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Thai Enquirer Summary

Economic News

- The Thai Chamber of Commerce (TCC) has called on reopening of Thailand Pass System for the Test & Go scheme and Sandbox Programs (except Phuket Sandbox), warning that the suspension has led to a loss of as much as 9 billion baht per month in tourism revenue.
 - ❖ TCC chairman Sanan Angubolkul said the tourism sector has recovered at a good pace since the Test & Go scheme came into effect on November 1, 2021, citing an increase in foreign tourist arrivals from 15,000 per month to 218,788 recorded in December last year.
 - ❖ Despite the ongoing Omicron outbreak, the TCC predicted that the Kingdom will see around 100,000-200,000 foreign visitors during March under the Test & Go scheme while tourists visiting the Kingdom under the Phuket Sandbox programme accounted for around 20,000 in the past 1 month, Sanan said.
 - ❖ This means around 80,000-180,000 tourists have diminished from the Thai tourism sector, accounting for around 5-9-billion-baht loss in tourism revenue per month.
- The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) chaired by Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha will hold a meeting tomorrow to revise colour-coded control zones and COVID-19 restrictions in line with the current situation.

- ❖ Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul yesterday told journalists that he plans to propose easing of some COVID restriction measures. He also plans to ask the CCSA to change COVID control zones so that restrictions on activities are eased after he has a meeting with Dr Opas Karnkawinpong, director-general of the Department of Disease Control (DDC) today.
- ❖ The Public Health Minister will also propose to the CCSA to establish more sandbox areas to cover all regions such as Chon Buri, Samut Prakan, Khon Kaen and Chiang Mai.
- ❖ The CCSA is expected to discuss measures regarding the closure of the country to foreign tourists.
- ❖ Tourism and Sports Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn said his ministry plans to push for the resumption of the quarantine-free Test & Go scheme next month for discussion at the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration meeting tomorrow.
- ❖ He said tourism might generate nearly 1.3 trillion baht this year, with the domestic market contributing around 160 million trips and 800 billion baht in revenue. While 5-15 million international arrivals is the target this year, 8 million appears the most likely, generating 480 billion baht.
- There is some good news for the property sector following the government's announcement for a reduction of property transfer and mortgage fees to 0.01% officially published in the Government Gazette.
 - ❖ The government authorised a cut in property transfer and mortgage fees from 2% and 1% to 0.01% until the end of the year to bolster spending in the property market.
 - ❖ Published in the Royal Gazette, the fee cuts on residential buildings will come to effect immediately and will run until December 31.
 - ❖ The Finance Ministry expects the measure to boost around 291 billion baht to the economy, raising gross domestic product (GDP) by 0.58%.
 - ❖ Buildings eligible for the cut include single houses, detached houses, terraced houses, commercial buildings, and condominiums. Both appraisal and mortgage of such assets shall not be over 3 million baht, respectively.
 - ❖ The government also allowed debtors seeking debt restructuring with financial institutions to receive the same cuts in their property transfer and mortgage fees

until 2026, to help them withstand economic burden during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- A day after Gulf Energy Development Plc (GULF) announced that it was forming a joint-venture with China's Binance, there are reports emerging that Kasikorn Bank Plc (KBANK) is in talks with Binance to set up a venture in Thailand to be in competition with Siam Commercial Bank Plc (SCB) that formed a joint-venture with BitKub.
 - ❖ A capital market source revealed that Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency trading platform, was studying ways to set up a joint venture company for digital currency trading with a subsidiary of KBANK to launch the largest 'Exchange Platform' in Thailand, aiming to be the hub of Southeast Asia. for digital asset business.
 - ❖ This joint venture will be worth more than 100 billion baht, the reports said.
 - ❖ To top this off, Binance has a Thai customer base with more than 1 million accounts and is expected to be No. 1 in Thailand.
 - ❖ However, those involved in the deal must clarify the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and wait for approval from the Bank of Thailand (BoT).
- Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra under the pseudonym of "Tony Woodsome" yesterday called for large-scale pork traders to stop hoarding pork supply.
 - ❖ In a Clubhouse chatroom, Thaksin said he heard that 4-5 major pork traders have hogging the country's pork supplies. The issue is one of the confronting issues is needed to be addressed urgently as it caused pork prices to keep rising, citing those 300,000-400,000 kilograms of pork are being kept in cold storages and warehouses nationwide. Frozen pork stocks can be kept in cold storage facilities for at least 6 months.
 - ❖ Thaksin suggested 3 options to help improve the rising pork price situation in the country including:
 - A ban on pork exports and operators of cold storage warehouses must be forced to release their stocks.
 - The government must allow pork imports from overseas as a short-term solution.
 - Sows must be distributed among small-scale pig farmers as well as tax measures as part of government assistance measures.

- ✓ “I think these proposals can provide better management to the problem than giving away a budget of 1.4 billion baht to the Commerce Ministry to purchase expensive chicken meat to resell to the public at a cheaper price. Such a measure will not help solve the problem. I think it is a waste of money,” Thaksin said.



- Meanwhile, the Cabinet has approved a budget of 1.48 billion baht to fund new campaign by the Ministry of Commerce to sell groceries and essential items at low prices. The aim is to help consumers reduce their cost of living as several items have seen price hikes in recent weeks.

- ❖ This comes as all goods and services are witnessing a sharp increase in prices ranging from the likes of fish oil, salt, down to pork, chicken, eggs and other goods.

This will be used for 90-days

- Use it to buy goods and distribute it over 3,000 points all across the country
 - Use mobile retail units of the Ministry of Commerce to distribute
 - Goods to be purchased would be daily consumption
 - Use part of the funds to disseminate information about ways people should survive in the current environment.
- The Employers' Confederation of Thai Trade and Industry (EconThai) expects the country's employment growth to be stagnant, fearing that 500,000 new graduates expected to enter the job market find it difficult to find jobs.

- ❖ EconThai vice-chairman Tanit Sorat voiced his concern over the unemployment situation in the country after the country's unemployment rate grew to 871,000 in the 3rd quarter of last year, hitting a new high in a decade. Tanit cited statistics from the National Statistical Office of Thailand.
- ❖ Meanwhile, 490,000-500,000 new graduates that will enter the workforce in the next 1-2 months will find it difficult to find jobs. EconThai found that around 52.1% of new graduates whose skills do not match the demands of the Thai labour market, Tanit said. As a result, the number of new graduates whose skills don't match the demands of the labour market will add on to the unemployed in the country.
- ❖ Tanit called on the government to urgently find measures to deal with a future unemployment rise.
- The Cabinet approved a budget of 14.6 billion baht to fund the construction of an expressway project connecting Phuket's Kathu and Patong sub-districts proposed by the Expressway Authority of Thailand (Exat).
 - ❖ The planned construction spanning 3.98km from Kathu Town to Patong Beach will be managed under a public-private partnership (PPP) model under an initial budget of 14.670 billion baht.
 - ❖ The Exat is expected to invite private operators to join its bidding process for the planned project during May-June and construction is expected to be commenced in 2023 and completed for service in July 2027.
- The Cabinet greenlighted a 10-year visa to attract wealthy foreign visitors.
 - ❖ The Cabinet yesterday approved in principle 2 ministerial announcements aiming at attracting "high-potential" foreigners to stay in Thailand for up to 10 years.
 - ❖ Under the 1st announcement, the Interior Ministry will issue eligibility rules for the long-term resident (LTR) visa. The LTR visa, at a cost of 10,000 baht per year, will be granted for 10 years but must be extended after the 5th year of their stay in the kingdom, with the extension period to last for only another 5 years.
 - ❖ It covers dependents 4 groups of foreigners are
 - Wealthy global citizens.
 - Wealthy retirees.
 - People who want to work from Thailand.

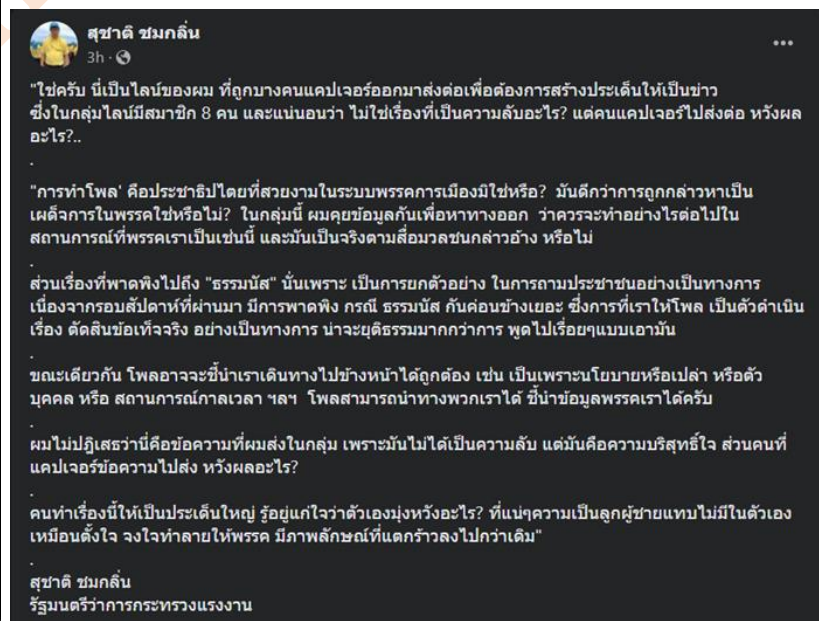
- High-skilled professionals.
 - ❖ The 2nd announcement, the Labour Ministry will issue rules on 5-year work permits for long-term visa holders who are employed or self-employed in Thailand.
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Political News

- The Palang Pracharat Party (PPRP) feared rising living costs triggered by a sharp rise in commodity and consumer products will affect Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha's approval rating.
 - ❖ Veerakorn Kumprakob, PPRP MP for Nakhon Sawan, as chairman of the House committee on agriculture, admitted that the government's stability in tenure depends on the country's economic conditions and living costs of the people.
 - ❖ Veerakorn said he did not want to see squabbles among the coalition parties over last Sunday's by-election and admitted that Gen Prayut's popularity will be affected if the government cannot find solutions to rising living costs. The issue will deliver a heavy blow to the PPRP's popularity in the next general election.
 - ❖ Yesterday, protest groups like the 24 June Democracy group, the Labour Network for People's Rights and the Thalufah group rallied outside Government House in Bangkok in protest against soaring prices of agricultural goods and consumer products.
 - ❖ The groups called for the government to cut the excise tax on fuels, raise the living allowance for the elderly to 3,000 baht per month, reduce schools' tuition fees by 50%, and increase the child-rearing allowance to 1,200 baht a month.
 - ❖ Veerakorn came out to warn that the survival of the government depends on the rising cost of living.
 - ❖ Veerakorn came out to say that these issues need to be sorted out ASAP
 - ❖ He added that the loss of by-elections in Songkla and Chumphon has created a divide in the coalition (between PPRP & Democrat party).

- ❖ The decisive issue is going to be the by-elections in Laksi (Bangkok), if Prayut cannot solve the issue of higher cost of living, then PPRP would be losing and if PPRP loses then it is a clear indication that the rating of Prayut in Bangkok is on a downhill.
- Results of last Sunday's by-election in Chumphon and Songkhla provinces continue to haunt the Palang Pracharat Party (PPRP). Reports have come out that an opinion poll has been conducted to gauge the PPRP's popularity rating.
 - ❖ Labour Minister Suchart Chomklin, who is the PPRP's executive member and director of by-election in constituency 6 of Songkhla, has ordered a popularity poll to gauge and find reason for the party's declining popularity. It is said Seksakol Atthawong, an assistant minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office, agreed that a poll should be conducted.
 - ❖ Following this report, Suchart came out to admit that he ordered a popularity poll to be conducted. He said the poll needs to be conducted after he wants the poll to determine whether voters support PPRP secretary-general and heroin-smuggling convict Capt. Thamanat Prompow and his election campaign strategy that told people to pick candidates who have lots of cash.

Below is the screen capture of the LINE chat and the response from Suchart on his social media account.



- Corruption in Thailand showed no signs of improvement, according to a study by an independent committee led by former National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) member Klanarong Chantik.
 - ❖ The anti-graft body said in 2020 that corruption was the most rampant during the NCPO's era, citing 10,382 corruption allegations in 2019 stemming from irregularities in the state budget worth some 238.21 billion baht. The NACC found enough evidence to investigate 3,285 cases worth 236.24 billion baht. Most irregularities can be found in the purchasing and hiring processes which is worth around 207.06 billion baht.
 - ❖ The committee cited ethical standards of political civil servants that are lower than they should be amid other factors like wastefulness of government spending.
 - ❖ Meanwhile, senator Wanchai Sornsiri yesterday told the Senate that the coup which brought General Prayut Chan-ocha into power in 2014 had failed to fix corruption problems in Thailand.
 - ❖ He said the main issue in the previous coup or past talk about reformation was about corruption and election fraud. He said it has been 7-8 years until now, the hideous cycle of corruption has gotten worse.
 - ❖ Wanchai urged bureaucrats that have an "overlapping position" as businessmen to avoid finding legal loopholes for their own benefits and profits.
 - "Senior bureaucrats that know how to find a way to work for private companies are going down a path of a trader, but the path of Thai bureaucrats should be working for respect, honour and acceptance from the people, not money and profit," he said.
- Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra under the pseudonym of "Tony Woodsome" yesterday came out to say that there was no way that 2014 coup leader and incumbent Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha would be able to survive the ongoing turmoil in the PPRP and the government. He said,
 - ❖ The government has a lot of problems
 - ❖ There are enough problems within the coalition
 - ❖ Covid and economy is likely to have a major impact and that there is no way that the government will be able to achieve the 4% GDP growth it is predicting because the World Bank itself has a 4.1% projection for the world's economy to

grow and there is no way that Thailand would be able to achieve the global average taking into consideration all the problems that the country is having.

Commenting on the possible elections, he said

- ❖ “This year we will have an election”
- ❖ “No matter how he tries to sustain, people may not be able to keep it going and elections may be imminent.”
- During his 2 ½ hour talk, Thaksin asked whatever happened to
 - ❖ PPRP’s pledge during 2019 election campaign including
 - Raising daily minimum wage to 425 baht a day,
 - 20,000-baht minimum salaries for graduates
 - 18,000 baht for graduates with vocational certificates.
 - ❖ The ex-premier said he heard about ongoing rallies at Government House where protesters demanding an answer about the PPRP’s pledges.

“The problem is that we saw the government giving cash handouts, rather than creating economic activities. Most budgets have been spent on projects that come with too much “loose change”. I can tell you that there is a high level of corruption. Without economic expertise, the government must rethink consequences, or it will face doom”.
 - ❖ Thaksin advised Gen Prayut to take 2 actions:
 - ✓ 1) Reshuffle the cabinet to recruit those with economic expertise.
 - ✓ 2) Resign as the Prime Minister himself because of a host of confronting economic problems.
- Today is the 1st meeting of the parliament for 2022, a meeting that was postponed for 2-weeks due to the Covid-19 situation.
 - ❖ More than 20 MPs from the Democrat Party (PDP), Palang Pracharath (PPRP) and Bhumjai Thai (BJT) were detained and are unable to attend the meeting because of being close to the infected people.
 - ❖ Those who are not allowed to enter the parliament are from
 - ❖ 11 MPs from the Democrat party

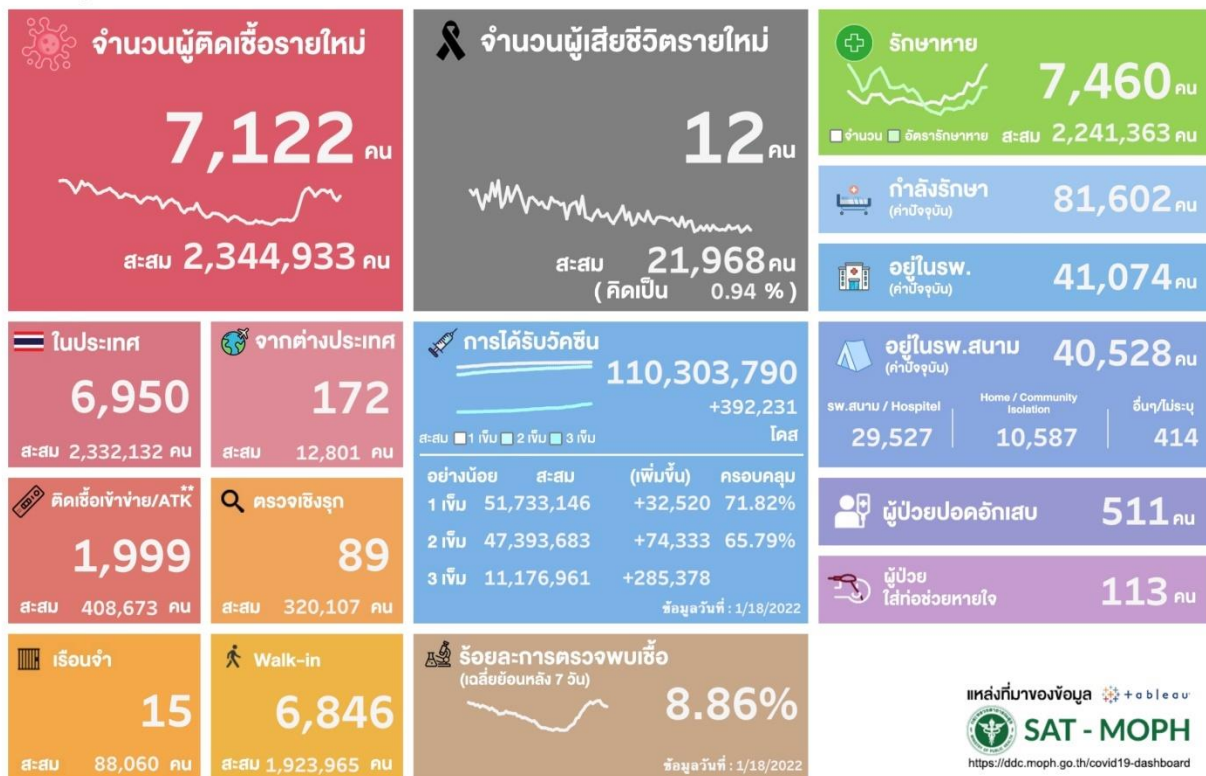
- ❖ 5 MPs from the PPRP
- ❖ 3 MPs from Bhumjai Thai party

This would mean that the government may not be able to achieve its quorum to convene the parliament.

- Today is the day that Former -finance chief and university rector Uttama Savanayana and former energy minister and businessman Sontirat Sontijirawong are set to announce the formation of a new political party called – “Srang Anakot Thai,” which means “Building Thailand’s Future.”
 - ❖ The former Finance & Commerce ministers were kicked out of PPRP due to internal rifts.
 - ❖ They were the people who had invited Prayut to come to lead the PPRP’s government after the 2019 elections.
- Palang Pracharath Party (PPRP) MP Pareena Kraikupt---who is currently being suspended from duty as an MP---tried to defend her offensive remarks against the Democrat Party.
 - ❖ Earlier, Pareena came out to say the Democrat Party won by-elections in southern provinces of Chumphon and Songkhla because it is “better at vote-buying”. Her remarks triggered fierce criticism from the PPRP’s rival party.
 - ❖ However, Pareena later deleted her post after Democrat spokesman, Rames Ratanachaweng, threatened a lawsuit against her. This time, Pareena said her comment did not suggest anything about vote-buying. She did not use any words that suggests such an act. She made such a comment to praise the Democrat Party for “being better at buying people’s hearts than the PPRP”.
 - ❖ She said she tried to explain herself better after Rames made an outcry over her comment, adding that Rames, who is a legal expert, often threatens to slap a lawsuit against her.
 - ❖ A report said Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwan, as the PPRP leader, ordered Pareena to remove her Facebook post while Rames insisted that the party’s legal team will hold a meeting next week to consider Pareena’s action. The removal of Pareena’s offensive post will yield no good outcome for her.

- The Southern Bangkok Criminal Court yesterday dismissed a defamation lawsuit brought against Democrat Party MP Wilas Chanpithak for criticising Sino-Thai Engineering and Construction Plc (STEC) about repeated delays in the construction of a new parliament complex.
 - ❖ The defamation suit was brought against him by STEC after Wilas made comments on several occasions including during his interview with a Kom Chad Luek program on Nation TV22 on the topic of “New Parliament this life or next life” on December 22, 2019.
 - ❖ Wilas told the Nation TV22 host that, “[the new parliament project is the messiest project”.
- The National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) has disclosed asset declaration list of Senator Anumat Amat when he left office as senator.
 - ❖ Anumat reported total assets of 315,086,921 baht including:
 - ✓ 5,839,103 baht in bank deposits and HK\$357,978 (Hong Kong Dollar).
 - ✓ 172,218,004 baht in investment
 - ✓ 40 plots of land worth 93,525,780 baht
 - ✓ Property and buildings worth 10,973,433 baht
 - ✓ Vehicles worth 23,055,600 baht
 - ✓ 87 million baht in other assets
 - ❖ Anumat accumulated around 2,895,120 baht per year while in office.

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Infection data for today are as follows

Total New PCR Infections = 7,122

Total positive cases (ATK/Antigen) = 1,999

Total New Death = 12

Total New Recovery = 7,460

Total Infection including PRC & ATK = 9,121

Total infections so far since outbreak = 2,344,933

Total deaths so far since outbreak = 21,968

Total in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) = 511

Total number on life support (ventilator) = 113

The government's data on 'Positive testing' numbers as a percentage of the tests it undertakes stands @ 8.86% as of January 18.

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

Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- A member of military-appointed senate told parliament today that the coup which brought General Prayut Chan-ocha into power in 2014 had failed to fix corruption problems in Thailand.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/36666/military-backed-senator-blasts-corruption-in-current-political-system-which-was-crafted-by-army/>
- An assistant minister at the Prime Minister's Office said his royalist group was successful in gathering one million names for a petition calling for Amnesty International to leave Thailand.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/36644/royalists-say-theyve-gathered-one-million-signatures-to-call-for-amnesty-international-to-leave/>
- It was disappointing to see young netizens accusing Southern voters of being stupid or lacking political awareness after the Democrat Party won the by-elections in Songkhla and Chumphon.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/36603/opinion-student-criticism-of-southern-voters-is-disappointing/>
- Progressive Movement leader Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit has sold three of his paintings in a non-fungible token (NFT) auction for more than 3 million baht on Tuesday, with most of the proceeds going to the Thai Lawyers for Human Rights (TLHR) group.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2249551/thanathorns-painting-nfts-sell-for-3-3-million-baht>
- Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam has suggested that stakeholders pause their cultivation plans amid a hot debate between the Ministry of Public Health and the Office of the Narcotics Control Board about its legality.

- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/in-focus/40011245>
 - The Department of Special Investigation (DSI) has submitted additional information relating to the disappearance of Karen rights activist Porlajee "Billy" Rakchongcharoen to the Office of the Attorney-General (OAG), which the office needs for further legal action.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2249715/dsi-submits-extra-info-on-billy-case>
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Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- All relevant government agencies must work more closely together if the sandbox program is to be successful, a analyst told Thai Enquirer on Tuesday.
- Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/36650/tourism-authorities-and-other-sectors-must-work-together-to-make-sandbox-program-successful/>
- The Thai government authorized cutting property transfer and mortgage fees to 0.01 per cent until the end of the year to bolster spending in the property market, the spokesperson said on Tuesday.
- Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/36655/thailand-cuts-transfer-mortgage-fees-for-properties-under-3-million-baht/>
- Moves to ease restrictions and reopen the country will be considered on Thursday at a meeting of the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) chaired by Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha.
- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40011237>
- Hundreds of protestors gathered outside Government House on Tuesday, demanding relief from financial hardship caused by the rising cost of living.
- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40011244>
- The cabinet on Tuesday approved visa changes intended to attract affluent foreigners for lengthy stays, targeting the rich, retirees, remote workers and skilled professionals.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2249483/cabinet-approves-visa-changes-to-woo-wealthy-foreigners>
- The cabinet on Tuesday approved the allocation of 1.48 billion baht from the central budget to fund programmes to reduce the cost of living over a period of three months.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2249459/b1-4bn-approved-for-programmes-to-reduce-cost-of-living>
- Thailand's baht rose on Tuesday on hopes that the tourism-reliant country waives quarantine for vaccinated visitors again, while its emerging market peers gained on a US dollar unperturbed by a rise in Treasury yields.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2249399/thai-baht-gains-on-quarantine-free-travel-hopes-asia-fx-gains>
- Chinese New Year celebrations in Bangkok's famed Yaowarat area have been cancelled due to concerns about the Omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus.
- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/in-focus/40011248>
- Thailand's three major superstores on Tuesday agreed to cooperate with the government in fixing the retail prices of chicken meat in a move to control the rising cost of living.
- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40011236>
- Property developer Sansiri sold its digital bond worth 2 billion baht via Pao Tang app in only 3.38 minutes, becoming the first digital property bond in Asia.
- Link- <https://tna.mcot.net/english-news-864313>
- Rice farmers in Nakhon Sawan are being forced to buy water for 500 baht per rai as drought has hit many provinces.
- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2249615/drought-leads-to-rising-water-costs-for-rice-farmers>
- SET-listed Asia Aviation (AAV), the majority shareholder of Thai AirAsia (TAA), completed fundraising of 14 billion baht to strengthen its financial position for a future rebound.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2249695/aav-pulls-in-b14bn-from-capital-raising-strategy>
 - SET-listed developers Noble Development and SC Asset Corporation are upbeat about their business prospects and overall market sentiment this year, with both planning record property launches.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2249679/bullish-developers-plan-record-launches>
 - Thai-Chinese joint venture SAIC Motor-CP, the manufacturer and distributor of MG cars, plans to spend 2.5 billion baht developing a factory to produce batteries for battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and start making BEVs domestically next year.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2249643/saic-motor-cp-eyes-new-ev-battery-factory>
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Issues to be watched out for

- January 17, 2022 - January 31, 2022 – The Ministry of Finance is set to sell new savings bonds worth 30 billion baht to raise funds for government policies aimed at relieving the economic and social impact of Covid-19.
- January 1 and February 15 – The government will offer shoppers a tax deduction of up to 30,000 baht per person on their goods purchased.
- January 20, 2022 – The Revenue Department plans to finalize the discussion on a cryptocurrency capital gains tax.
- January 30, 2022 – Confirmed date for by-election in Constituency 4 of Bangkok to fill in a vacant seat left by government MP Sira Jenjaka.
- February 2022 – The opposition is set to file a general debate without a vote under Section 152 of the constitution.
- February 9, 2022 – The Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled its 1st meeting.

- February 17, 2022 – The Supreme Court’s Criminal Division for Political Office Holders, is set to decide on the fate of Suthep Thaugsuban, the leader of the People’s Democratic Reform Council (PDRC), the protest movement that was instrumental in the 2014 coup led by Prayut Chan-o-cha against the government of Yingluck Shinawatra, on the charges laid by the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), citing that there was corruption in the construction of 396 police stations worth more than 5.8 billion baht during the 2008-2011 government of Abhisit Vejjajiva when Suthep was a Deputy Prime Minister in-charge of the Royal Thai Police.
- February 21, 2022 - The 4th phase of the co-payment subsidy is expected to be launched.
- February 28, 2022 – The Ministry of Finance plans to reassess the impact of the outbreak on the economy and release official economic growth forecast.
- March-April, 2022 – The 4th phase of the half-half co-payment subsidy scheme to stimulate spending on goods are set to take effect.
- April 1, 2022 – The government is set to collect a 300-baht entry fee per person from foreign visitors to fund the development of local tourist attractions and for tourists’ insurance coverage.
- May, 2022 – Ordinary parliamentary sessions resume.
- May 31–June 2, 2022 – The budget bill for the 2022 fiscal year is scheduled to be debated in the House of Representatives.
- August 24, 2022 – The last day as per the current constitution for Prayut to be the Prime Minister under the 2016 constitution Article 158 which forbids a person to be in Prime Minister’s position for more than 8-years continuously or with breaks.

Key Data

SET Index	1,660.27	-16.60
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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 - <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 18, 2022

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
AIRA	100,000	2.64	Sale
BDMS	100,000	22.3	Purchase
UREKA	735,000	1.4	Purchase
HUMAN	150,000	15.1	Sale
HUMAN	100,000	16.5	Sale
HUMAN	100,000	16.95	Sale
IVL	500	48.5	Sale
ICN	1,520,000	3.78	Purchase
PLANB	4,371	-	Purchase
PLANB	568,899	-	Purchase
PLANB	42,469	-	Purchase
PLANB	761	-	Purchase
PLANET	32,800	1.03	Sale
PLANET	67,200	1.06	Sale
PLANET	50,000	1.08	Sale
PSH	100,000	14	Sale
RJH	5,000	33	Purchase
RPH	50,000	6.18	Purchase
SABUY	730,000	30.28	Purchase
SABUY	730,000	34.33	Sale
SICT	100,000	8	Sale

SICT	104,100	8.52	Sale
SICT	100,000	9	Sale
SICT	200,000	8.75	Sale
SAT	5,000	24.1	Sale
SFLEX	2,000,000	5	Purchase
SMT	60,000	6.2	Sale
SMT	175,000	4	Purchase
SMT	227,500	6.2	Sale
STI	10,000	8.9	Sale
TMILL	38,600	3.96	Sale
TAPAC	50,000	3.18	Purchase
TSTE	1,000	7	Purchase
TSTE	1,000	7	Purchase
TSTE	3,300	7.05	Purchase
TSTE	3,100	7.05	Purchase
TSTE	800	7.05	Purchase
TSTE	1,000	7	Purchase
TSTE	12,600	6.86	Purchase
TTI	1,000	26.75	Purchase
TSR	50,000	3.2	Sale
TYCN	596,700	3.64	Sale
KUN	50,000	2.57	Purchase
WPH	56,000	2.62	Purchase

XD, XE or XM or other notifications

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

Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

Daily as of 18 Jan 2022						Unit: M.Baht
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	6,522.35	5.72	9,152.26	8.03	-2,629.92	-
Proprietary	9,997.43	8.77	9,994.24	8.77	3.19	-

Trading						
Foreign Investors	41,500.28	36.42	44,457.38	39.01	-2,957.10	-
Local Individuals	55,933.39	49.08	50,349.56	44.18	5,583.82	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1 -18 Jan 2022						
						Unit: M.Baht
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	75,410.42	7.50	94,086.12	9.36	-18,675.70	-
Proprietary Trading	91,844.15	9.14	85,581.17	8.51	6,262.98	-
Foreign Investors	399,040.19	39.70	389,498.61	38.75	9,541.58	-
Local Individuals	438,968.99	43.67	436,097.84	43.38	2,871.14	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 18 Jan 2022						
						Unit: M.Baht
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	75,410.42	7.50	94,086.12	9.36	-18,675.70	-
Proprietary Trading	91,844.15	9.14	85,581.17	8.51	6,262.98	-
Foreign Investors	399,040.19	39.70	389,498.61	38.75	9,541.58	-
Local Individuals	438,968.99	43.67	436,097.84	43.38	2,871.14	-

Total Trading Value 113,953.45 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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