

## May 7, 2021

## **Thai Enquirer Summary**

## **General News**

- Today's numbers are out, and the infection rates and deaths have risen.
  - ❖ Death today is at 27
  - New infection is at 2,044



- Bangkok is the epicentre of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave and it seems Huay Kwang, Din Daeng and Bangkhen area are the top on the list of places where the outbreak has been the most severe.
  - ❖ Below is the list of the top 10 places in Bangkok where the outbreak has been

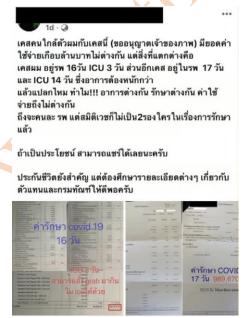
	District (in Bangkok)	(# of infection as of May 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	Huay Kwang	463
>	Din Daeng	426
>	Bangkhen	357

>	Chatuchak	356
>	Wattana	330
>	Ladprao	325
>	Wangthongla	300
>	Suan Luang	290
>	Bangkapi	282
	Bangkae	241

- There are warning that things could deteriorate further in the days ahead.
  - ❖ The problem is that many of the infection are in clusters which are catering to others, which was the case with the Klong Toei cluster where many of those infected are people who are delivering food to others from the various restaurants.
    - This delivery man had his tests done 5 times before it was detected that he had it but not before he had infected his wife who also lives in the slums of Klong Toei.
      - ✓ He got himself tested for the virus the 1<sup>st</sup> time on April 14, 22, 27, May 3 and it was only on May 5<sup>th</sup> that he was found to be infected.
  - ❖ Bangkok continues to see as many as 356 people in critical condition.



- ❖ The Bangkae cluster is developing and more people are being detected with the virus with one of the biggest malls in the area being one of the epicentre apart from the wet market there.
  - As many as 70 people (out of 100 people there) in the Bus number 7 garage on Phetkasem road were infected with the virus.
    - ✓ The problem is that these 70 were living in the Baan Khing slum community in Bangkae area.
  - ➤ Baan Khing has 79 infections (so far).
- ❖ Meanwhile Klong Toei market Soi 8 was opened yesterday for the 1<sup>st</sup> time after closing for days. The activities remained very quiet.
  - This is the area for wholesale segment of the Klong Toei market.
- If one thinks that they are in safe hands and would not be taken for a ride in private hospitals, think again.
  - Social media is buzzing with the posting of how people who are infected and end up in private hospitals are having to fork out a million baht for their 14-16 days stay and how a healthy-looking patient is sent to ICU and charged a million then is allowed to go home 2-days after coming out of the hospital.





- Yesterday's Covid-19 cases saw 1,911 new infections and 18 more deaths
  - ❖ Six fatalities were recorded in Bangkok, 3 in Samut Prakan, 2 each in Nonthaburi, Chiang Mai and Samut Sakhon and 1 each in Pathum Thani, Yala and Sing Buri. 5 of them were men while 13 were women, according to Dr Taweesilp Visanuyothin, spokesman for the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA).
  - ❖ The Covid-19 situation in Bangkok remains critical and most of the new infections in the past few days have been found in slum areas while infections in Samut Prakan and Nonthaburi provinces are also on the rise.
  - ❖ Go to this link <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27189/150-covid-cases-in-new-bang-khae-cluster/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27189/150-covid-cases-in-new-bang-khae-cluster/</a> to read more details of some of the public venues that have reported cases in Bangkok and nearby provinces between April 21 and May 1.
- The National Health Security Office (NHSO) promised compensations for adverse effects following Covid-19 vaccinations ranging from persistent illnesses to death.
  - ❖ NHSO secretary-general Dr Jadej Thammatacharee said the NHSO's board decided to adjust payments for healthcare services associated with Covid-19 screening and treatment by including compensation for side-effects of Covid-19 vaccinations.
- One million more doses of Sinovac arrived in Thailand yesterday. The new shipment is in addition to the stock of 2.5 million doses of Sinovac CoronaVac vaccines received at the end of April this year.
  - ❖ Thailand has now received another shipment of 1 million doses of Sinovac Covid-19 vaccine from China which is to be distributed by the Department of Disease Control (DDC).

- ❖ The government has set a goal of vaccinating all Bangkok residents who are at the highest risk of contracting COVID-19 in in the next 4 months.
- Morderna, the much sought after vaccine, has come out to say that it is ready to sell the vaccine to the private sector as soon as they are allowed to buy the vaccine in Thailand.
  - ❖ The dose is @ 2,000 baht per dose or 2 doses at 3,000 baht but have to register at Moo Prom
  - The problem the local media has reported is that the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has not allowed private sector to buy these vaccines.
- The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) confirms that foreigners are included in Thailand's vaccination plan.
  - ❖ Foreigners are included in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Thailand's vaccination plan, CCSA spokesperson said.
  - ❖ Thailand's vaccination strategy is based on ensuring accessibility to all those who require it, regardless of their nationality, adding that Thailand continues to include foreign residents in its vaccination program and some foreign residents have been inoculated in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase already.

#### **Political News**

The House committee on corruption suppression and prevention led by Seri Ruam Thai Party leader Pol Gen Seripisuth Temiyavej has vowed to launch a new probe into heroin convicted and current Deputy Agriculture Minister Thamanat Prompow over his eligibility to hold a cabinet post under Section 160 (4) of the 2017 constitution.

- ❖ Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam has jumped to Thamanat's defence as he confirmed that an overseas conviction of more than 5 years old can be cleared and did not affect Thamanat's ministerial status.
  - ➤ Thamanat is deemed clear of his conviction since Thamanat was sentenced to 6 years in prison in 1993. He was released in 1997. His sentence happened more than 5 years ago. Wissanu said that because the drug dealing Therefore, he is qualified to hold public office. Wissanu said the issue of Thamanat's ethics is another story. He refused to comment on mounting public criticism over Thamanat's qualifications.
- ❖ In response to growing calls from the public to look into the controversy surrounding Thamanat's case, the House committee on corruption suppression and prevention plans to look into Thamanat's ethical conducts regarding following points:
  - 1. Whether Thamanat tried to conceal his imprisonment for drug trafficking in Australia to the cabinet's secretariat office when taking office.
  - 2. Whether Thamanat has concealed information prior to applying as an MP candidate.
  - 3. Prior to his request for royal decorations
  - 4. Whether Thamanat has unveiled his conviction to the House committee on corruption suppression and prevention on December 12, 2019 and whether Thamanat violated Section 160 (4) of the NACC law.
- ❖ Section 160 (4) says that a cabinet minister must not be a person who is sentenced to prison, regardless of whether the case is finalised or the jail term is suspended, except in cases where the charge is a minor one or involves defamation.

- ❖ Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwan, as Phalang Pracharat Party (PPRP) leader, responded to the Kao Klai (Move Forward) Party's plan to petition the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) to probe into Thamanat's ethical conduct by saying that Thamanat's case is in the court's jurisdiction. The petition rests with the Move Forward Party. The matter has nothing to do with the government.
- The judgment of drug dealing convict Thammant has continued to see immense backlash from the public to a point that a former member of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Wanchai Roujanavong, posted on his social media platform that basically criticizes the judgment of Thammanat saying that it was not something that was right and that if the 'elders' teach the people how to get away with things then who is going to respect the laws of the country.



- Seri Ruam Thai Party leader Pol Gen Seripisuth Temiyavej, as chairman of the House committee on corruption suppression and prevention, pledged to visit Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha's army residence to witness the Prime Minister's living conditions first hand.
  - ❖ Pol Gen Seripisuth's move came after the committee reached a decision to find additional information about Gen Prayut's overstaying in military housing as petitioned by Ruangkrai Leekitwattana, a former member of the dissolved Thai Raksa Chart Party. Ruangkrai accused Gen Prayut of violating Section 128 of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) law which prohibits a state official from accepting assets or benefits worth more than 3,000 baht.

- ❖ Pol Gen Seripisuth said his planned visit to Gen Prayut's army residence is to find out himself the condition of the army residence that accommodates Gen Prayut. His committee will also seek information from relevant agencies about utility bills on Gen Prayut's address.
- The Criminal Court has approved bail for the temporary release of Rasadon co-leader Panusaya "Rung" Sithijirawattanakul on a surety of 200,000 baht and on condition that she must not get involved in activities deemed to dishonour the monarchy



- ❖ The court set a few conditions for her release. She must not act in the same manner that she had been charged with, which tarnishes the monarchy. Other conditions are that she must not join any activity that may cause unrest in the country, leave the country without permission and must report to the court as scheduled.
- ❖ Panusaya was detained for 59 days and on hunger strike for 38 days, prior to her temporary release yesterday.
- ❖ Protest leader Parit "Penguin" Chiwarak was rushed to Ramathibodi Hospital suffering from fatigue after weeks on hunger strike in protest against detainment but has reportedly been returned to the jail as his condition has improved.

- Thailand's jails are now another centre for Covid-19 outbreak to a point that the jail is now looking at possibility of setting up field hospital in the jails around the country.
- Meanwhile, the Facebook page of detained pro-democracy protest co-leader and human rights lawyer Arnon Nampa posted that, "Anon contracted Covid-19 and was taken to the Corrections Department hospital #freeourfriend to allow them to get a treatment".
  - ❖ The page posted on May 5 that Arnon Nampa had such a high fever he could not talk with his lawyer. He had experienced a high fever, dizziness and nausea for the past 3 days and felt fainted.
  - The page said Arnon received a Covid-19 test yesterday but the result has not come out".
  - ❖ The Department of Corrections came out to announce yesterday that Arnon contracted the Covid-19 virus while in prison. He is thought to have caught the virus from fellow detained protester Chukiat Sangwong aka "Justin", who tested positive on April 23. •
- Dr Adisorn Piengket, spokesman of the opposition leader, has released an apology video clip 1.48 minutes long to 9 sitting judges of the Constitutional Court after he posted a photo of the 9 judges accompanied by a caption, "I had filed a complaint with the Bangkok Governor to take legal action against the 9 charter court judges for not wearing facemasks while reading out a verdict."
  - Adisorn wants the 9 judges to be slapped with a fine for not wearing a mask while delivering a ruling like Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha for dereliction of duty under Section 157 of the Criminal Code.
  - ❖ However, Adisorn later came out to seek an apology to the 9 judges and said the photo of the judges not wearing masks is an old photo, not a verdict reading of

yesterday when the Constitutional Court read out a verdict on Deputy Agriculture Minister Thamanat Prompow's eligibility.

#### **Economic News**

- Prominent economists have come out to criticise the government's new economic stimulus packages to combat the impact of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the Covid-19 outbreak as too little and too slow.
  - ❖ Many of the economists have come out to say that there is more that is needed than that is currently being stated.
    - ➤ Burin Adulwattana, Bangkok Bank Plc's chief economist, said the new economic relief packages worth more than 240 billion baht approved by the cabinet in principle this week are considered a good thing but they came out too late. Moreover, the allocation budget to fund the 6 relief measures is lower than the budget allocated for relief measures in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave, citing 2,000 baht cash handouts for the Rao Chana extension scheme this round, compared with 7,000 baht in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, citing that the 3rd wave is more serious, setting highs for new infections and deaths than the previous round.
    - ➤ Burin said he feared that this round of funding is not sufficient to deal with all the impact from the 3 waves.



## Krungthep Thurakij ran the story on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of its publication this morning.

- Event Thanawat Polvichai, director of the Economic and Business Forecasting Centre at the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (UTCC), came out to say that the 240 billion baht to fund relief packages is not enough to offset the damage caused by the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the outbreak, suggesting the government inject an additional budget of at least 200-300 million baht to cushion the economy further.
  - ❖ The UTCC's economic think-tank assessed that the resurgence of the outbreak in this new round is expected to cause 300-450 billion baht in damages to the economy while the government's budget disbursements to stimulate the economy this round may boost GDP in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter merely by 3.0-5.0 per cent, rather than 8.0-9.0 per cent predicted earlier.
- The Thai National Shippers' Council (TNSC) feels upbeat about this year's export growth.
  - ❖ The Council yesterday revised up its export growth target for 2021 to 6-7 per cent, citing the overall global economy is on the road to recovery, especially direction of economies of Thailand's key trade partners such as the US and China, says TNSC chairman Chaichan Charoensuk. Also, a weaker baht also helps boost export prospects, Chaichan added.

- ❖ The Council has again asked the government to help tackle shipment obstacles including the container shortage and tackle the unskilled labour shortage resulting from foreign workers being barred entry at the border, especially by accelerating the import of 1.8 million TEU [20-foot equivalent units] empty containers.
- Former deputy prime minister Pridiyathorn Devakula urged the government to speed up its vaccine plan amid rapid escalation of the outbreak that saw Thailand's Covid-19 infections surpassing 2,000 cases per day.
  - ❖ Pridiyathorn proposed to the government to deliver 10 million vaccine jabs per month to Thai people as Siam Bioscience is expected to ramp up production of the AstraZeneca vaccine will be ready for use in June.
  - ❖ He spelled out the need for the government to vaccinate people living in crowded and dense areas across Bangkok such as Klong Toey area and with occupations that require contact with customers and more exposed to the coronavirus such as taxi drivers, bus drivers and motorcycle taxi drivers.
- Meanwhile, Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn, the tourism and sports minister, has come out to say that the number of Covid-19 infections in Phuket must reach zero before it reopens to foreign tourists on July 1 as scheduled under the sandbox scheme.
  - ❖ He said the number of daily infections should be below 200 by the end of this month to restore international tourism confidence.
  - ❖ Once the spread is under control, the government will resume travel bubble discussions with Singapore, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Laos and Malaysia.
- Vibhavadhi Hospital has scrap purchase plan for the Moderna vaccine, citing high risks associated with this particular vaccine.

- ❖ The hospital then apologised to the public about its decision to drop the plan and said it could not provide a clear answer to the public when its vaccine import plan will be completed. However, the hospital stressed that the Moderna vaccine may pose high risks to vaccine recipients; therefore, it decided to scrap the procurement plan for the vaccine.
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) will see the 1<sup>st</sup> day trading of Don Muang Tollway Pcl (DMT), an elevated toll road operator, on May 7, under the ticker symbol "DMT".
  - The company has a market capitalization at its initial public offering (IPO) of 18.9 billion baht (approx. \$598.64 million).
  - ❖ DMT is to trade in the Services industry group, Transportation & Logistics sector and the IPO price was set at 16 baht a share.
    - DMT had raised 2.24 billion baht for the shares it sold in its IPO from April 26-28.

### Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- People are losing confidence in the government of General Prayut Chan-ocha because of their continued mismanagement, corruption, and repression.
  - o Link- https://www.thaienquirer.com/27207/opinion-thailand-has-become-a-country-for-the-few-without-functioning-institutions/
- Thailand is at a crossroads. We have come to that point in every nation's history where the decisions of today have massive ramifications for tomorrow.
  - Link- <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27213/opinion-thailand-has-reached-a-crossroad-which-path-will-we-take/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27213/opinion-thailand-has-reached-a-crossroad-which-path-will-we-take/</a>

- The treatment of Parit "Penguin" Chiwarak—and up until yesterday, Panusaya "Rung" Sithijirawattanakul—along with five others in pre-trial detention for violating Thailand's draconian lèse majesté law, has raised alarms among human rights groups, partially because Penguin is in deteriorating health due to an ongoing hunger strike.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27209/shrinking-space-for-thai-human-rights-defenders-is-beyond-the-point-of-crisis/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27209/shrinking-space-for-thai-human-rights-defenders-is-beyond-the-point-of-crisis/</a>
- A new cluster in Bang Khae has led to 150 cases, the government said on Thursday.
  - Linkcluster/
     https://www.thaienquirer.com/27189/150-covid-cases-in-new-bang-khaecluster/
- The efficacy rates for various Covid-19 vaccines cannot be usefully compared as each was tested and studied under different circumstances and different times, Thailand's leading virologist said Thursday, encouraging people not to hold off and to get whatever vaccine is available to them.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27187/efficacy-rates-of-different-covid-vaccines-incomparable-says-top-virologist/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27187/efficacy-rates-of-different-covid-vaccines-incomparable-says-top-virologist/</a>
- Thai Enquirer's 'Women of Thailand's Past' series chronicles the lives of Thai women in the 18th, 19th and early 20thcentury. We begin with Thak Chaloemtiarana's prompt of Thai women as "multi-faceted beings" as an entry point for tracing different models of femininity developed in Siamese / Thai history. In doing so, we highlight the ways gender has intersected with political ideology and been used to legitimate, or resist, authoritarian rule.
  - o Link- https://www.thaienquirer.com/27163/women-of-thailands-past-princess-rudivoravan/
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  - Link- <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27187/efficacy-rates-of-different-covid-vaccines-incomparable-says-top-virologist/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27187/efficacy-rates-of-different-covid-vaccines-incomparable-says-top-virologist/</a>
- Detained protest leader Arnon Nampa has fallen ill with Covid and been moved for medical treatment, his Facebook page and news reports said Thursday.
  - o Link- https://www.thaienquirer.com/27174/arnon-taken-ill-in-jail-says-he-has-covid/

- There is a line of thought in American politics that the flag must be and is large enough to hide the sins of the past because the US experiment is too important to fail.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27157/opinion-there-is-no-flag-large-enough-to-hide-our-shame/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27157/opinion-there-is-no-flag-large-enough-to-hide-our-shame/</a>
- The Criminal Court has approved bail for the temporary release of Rassadon co-leader Panusaya "Rung" Sithijirawattanakul on condition that she must not get involved in activities deemed to dishonour the monarchy.
  - Link- <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2111359/rung-released-on-bail-after-59-days">https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2111359/rung-released-on-bail-after-59-days</a>
- A high-ranking official has confirmed that authorities plan to include 3 million foreigners living in the country in its mass vaccination programme to protect the entire population, amid concerns over the scope of vaccine access.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111307/official-assures-foreigners-they-will-get-vaccines">https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111307/official-assures-foreigners-they-will-get-vaccines</a>
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has held talks with authorities in Mae Hong Son to find ways to help more than 2,000 Karen refugees who crossed the Salaween River into Thailand to flee fighting between the KNU (Karen National Union) and Myanmar military.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111391/talks-held-with-un-to-help-fleeing-karen">https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111391/talks-held-with-un-to-help-fleeing-karen</a>

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

- Indorama Ventures Plc (IVL), one of the world's leading makers of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), reported a record 1st quarter result on Thursday, surprising even best
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27197/ivl-reports-one-of-the-best-quarterly-profits-in-years-expects-revenues-to-continue-to-remain-vibrant/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27197/ivl-reports-one-of-the-best-quarterly-profits-in-years-expects-revenues-to-continue-to-remain-vibrant/</a>
- Thailand's Consumer Confidence Index plunged to 46 points in April from 48.5 points in March, the University of Thai Chamber of Commerce (UTCC) said in a press release on Thursday.

- o Link- https://www.thaienquirer.com/27192/consumer-confidence-index-at-its-lowest-point-since-the-1997-98-economic-crisis/
- The cabinet is still considering its next steps over whether or not to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), the government said Thursday, amid increasing calls online to back out of the deal.
  - Link- <a href="https://www.thaienquirer.com/27185/government-still-mulling-pacific-free-trade-agreement-amid-public-backlash/">https://www.thaienquirer.com/27185/government-still-mulling-pacific-free-trade-agreement-amid-public-backlash/</a>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,571.91 on Thursday, up 22.69 points or 1.46 per cent. The volume of total transactions was THB91.32 billion with an index high of 1,575.37 and a low of 1,551.42.
  - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/business/40000598
- People must spend between 46,000 baht and 70,000 baht each before they can get evouchers worth 7,000 baht under a fresh economic stimulus scheme called "Ying Chai Ying Dai" offered by the government.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111419/stimulus-scheme-not-a-free-lunch">https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111419/stimulus-scheme-not-a-free-lunch</a>
- A total of 1,964 maths and science teachers under the Office of the Basic Education Commission due to be laid off in September have sought help from the Education Ministry.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111479/nearly-2-000-teachers-at-risk-of-unemployment">https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2111479/nearly-2-000-teachers-at-risk-of-unemployment</a>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) has decided not to revise its calculation method regarding free-float adjusted market capitalisation for the SET50, SET100 and SETHD indices after a survey revealed most market participants disagreed with the change.
  - o Link- <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2111491/set-scraps-calculation-method-revision">https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2111491/set-scraps-calculation-method-revision</a>
- The Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) is planning to provide full support for the stateprivate inoculation programme, which aims to achieve a target of 100 million doses before the year-end deadline.
  - o Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2111579/fti-supports-inoculation-plan

- SET-listed Jay Mart is gearing up for mass adoption of its JFin coins, which can serve as
  a tool for customers using the token to purchase services from the company and its
  subsidiaries.
  - o Link- https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2111511/jay-mart-targets-jfin-uptake
- SET-listed property firm Singha Estate plans to invest 2.42 billion baht to develop World Food Valley industrial estate on 1,790 rai in Ang Thong's Chaiyo district.
  - Link- <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2111515/singha-eyes-investment-in-industrial-park">https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2111515/singha-eyes-investment-in-industrial-park</a>
- The private sector is preparing 372 Covid-19 vaccination points, including 82 in Bangkok, to support the government's mission to inoculate 50 million people this year, the Thai Chamber of Commerce (TCC) said on Thursday.
  - o Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40000604

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

- ➤ March 31-June 30, 2021 The deadline extension to file personal income taxes for the 2020 tax year.
- May, 2021 The 66<sup>th</sup> Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair (BGJF) Virtual Trade Fair is set to be held.
- May, 2021 The new parliament house will be officially inaugurated.
- ➤ May 12, 2021 Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) is expected to hold a creditors meeting to inspect and vote for the rehab plan.
- ➤ May 13, 2021 The public prosecutor set a new hearing of 13 people involved in the protest in front of the German Embassy in Bangkok on 26 October 2020. The hearing has been postponed as the prosecutor said it had yet to finish the paperwork needed to file the case against the protesters.
- ➤ May 15, 2021 Nok Airlines Plc was granted the extension of the submission period of the rehabilitation plan, from original schedule on April 15, which is the last extension of time as permitted by law.
- ➤ May 22, 2021 the parliament convenes for an extraordinary parliamentary meeting.

- ➤ May 27-28, 2021 the parliament is to deliberate a budget bill for the 2022 fiscal year.
- ➤ June, 2021 Siam Bioscience to start mass production plan of Covid-19 vaccines.
- ➤ June, 2021 Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)'s debt holiday is due to expire.
- ➤ June, 2021 Thai Airways expects the bankruptcy court to hold hearings to consider and approve the plan and also appoint an administrator.
- ➤ July, 2021 TMB-Thanachart Bank (TMB-TBank) expects to complete the integration of the 2 financial entities.
- ➤ July 1, 2021 Vaccinated tourists can visit Phuket without undergoing mandatory quarantine.
- ➤ July 27, 2021 The Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases scheduled for a hearing in a lawsuit filed by BTS Group Holdings against the governor of the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand (MRTA) for illegally amending the bidding terms and cancelling bidding for the construction of the western extension of the Orange Line.
- September 1, 2021 The government will collect value-added tax from Netflix, Youtube, Google, Facebook as well as other e-commerce services.
- ➤ October, 2021 Bangkok governor election is set to be held.
- ➤ October 1, 2021 The quarantine measure will be lifted in Krabi, Phang Nga, Pattaya and Chiang Mai.

#### Key Data

SET Index 1,571.91 +22.69

• Link - 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 <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/">http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/</a>
- ➤ Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND">http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND</a>

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

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

## Asian Equity Markets Movement

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## Information on May 6, 2021

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

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
BGRIM	4,800	42.62	Purchase
KBANK	800,000	126	Sale
PPPM	5,185,600	0.28	Sale
PPPM	3,328,033	0.28	Sale
SK	200,000	1.5	Purchase
SONIC	26,000,000	-	Transfer
SONIC	115,000,000	-	Transfer
SONIC	8,000,000	-	Transfer
SUSCO	100,000	3.18	Purchase
WAVE	1,400,000	0.55	Sale

### XD, XE or XM or other notifications

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

### Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

Daily as of 6 May	Unit: M.Baht					
<b>Investor Type</b>	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	5,045.41	5.52	4,719.34	5.17	326.08	-
Proprietary Trading	9,299.41	10.18	10,084.74	11.04	-785.33	-
Foreign Investors	34,814.81	38.12	33,637.05	36.83	1,177.76	-

Local Individuals	42,161.58	46.17	42,880.09	46.96	-718.51	-		
Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 6 May 2021								
Unit: M.Bah								
<b>Investor Type</b>	Buy		Sell		Net			
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%		
Local Institutions	11,387.14	5.21	11,698.41	5.36	-311.27	-		
Proprietary Trading	20,431.95	9.35	23,281.49	10.66	-2,849.54			
Foreign Investors	80,308.78	36.77	89,606.59	41.02	-9,297.81	A		
Local Individuals	106,302.58	48.67	93,843.95	42.96	12,458.63			
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 6 May 2021								
						Unit: M.Baht		
<b>Investor Type</b>	Buy		Sell		Net			
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%		
Local Institutions	557,583.98	7.43	594,893.84	7.92	-37,309.86	-		
Proprietary Trading	788,633.40	10.5	788,003.88	10.49	629.52	-		
Foreign Investors	2,638,720.13	35.14	2,681,046.47	35.71	-42,326.35	-		
Local Individuals	3,523,516.80	46.93	3,444,510.12	45.88	79,006.68	-		

# Total Trading Value 91,321.21 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
- List of MPs https://www.ect.go.th/ect\_th/download/article/article\_20190508184334.pdf

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