GSB), the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) and Krung Thai Bank via all branches nationwide.
- The Tourism Council of Thailand (TCT) warned that more than 2 million out of 4 million in the tourism workforce are at risk of losing their jobs in the wake of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of the Covid-19 outbreak, TCT President Chamnan Srisawat said, adding that real figures may be even higher than this estimation.
  - ❖ The TCT unveiled that its tourism operator confidence index---which polled 1,020 local tourism operators during November 11-December 29 sees a slight

increase to 62 in the 4th quarter of last year (October-December) from 60 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter thanks to government tourism stimulus programs.

- ❖ The Council, however, expects the index to plunge to 53 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year (January to March), the level that is below normal, due to operators' concerns about the tourism fallout from the new wave of the pandemic. It may take the government 1-2 months to control the outbreak.
- ❖ The TCT yesterday proposed to the government measures including a 50 per cent co-pay scheme to retain workers, utility bill cuts, soft loans and a 2-year debt moratorium.
- The Thai Hotels Association (THA) pushed for the government to support the hospitality industry with the co-payment subsidy scheme for at least 12 months to keep employees, and alleviate the burden of growing wages and operating costs.
  - ❖ THA sees the hotel temporary closure rate of 10 per cent in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020, up from 7 per cent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The rate will continue to rise in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year due to a drastic fall in hotel occupancy rate, THA President Marisa Sukosol Nunbhakdi said.
- Dine-in restaurants across the country will likely this week be allowed to extend their opening times to midnight from what is currently 21:00 hrs, as part of the government's plan to ease Covid-19 restrictions on businesses, Deputy Prime Minister and Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said.
  - ❖ He was responding to a call by the Thai Restaurant Association for an opening hours extension to 23:00 hrs from the current 21:00 hrs.

- ❖ The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration's (CCSA) main committee is likely on Friday to allow a set of Covid-19 restrictions to be relaxed following the overall improvement of the outbreak situation, he said.
  - ❖ Mr Anutin, however, stressed that alcoholic beverages will still be prohibited while key Covid-19 control protocols, including social distancing, will still have to be strictly followed at eateries.
  - SCG Packaging Plc (SCGP) expects its revenue will increase to 100 billion baht this year through a combination of merger and acquisition and organic growth strategies after racking up 92.78 billion baht in revenue in 2020.
    - ❖ This year, the company has increased its investment budget to 20 billion baht from 10 billion last year as it seeks to expand business in the global market, a move that will help it achieve the goal.
    - ❖ SCGP chief executive Wichan Jitpukdee said yesterday SCGP is negotiating with 2-3 foreign companies under its merger plan and hopes to conclude the deals soon. "We are looking for businesses which are related to lifestyle," he said.
  - Delta Electronics (Thailand) Plc (DELTA) shares will continue to remain on Cash Balance after Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) said that the price movement has continued to remain abnormal.
    - ❖ The new rules will be in place from January 27 until February 16
    - ❖ Shares of Delta have been on Cash Balance for the past 2 weeks after the shares surged more than 1,000 per cent in the past few months without the SEC or other authorities raising a single question on the speculative moves of the stock.
  - Another company's shares went on 'Cash Balance' after one of its major shareholder sold a big chunk of his shares in a big lot transaction.
    - ❖ Itthipat Peeradechapan, the owner of TaoKaeNoi Food & Marketing Plc (TKN) sells 11.75 million shares prompting the SEC to put a cash balance on the stock
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## **Political News**

- The cabinet yesterday approved a budget of 191 million baht to the Royal Thai Police to control the possible protest by students in the weeks and months ahead.
  - ❖ The decision by the Cabinet comes as the protest has once again started to revive after having died down for a few months due to the outbreak of the virus and infighting among the various groups of the student movement.
- Deputy Prime Minister and Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul came out to give explanations why the government's vaccine procurement deal with AstraZeneca is the best choice for Thailand.
  - ❖ In an open letter to Progressive Movement leader Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit who came out to criticise and question the government's vaccine program against Covid-19, Anutin said the decisions to procure Covid-19 vaccines from AstraZeneca and Sinovac in the initial phase were made by medical experts and appropriate to the outbreak situation in Thailand.
  - ❖ Thailand will receive 26 million doses from AstraZeneca and 2 million Sinovac vaccines in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase to be administered on people in high-risk groups. Thailand will produce their own AstraZeneca vaccines through an agreement with Siam Bioscience, a company wholly owned by the Crown Property Bureau. Production of the 61 million shots is expected to start in May.
  - ❖ Anutin insisted that the number is sufficient under Thailand's strategy to contain the disease, in response to Thanathorn's criticism that the total doses will account for only about 21 percent of the population may not be enough to immunised Thais.

- ❖ The production of 61 million AstraZeneca doses--- 26 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> “phase” and 35 million in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for the general public – when added with the 2 million Sinovac doses, will be used to inoculate 31.5 million people, or 63 percent of the population. The amount is sufficient to create immunization for Thais, Anutin said, adding that the National Vaccine Institute is the one that determined that this amount is suitable for Thailand’s situation where there are no heavy outbreaks or large amounts of infected patients or deaths.
- ❖ In the end, Anutin concluded his post by thanking Thanathorn for paying attention to the government’s work.
- Ahead of the upcoming censure debate scheduled next month, the government has warned the opposition not to touch on the royal institution. The opposition pledged to seek the impeachment of at least 5 ministers over suspected irregularities.
  - ❖ Government chief whip Wirat Rattanaseth told the opposition not to bring up the highest institution during the censure motion against the government.
  - ❖ Wirat said he already raised the issue with House Speaker Chuan Leekpai hoping that the opposition will delete the reference from the motion.
  - ❖ Both the government and opposition parties have been given 52 hours for the debate, with the opposition allotted 26 hours and 24 hours for the government, plus 2 hours for the House Speaker and his deputies.
  - ❖ The debate will last from February 16 to 19 followed by a vote on censure motion on February 20. However, Digital Economy and Society Minister Buddhipongse Punnakanta said Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha wants the vote to take place on Friday February 19 because he did not want the debate to drag on to February 20, which is Saturday.

- Gen Prayut is said to ask Buddhipongse to coordinate with the government whip .19 to settle the vote on February
- ❖ Opposition chief whip Suthin Khlangsaeng announced that the opposition will file the impeachment and removal of at least 5 ministers with the Constitution Court.
- ❖ Opposition parties would work together to ensure the censure debate proceeded smoothly, adding that the number of opposition MPs who had registered to grill the government had increased by 80 per cent, he said.
- Phalang Pracharat Party (PPRP) announced decision to support former police chief Chakthip Chaijinda to run in the upcoming Bangkok governor election under the party's banner.
  - ❖ PPRP leader Gen Prawit Wongsuwan reportedly called a meeting of PPRP Bangkok MPs one by one to drum up support for the party's campaign to assist the former police chief.
  - ❖ A previous report said Gen Prawit asked the party to wait for decision from the party's executive committee members whether they will vote to support Pol Gen Chakthip or Thaya Theepsuwan, the wife of Education Minister Nataphol Teepsuwan.
    - This decision could mean that Taya and her husband – Nataphol are going to be left hanging high and dry and could mean either that Taya contests as an independent or withdraws the nomination or her husband quits PPRP to help his wife contest the Bangkok governor elections.
    - There has been persistent rumours that Nataphol has already asked for a new party to be set up as a back up for the future.

- The Labour Network for People’s Rights gathered outside Government House to demand the government to pay 5,000 baht to each member of the country’s workforce for 3 months unconditionally. The group threatened to resume rally on January 29 if its demand is not met.
    - ❖ Panupong “Mike Rayong” Jaadnok, core leader of the Ratsadon pro-democracy group, who attended the protest, announced the group’s plan to ramp up major rallies against the government this year over the administration failures and economic problems.
    - ❖ Panupong said the group has no plan to resume anti-government rallies at the moment because it does not want society to bear the burden of its rallies.
  - The Criminal Court yesterday cleared Bundit Aneeya, an 80-year-old writer, accused of defaming the monarchy in 2015 because of comments he made at a public seminar about the constitution.
    - ❖ The court ruled that Bundit had not violated the lese majeste law because he had not specifically referred to royalty and had not used vulgar language.
    - ❖ The punishment for violating the law is three to 15 years’ imprisonment on each count.
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### **General News**

- The continued economic hardship has started to cause many struggling people to commit suicide.
  - ❖ The latest to be the victim is a bartender who committed suicide after having no job for months now.

- ❖ Another person in Samut Sakhorn also committed suicide due to economic reasons
- This also comes as Samut Sakhorn today announced that it has recorded 791 new cases of the virus today after recording more than 914 the previous day.
  - ❖ The 914 cases from Samut Sakhorn prompted Thailand to record the highest single day rise in new cases of 959 yesterday.
    - Of the new cases, 937 are local infections and 22 quarantined arrivals.
  - ❖ The country's total cases rose to 14,646 and 3,679 cases are being treated in hospitals. The death toll stood at 75.
  - ❖ Meanwhile, the Public Health Ministry found 24 new cases related to 2 parties hosted by Techn Ployetch, also known as DJ Matoom.
- Today, the public will have to wait and see if the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) will allow schools in 4 Covid-hit provinces of Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani and Samut Prakan to reopen on February 1.
  - ❖ It is out of question that schools in Samut Prakan will be allowed to reopen, says the Education Ministry.
- The Royal Gazette website published an Interior Ministry announcement stipulating that the deadline for making or renewing identification cards will be extended to April 30 in a bid to curb Covid-19 from spreading further.
  - ❖ The announcement, signed by Interior Minister Anupong Paochinda, added that the move aims to help people who cannot travel due to lockdown measures. The deadline for making a new identification card or renewal of an expired card is therefore moved from within 60 days since the person becomes seven years old or

since the card expires, to April 30, 2021. Normally, those who make or renew their ID card after the 60-day limit are subject to a Bt100 fine.

### Expensive Taste for Chilies

- The price of chilies, a staple food ingredient for Som Tam (Papaya Salad), Krapao Kai (Chicken Basil) etc., has seen a sudden rise in price.
    - ❖ Residents of Nakhon Ratchasima saw prices of chilli rally to a new high owing to severe flooding in the north eastern region.
    - ❖ Severe flood in the region is said to be blamed for the surge in several areas of the northeast. Chill is now sold at 1 baht apiece by vendors at Muang Pimai fresh market in Nakhon Ratchasima.
    - ❖ The price surge sent the province to start investigation into why the price of chilli has risen to 250 baht per kilo. In some places, the price has risen up to 1,000-1,500 baht per bad, from less than 30-40 to 150-200 baht per kilo.
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### Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul on Tuesday addressed the questions from the opposition over the government's coronavirus vaccine plan.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/23339/anutin-defends-governments-vaccine-strategy-thanks-thanathorn/>
- The opposition parties are better coordinated to present a more united front for the upcoming no-confidence debate against government ministers, according to the Move Forward Party (MFP).
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/23306/opposition-more-of-a-team-this-time-around-for-no-confidence-debate/>

- The world tally of Covid-19 infections was set to pass 100 million on Tuesday, 392 days after the first case was reported. The World Health Organization reported a total of 98,794,942 cases as of 5:30pm Monday local time in the eastern United States.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/23316/worldwide-covid-19-infections-to-pass-100-million/>
- Opposition parties will petition the Constitutional Court to remove at least five cabinet ministers from office once the upcoming motion of no-confidence is over.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2057571/mps-have-5-ministers-in-their-sights>
- Senators have voted in favour of allowing abortion up to 12 weeks of pregnancy while retaining penalties for later terminations, a move that pro-choice activists said fell short of protecting the rights of the mother.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2057431/senate-backs-amendment-allowing-early-stage-abortions>
- Labour Minister Suchart Chomklin expects about 500,000 illegal migrant workers will be registered by the middle of next month.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2057483/half-million-illegal-migrants-to-be-registered>
- Former MCOT chief Wasan Paileeklee has been chosen by the Senate to sit on the National Human Rights Commission, a source said on Tuesday.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2057591/senate-picks-wasan-for-rights-panel>
- The cabinet yesterday approved an increase in the universal healthcare budget for 2022 to 205 billion baht, 4.4% higher than this year.
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2057643/b205bn-health-budget-agreed>

- The sentiment of Thailand's tourism industry is likely to fall in the first quarter of 2021 due to concerns over the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak, the Tourism Council of Thailand (TCT) said on Tuesday. The index had risen for the previous two quarters.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/23337/tourism-sentiment-set-to-dip-reversing-recent-gains-sector-warns/>
- Rival Blackpink fans were shouting down the internet Tuesday after Lisa came under fire for apparently snubbing Rosé's solo debut on social media.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/23325/fans-back-blackpinks-lisa-over-alleged-snub/>
- Members of the Labour Network for People's Rights rallied outside Government House on Tuesday demanding that the government pay Bt5,000 to each member of the country's workforce for three months.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401841?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401841?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- Bangkok's elevated MRT Yellow Line monorail extension has passed its environmental impact assessment (EIA), paving the way for negotiations to resolve a problem in the joint venture project.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401838?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401838?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- Thai Airways International (THAI) will this week ask the bankruptcy court to extend its deadline for submission of its rehabilitation plan by another one month, THAI's acting president Chansin Treenuchagron said on Tuesday.
  - Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401843?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401843?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) is planning to remove four eastern provinces, namely Chonburi, Rayong, Chanthaburi and Trat, from the "red zone" list, the Public Health Ministry said.

- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401835?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401835?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- Thai banks' financial resilience will be tested this year as debt moratoriums gradually expire, with asset quality and the non-performing loan (NPL) ratio poised to deteriorate, says S&P Global Ratings.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2057679/banks-face-hard-year-as-asset-quality-dips>
- Bangkok Airways will resume its direct flights from Bangkok to Trat and Sukhothai from February 1 onwards.
- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401831?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401831?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The Cabinet on Tuesday approved reduction in social security contributions to Bt75 for two months.
- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401820?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30401820?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- Vietnam launched a push to lure Thai investors on Tuesday, touting its status as one of the few economies that grew in 2020.
- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401844?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401844?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,512.83 on Tuesday, up 11.21 points or 0.75 per cent. Total transactions amounted to Bt87.82 billion with an index high of 1,514.82 and a low of 1,490.37.
- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401842?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401842?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The Cabinet has approved a package of tax relief to support people and businesses affected by the Covid-19 crisis.

- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401836?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401836?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- The government's relief measures have blunted the impact of Covid-19 on Thailand's banks, but financial resilience will be tested in 2021 as loan moratoriums are set to progressively expire, the S&P Global Ratings said on Tuesday.
- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401829?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401829?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- PTT Plc's financial performance this year is improving as Thailand and the global economy recover from the impact of Covid-19 last year, said chief executive officer Auttapol Rerkpiboon.
- Link- [https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401780?utm\\_source=category&utm\\_medium=internal\\_referral](https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30401780?utm_source=category&utm_medium=internal_referral)
- Thailand could see a million more jobless tourism workers in the first quarter after its latest wave of coronavirus infections, while relief measures are urgently needed to support the struggling sector, a private tourism group said on Tuesday.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2057479/new-covid-outbreak-could-cost-1m-tourism-jobs-in-q1>
- SET-listed property and retail developer, Central Pattana (CPN), is remaining committed to opening new shopping complexes this year and next year, as it remains upbeat about a better retail outlook during the coming period.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2057667/plans-for-new-central-complexes-go-on>

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### **Issues to be watched out for**

- January, 2021 – The opposition is planning to file a no-confidence motion against the government, the 2nd round of a censure debate the current administration is facing.
- January, 2021 – The parliament is set to deliberate the charter amendment bills in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

- January 2021 – The World Bank will review Thailand’s economic growth outlook.
- January, 2021 – Charoen Pokphand Foods Plc (CPF) is preparing to issue 5 series of debentures with tenors of 2 years to 12 years to retail, institutional and high net worth investors.
- January 25-March 31, 2021 – The implementation of the 2nd-phase of the co-payment scheme will allow registrants to start spending.
- January 27, 2021 – The Constitutional Court is set to rule on Democrat Party MP for Nakhon Si Thammarat Thepthai Senpong’s MP status following the Election Commission’s petition.
- February, 2021 – The Legal Execution Department plans to open the auction for the Dhara Dhevi Hotel Chiang Mai next month at a price of 2.116 billion baht.
- February, 2021 – A law amendment bill that allows women with pregnancies of not more than 12 weeks to get an abortion is to take effect.
- February 1 to 19, 2021 – The Public Debt Management Office (PDMO) will open its wallet app for subscriptions for 60 billion baht in saving bonds to raise funds for the government’s Covid-19 relief packages for economic and social recovery.
- February, 2, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) said it will submit a rehabilitation plan to the Central Bankruptcy Court, postponed from the original schedule on January 2, 2021.
- February 3, 2021 – The Bank of Thailand (BoT)’s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)’s next meeting to review policy interest rate.
- February 10, 2021 – PTT Oil and Retail Business Plc (OR) shares will be listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand, with the offer price of 16-18 baht per share.
- February 14, 2021 – Valentine’s Day, the government plans to begin its national Covid-19 vaccine rollout.
- February 16, 2021 - The increased maximum fare of 158 baht on the Green Line electric train was first set to be imposed.
- February 24-25, 2021 – Charter amendment drafts are expected to be tabled in parliament for the 2nd reading.

- February 28, 2021 – Tentative date for municipality elections and the election of tambon administrative organizations (TAOs).
- February 28, 2021 – The current parliamentary session is scheduled to go into recess.
- March 17-18, 2021 – The parliament is expected to hold an extraordinary session to vote for charter amendment drafts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and consider a bill on national referendums.
- March 28, 2021 – Elections for the mayors and councilors of municipalities of all levels - tambon, muang and nakhon - throughout the country.
- March 31, 2021 – The government’s half-half co-payment scheme is set to end.
- March 31-June 30, 2021 – The deadline extension to file personal income taxes for the 2020 tax year.
- April, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) expects the Central Bankruptcy Court to consider its rehab blueprint for approval.
- April 2021 – The Batong Airport is scheduled to be opened after being postponed from February due to the resurgence of the Covid-19.
- April, 2021 – The central bank plans to officially implement the new rule on the rate of penalty imposed on loan defaulters in a bid to ease borrowers’ burdens and motivate them to repay their debts.
- June, 2021 – Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)’s debt holiday is due to expire.

#### **Key Data**

<b>SET Index</b>	<b>1,512.83</b>	<b>+11.21</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 January 26, 2021**

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

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
CHG	100,000	2.68	Sale
JR	50,000	9.1	Sale
JCK	11,090,000	0.19	Sale
JCK	90,000	1.25	Purchase
JCK	10,000,000	0.18	Sale
MVP	5,000,000	1.3	Sale
KOOL	166,800	0.81	Sale
PRIME	200,000	0.5	Purchase
TKS	120,000	6.32	Purchase
TFG	1,000,000	5.8	Purchase
TFG	3,280,200	5.8	Purchase
TFG	500,000	5.7	Purchase
THG	16,900	26.25	Purchase
THG	93,100	26.5	Purchase
THG	90,000	26.75	Purchase
WIIK	450,000	2.35	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**

<b>Daily as of 26 Jan 2021</b>							<b>Unit: M.Baht</b>
<b>Investor Type</b>	<b>Buy</b>		<b>Sell</b>		<b>Net</b>		
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	
Local Institutions	6,381.35	7.27	7,793.14	8.87	-1,411.79	-	
Proprietary Trading	10,970.71	12.49	9,608.74	10.94	1,361.97	-	
Foreign Investors	29,563.70	33.66	32,007.90	36.44	-2,444.20	-	
Local Individuals	40,909.52	46.58	38,415.50	43.74	2,494.02	-	
<b>Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 26 Jan 2021</b>							<b>Unit: M.Baht</b>
<b>Investor Type</b>	<b>Buy</b>		<b>Sell</b>		<b>Net</b>		
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	
Local Institutions	136,092.75	7.98	146,664.40	8.6	-10,571.65	-	
Proprietary Trading	188,479.82	11.06	186,208.54	10.92	2,271.29	-	
Foreign Investors	590,308.30	34.63	590,736.62	34.66	-428.32	-	
Local Individuals	789,585.60	46.32	780,856.91	45.81	8,728.69	-	
<b>Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 26 Jan 2021</b>							<b>Unit: M.Baht</b>
<b>Investor Type</b>	<b>Buy</b>		<b>Sell</b>		<b>Net</b>		
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### **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

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