

December 14, 2022

Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political News

- As many as 50 Member of Parliament (MP) are set to hand in their resignation as early as tomorrow (December 15th) as part of their move to shift their allegiance to Bhumjai Thai party.
 - ❖ As many as 40 MPs are set to join Bhumjai Thai party which has also prompted questions about possible dissolution of the parliament.
 - ❖ The parliament, which has been witnessing adjournment literally everyday due to lack of quorum, could possibly face more adjournments, if and when these MPs hand in their resignation.
 - ❖ There is no rule that stipulates that the parliament needs to be dissolved after these resignations but passing any bills would be difficult for the government if the number of MPs resigning from the party are more from the government's side.
- Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwon came out to say that 2014 coup leader Prayut Chan-o-cha has decided to move to a new party.

- ❖ “It is more like he’s gone; I don’t know where he’s going, the Prime Minister is not in PPRP and PPRP only sponsored him to be Prime Minister.”
- ❖ This is the 3rd time that Prawit has come out to say that Prayut has gone to a different party.
- Prawit who is also the leader of the Palang Pracharath party (PPRP) and the man who is infamous for borrowing ultra-expensive watches from dead friends, has come out to sarcastically say to Bhumjai Thai party to take all the MPs of PPRP so that he and shutter the party and move on.
 - ❖ As many as 14 MPs of the PPRP, which has about 70+ MPs, are looking to move to Bhumjai Thai party on Friday December 16th.
- Questions have been raised whether the various bills especially the cannabis that is set to be presented in the parliament can be passed after the resignation of the MPs from the various parties.
- Anutin Charnvirakul, the leader of Bhumjai Thai party, came out to say that his party was open to all those who want to come to the party and that there were no restrictions on who could join.
 - ❖ Anutin came out to say that details of who would be joining would only be known on December 16th when those potential MPs come to the party headquarters to join and sign the papers.
- Nan Boonthida Somchai, MP for Ubon Ratchathani Democrat Party revealed that she has now submitted a resignation letter from MPs and resigned from the Democrat Party on December 13th and is ready to reveal herself as a member of the Bhumjai Thai party on the Friday December 16th.
- More MPs from Thai Saang Thai and Saang Anakhot Thai party are likely to move to Bhumjai Thai party as the planned merger of these 2 parties are in limbo.
 - ❖ Reports are already emerging that the planned merger of the 2 parties are already off the table.
- Democrat party has come out to deny reports that the executive committee of Democrat party has not resigned to force Jurin Laksanawisit, the leader of the Democrat party, to resign.

- ❖ Talks were that executive committee was looking to resign to force Jurin from the party leadership position ahead of the elections as Jurin's rating continues to trail all other potential Prime Minister candidates.
 - Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister gave an interview on the progress of the Organic Act on the election of MPs and on the P.P.P. on political parties that the council has sent both draft versions has reached the government. It is expected to be presented to His Majesty the King within this week.
 - Madam Dear or Watanaya Bunnag, who has recently moved to Democrat party from PPRP, has assets of more than 240 million Baht while her husband Chai Bunnag has assets of more than 536 million Baht.
 - ❖ The Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) disclosed the accounts of assets and liabilities of Ms. Watanya after she resigned from the position of MP on August 16, 2022
 - ❖ Watanya, together with Chai, who is the Chairman of the Executive Board of Nation Group (Thailand) Plc and Acting Executive Chairman of Aqua Corporation Plc and is the spouse of Watanaya had total assets of 536,032,740 Baht, liabilities were 126,439,294 Baht.
 - ❖ Miss Watanya's assets are 240,075,840 Baht, such as a penthouse suite at 92 million Baht, 30 famous brand name bags, including Hermes, Chanel, Celine, Bottega Veneta, Christian Dior, totalling 30 items worth totalling more than 7.9 million Baht, 11 luxury watches worth 6.7 million Baht.
-

Economic News

- Thailand's 'Motor Expo' saw a 16.1% rise year-on-year in sales during this year as economy improved.
 - ❖ Khwanchai Paphatphong, President of International Media Co., Ltd., organizer of the '39th Motor Expo' or 'Motor Expo 2022', revealed that the Motor Expo 2022 between December 1-12 as many as 1,335,573 visitors and 42,768 vehicles reservations, divided into 36,679 cars and 6,089 motorcycles.

- ❖ The average price of cars sold at the event was at 1,349,742 Baht and the average motorcycle was 253,699 Baht, generating a turnover of 51,000 million Baht.

ยอดจอยอดรถยนต์ (+16.1%)		36,679 คัน	
1	Toyota 6,064 คัน	2	Honda 3,252 คัน
3	BYD 2,714 คัน	4	Isuzu 2,648 คัน
5	Nissan 2,478 คัน	6	Suzuki 2,464 คัน
7	MG 2,443 คัน	8	Mazda 2,295 คัน
9	GWM 1,995 คัน	10	Ford 1,707 คัน
11	Benz 1,597 คัน	12	Mitsubishi 1,527 คัน
13	BMW 1,234 คัน	14	Hyundai 898 คัน
15	NETA 827 คัน		

www.autolifethailand.tv

- Roongrote Rangsiyopash, President of Siam Cement Plc (SCC), revealed that the group has set an investment budget of 100 billion Baht for 5 years (2023-2027) to support new business expansion, including integrated clean energy health and medical Digital Logistics, Green Innovation, Smart Living, and intelligent robots.
- ❖ This is to meet the needs of the ASEAN market and the world in the future. With SCC reminding confident that it is a high potential business building growth and strength for SCC ready to continue expanding investment projects around the world.

SCG

แผนการลงทุน SCG ระยะ 5 ปี 100,000 ล้านบาท

พลังงานแสงอาทิตย์

- พัฒนาเครื่องจักรอสังหาริมทรัพย์-ขายพลังงานสะอาด
- ตั้งเป้าหมาย 3,000 เมกะวัตต์ ภายใน 5 ปี จากปัจจุบัน 195 เมกะวัตต์

นวัตกรรม Heat Battery

- กำกับความร้อนใช้ซ้ำในอุตสาหกรรม พัฒนาพลังงานชีวมวลคุณภาพสูง
- ใช้ป็นเชื้อเพลิงทดแทนในโรงงานซีเมนต์
- ตั้งเป้า Net Zero

EV Solution Platform

- Acelylene Black ใช้เป็นส่วนประกอบในแบตเตอรี่ลิเธียมไอออนแบบชาร์จไฟ EV
- EV Fleet Solution จัดทำ EV ประสิทธิภาพสูงสำหรับภาคธุรกิจ เชื้อเพลิงต่ำ ปล่อยมลพิษต่ำ
- มี 2565 คันของ EV 402 คัน ปล่อยมลพิษต่ำกว่า 6,400 คัน
- มี 2566 คันเป้าหมายปล่อยมลพิษต่ำกว่า 9,600 คัน

Health and Medical Solutions

- ขยายธุรกิจวัสดุอุปกรณ์ทางการแพทย์ 15,000 รายการ SCGP ทำตลาดหุ้น DigitalLabประเทศไทย
- เตรียมครบถ้วนคุณภาพชีวิต อาทิ รถยนต์ไฟฟ้าอัจฉริยะ ดิจิทัลโซลูชันยา ผลิตภัณฑ์ส่งมอบทางอากาศ

Artificial Intelligence Solutions

- Smart Farming ครอบคลุม
- เครื่องจักรกลอัตโนมัติ

Green Solutions

- CPAC Green Solution อาทิ CPAC Drone Solution, CPAC 3D Printing
- นวัตกรรมพลาสมาเป็นมิตรสิ่งแวดล้อม

Digital logistics

- บริการขนส่งและโซลูชันห่วงโซ่อุปทานโลจิสติกส์
- บริการภาคอุตสาหกรรม
- รองรับสินค้าที่ส่งมอบเป็นพิเศษ อาทิ วิตามิน
- ขนส่งทั้งทางบกเรือ อากาศ

Smart Living Solutions

- ห้องจากกระดาษรีไซเคิลพลังงานจากธรรมชาติ
- ดิจิทัลเทคโนโลยีที่เป็นมิตรกับธรรมชาติและยั่งยืน

14/12/2565

- This week the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) will summarize the formula for the automatic variable electricity tariff (FT) for the new installment of January-April 2023.
 - ❖ Initially, the FT rate in the household sector will be in accordance with the National Energy Policy Council (NEPC) policy to help reduce electricity bills for the group to use less than 500 units of electricity per month.
 - ❖ The original price is the same as the current period, 4.72 Baht per unit.
 - ❖ As for the industrial sector, it may have to be raised by more than 5 Baht per unit, still unable to specify a clear figure because waiting for PTT to summarize the figure for liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices and summarize the guidelines for paying debt to the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) in the amount of 1.2 billion Baht.
- Kriengkrai Thienkul, president of the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI), said that if the government raises the FT, it will pressure entrepreneurs to gradually increase product prices by 5-12% and affect their competitiveness. country attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) because electricity costs are much higher.
- The ongoing merger of True Corporation Plc (TRUE) and Total Access Communication Plc (DTAC) will be completed by the end of January. 2023 or early February 2023.
 - ❖ Pisut Ngamwjitwong Senior Vice President Securities analysis department Kasikorn Securities revealed that the merger will take some time as the Board of Directors of both companies will meet within 1-2 weeks to call a common shareholder meeting before signing the contract and notify the Stock Exchange of Thailand.
 - ❖ In addition, the share repurchase date will be scheduled from shareholders who vote against this merger within this month or at the beginning of January 2023, TRUE will buy 5.15 Baht per share, while DTAC will buy at 50.50 Baht per share.
- [Bloomberg](#) reported that Food delivery unicorn Line Man Wongnai is in talks to acquire Delivery Hero SE's Foodpanda in Thailand as it plans for a stock-market debut in the next few years, according to people familiar with the discussions.
 - ❖ Bangkok-based Line Man Wongnai considered a deal at around \$100 million at one point, but the value is likely to have changed with the deterioration of the wider market and internal views toward loss-making businesses

Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwon admitted on Tuesday that it seemed Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha would join another political party and not the ruling Palang Pracharath Party, which had engineered his elevation to prime minister.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2459510/prawit-admits-prayut-likely-to-join-another-party>
 - Former Democrat MP Nipit Intarasombut was formally presented to the media (Tuesday) as a new member of the Palang Pracharath Party, responsible for election campaigning in Thailand's southern provinces.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/former-democrat-mp-nipit-formally-joins-palang-pracharath-party/>
 - Thailand is entering “election mode” after two organic laws necessary for the next national vote were recently cleared by the Constitutional Court to be submitted for royal endorsement.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/thailands-election-timeline-explained/>
 - Investigators believe at least 27 immigration police officers have made it possible for members of Chinese triads to stay illegally in Thailand.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40023026>
 - Activists will gather outside parliament on Wednesday to press for the passage of the cannabis control bill, which is currently having its second reading.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2458890/activists-press-for-weed-bill-passage>
-

Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Thailand's industry sentiment index increased for the 6th consecutive month in November from tourism recovery and rising economic activities but the 3-month forward-looking index declined due to concern over the global economic slowdown, the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) said.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/46723/industry-sentiment-increased-for-6th-consecutive-month-in-november-but-the-forward-looking-index-had-declined/>
- Amata Corporation Plc (AMATA), one of Thailand's leading industrial estate developers, expects its land sales to grow by at least 10% during 2023 from the expected 1,100 rais of land it hopes to sell by the end of this year.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/46693/amata-targets-10-growth-in-land-sales-amid-revival-of-foreign-investments-into-thailand-and-vietnam/>
- Food delivery unicorn Line Man Wongnai is in talks to acquire Delivery Hero SE's Foodpanda in Thailand as it plans for a stock-market debut in the next few years.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2459535/line-man-in-talks-to-acquire-foodpanda-in-thailand>
- A free-trade-zone project in Thailand, launched in 2018 by Alibaba Group Holding while company founder Jack Ma was still CEO, has finally started trial operation.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2459585/alibabas-free-trade-hub-in-thailand-backed-by-jack-ma-begins-trial-operation-after-four-years>
- Factories using controlled chemicals are required to register and provide details on their production processes within this week, as the government tries to crack down on the production of narcotics.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40023031>
- The Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) asked the government to slow down the increase in fuel tariff (FT) from January to April 2023 to reduce the burden of high energy costs.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40023041>

- Burger King, the franchise burger restaurant under Minor Food Group, has launched a brand-new flagship store in Thailand equipped with advanced service technology in response to the digital lifestyle trend.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/corporate/40023047>
- Bangkok Airways reckons it will be able to fly nearly 3 million passengers this year, and about 4.5 million next year now that Thailand has lifted all Covid-19 restrictions.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/corporate/40023042>
- Joon Wanavit, the 85-year-old founder of Hatari Electric, has been named among Asia's 2022 Heroes of Philanthropy by Forbes Magazine.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2459630/hatari-founder-among-forbes-philanthropy-heroes>
- The State Railway of Thailand (SRT) plans to invest another 300 billion baht for the second phase of the Thai-Chinese high-speed railway project.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2459750/high-speed-rail-seeking-b300bn-extra>
- Minor International Plc acquired a 50.1% stake in GAGA Beverages (Thailand) Co for an undisclosed amount in a move to extend its portfolio to the retail beverage business.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2459890/mint-takes-a-big-sip-of-gaga-beverages>
- SET-listed Prima Marine, a provider of marine transport and crude oil and petroleum product storage, is expanding its fleet of vessels to serve growing demand for transport services in Southeast Asia.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2459795/prima-to-expand-fleet-of-vessels>
- Central Restaurants Group (CRG), the country's leading restaurant chain operator, intends to invest 400 million baht to open 30 new KFC branches next year, spending three times faster than pre-crisis levels thanks to a full recovery in the quick-service restaurant (QSR) segment.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2459815/kfc-to-open-30-new-branches-next-year>
 - Energy conglomerate Bangchak Corporation Plc (BCP) has marked more than 20 years of growth with a new identity, reflected through a redesigned leaf logo as it transitions to clean energy and a mission to maintain Thailand's energy security.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2460035/bcp-celebrates-changes-with-new-logo>
-

Issues to be watched out for

- January 5th, 2022 – Trade Policy and Strategy Office makes its monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for the month of November 2022.
- January 2023 – The hike in the daily minimum wage is set to become official.
- January 31st, 2023 – The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data
- February 20, 2023 – The National Economic & Social Development Council (NESDC) set to announce the Q4 2022 and Fiscal Year 2022 GDP data
 - ❖ <https://www.nesdc.go.th/download/forthcoming.pdf>
- February 28, 2023 – Prorogation of a 2/2022 session.
- March 24, 2022 – The current House of Representatives' expiration of the time of office, the Constitution particularizes the new election of the House of Representatives within 45 days.
- April 28th, 2023 – The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data
- May 7th, 2023 - Election Commission says elections must be held by this date if the government completed its term (which falls on March 23, 2023)
- July 31st, 2023 – The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data
- October 31st, 2023 – The Ministry of Finance announced its own GDP data

Key Data

SET Index 1,625.91 +2.78

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 December 13 ,2022

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code **Volume** **Value** **Action**

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
FVC	30,000	1.27	Purchase
ITC	40,000	32	Purchase
MBK	6,000	17.6	Purchase
SKR	20,000	13.68	Sale
TMC	24,202,312	2.5	Sale
TSTE	1,400	7.1	Purchase
TMT	12,000	6.97	Purchase
VARO	50,000	10	Sale
KUN	7,800	2.42	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 13 December 2022						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	4,288.28	7.79	3,225.06	5.86	1,063.22	-
Proprietary Trading	3,420.50	6.21	3,678.91	6.68	-258.42	-
Foreign Investor	27,764.08	50.41	27,796.34	50.47	-32.25	-
Local Individuals	19,599.84	35.59	20,372.40	36.99	-772.55	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1-13 December 2022						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	28,537.24	7.21	25,199.69	6.36	3,337.55	-
Proprietary Trading	28,360.16	7.16	25,912.30	6.54	2,447.86	-
Foreign Investors	202,099.44	51.04	211,117.48	53.31	-9,018.04	-
Local Individuals	137,001.18	34.60	133,768.55	33.78	3,232.64	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -13 December 2022						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	1,225,762.47	7.43	1,380,781.83	8.37	-155,019.37	-
Proprietary Trading	1,418,737.58	8.60	1,418,732.10	8.60	5.49	-

Foreign Investors	8,004,687.78	48.54	7,823,721.90	47.45	180,965.88	-
Local Individuals	5,840,439.06	35.42	5,866,391.06	35.58	-25,952.00	-

Total Trading Value 55,073.41 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

Information provided here is copyright of ThaiNews Corp and no part maybe reproduced in any form without the prior written permission. The opinions expressed are only those of the writer's and is analysed based on the situation.