Economic News

- Thailand’s borders open to 63 countries, up from initial 46 countries.

  - Included in the new list is India, the Philippines and Taiwan.
  - These countries were missing from the list the 1st time around when the list was announced in late October. People can only fly into from these countries.
The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) came out to announce that it would allow restaurants to be able to serve alcohol starting today but only until 21:00 hrs.

- The BMA agreed that 21:00 hrs was appropriate time to stop serving alcohol because people usually get drunk after that, and such situation could increase the risk of spread the virus.

- Thanakorn Kuptachit, secretary-general of the Thai Alcoholic Beverage Business Association, said the association and entrepreneurs proposed to evaluate and review measures every 7-14 days to increase the number of pilot provinces open to tourists and there are no restrictions on conditions.

  ➢ There is a need to extend the time for dining and drinking alcohol until at least midnight to enable the service sector to be able to recover.

Today, a meeting of the Oil Fuel Fund Office (OFFO) is to be chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy - Supattanapong Punmeechaow, which will consider important agendas on the loan framework of the Fuel Fund that can exercise rights under the Fuel Fund Act B.E. 2562 which requires a loan of no more than 20 billion baht that supports the retail price of diesel fuel not to exceed 30 baht per litre, by issuing loan rules to the Cabinet for approval.

- If the loan criteria are considered today, it will have to be presented to the Prime Minister and for the Cabinet approval on November 5th.

- The rising oil prices continues to haunt the possible recovery of the Thai economy which is set to benefit during this high season from tourism.

- Today 20% of the trucks or about 80,000 trucks will go on a protest as diesel oil prices have not come down to 25 baht a litre as per the demands of the transport sector.

  ➢ The truckers had given until October 31st to come up with a decision on this matter.

  ➢ The truckers have demanded a cap on the diesel prices at 25-baht a litre for a period of 1-year although the current price is capped at 30 baht until the end of this month.

  ➢ They have demanded the excise tax be exempt for a period of 1-year and not to use biodiesel also for a period of 1-year as palm oil prices (a key
ingredient in bio-diesel) has seen its prices rise thus prompting the rise in price of diesel.

- The truckers have said that they may stop running the vehicles for up to 7-days and this could impact the livelihood of the people.

- Sanan Angubolkul, chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, revealed that the trend of product prices will move up in line with continued higher oil prices.

  - Crude oil prices are above $82/barrel and are hovering around 8-year high and there is a chance to increase up to US$100/barrel in the first half of 2022, resulting in higher raw material prices.

    ➢ Therefore, consumers would like to make up their minds and be prepared to deal with the rising price of the product.

- On November 3, there will be a meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCCIB) to monitor the results of the opening of the country and the economic stimulus measures proposed by the private sector.

  ➢ The private sector wants to revive the Shop Dee Mee Khurn (shopping that returns when you shop) project to help increase the money in the system during the rest of this year which will add more Ying Shop Ying Dai (the more you shop the more you get) that does not meet the needs of high purchasing power.

- Suphan Mongkolsuthi, chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI), said that the problem of rising oil prices is very worrying. In the past, many governments have failed because of oil prices. But now, fortunately, the economy is getting stronger.
- He said that one has to look at how much fuel funds remain and the state has to speed up to improve the economy.

- Finance Minister - Arkhom Termpittayapaisith revealed that the Ministry of Finance is preparing to issue a Khon Lah Krung (each pay half half), phase 4, in early 2022. Currently, there is a Khon Lah Krung measure, phase 3, top-up for each person entitled to 1,500 baht, which will be enough to stimulate spending during the period. The remaining 2 months of this year.

  - As of October 25, 2021, there are 28 million people who have registered to participate in the project in Khon Lah Krung, Phase 3, full amount of 28 million rights and there are just about 119,974 slots open which will be opened for registration today at 08:00 hrs.

- Thai Airways International Plc announced the progress of the rehabilitation plan for more than 4 months by paying debts to creditors according to conditions of more than 1.2 billion baht, reducing registered capital from 26.9 billion baht to 21.8 billion baht, restructuring and reducing the size of the organization.

  - The reduction of the number of employees from 29,500 people to 21,300 people and will continue to reduce to 14,500-14,750 people.

    - In addition, 19 properties for sale both at home and abroad, of which 3 have been sold.

  - Thai Airways estimates that by December 21, there will be cash flow on hand of 1.65 billion baht and will accelerate the delivery of new loan contracts within that month.

- Global Power Synergy Plc (GPSC) will announce its 3Q 2021 results on November 5, which is expected to continue to grow in the 3Q 2021 continually. GPSC will begin to recognize revenue from solar power plants in India with a total capacity of 4,560 MW after acquiring a 41.6% stake in Avaada Energy Private Limited (Avaada) and Synergy GLOW until the end of this year.

  - It is expected to be at 900 million baht. In addition, there will be sales of electricity and steam increased in industrial customers.

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**Political News**
The main opposition party – Phue Thai party, came out to make yet another bold move yesterday after the party announced that it was going to raise the issue of amendment to the 112 law (lese majeste) and work towards release of ‘prisoners due to their thinking’.

Phue Thai said in a statement that it would seek a parliamentary debate to look at the execution of the law and any abuse by authorities, government or even the judiciary.

The move by Pheu Thai was a follow up to the protest by thousands of students who gathered at Ratchaprasong junction yesterday to demand the release of the protest leaders and participants over the past few months.

Yesterday the students and their coalition networks organized a rally event. ‘People want to cancel 112’ and invited people to sign a petition with no less than 10,000 signatures to propose to Parliament to repeal Article 112 of the Penal Code and restore temporary bail to activists held in prison.

Panassaya Sitthichirawatanakul (Rung), the key leader of the Thammasat Coalition and the spokesman for the people's group said at the protest on October 31st that the petition requires as many as 10,000 signatures before it is submitted to the House of Representatives.

Subsequently, Panassaya, along with the people's group's coalition leaders, read the statement after which Panassaya then used a razor blade to cut the left arm on the back of the arm near the wrist as number ‘112’
and cut the line over the number diagonally to show symbolically before the end of the rally at 20:30 hrs.

 Yesterday’s protest saw large turnout despite the heavy rain.

- This protest followed a weekend that was marred by other protest as the 15-year-old boy who was shot from a mysterious bullet that reportedly came out of the Din Daent police station died in hospital.

  Yesterday at Wat Noi Suwannaram, Samut Prakan province there was a funeral ceremony for Warit Somnoi, 15, who was shot in the throat by a mysterious bullet. Warit was in hospital for more than 2-months before his death while attending a political rally in the Din Daeng intersection in the middle of August 2021.

  The funeral ceremony was attended by Pol Col Thawee Sodsong, a Prachachat MP, Worachai Hema, a former MP for Samut Prakan, Pheu Thai Party, Dr. Tosaporn Sereerak, along with a Move Forward Party MP and Red shirt group. Apart from this a group of teenagers ‘Thalu Gas’ attended the event.

- The ongoing problems in the ruling Palang Pracharat party (PPRP) continues as some MPs of the PPRP are seeking clarifications from the party’s secretary general and the chief whip of the government on what their gameplan was as the parliament opens for the winter session today.

  The MPs are seeking clarification from the Australian drug convicted Capt. Thammanat Phromphao, who is the secretary general of the PPRP, and Wirat
Ratanaset, who is the chief of Government Whip, on how they plan to play their game now that the parliament is set to open today.

- The MPs are scared because the PPRP is the least prepared for elections among all political parties amid infighting and mismanagement of the economy.

- There are various bills that needs to be passed and the MPs of PPRP fear that any mischief by Thammanat or his people could bring down the government or at least delay some of the key bills that may delay the economic recovery that is much need to boost the fortunes of PPRP.

- There are also talks that if Thammanat is able to bring down the government of 2014 coup leader Prayut Chan-o-cha, then Thammanat could seek support from Phue Thai party to form a government replacing Prayut’s administration.

- Phai Lik, PPRP’s MP from Kamphaeng Phet and Deputy Secretary-General of the PPRP said that there were no talks about the PPRP’s restructuring that was talked about last week which would give each regions a leadership which would see PPRP being a decentralized party.

  - The plans revealed last week said that the PPRP will decentralize allowing each region to select their own leadership and manage the area.

  - Phai, who is the PPRP’s strategist, said that ‘he has never seen or heard any mention of it.’

  - He also said that there will be no conflicts with General Prayut for sure.

- The main opposition party – Pheu Thai party, has come out to say that it is looking to hold a meeting of its MPs on November 2nd as the parliament opens for the winter session.

  - The meeting is set to be chaired by the party’s newly elected leader - Chonlanan Srikaew.

    - The meeting is set to tell all MPs that there is a need for a quorum in the house and that means all MPs of the Pheu Thai party need to attend the meeting.

    - This is even more so important because there is instability in the main coalition partner – Palang Pracharat party (PPRP).
This could destabilize the various bills and if things don’t fall in place, it could prompt the parliament to be dissolved.

- One of the bills is the bill on the elections and the other one is on the political parties.

Meanwhile the coalition member – Democrat party, has said that the party is set to hold a meeting tomorrow (November 2) and that Chuan Leekpai, the Speaker of the parliament, invited representatives of the Government and Opposition Whip to discuss the way of working, because there are many bills to consider.

- The Democrat party will meet on November 2 to prepare before the parliament is set to meet.

Dusit Polls of more than 1,186 samples showed that a majority of the people feel that the time was ripe for elections amid infighting in the Palang Pracharat party.

- Surprising the polls indicated
  - 60.90% said there were rifts in political parties
  - 50.06% said they were trying to put themselves in the spotlight
  - 49.26% said they were playing a political game
  - 57.86% believed a general election was imminent in early 2022

- Asked which political party they thought would win the most MPs in the election
  - 32.94% chose the Pheu Thai Party
  - 25.21% would choose Move Forward Party
  - 24.61% would choose Palang Pracharat Party
  - 6.18% would choose Democrat Party
  - 4.28% would choose Bhumjaithai Party
COVID-19 News

- Today the 1st allotment of Moderna vaccine is set to arrive at Suvarnabhumi airport.
  - A total of 560,000 doses are set to arrive today and vaccination of mRNA Moderna vaccine is set to start on November 9th.

- Thailand’s case load remains high on the 1st day of the opening of the country.

The infection data for the ‘Delta’ variant for today is as follows:

Infection data for today are as follows:

- Total New Infections = 8,165
- Community Infection = 7,640
- Prison Infection = 525
- Total positive cases (ATK/Antigen) = 2,450
- Total New Death = 55
- Total New Recovery = 9,574
Total Infection including ATK = 10,615

Total infections so far since outbreak = 1,920,189

Total deaths so far since outbreak = 19,260

Total in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) = 2,221

Total number on life support (ventilator) - 494

The government’s data on ‘Positive testing’ numbers as a percentage of the tests it undertakes stands at 14.15% as of October 30th.

Details of data for each day can be found @ https://ddc.moph.go.th/covid19-dashboard/ (All information is in Thai language)

**Inoculation Drive**

- The data shows as of October 18th vaccination are as follows

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**General News**
• Happy Halloween from Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya who posted on her Instagram page ‘NichaX’

• 2014 coup leader and incumbent Prime Minister Prayut is off to Glasgow (Scotland) to attend the global summit – COP26.

  ❖ His aircraft a Royal Thai Airforce aircraft – HS-TYT stopped over in Dubai (UAE) for refuelling while enroute to Scotland.
Before he departed for Scotland he posted on his social media –

![Image of a person with hand gesture]

**Political News Headlines in Thai Media**

- Activists filed a lawsuit against Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha and his administration on Friday, asking to repeal the ban on public gatherings and requesting protection for the upcoming protest.
  - Link: [https://www.thaienquirer.com/34508/activists-file-lawsuit-against-premier-over-emergency-decree/](https://www.thaienquirer.com/34508/activists-file-lawsuit-against-premier-over-emergency-decree/)

- Opposition parties this week called for the government to control rapidly rising living and production costs in recent months.
  - Link: [https://www.thaienquirer.com/34502/opposition-calls-for-action-on-spiralling-inflation/](https://www.thaienquirer.com/34502/opposition-calls-for-action-on-spiralling-inflation/)

- More than 30,000 illegal migrants have been deported since the beginning of the year with the numbers rising ahead of the country's reopening on Monday, the Defence Ministry said on Sunday.
Thai civil society has called on the global leaders at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to strengthen their climate actions to fulfill the ultimate goal of preventing the world temperature from rising beyond 1.5º Celsius.

Demonstrators were collecting signatures to propose the end of the lese majeste law, a protest leader said on Sunday.

Somchai Srisuthiyakorn, a former member of the Election Commission, has joined the Seri Ruam Thai Party led by former police chief Pol Gen Sereepisuth Temiyaves.

A majority of people say the time is now ripe for a general election, preferably in early 2022, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Rajabhat University, or Suan Dusit Poll.

Child rights advocates have urged the state to recognise young people's right to peaceful protests and ensure better protection for them when they take part in activities to express their opinions.

The Civil Court has rejected a petition by four prominent activists for a court injunction to stop the government from exercising the emergency decree to bar their gathering on Sunday in protest against the lese majeste law.
Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Thai Union Feedmill (TFM), a major animal feed producer, saw its shares rise over 24 percent from its initial public offering (IPO) on the first day of trading on Friday.

- About 20% of trucks under the Land Transportation Federation of Thailand (LTFT) will stop running in several provinces today to protest against the high diesel price.

- Thailand ranks in the world's top five most desirable places to retire, according to an analysis of Google search terms.

- Export-Import Bank of Thailand (Exim Bank) will continue to provide loans to the local airlines next year, said the bank's president Rak Vorrakitpokatorn.

- Phuket tourism operators expect the country's reopening to help build momentum for 1 million international arrivals in the first quarter of next year.

- The top tourism official on Friday admitted he misled the media with his claim that K-pop superstar “Lisa Blackpink” would be joining New Year’s Eve festivities in Thailand without waiting for her confirmation first.
• Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha has given the green light for this year's annual Loy Krathong festival to be held throughout the country to preserve the Thai tradition, but Covid-19 restrictions must be strictly observed, the Public Relations Department reported.

• The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) will allow only restaurants certified by the Safety and Health Administration (SHA) to serve alcohol and no later than 9pm. Night entertainment venues are not allowed to resume.

• Foreign holdings of Thai stocks on the local bourse soared 35.5% to over 5.09 trillion baht, the highest level in three years, mainly thanks to an increase in share prices and foreign holdings of newly listed companies, according to the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET).

• Air Astana’s first flight to Phuket from Almaty city in Kazakhstan landed on the island with 106 tourists arriving under the sandbox scheme.

• A United States regulatory agency has called on Thailand to provide details of the equipment used in the fishing industry to see if they meet the US Marine Mammal Protection Act.

• The River Side Bangkok Hotel issued an official statement on Sunday to dismiss rumours that it was up for sale at a price tag of more than 6 billion baht. The hotel’s lawyer said
somebody pretending to be a representative of the owner announced the so-called sale on social media last week.

- Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40008214

- The Bangkok Communicable Disease Committee is being urged to let internet cafes and video game arcades reopen from November 15 provided they implement strict disease prevention methods.

- Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/in-focus/40008210

- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,623.43 on Friday, down 0.88 points or 0.05 per cent. Transactions totalled 66.74 billion baht with an index high of 1,629.25 and a low of 1,619.14.

- Link- https://www.nationthailand.com/business/40008166

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**Issues to be watched out for**

- November 9, 2021 – The 1st dose of mRNA dose of Moderna vaccine is set to be vaccinated in Thailand after 560,000 doses arrived in Thailand on November 1st.

- November 9, 2021 – Palang Pracharat party (PPRP) head General Prawit Wongsuwon, is scheduled to visit Narathiwat province with all the PPRP ministers.

- November 9, 2021 – The Bangkok Civil Court is scheduled to inquire a class action lawsuit filed by 39 restaurateurs against Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-O-Cha and his government demanding 50 million baht in compensation for damage to their businesses caused by lockdown restrictions imposed under the Emergency Decree.

- November 15, 2021 – The National Economic & Social Development Council (NESDC) announces the GDP data of Q3 2021

- November 30, 2021 – The Bank of Thailand makes its monthly economic data available for the month of September 2021

- December 14, 2021 – The Constitutional Court is set to rule on same-sex-marriage case that has been bumped around since 2017 in the judicial process.
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**Key Data**

| SET Index | 1,623.43 | -0.88 |


**Global Commodities**


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**Information on October 29, 2021**

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

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

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on
Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

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Value in Baht Million, Source: SET

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
