

July 5, 2021

Thai Enquirer Summary

COVID-19 News

- The data for July 5th Covid-19 infection just came out and Thais are advised to brace themselves for possibility of the situation getting worse.



❖ Total New Infections	-	6,166
➤ Community Infection	-	6,082
➤ Prison Infection	-	84
❖ Total New Death	-	50
❖ Total New Recovery	-	2,534

- The local community infection has surpassed the 6,000 mark for the 1st time in history of Covid-19 outbreak.

❖ The data for the average for 1st 5-days of July suggests that over the past 3 months the numbers are rising fast

➤ From **May** 1-5

- ✓ Total New Infections - 1,949
- ✓ Total New Deaths - 23

➤ For **June** 1-5

- ✓ Total New Infections - 3,001
- ✓ Total New Deaths - 36

➤ From **July** 1-5

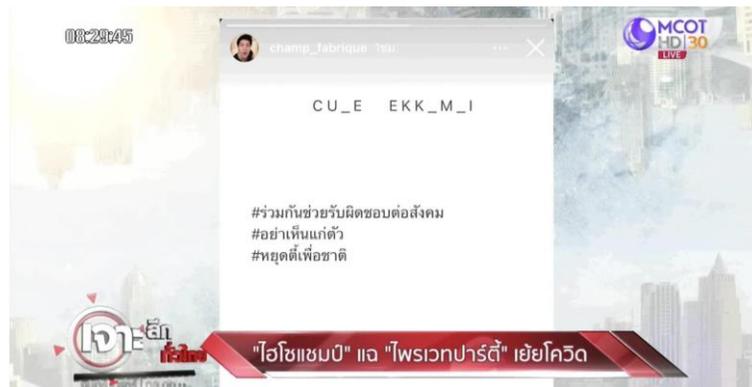
- ✓ Total New Infections - 5,986
- ✓ Total New Deaths - 51

- Missing partying? Well, there are options for you even if Krystal & Emerald Thonglor, the 2 pubs/bars that has been the root cause of the 3rd wave are closed. These 2 pubs was frequented by supposedly Transport Minister Saksiam Chidchob, who was also infected with Covid-19.

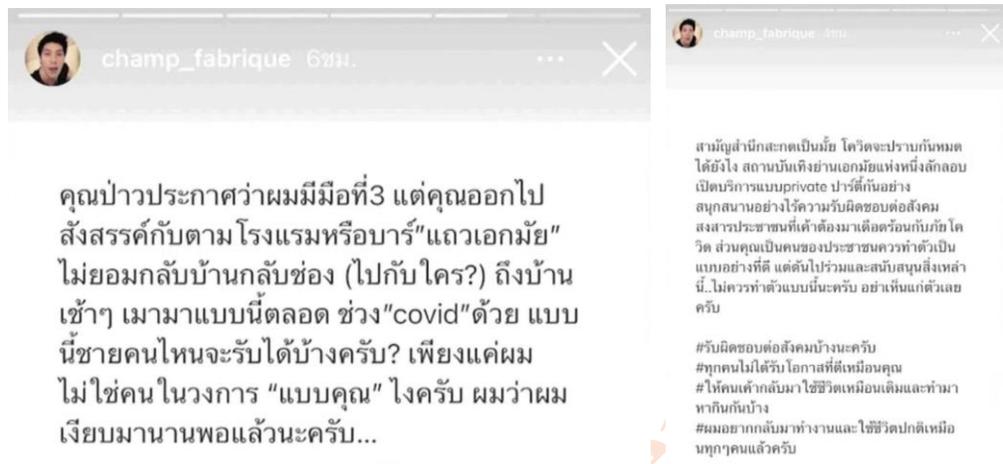
❖ Parties are still allowed in the area, so claims MCOT news early this morning.

➤ MCOT early today made the allegation that private parties continues into the wee hours of the day at 'CU_E EKK_M_I

- ✓ One needs to fill in the blanks to find out where that is



- The allegations were made by a HiSo who reportedly knows things on his Instagram posting.



- Talking about parties, well Thonglor/Ekkamai area is taking the lead from the leaders of the country who were partying in Phuket after the ‘Phuket Sandbox’ opened up on July 1st.
 - ❖ Pictures of the party has been going viral for the past few days with people suffering while ministers enjoying life and flaunting every law put in place to prevent the spread of the virus.



- Talking about Phuket, well Thai Smile airlines flight number WE201 on July 1st from Bangkok to Phuket has seen infection on Seat K-40

- ❖ It has been advised for anyone and everyone near that seat to get tested (but then no hospitals are testing these days, so try your luck).



- As of July 4th a total of 1,755 international visitors have entered Thailand via the ‘Phuket Sandbox’.

- ❖ These includes Thais returning home and foreign tourists or permanent residents.



- While all this continues Thailand’s overall ranking in the global context continues to rise, in a negative way as the number of cases continues to rise.

- ❖ A bulk of the new cases are now with the DELTA (India) variant that spreads 40% faster than the Alpha (UK) variant

➤ The DELTA coronavirus variant is surging rapidly across Bangkok and now accounts for 70% of new infections in the Thai capital, according to a study by Chulalongkorn University's Center of Excellence in Clinical Virology. The variant is highly contagious and will likely lead to more infections, Yong Poovorawan, the center's director, said in a Facebook post.

❖ Thailand's ranking of new infections puts the country on the 15th spot while overall infection levels has put Thailand on 65th position.

- With the death rates on the rise, Thailand continues to face shortage of hospital beds and beds for intensive care units (ICU) and ventilators.



❖ As of yesterday

- A total of 2,147 people were in ICU
- A total of 616 people were on life support (ventilators)

- The country is set to receive a total of 1.5 million doses of Pfizer in July/August and a decision was made to inoculate the elderly and pregnant people in the country.

❖ The decision has seen a lot of commotion with social media buzzing of having the frontline workers being vaccinated by Pfizer

- ❖ #ฉีดPfizerให้บุคลากรการแพทย์ (**inoculate the doctors with Pfizer**) is trending as top hashtag on Twitter.
 - The hashtag also shows that there is a talk that SinoVac is not effective that's why they want Pfizer to be the key vaccine for the doctors. SinoVac was the 1st vaccine that the frontline workers were given when the vaccines started to arrive in February this year.
- Another 20 million doses of Pfizer is set to arrive in October 2021
 - ❖ Debate is who to give these 1st allocation of 1.5 million doses and the 3 options were
 - 12-18 years old
 - Those who are older/pregnant and other high risk groups
 - Frontline workers, as the 3rd vaccine would be a booster for this group
 - ❖ The decision was to give to older/pregnant people especially those in the area where there is major outbreak.
- The procurement of vaccines comes as there continues to be delays in vaccination program.
 - ❖ As of Saturday (the data for June 4th will be available today), only 98,605 doses were given.

คิกออฟฉีดวัคซีน 'วาระแห่งชาติ'
เดือนกรกฎาคม

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(28 ก.พ. - 6 มิ.ย. = 4,218,094 โดส)						

- For the 1st 3 days of July 743,199 doses were given

❖ This data put Thailand's total inoculation well behind schedule as the plans of inoculating 50 million people with 100 million doses by December 31st 2021 looks even more difficult to achieve.

➤ The country needs to inoculation 493,531 doses per day for the remaining 181 days, a number that is 21,403 doses more than the best day of inoculation in Thailand seen on June 8th @ 472,128 doses.

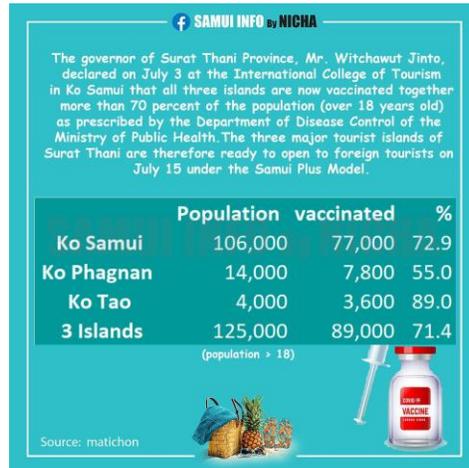


• All this comes as 2014 coup leader Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha has set a goal of opening the country's borders by October 14th 2021.

❖ He announced on June 16th that within 120-days the country's borders will open. With just about 100 days remaining, the country needs to inoculate the population at a faster pace.



- This does not stop this administration from going ahead with their plans to open other islands as new sandboxes.
- ❖ The inoculation drive with ‘SinoVac’ continues to remain in force for these islands.



- Prof Dr Yong Poovorawan, director of the Centre of Excellence in Clinical Virology at Chulalongkorn University, has come out to warn of further surges of infections in the capital due to the Delta variant, which is responsible for 70% of new symptomatic COVID-19 cases in Bangkok, and it is hard to track the origin.
- ❖ Dr Yong explained that the current 3rd wave of the outbreak is being dominated by the Alpha (UK) variant which, transmits 1.7 times faster than the Wuhan strain. The first cluster in the third-outbreak was centred on Bangkok’s upscale entertainment district of Thong Lor. The Alpha variant is believed to have spread from Cambodia.
- ❖ The Delta (Indian) variant is steadily making inroads as the current outbreak persists. It is 1.4 times more transmissible than the Alpha strain. The study also shows that 70% of new patients are infected with the Delta variant and it is not always possible to tell where people caught it. The study predicts the Delta variant will surge, especially in the capital.

- Meanwhile, Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul has come out to debunk a rumour that 3 medical experts, namely, Prof Dr Yong Pooworavan, chief of Chulalongkorn University's Centre of Excellence in Clinical Virology, Prof Dr Kulkanya Chokephaibulkit, director of Siriraj Institute of Clinical Research, and Dr Tawee Chotpitayasunondh, of the National Communicable Disease Committee, are the ones that decide on the government's vaccine procurements.

- ❖ Anutin has denied media reports implicating the 3 medical experts in the government's vaccine procurement decision. He said the 3 medical experts only take care of safety aspect of vaccine use based on academic research. They did not have their say on which vaccine the government should obtain. It is the Ministry of Public Health that has the say.

- The Prime Minister Operations Centre (PMOC) has announced the management of vaccines, bed shortages and preparation for home-isolation measures.

- ❖ Details are below:

From: [redacted]@gpo.or.th>
 Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:21 PM
 To: P [redacted]@modernatx.com>
 [redacted] <gpodirector@gmail.com>, [redacted] <legaldivision@gpo.or.th>, [redacted] <legaldivision@gpo.or.th>
 Subject: Re: Letter of intent on mRNA-1273 (Moderna) by GPO Thailand

EXTERNAL

Good morning [redacted],

My name is [redacted]. I am the contact person of the Government Pharmaceutical Organization of Thailand (GPO). We are under the supervision of the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand. As [redacted] mentioned, please respond us about the possibility of the initial 5 M. dose supply to the Thai government by June 2021. If you need other necessary legal documents or any assistance about the EUA/EUL registration with the Thai FDA, please do not hesitate to let us know. Besides, if you already had an authorized dealer in Thailand, you could ask the dealer to contact us or you could contact me directly. Either way is fine!!

I am looking forward to hearing from you shortly. Thank you so much!!

Best Regards,



25 กุมภาพันธ์ 2021 GPO ส่ง LOI ตรงไปที่ Moderna, US เพื่อสั่งจองวัคซีนกว่า 5 ล้านโดส ต้องการภายในมิถุนายน 2021 หากเป็นไปได้

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 Sent: Sunday, 28 February, 2021 23:52:42
 Subject: Re: Letter of intent on mRNA-1273 (Moderna) by GPO Thailand

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your message and interest in securing COVID-19 Vaccine for Thailand. Moderna has been contracting with countries since June of 2020 and supply in 2021 is now extremely limited. There is absolutely no supply available before Q4 2021. In fact we are now contracting with countries to start supplying from January 2022. If supply from 2022 is of interest, please do feel free to follow up with me.

Regards
 [redacted]

28 กุมภาพันธ์ 2021 Moderna, US ให้คำตอบว่า supply มีจำกัดเนื่องจากความต้องการสูงมาก ทำให้สามารถส่งได้เร็วสุดคือ Q1/2022

- While all this continues the country continues to face higher suicide rates.



- ❖ This data shows the rate of suicide per 100,000 people in the country over the past few years until 2020.
- Less than 1 week after signing an order to shut down all construction worker camps followed the emergence of more clusters in construction camps in Greater Bangkok and adjacent provinces, Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha again retracted his own order by signing another order that say essential construction projects can resume, claiming that the sudden halt to some construction projects might pose risks to the public. Such construction projects include:
 - ❖ Those which could cause damage to existing structures if they were delayed further or put passers-by and/or nearby communities at risk.
 - ❖ Those involving traffic safety, traffic lights, traffic barriers
 - ❖ Those of field hospitals, hospitals, and other medical facilities intended for Covid-19 containment.

Political News

- The opposition camp has threatened to file a no-confidence debate against the government of Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha before the House of Representative adjourns. The Pheu Thai Party plans a meeting of MPs tomorrow to decide on whether to file a no-confidence motion or a general debate without a vote.
 - ❖ Pheu Thai secretary-general Prasert Janthararuangthong said the opposition could submit a censure motion in both ways, hinting that a censure debate with a vote is more plausible because the opposition has many issues to raise questions including corruption, the problems of vaccine procurement and bed shortages.
 - ❖ Picharn Chaowapatanawong, Kao Klai (Move Forward) Party list MP and deputy leader, has hinted that a no-confidence debate might not happen too soon as he said the opposition whip has yet to hold an officials meeting to decide on the matter.
 - ❖ Picharn said the opposition may file a censure motion against the government after the 3rd reading of the budget bill for the 2022 fiscal year scheduled at the end of September. The Move Forward MP expects this to fall in October or November.
- Kao Klai (Move Forward) Party Wiroj Lakkhanaadisorn is pressuring the government to explain 961,900 missing of AstraZeneca vaccines last month as the government missed its target of securing 6,333,000 doses. Thailand has received merely 5,371,100 AstraZeneca vaccine doses in June, Wiroj claimed.
 - ❖ The Move Forward MP said he is extremely worried about a possible shortage of AstraZeneca vaccines in Thailand because AstraZeneca manufacturing plant in

Thailand will start exporting vaccines, accounting for at least one thirds of its capacity, to other countries. Wiroj claimed that this means Thailand will receive merely 5-6 million doses per month out of its capacity of 15-17 million doses per month or 180-200 million doses per year.

- ❖ Wiroj feared that the government will miss its target of the procurement of 6.3 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines in June, 10 million doses each month during July-November and 5 million doses in November, making a total of 61 million doses from June to the end of the year as announced on the website of the Prime Minister Operations Centre (PMOC).
- ❖ He went on to accuse the government of trying to use the Chinese-made Sinovac vaccine as the main vaccine despite scientific reports that Sinovac does not provide effectiveness results against different variants of the virus, especially the Delta variant, citing the case of Chile and Turkey which used Sinovac as their main vaccine but could not curb the spread of the outbreak.
- Meanwhile, there are reports that Parliament Speaker Chuan Leekpai has instructed Deputy House Speaker Suchart Tancharoen to discuss with 3 whips including government, opposition, senate whips and the cabinet's representatives to decide on whether the parliamentary meetings of the Lower House and the Senate should continue amid the escalating outbreak situation.
- Khunying Sudarat Keyuraphan, chairwoman of the Thai Sang Thai (Build Thai) Party, vowed to build her party into a political institution as her last mission.
 - ❖ Announced to Thai Sang Thai Party's executives, branch representatives and members across 300 constituencies nationwide, Sudarat told them during an online conference that she aims to develop Thai Sang Thai into a political tool to lead Thailand out of its lowest point and worst days.

- ❖ After working in the political arena for 29 long years, Sudarat said she aims to build Thai Sang Thai as a legacy for the next generation.
 - Police are laying criminal charges against the leaders of anti-government protests who have been organising rallies over the past two weeks, says the Metropolitan Police Bureau.
 - ❖ Nang Loeng investigators have reviewed footage of the protests, which took place under their jurisdiction on Saturday, and determined the protest leaders have broken several laws.
 - ❖ They include the emergency decree, disease control decree, the Hygiene and Cleanliness Act and the Land Transport Act.
 - ❖ The first protest was held near Government House by the Prachachon Khon Thai group, led by lawyer Nitithorn Lamleua.
 - ❖ The second protest, also held in the area, was organised by the Thai Mai Thon group and led by red-shirt leader Jatuporn Prompan.
 - ❖ The other protest held on Saturday was the "car mob" led by led by activist Sombat Boonngam-anong, in which participants drove their cars from Ratchadamnoen Avenue to the Ratchaprasong intersection while honking their horns in a symbolic protest calling for the prime minister to quit.
 - ❖ The announcement was made by MPB deputy commissioner and spokesman, Pol Maj Gen Piya Tawichai, who said the protest leaders risk facing more charges as police are collecting evidence and examining protest speeches they made at the rally sites.
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Economic News

- After the reopening of Phuket Island to foreign tourists came into effect on July 1, the Phuket provincial public health department yesterday asked those who visited Starbucks Central Foresta Phuket on the Ground Floor during June 25-29 and Central Department Store in Phuket on June 27 to get tested at hospitals or public health offices nearby urgently.
 - ❖ The department said people who visited the 2 locations on these particular dates are considered to come into close contact with infected patients. Those who refrain from doing so are considered attempting to conceal travel information under the Disease Control Act B.E.2558.



- Meanwhile, Yuthasak Supasorn, Governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), and Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirul, are adamant that it is safe to visit Phuket Island despite rising cases on the island.
 - ❖ Yuthasak said after the island was reopened to foreign visitors without mandatory quarantine requirements during the first 3 days (July 1-3), good news is that COVID-19 tests conducted on more than 1,271 foreign visitors found no new Covid-19 infections.

- ❖ Anutin has ruled out concerns that rising number of infections on the island would affect the “Phuket Sandbox scheme”. He said the overall atmosphere remains positive and dismissed concerns that the “sandbox” scheme would cause trouble to other areas, citing that trouble will not spill out of the “sandbox” to affect other areas as implied by the name of the scheme.
- As Phuket opens up, so is the issue of taxi mafia who tend to extract money from the tourists.
 - ❖ Social media is buzzing with how the taxis (who have been deprived of income for more than a year) are starting to call the shots for the prices.



- Bank of Thailand (BoT) Governor Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput has come out to say that various fiscal and other measures to provide relief to the economy are serving to “buy time”.
 - ❖ In the “Governor’s Talk” section of the “BoT Phra Siam Magazine”, Sethaput explained that various fiscal and relief measures are effective to “buy time” just like remedies to treat sick people to help them recover. He said an economic recovery does not rest with relief measures but the employment and revenues.

- ❖ The BoT governor also voiced his concern over the structure of the Thai economy which relies heavily on tourism. It is impossible for the Thai economy to rebound without a rebound of the tourism industry, citing that tourism not only contributes 11-12% of gross domestic product (GDP) but accounts for 20% of total employment.
- ❖ Without a tourism rebound, the country's income will not return, causing economic hardships for those employed in the tourism sector regardless of relief measures. Debt suspension and other relief measures will yield no result. He is more concerned about the effectiveness of vaccines against new strains of the virus.
- Rising household debt may slow the country's economic recovery, as people use their income to repay debt rather than spend on consumption, warns the government's planning unit.
 - ❖ Jinangoon Rojananan, deputy secretary-general to the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC), said the latest wave of Covid-19 infections have triggered not only a surge in household debt, but also a drop in income. The surge of infections also affected people's ability to repay debts, leading to an increase in the amount they owe.
 - ❖ The Bank of Thailand reported last week Thailand's household debt ratio to GDP rose to 90.5% in the first quarter, the highest since 2003, as Covid-19 outbreaks continue to batter the economy. At the end of March, household debt increased to 14.1 trillion baht from 14.0 trillion at the end of December, equal to 89.4% of GDP, already among Asia's highest.
- Investors have been urged to keep a close watch on construction stocks as major construction firms are set to compete in a bid for the Purple Line's Southern Extension from Tao Poon-Rat Burana worth a total of 78 billion baht.

- ❖ Interesting stocks of companies that will participate in this bidding are construction giant Ch Karnchang Plc (CK), Sino-Thai Engineering & Construction Plc (STEC), Unique Engineering and Construction Plc (UNIQ) and Italian-Thai Development Plc as the State Railway of Thailand (SRT) will begin the bidding for the construction from today, and the sale of bidding document runs until October 7, 2021.

General News

- There was a major explosion in Samut Prakarn at 03:30 that has prompted a evacuation of at least a few kilometers from the area.



Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- The Department of Mental Health released new statistics this week which showed that last year was the worst year on record for suicides with some 7.37 suicides per 100,000 people. That is a marked increase from the previous years and shows the effects the pandemic is having on lives and livelihoods.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29367/opinion-a-nation-of-desperation-and-suicide/>
- The government of Prayut Chan-Ocha is facing another firestorm after photos went viral Friday of the sports minister celebrating the opening of Phuket Sandbox with an apparent banquet while much of the country is under tight restrictions.
 - <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29348/netizens-slam-minister-for-phuket-party-amid-covid-19-crisis/>
- Thailand is “disappointed” at the United States for dropping the Kingdom down to the Tier 2 Watch List on the latest Trafficking in Persons Report (TIP Report), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Friday.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29325/thailand-disappointed-at-downgrade-by-us-anti-trafficking-list/>
- The hashtag #ประเทศไทยออกไป) Get out, Prayut) trended on Friday after footage emerged of the prime minister in the resort island of Phuket to open a government program despite mounting covid numbers and record breaking death tolls.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29334/calls-for-prayut-to-resign-trends-online-again/>
- A new hashtag condemning the Thai government’s handling of the coronavirus pandemic was trending on Twitter on Friday after Thailand saw new daily records in both infections and deaths.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29311/new-viral-hashtag-accuses-the-government-of-being-murderers/>

- The Thai government has resumed its tug-of-war with popular social media platforms, particularly Facebook, over the content it deems fake news and insulting to the monarchy.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/cold-war-between-thai-govt-and-facebook-heats-up/>
- Three groups of anti-government protesters rallied around Thailand's Government House late Saturday afternoon, to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, who they accuse of gross mismanagement of the country.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/three-protest-groups-rally-in-bangkok-to-demand-pms-resignation/>
- The government should expedite the acquisition of quality vaccines and allow the private sector to participate in order to be able to defeat Covid-19, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Rajabhat University, or Suan Dusit Poll.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2143151/govt-should-source-quality-vaccines-allow-private-sector-to-import-poll>
- Just as Rome wasn't built in a day, neither can a brand new constitution be created in a day, says Yingcheep Atchanond, manager of the Internet Law Reform Dialogue (iLaw).
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2143375/re-resolution-seeks-pragmatic-charter-change>

Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Only Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with a chance to survive will qualify for the loan rehabilitation scheme to cope with the economic impact from the Covid-19 crisis, said the Bank of Thailand governor on Friday.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29353/only-smes-with-chance-to-survive-will-qualify-for-loan-rehabilitation-scheme/>

- While Thailand aims to welcome international tourists in the next 100 day, a substantial rise in domestic Covid-19 infections has flagged concerns on how soon the authorities can put the situation under control.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29317/analyst-scale-down-tourism-arrivals-for-2020-expects-recovery-in-2021/>
- An unused, overgrown, desolate plot in the heart of Klong Toei ties together the various worlds contained in the social quilt that makes up the Bangkok metropolis.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/29304/review-emma-larkins-comrade-aeons-field-guide-to-bangkok/>
- Many foreign tourists are interested in travelling to Phuket under the sandbox scheme, Department of Consular Affairs director-general Chatchai Viriyavejakul said on Sunday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40002812>
- Thai Airways on Saturday revealed that around 1,300 seats have been booked in advance for visiting Phuket in July under the sandbox scheme.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40002792>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,578.49 on Friday, down 15.26 points or 0.96 per cent. Transactions totalled THB80.92 billion with an index high of 1,596.05 and a low of 1,574.92.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/40002771>
- Another workers' camp in this northeastern province has been closed for 14 days from Sunday after ten workers were found infected with Covid-19.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2143175/another-worker-camp-in-korat-closed>
- The Koh Tao tourism association has declared it is ready to be part of the reopening of Koh Samui to foreign visitors on July 15 as the island has been Covid-free for more than 63 days.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2142967/samui-plus-islands-ready-to-reopen-say-operators>

- The Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) is being asked to ease Covid-19 restrictions to allow some construction projects to go ahead out of safety concerns.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2142611/construction-curbs-could-be-relaxed>
- The Tourism Authority's Trat office will launch a "stay one night, get one night free" campaign to attract visitors to the eastern seaboard province. Bookings open on July 15.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2142527/trat-launches-new-deal-to-attract-thai-visitors>
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha came under attack from protesters on Friday for a ban on in-restaurant dining that has created further economic hardship for thousands of people.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2142479/protesters-to-pm-open-restaurants-before-reopening-country>
- Surveyors are designing a route for a new expressway in Laos that will cut travel time between northern Thailand and southern China.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2143227/laos-surveys-new-expressway-linking-thailand-china>
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha has appointed a panel to look into the e-bidding process by the State Railway of Thailand (SRT) to find contractors for two of its double-track rail projects, valued at 128 billion baht, according to the Isra news agency.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2142571/rail-bidding-comes-under-microscope>
- Thailand's household debt has hit an 18-year high after rising to 90.5% of GDP in the first quarter.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2142607/household-debt-reaches-18-year-high>

- The Tourism and Sports Ministry plans to ask the Finance Ministry for 10 billion baht in soft loans to help operators prepare their businesses for the mid-October reopening deadline.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2143519/ministry-eyes-soft-loans-for-operators>

Issues to be watched out for

- June-September, 2021 – Thailand plans to administer 1st doses of AstraZeneca vaccine to 36 million people, according to the Public Health Ministry.
- June 30, 2021-year-end – The Bank of Thailand (BoT) extended its targeted debt moratorium measures for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- July, 2021 – TMB-Thanachart Bank (TMB-TBank) expects to complete the integration of the 2 financial entities.
- July 6, 2021 – The Social Security Office is set to make compensation payouts for social security insured workers affected by new restriction measures imposed for 1 month.
- July 15, 2021 – The reopening of the sealed routes on 3 islands -- Koh Samui, Koh Phangan and Koh Tao –is expected to join the Phuket reopening plan.
- 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.
- August, 2021 – A 3.1-trillion-baht budget spending bill for the fiscal year 2022 will be tabled for 2nd and 3rd readings.
- 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 – December, 2021 - The 2nd doses of AstraZeneca would be administered.

- October 1, 2021 – The quarantine measure will be lifted in Krabi, Phang Nga, Pattaya and Chiang Mai.

Key Data

SET Index 1,578.49 **-15.26**

- Link - https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html

Global Commodities

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<http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/>
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Information on July 2, 2021

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
AIMIRT	4,000	12.1	Purchase
AIMIRT	1,500	12.1	Purchase
ALL	100,000	3.1	Purchase
BM	2,366,666	-	Transfer
BM	6,166,667	-	Transfer
BM	2,033,000	-	Transfer

BM	1,666,666	-	Transfer
BM	7,197,400	-	Transfer
BANPU	30,000	13.1	Purchase
CCET	27,200	3.55	Sale
CHG	10,000,000	4.06	Sale
GTB	250,000	1.01	Sale
INTUCH	24,600	65	Sale
INTUCH	19,100	65	Sale
KCE	20,000	77.06	Sale
KIAT	500,000	0.66	Purchase
LEO	10,000	10.7	Sale
MTI	50,000	90.25	Purchase
QLT	425,600	4.72	Sale
RS	250	23.24	Purchase
RS	150	23.24	Purchase
RS	150	23.24	Purchase
S11	1,446	7.05	Purchase
S11	4,666	7.05	Purchase
S11	3,847	7.05	Purchase
SABUY	30,000	7.57	Purchase
SABUY	80,000	7.44	Purchase
SABUY	40,000	10	Sale
COLOR	1,000,000	2.52	Sale
COLOR	300,000	2.54	Sale
STGT	3,000	41.33	Purchase
STI	20,000	7.45	Purchase
STI	5,000	7.35	Purchase
STI	418,600	7.51	Sale
STI	251,100	7.46	Sale
STI	154,300	7.4	Sale
SPALI	278,900	20.7	Purchase
SPALI	700,000	20.64	Purchase
SPALI	400,000	20.6	Purchase
SPALI	278,900	20.7	Purchase
SPALI	700,000	20.64	Purchase
SPALI	400,000	20.6	Purchase
SUSCO	146,500	3.24	Purchase
TSTE	49,100	7	Purchase
TWZ	300,000,000	0.11	Sale
VIBHA	818,800	2.38	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 2 Jul 2021						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	5,388.85	6.66	6,629.25	8.19	-1,240.40	-
Proprietary Trading	7,795.37	9.63	7,541.63	9.32	253.75	-
Foreign Investors	29,534.19	36.5	33,689.22	41.63	-4,155.03	-
Local Individuals	38,204.28	47.21	33,062.61	40.86	5,141.68	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 2 Jul 2021						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	11,812.25	7.28	11,957.24	7.37	-144.99	-
Proprietary Trading	16,209.61	9.99	15,354.67	9.46	854.94	-
Foreign Investors	63,051.11	38.86	67,030.63	41.31	-3,979.52	-
Local Individuals	71,172.69	43.87	67,903.11	41.85	3,269.57	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 2 Jul 2021						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	799,218.89	7.12	840,155.62	7.49	-40,936.73	-
Proprietary Trading	1,122,577.18	10	1,115,173.43	9.94	7,403.75	-
Foreign Investors	4,094,510.86	36.48	4,174,752.56	37.19	-80,241.70	-
Local Individuals	5,208,214.25	46.4	5,094,439.57	45.39	113,774.68	-

Total Trading Value 80,922.70 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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