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## Thai Enquirer News Summary

### **Economic News**

- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin remains confident that the Thai economy will improve despite the delay in the 10,000-Baht digital wallet handout scheme.
  - ❖ He stated that the government is trying its best to enhance the country's situation. Although the digital wallet scheme was delayed from its originally planned implementation in February or March 2024, the government has sought alternative plans through tourism and economic stimulation.
  - ❖ The PM mentioned that recent gross domestic product (GDP) figures showed the country has not performed as expected compared to other nations. In response to the Bank of Thailand's proposal to review the wallet scheme, citing the gradual improvement of the country's economy, Srettha stated that the GDP figures are still not satisfactory.

- Yesterday The Cabinet approved the exemption of excise tax on local liquor to promote tourism and the economy.
  - ❖ The state collected 177.6 billion Baht from liquor, beer, and other beverage taxes in fiscal year 2023, including 64.2 billion Baht from liquors, 86.5 billion Baht from beers, and 26.9 billion Baht from other beverages.

**ลดภาษีสุราพื้นบ้าน**  
กรม.เห็นชอบ  
ส่งเสริมประเทศไทยสู่ศูนย์กลางการท่องเที่ยวและการใช้จ่าย

**สุราพื้นบ้าน**  
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- ยกเลิกระดับราคาขายและให้เก็บภาษีเพียง 5%  
- ถ้าไม่ได้นำเข้ามาเพื่อการค้า ลดจาก 10% เหลือ 0%  
- ภาษีตามระดับแอลกอฮอล์ลดเหลือ 1,000 บาท  
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**สรรพสามิตเงินหน้าสนับสนุนนโยบายรัฐบาล**  
ส่งเสริมไทยเป็นศูนย์กลางการท่องเที่ยวและใช้จ่าย  
ยกระดับสุราพื้นบ้าน สร้างมูลค่าเพิ่มสินค้าเกษตร

**อัตราภาษีสรรพสามิตสินค้าสุรา**

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สุราแช่ที่มีสุรากลั่นผสม	10	150	10	255

**เงินภาษีสุราพื้นบ้าน ลดลงเหลือตามฐานราคา**

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ฟักทอง หรือสุราแช่ที่มีส่วนผสมของผลไม้หรือไวน์ท้องถิ่น	10	900
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**อัตราภาษีสรรพสามิตกิจการบันเทิง หรือหย่อนใจ**  
(อัตราเก็บภาษีตามราคาขายปลีกสุทธิ ไม่เกิน 2567)

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สถานบันเทิง หรือหย่อนใจ	10	5

- The Thai Alcohol Beverage Business Association stated that lowering the taxes on local liquor will not significantly benefit small operators if the government continues to uphold barriers against alcohol advertising, along with imposing limitations on selling locations and hours.
  - ❖ The association argues that the only viable platform for small operators to promote their alcohol products is through OTOP (One Tambon One Product) events. They question how foreigners will become aware of local liquors in communities if they are not even aware of their existence.
  - ❖ Furthermore, the association suggests that the government should reconsider the laws governing the online sale of alcohol if it is genuinely committed to promoting local liquors, similar to the approaches adopted by Japan in promoting sake and South Korea in promoting soju.
- Thai and Chinese tourists will be able to visit each other's countries without a visa starting March 1, Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin said.
  - ❖ He said this initiative would become a permanent arrangement, following the expiration of Thailand's temporary 30-day visa exemption for Chinese tourists on February 29.

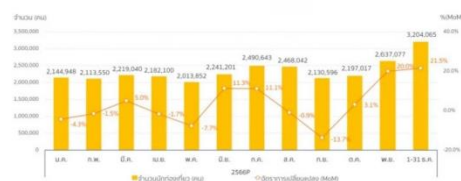


- ❖ Airports of Thailand (AOT) CEO Kirati Kitmanawat stated that the initiative would significantly help fuel a return of Chinese tourists to Thailand. He expected to see Chinese tourist numbers return to the 2019 high of 11 million within the next 1-2 years, significantly faster than the previously estimated 3-4 year timeframe.
- ❖ Kirati estimated that around 8 million Chinese travelers would visit Thailand in 2024, compared to 3.5 million in 2023.
- In 2023, Thailand welcomed 28.04 million foreign visitors, a 151% increase from the previous year, according to the Ministry of Tourism and Sports. These visitors spent a total of 1.2 trillion baht in 2023.

❖ The top 5 nationalities were:

- Malaysian 4.56 million
- Chinese 3.52 million
- South Korean 1.66 million
- Indian 1.63 million
- Russian 1.48 million

จำนวนนักท่องเที่ยวสะสม 1 มกราคม - 31 ธันวาคม 2566<sup>P</sup>



ปัจจัยที่สำคัญในช่วงสัปดาห์ที่ผ่านมา

- (+) การเดินทางท่องเที่ยวในช่วงเทศกาลวันขึ้นปีใหม่
- (+) การเดินทางในช่วง Winter Holiday ช่วงสิ้นปีของภูมิภาคยุโรป

ที่มา: ศูนย์สถิติและสารสนเทศการท่องเที่ยวและกีฬา กองการท่องเที่ยวและกีฬา จังหวัด ณ วันที่ 2 มกราคม 2567



จำนวนนักท่องเที่ยวสะสม (1 ม.ค. - 31 ธ.ค. 2566p)

28,042,131 คน  
151% (YOY)

จำนวนนักท่องเที่ยวสูงสุด 5 อันดับแรก

1	มาเลเซีย	4,563,020 คน
2	จีน	3,519,735 คน
3	เกาหลีใต้	1,658,688 คน
4	อินเดีย	1,626,720 คน
5	รัสเซีย	1,481,878 คน

- The Cabinet has approved measures to simplify the process for foreign tourists seeking value-added tax (VAT) refunds on purchases made in Thailand. Government spokesman Chai Wacharonke stated that the objective is to streamline the VAT refund process and alleviate queues for tourists.
  - ❖ Under the approved measures, tourists purchasing goods below 20,000 Baht are no longer required to present them to customs officials during the refund process, compared to the previous limit of less than 5,000 Baht. This adjustment is anticipated to significantly reduce the number of tourists obligated to showcase their purchased items, from approximately 120,000 annually to around 30,000.
  - ❖ Furthermore, the minimum price for items such as ornaments, ornamental gold, watches, eyeglasses, pens, smartphones, laptop and tablet computers, bags (excluding travel bags), and belts that must be presented to customs has been raised from 10,000 Baht to 40,000 Baht.
  - ❖ Additionally, the maximum value of goods permitted for tourists to carry when boarding flights has been increased to 100,000 Baht, up from the previous limit of 50,000 Baht.
  - ❖ In 2024, Thailand is expected to welcome 34-35 million international tourists, with estimated tourism revenue of 1.5 trillion Baht.
- The University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (UTCC) has trimmed its economic growth estimate for 2023 to 2.5%, down from the earlier forecast of 3% it made in October last year, while projecting growth of 3.2% this year.
  - ❖ Thanavath Phonvichai, president of the UTCC, attributed the downgrade to the lower-than-expected rate of GDP growth in the third quarter of 2023, which stood at 1.9%.
  - ❖ The slow recovery of Chinese tourist arrivals and reduced fiscal drive given the absence of a fiscal 2024 budget have weighed on consumption and state investment, which also contributed to the decline, he said.
  - ❖ A continuous decrease in inventory levels, especially in the industrial goods category, resulted from producers being uncertain about demand for new products. This uncertainty led to a delay in production and the release of existing stock.
- The Thai stock market soared yesterday, breaking through the crucial psychological barrier of 1,430 points and outperforming regional markets. The benchmark SET Index closed 17.53 points, or 1.24%, higher at 1,433.38 points on a trading value of 43.27 billion Baht.

- ❖ This surge comes after a tumultuous year in 2022, where the SET Index saw the worst performance in the region. However, investor sentiment has turned optimistic, fueled by several factors. One key driver is the government's economic stimulus measures, including the tax reduction “Easy E-Receipt” program, which allows people to receive a tax deduction of up to 50,000 Baht.
- ❖ Additionally, recent government efforts to revive tourism, particularly attracting Chinese visitors, have led to increased buying interest in tourism-related stocks. Companies like Airports of Thailand (AOT) had seen significant buying activity.
- ❖ As for today, market analysts expect some fluctuations after the strong performance yesterday. Investors are advised to closely watch the upcoming deliberation of the budget bill for the 2024 fiscal year, which will take place from December 3-5. The resistance level for today is expected to be at 1,440 points, with support at 1,428 points.

Impact Gain	Trade	Change	%Chg	Impact
DELTA	91.25↑	+3.25	3.69	+3.282
AOT	62.25↑	+2.50	4.18	+2.900
EA	46.50↑	+2.25	5.08	+0.675
CPAXT	27.75	+0.75	2.78	+0.645
HMPRO	12.20	+0.50	4.27	+0.530
COM7	26.50↑	+2.70	11.34	+0.513
PTTEP	151.00↑	+1.50	1.00	+0.480
GULF	45.00	+0.50	1.12	+0.475
GPSC	50.50↑	+2.00	4.12	+0.460
TRUE	5.20	+0.15	2.97	+0.420

- BTS Group Holding Plc (BTS), the operator of the green line BTS, the problematic PINK line which saw its rails fall off late last month, and the YELLOW line seems to be in more trouble after a wheel of its Yellow line network fell on a Taxi yesterday.

A wheel from a Yellow Line train fell, striking a taxi on Thepharak Road near Si Thepha Station in Samut Prakarn. Fortunately, no one was injured.

- ❖ The train continued without stopping, heading towards Lat Phrao Station. An investigation is currently underway.
- ❖ Recently, the Eastern Bangkok Monorail Company Limited (EBM), the operator of the Yellow Line train, stated that they would issue an official statement after conducting a thorough investigation.
- ❖ A preliminary examination of the train suggested that the incident may have been caused by a cracked wheel axle. After the train was brought to the maintenance center, it was found that there was no significant damage, and the train could immediately continue its normal service, the company stated.
- ❖ Transport Minister Suriya Juangroongruangkit responded to the incident, stating he would conduct an on-site inspection of the train today. He would summon



responsible maintenance operators to provide an explanation of the incident. In the event of future incidents, Suriya stated that the operators who were found negligent of their duties would risk losing their bidding rights for future projects with the government.



- The Cabinet on Tuesday appointed a new committee for the State Railway of Thailand, consisting of 7 members.

❖ Notable members include:

- Jirut Wisanjit, former director general of the Department of Land Transport as the committee's chairman
- Wim Rungwattanachinda, who works closely with Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin
- Athit Suriyapiwat, advisor to the Prime Minister



- ❖ The Cabinet also resolved to establish the board of the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand, comprising 10 members.

❖ Some familiar names include:

- Gen Kanit Charnpreechaya, former senator and classmate of former PM Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha
- Seksakol Atthawong, former deputy leader of the Ruam Thai Sang Chart Party



- The Governor of Bank of Thailand is real rich man, so says his asset decelerations. Sethaput Suthiwartnarueput, reported that his assets stood at 254.799 million Baht and liabilities of 15.24 million. Although his house was worth just 3 million Baht and his 1 vehicle that he has is valued at a mere 150,000 Baht.



## Political News

- After months of delay due to political transition and policy adjustments, the Thai Parliament will kick off the deliberation of the 3.48 trillion-Baht budget bill for the 2024 fiscal year today.
  - ❖ The 5 ministries slated to receive the largest budgetary allocations are the
    - Ministry of Interior 353.12 billion Baht
    - Ministry of Education 328.38 billion Baht
    - Ministry of Finance 327.15 billion Baht
    - Ministry of Defense 198.32 billion Baht
    - Ministry of Transport 183.63 billion Baht
  - ❖ According to the speaker of the House, Wan Muhamad Noor Matha, both the government and the opposition have been allotted 20 hours each to present their perspectives on the budget.
  - ❖ The Parliament is expected to reach a resolution on accepting or rejecting the bill on January 5, with the vote beginning at 22:00 hrs. If accepted, a committee will then be appointed to work on the bill while adhering to a 105-day timeframe to ensure timely disbursement of funds.



- Responding to questions about whether the opposition could discuss on former PM Thaksin Shinawatra, Wan Muhammad said they could if the topic was related to the Department of Corrections' budget.





- Meanwhile Visuth Chainaroon, deputy government chief whip, spoke after chairing a government whip's meeting regarding preparations for the 3-day debate. He has warned the opposition that, if it attempts to link the parliamentary debate on the budget bill for the 2024 fiscal year to the current status of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, they could face legal action.
  - ❖ Visuth did, however, refer to reports that the opposition bloc may scrutinise the budget of the Corrections Department, in an attempt to connect the department with Thaksin, who is sentenced to a commuted jail term of one year on corruption charges, but who is yet to spend one night in an actual prison, after his admission to the Police General Hospital on what was to be his first day of incarceration.
  - ❖ The department is being criticised for providing “VVIP treatment” to Thaksin. The opposition should not mention Thaksin in parliament, as he is not involved in the budget bill debate. This is not a censure debate. If they talk about Thaksin, a non-MP and a third-party, they could face legal action, as parliamentary immunity cannot protect them, Visuth claimed.
- The government's budgeting for fiscal year 2024 does not reflect the economic crisis claimed to exist. The budgeting also remains similar to that of the Prayut administration's draft despite the delay, said Move Forward Party list MP and Chairperson of the Opposition Whip, Pakornwut Udompipatsakul.
  - ❖ He said the government claims the economy is in crisis to justify spending 500 billion Baht for the 10,000 Baht handout policy, but their budgeting for fiscal 2024 does not support this claim.
  - ❖ While he understands the delay in budget disbursement due to the recent change in government, he expressed disappointment in the lack of major amendments in the budgeting compared to the Prayut administration's draft, which was prepared when the new government came into power.

- ❖ Other points that will be targeted for deliberation on the 2024 fiscal budget bill include budgeting for environmental issues, addressing inequality, human resource development such as education, and tackling declining birth rate issues.
- ❖ Pakornwut also said the allocation of deliberation time for other opposition parties has been set, with 200 minutes for the Democrat Party, 60 minutes for the Thai Sang Thai Party, and 20 minutes for the Fair Party. Smaller parties like the New Democracy Party, the Thai Teachers for People Party, and the New Party will each receive 10 minutes.



- Following a Cabinet meeting yesterday, PM Srettha Thavisin engaged in separate discussions with ministers from the Pheu Thai Party.
  - ❖ He later revealed that the discussions focused on preparations for the parliamentary deliberation on the budget bill. Military officials also visited him.
  - ❖ When asked about potential coalition talks aimed at strengthening the government's alliance, Prime Minister Srettha acknowledged the suggestion and informed the media that the next coalition meeting would be hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Anutin Charnvirakul, leader of the Bhumjai Thai Party.



- The Pheu Thai Party is currently not considering a Cabinet reshuffle to allocate a ministerial seat to Paetongtarn Shinawatra, given the effective cooperation among the existing coalition partners, said Deputy Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai.

- ❖ Deputy Prime Minister and Bhumjaithai Party Leader Anutin Charnvirakul said, as the leader of the Pheu Thai Party, it would be customary for Paetongtarn to hold a ministerial position, and she could even be eligible for more than that.
- ❖ Anutin's sentiments align with those of Minister of Social Development and Human Security and Chart Thai Pattana Party Leader Varawut Silpa-archa, who earlier said that Paetongtarn is fully capable and qualified for a ministerial seat.



- Srettha's office at the Thai Khu Fah building has undergone a significant transformation.
  - ❖ Moving away from its previous workspace setting, the room has been reimagined as a white and light blue bedroom, featuring a king-sized bed draped in cream-colored bedding, a sleek television, and a big sofa. The bedroom also boasts a dining space and a relaxation area.
  - ❖ Srettha said he is planning to sleep overnight in this bedroom on January 7 but is still unsure.



- 167 people, predominantly pro-democracy activists, were either harassed or intimidated by state officials in 203 separate incidents in 2023, as reported by the Thai Lawyers for Human Rights (TLHR).

- ❖ The change in government did not impact this situation, as 70 out of the 203 incidents occurred during the Srettha administration.
- ❖ Activists are typically visited by state officials, including police, soldiers, and officials from the Internal Security Operations Command, especially when important figures such as members of the royal family or the prime minister visit the provinces where the activists reside.
- ❖ Most of the unannounced visits involve officials questioning activists or their family members about the whereabouts and activities of the activists. Additionally, officials take photos of the activists, their family members, and their homes without providing proper reasons for the interrogation.
- ❖ In addition to these visits, state officials actively obstruct political activities, particularly those opposing the use of the lese-majeste law, and closely monitor seminars conducted by the activists.




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## General News

- The police will discuss with related agencies the possibility of lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 15 to 12 years, said National Police Chief Pol Gen Torsak Sukvimol.
- ❖ The move comes after a 14-year-old indiscriminately shot and killed three people at Siam Paragon in October last year. According to the law, he cannot be punished; he can only be admonished and then released. Pol Gen Torsak also pointed out the trend that criminals are getting younger to explain the proposal.
- ❖ Regarding the 14-year-old shooter, the Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection said yesterday that they no longer have the authority to continue

detaining him, and his parents agreed for him to undergo further psychological treatment at the Galya Rajanagarindra Institute.

- ❖ The Office of the Attorney-General had earlier returned the police's summary of their investigation into the shooting, citing a lack of clear mental health evaluation of the shooter.
- ❖ The police, prosecutors, and his parents now agree that he will be treated at the institute until the doctors deem that he can defend himself, and only then will the interrogation continue.



- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin has issued a warning to Transport Company's chief – improve the condition of the Mor Chit 2 interprovincial bus terminal or face the axe.
  - ❖ Government spokesman Chai Wacharonke said on Tuesday that the premier has also instructed the Transport Ministry to oversee the improvements to the bus terminal before the Songkran holidays. Mor Chit 2 is the largest bus terminal in the capital and serves provinces in the North and Northeast. Srettha's order comes in response to public complaints and criticism last week from a Move Forward MP.
  - ❖ The spokesman said the ministry was told to ensure there are no more public complaints about the bus terminal, adding that the PM expects it to start receiving compliments instead.
  - ❖ The prime minister has also specified that all complaints and compliments will be seen as a key performance indicator of Transport Co's director, who is in charge of the terminal, the spokesman added.





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### **Political News Headlines in Thai Media**

- As Thailand enters 2024, the nation stands at a crucial crossroads, with significant political and economic challenges on the horizon. The year is particularly pivotal due to the expiration of the Senate's power to elect the Prime Minister, a change that will profoundly impact the political landscape, especially for Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin and his Pheu Thai (PT) party.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/51472/a-big-year-ahead-for-pheu-thai-and-thailand/>
- Prime Minister and Finance Minister Srettha Thavisin on Tuesday morning led members of the cabinet in a merit-making ceremony at Santimaitri Building in the Government House compound to mark the New Year before the first cabinet meeting of 2024.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40034323>
- Speaker expects budget debate to go smoothly
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2716928/speaker-expects-budget-debate-to-go-smoothly>
- Myanmar's oldest ethnic armed organization, the Karen National Union (KNU), said it is ready to cooperate with neighboring Thailand and China to combat "notorious and rampant" crime, including online scam operations, along the Myanmar-Thai border, according to the Irrawaddy news website.
  - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/knu-ready-to-work-with-thailand-and-china-to-rid-border-crime/>
- Push to raise minimum marriage age to 18

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2716943/push-to-raise-minimum-marriage-age-to-18>
  - 'No cabinet reshuffle for Paetongtarn'
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2717028/no-cabinet-reshuffle-for-paetongtarn>
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### **Economic News Headlines in Thai Media**

- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) was among the worst-performing stock markets globally in 2023. It saw a significant decline with the SET Index dropping 15.15%, placing it second only to the Shanghai SE B Share Index, which fell by 17.87%. This was in stark contrast to other major stock indices, such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) which rose by 16.18%, the S&P 500 which increased by 26.26%, and India's BSE with an 18.06% gain.
  - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/51449/market-outlook-2024-could-be-a-turning-point-for-thailands-set-after-being-the-worlds-2nd-worst-performing-stock-market-in-2023/>
- Taxpayers should join the e-receipt scheme, which will allow them to deduct 50,000 baht from their pre-tax income, Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin said.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40034341>
- Gunkul preps 17 projects
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2717213/gunkul-preps-17-projects>
- True Corporation, a leading Thai telecommunications company, has revealed that its network was at its peak during the New Year's Eve celebrations.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40034324>
- The government projects that some 200,000 jobs worth 1.2 trillion baht will be created in the development of the Business Centre and Liveable Smart City within the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC).

- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40034333>
  - Benefits and difficulties await business entrepreneurs this year, according to several CEOs. Some entrepreneurs will gain benefits, while others face setbacks. All, however, will have to overcome various obstacles to further grow their businesses.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40034327>
  - The challenges in 2024 will significantly increase from the already difficult year 2023, particularly with the global economy continuing to slow and with political disagreements increasingly arising in various regions.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/corporate/40034332>
  - Thai Airways said farewell to its subsidiary Thai Smile on December 31, as the company launched its restructuring plan to become “One THAI one Fly”.
  - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/corporate/40034317>
  - Bitcoin gains as investors pin hopes on ETFs
  - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2716951/bitcoin-gains-as-investors-pin-hopes-on-etfs>
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### **Issues to be watched out for**

- January 3-5 parliament. - Debate on the fiscal year 2024 budget in the Thai parliament.
- January 5, 2024 Inflation Data - December & Fiscal Year 2023 Consumer Confidence
- January 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 - The Constitutional Court has also set the date of January 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 as the date to look into the case of false asset declaration and other allegations made against the former Minister of Transport – Saksayam Chidchob.
- January 17, 2024 - The Criminal Court is set to read out the verdict against 29 former co-leaders of the People's Alliance for Democracy after many defendants, including

Chamlong Srimuang, fell ill on December 18<sup>th</sup> verdict day. They are accused of shutting down the 2 main airports in Bangkok during their protest in December 2008.

- January 24, 2024 - The Constitutional Court would announce its verdict in the iTV shareholding case against former Move Forward Party leader Pita Limjaroenrat.
- January 31, 2024 - The Constitutional Court would announce its verdict in the case of Move Forward party using Article 112 as a campaign issue, but the decision would have a major impact on Move Forward party immediately.
- February 7, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting.
- February 20, 2024 - The National Economic & Social Development Council (NESDC) is set to announce the Q4 2023 GDP data that could possibly be in the negative territory.
- February 22, 2024 - Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra could possibly be able to go back to his house to serve the remaining 6-months of his 1-year 'jail' term after having been in hospital since he arrived in Bangkok from his 15-year exile on August 22, 2023.
- April 10, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- June 12, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- August 21, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- October 16, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- December 18, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting

For information on Opportunity Day of various companies click on the link –

<https://www.set.or.th/streaming/opofdayCalendar>

### **Key Data**

<b>SET Index</b>	<b>1,433.38</b>	<b>+17.53</b>
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Link - [https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming\\_ipo\\_set.html](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 2, 2024**

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

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
AP	30,000	11.5	Sale
MINT	2,800,000	28.75	Purchase
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PROEN	449,500	0.18	Sale
PROEN	600,200	0.18	Sale
PROEN	1,501,900	0.18	Sale
READY	16,400	11.1	Sale
SUPER	3,000,000	0.42	Purchase
TRITN	3,947,000	0.13	Purchase
VRANDA	50,000	4.98	Purchase
VRANDA	10,000	4.98	Purchase
VRANDA	40,000	4.98	Purchase

### **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**

Daily as of 2 January 2024						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	6,070.49	14.03	4,647.36	10.74	1,423.13	-
Proprietary Trading	3,103.26	7.17	3,637.99	8.41	-534.73	-
Foreign Investor	19,971.00	46.15	18,714.54	43.25	1,256.46	-
Local Individuals	14,127.30	32.65	16,272.15	37.60	-2,144.86	-
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### **Background Information**

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- [https://www.ect.go.th/ect\\_th/news\\_all.php?cid=24](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](https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf)

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