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Thai Enquirer News Summary

Economic News

- The Bank of Thailand's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will meet today for their 2nd policy meeting of 2024. Economists and analysts widely expect the MPC to cut the benchmark interest rate by 0.25%.
 - ❖ During the 1st meeting of the year held in February, the MPC voted 5-2 to maintain the rate at 2.5%. However, two members dissented, advocating for a 0.25% reduction.
 - ❖ Prime Minister and Finance Minister Srettha Thavisin reiterated his stance urging the Bank of Thailand to lower interest rates. He expressed hope for a reduction at today's meeting. He has gone as far as to call for a 0.50% cut.

- ❖ During 2024, the MPC will meet 6 times starting from February 7, April 10, June 12, August 21, October 16, and December 18.



- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin said he is all set to announce the much-awaited details of the 10,000 Baht digital wallet project today. However, he stressed that there will be no surprise.
 - ❖ For the live broadcast channels of the digital wallet press conference, they are available on Facebook ไทยคู่ฟ้า and YouTube ไทยคู่ฟ้า ทำเนียบรัฐบาล starting at 11:30 AM.
- The cabinet approved 5 measures to boost the real estate sector, aiming for a 1.7-1.8% increase in the country's GDP. Here are the details:
 - ❖ **Reduced Fees:** The property transfer registration fee will drop from 2% to 0.01%, and the mortgage registration fee from 1% to 0.01%, applicable when registering property transfers within the same transaction. This applies to various residential and commercial properties below 7 million Baht in value. The measure is effective upon publication in the Royal Gazette until December 31, 2024.
 - ❖ **Tax Deduction for Home Construction:** Individuals can use construction payments to reduce personal income tax, with a deduction of 10,000 Baht for each 1 million Baht spent on construction, up to a maximum deduction of 100,000 Baht. Payments made between April 9, 2024, and December 31, 2025, are eligible.
 - ❖ **GH Bank's Happy Home Loans:** GH Bank offers fixed-rate loans at 3% per year for 5 years, up to 3 million Baht, with a maximum term of 40 years. These loans are for low to moderate-income individuals buying property or constructing buildings, available until December 30, 2025, or until loan limits are reached.
 - ❖ **GH Bank's Happy Life Loans:** Similar to the Happy Home Loans, these offer fixed rates at 2.98% per annum for the first 3 years, starting from 2.5 million Baht, for various property-related purposes. Applications are open until loan limits are reached.

- ❖ Tax Incentives for Developers: The Board of Investment grants tax exemptions for up to 3 years (maximum 100% of the investment amount) to real estate developers constructing residential properties for low-income individuals, subject to specific criteria and conditions.

7 มาตรการปลูกเศรษฐกิจผ่านภาคอสังหาริมทรัพย์

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ปรับปรุงมาตรการลดค่าธรรมเนียม

ขยายเพดานมูลค่า จาก **ไม่ถึง 7 ล้านบาท** เป็น **ถึง 31 ส.ค. 2557**

ลดค่าธรรมเนียมโอนอสังหาฯ จาก **2%** เหลือ **0.01%**

ลดค่าธรรมเนียมจำนองอสังหาฯ จาก **1%** เหลือ **0.01%**

บ้านเดี่ยว, บ้านแฝด, บ้านแถว หรืออาคารพาณิชย์

2

ลดหย่อนภาษีเงินได้บุคคลธรรมดา สำหรับผู้ต้องการปลูกบ้าน

บุคคลธรรมดาที่สร้างบ้านเพื่ออยู่อาศัยร่วมกับภรรยาซึ่งมีภรรยาแต่ไม่เกิน 31 ส.ค. 2558

ลดหย่อนภาษีได้สูงสุด **ไม่เกิน 1 แสนบาท**

กรณีผู้เข้าร่วมโครงการ **5,000 ราย**

วงเงิน **10,000 ล้านบาท**

รัฐอุดหนุนรายได้อีก **2,000 ล้านบาท**

3

สินเชื่อสนับสนุนการมีบ้านผู้มีรายได้น้อย

โครงการสินเชื่อ **Happy Home ของ ธอส.**

สินเชื่อบ้าน **ไม่เกิน 3 ล้านบาท**

วงเงินสินเชื่อ **20,000 ล้านบาท**

ดอกเบี้ยคงที่ **6 ปีแรก อยู่ที่ 3%**

ระยะเวลาขั้วขึ้น **สูงสุด 40 ปี**

ระยะเวลาของเงิน **ถึง 30 ส.ค. 2568**

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สินเชื่อสนับสนุนการมีบ้านผู้มีรายได้น้อย

โครงการสินเชื่อบ้าน **Happy Life** สินเชื่อบ้าน

ไม่เกิน **2.5 ล้านบาท**

วงเงินสินเชื่อ **10,000 ล้านบาท**

ดอกเบี้ยเฉลี่ย **3 ปีแรก อยู่ที่ 2.98%**

ระยะเวลาขั้วขึ้น **สูงสุด 40 ปี**

6

สินเชื่อ D-HOME (ดอนสิน) 10,000 ล้านบาท

สินเชื่อสำหรับผู้ประกอบการ ไม่นับเงินลงทุน

ดอกเบี้ยเฉลี่ย **3.50% ต่อปี**

ระยะเวลาขั้วขึ้น **สูงสุดไม่เกิน 4 ปี**

พร้อมค่าธรรมเนียม

5

สินเชื่อบ้านออมสินเพื่อประชาชน 10,000 ล้านบาท

สินเชื่อเพื่อซื้อหรือเช่าปลูกสร้าง

ทาวน์โฮม หรือปลูกสร้างที่อยู่อาศัย

ดอกเบี้ยเฉลี่ย **3 ปีแรก อยู่ที่ 2.85%** (ถ้า 1 เดือนแรกชำระ 1 ล้านบาท)

วงเงินกู้ **สูงสุดไม่เกิน 7,000,000 บาท/ราย**

7

บ้าน BOI

ขอเงินภาษีเงินได้บุคคล

3 ปี วงเงินไม่เกิน 100%

วงเงินลงทุน

ข้อมูลแนวโน้มโครงการสิทธิที่อยู่อาศัย ปี 2566 แยกระดับราคา

ระดับราคา (บาท)	จำนวนโครงการ	มูลค่าโครงการ (ล้านบาท)	จำนวนโครงการ	มูลค่าโครงการ (ล้านบาท)	จำนวนโครงการ	มูลค่าโครงการ (ล้านบาท)	YoY (%)	YoY (%)
<= 1.00	12,451	82,129	94,590	11,689	73,825	85,314	-8.1	-10.1
1.01-1.50	10,409	40,774	51,183	9,120	38,093	47,213	-12.4	-8.6
1.51-2.00	19,183	38,053	57,236	17,423	35,550	52,973	-9.2	-7.4
2.01-3.00	49,550	49,520	95,070	41,917	47,485	85,402	-15.4	-4.4
3.01-5.00	36,852	17,946	33,896	33,697	19,272	32,969	-6.8	-11.7
5.01-7.50	14,420	5,868	20,288	14,661	6,020	20,681	1.7	2.6
7.51-10.00	4,768	2,080	6,858	5,353	2,321	7,674	12.3	11.1
> 10.00	7,021	2,724	9,745	7,506	2,893	10,289	6.9	6.2
รวม	154,654	238,204	392,828	141,306	225,429	358,623	-8.5	-5.4

ข้อมูลมูลค่า(ลบ.)โครงการสิทธิที่อยู่อาศัย ปี 2566 แยกระดับราคา

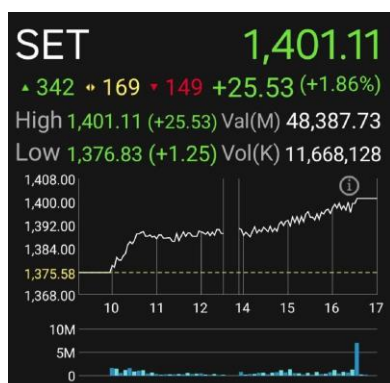
ระดับราคา (บาท)	จำนวนโครงการ	มูลค่าโครงการ (ล้านบาท)	จำนวนโครงการ	มูลค่าโครงการ (ล้านบาท)	จำนวนโครงการ	มูลค่าโครงการ (ล้านบาท)	YoY (%)	YoY (%)
<= 1.00	7,296	47,864	94,980	9,859	42,318	50,177	-8.0	-8.1
1.01-1.50	13,398	52,940	66,338	11,791	49,670	61,461	-12.0	-6.2
1.51-2.00	34,231	67,991	102,222	30,943	63,563	94,505	-8.6	-7.9
2.01-3.00	125,370	125,932	291,292	106,327	120,071	228,898	-15.2	-6.7
3.01-5.00	142,251	66,237	200,900	130,598	74,531	205,128	-8.3	-2.1
5.01-7.50	86,681	35,906	122,608	88,559	36,811	125,370	2.2	2.5
7.51-10.00	41,287	18,188	59,455	46,513	20,332	66,845	12.7	11.8
> 10.00	139,553	59,125	198,828	154,281	62,190	216,471	10.6	5.2
รวม	590,994	414,074	1,005,008	875,870	470,888	1,048,839	-2.8	0.6

- PM Srettha made a surprise visit to Suvarnabhumi Airport at 21:20 hrs. yesterday to inspect the service system ahead of the Songkran Festival. This was his 3rd visit to the airport, following 2 previous visits in February.
 - ❖ During the visit, Srettha found that the airport's management system had improved. Check-in times were now 4 hours faster than before, and the use of manual systems had increased. The Prime Minister also noted that there were more staff on hand to provide assistance to passengers.



- In a separate announcement, Srettha also shared the results of yesterday's Cabinet meeting regarding the Entertainment Complex project. He revealed that he had instructed the Ministry of Finance to examine the study conducted by the relevant committee. The Cabinet therefore decided to hold off on a final decision as they wanted more time for discussion and had asked for the matter to be brought back to them within 30 days.

- ❖ Initially, the study incorporates proposals to separate the casino tax rate from the general tax, establish a regulatory agency to oversee the opening of entertainment venues, and establish a fund to mitigate the impacts of gambling on people using a fund from revenue from the entertainment venue business.
- The Bank of Thailand (BoT) announced the results of its COVID-19 relief measures for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The measures, which included the Rehabilitation Loan and the Debt Relief and Restructuring Program, were implemented over a two-year period from April 2021 to April 2023.
 - ❖ According to Suwannee Jesadasak, BoT senior director of Financial Institutions Policy and Supervision Department, the BoT approved a total of 67,725 loans under the two programs, amounting to 347.73 billion Baht. This represent 99.4% of the total credit line of 350 billion Baht that was set aside for the programs.
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) index closed at 1,401.11 points yesterday, an increase of 25.53 points or 1.86%. The total trading value was 48.405 billion Baht.
 - ❖ The SET's rise followed gains in other Asian markets, supported by expectations that the US economy will not experience a significant slowdown. Positive domestic factors also contributed to the rally, including the government's announcement of measures to support the real estate sector, which is expected to boost economic growth by 1.7-1.8%, the disbursement of the 2024 fiscal budget, which is set to take place from mid-April, and the short-covering activities in several stocks, such as AWC and BTS, which were identified by the SET as having high outstanding short positions.
 - ❖ The SET index is expected to trade sideways today, as investors await the outcome of the MPC meeting and the announcement of details on the digital wallet project. The support level is seen at 1,380 points and the resistance level at 1,415 points.



Impact	Gain	Trade	Change	%Chg	Impact
DELTA		77.25↓	+4.25	5.82	+4.292
AOT		67.00	+1.50	2.29	+1.740
CPAXT		32.50↑	+1.50	4.84	+1.290
GULF		44.25	+1.25	2.91	+1.187
EA		35.25↓	+3.00	9.30	+0.900
AWC		4.50	+0.34	8.17	+0.880
CRC		36.75	+1.75	5.00	+0.857
ADVANC		207.00	+3.00	1.47	+0.720
SCB		115.00	+2.50	2.22	+0.675
CPN		64.75↑	+1.75	2.78	+0.630

- Police arrested 2 Hong Kong men at Siam Paragon, saying they sent short messages with fraudulent links to steal money from mobile banking accounts of phone users at Bangkok shopping malls.
 - ❖ Tai Loi, 43, and Man Lok Lee, 25, were arrested in front of the mall in Pathumwan district with a portable electronic device known as a false base station or "Stingray" and 4 mobile phones, said Pol Lt Gen Worawat Watnakhonbancha, commissioner of the Cyber Crime Investigation Bureau.
 - ❖ The device and the phones were used to send fake short messages telling mobile phone users that their reward points were about to expire and they should click links to redeem prizes. After clicking the links, victims were brought to fake pages and convinced to input personal data and then all money in their mobile banking accounts was lost.
 - ❖ The Stingray that the suspects used could send short messages to 20,000 to 30,000 phone numbers in a one-kilometer radius.



- The Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) held its board meeting for the 2024-2026 term, with 366 members in attendance. The meeting unanimously elected Kriengkrai Thiennukul as the FTI chairman for a 2nd term.



- Chinese automakers are taking the world by storm and their 'Electric Vehicles' (EV) are among the top sellers across the world, with a lot of them making it to be the 15 best sellers.

In Q1 2024, the retail sales volume ranking of BEV Brands

Rank		volume	,000 UNITS	YoY	MS%(BEV)
1		BYD	261.6	+33.8%	26.4%
2		Tesla	132.7	+8.0%	13.4%
3		Wuling	82.1	+15.3%	8.3%
4		Aion	61.8	-12.9%	6.2%
5		VW	34.9	+199.9%	3.5%
6		Zeekr	31.3	+137.1%	3.2%
7		Nio	30.7	+1.0%	3.1%
8		Changan	30.0	-3.3%	3.0%
9		Geely	22.6	+48.2%	2.3%
10		BMW	22.5	+29.9%	2.3%
11		Xpeng	22.4	+38.4%	2.3%
12		Leap	22.0	+496.9%	2.2%
13		Chery	19.9	+11.0%	2.0%
14		Buick	18.5	+490.8%	1.9%
15		Dongfeng	16.7	+222.0%	1.7%
16		Geome	14.3	+14.9%	1.4%
17		ORA	12.9	+12.7%	1.3%
18		RedFlag	11.7	+159.6%	1.2%
19		Neta	11.0	-31.1%	1.1%
20		Avatr	10.5	+193.0%	1.1%

Source: retail volume ■ BEV  ThinkerCar

- Foodland Supermarket at Terminal 21 Korat will be permanently closing its doors on June 30, 2024. The supermarket 1st opened on December 21, 2016, alongside the mall itself.
 - ❖ The closure comes after years of losses, attributed to the economic downturn, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 2020 Korat mass shooting which forced the supermarket to close for renovations. Despite reopening on October 1, 2020, the supermarket was unable to recover its losses.



Political News

- After having criticized the education of National Defense College (NDC) on September 14, 2023, as being an institution that creates ‘elites’ Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin yesterday had to swallow his own words and be the honorary speaker at the NDC’s new course in which Paetongtarn Shinawatra is one of the students.



September 14, 2023



April 9, 2024

- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin presided over the opening ceremony of the National Defence College (NDC)’s new defense curriculum for future executives, better known as the mini-NDC course, yesterday. The course attracted a large number of well-known participants, including Paetongtarn Shinawatra, the leader of the Pheu Thai Party.
 - ❖ In his opening speech, Srettha highlighted that this was the first time the course had been opened. He noted that in addition to gaining knowledge, participants would also have the opportunity to build connections with other influential individuals.
 - ❖ However, he emphasized that this might be a motivating factor for some participants but such connections should be used responsibly and for the benefit of others. He warned against using them for personal gain or to engage in unethical behavior.



- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin stated on X, following an emergency meeting on the developments of the war in Myanmar, that the situation in Myanmar is of great importance to Thailand. He emphasized that peace and stability in Myanmar would be mutually beneficial for the peoples of both countries.
 - ❖ The Prime Minister affirmed that Thailand stands ready to coordinate and facilitate cooperation from all sectors to swiftly achieve peace and stability in Myanmar. Additionally, Thailand is prepared to provide humanitarian assistance to those affected and address any potential impacts on various areas, including border trade, he added.
 - ❖ To ensure effective operations, a working group will be established under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which will include the Secretary-General of the National Security Council, he said. This working group will support the ministry's efforts across political, social, and economic issues, he added.



- ❖ Thailand is prepared to accommodate up to 100,000 Myanmar refugees in temporary shelters if the conflict escalates further, stated Foreign Minister Parnpree Bahiddha-nukara. He also refuted claims that the chartered Myanmar National Airlines flight that landed in Mae Sot was intended to transport surrendered Myanmar junta soldiers, weapons, or money.
 - ❖ His remarks came after Myanmar's revolutionary groups seized control of over 80% of Myawaddy, a critical location for Myanmar's overland trade with Thailand. Previously, the Myanmar junta had been expelled from significant areas along the Chinese border in Shan State and the Bangladesh border in Rakhine State.
 - ❖ Parnpree reaffirmed Thailand's neutrality in the conflict, addressing concerns over the Thai government's decision to permit the Myanmar junta's-chartered flight to land in Mae Sot on Sunday night. The flight was reportedly intended to evacuate surrendered Myanmar junta soldiers and civil servants from Myawaddy to Yangon.

- Capt. Phichitchai Thueannadee, the former commander of the HTMS Sukhothai said on Tuesday that he would resign from the navy to show his responsibility for the 2022 sinking that took 29 lives.



- ❖ The Royal Thai Navy said a "reckless" decision by Capt Phichitchai Thueannadee not to dock the corvette at the nearest port contributed to the tragedy, as did rough seas and unexpected punctures.
- ❖ The commander would be confined for 15 days but would not face a civil lawsuit, the navy said at a press conference held to announce the results of its investigation into the incident.
- ❖ The HTMS Sukhothai sank in the Gulf of Thailand off Prachuap Khiri Khan province on the night of Dec 18, 2022, resulting in the deaths of 24 officers and men. Five are still unaccounted for and presumed dead.
- ❖ Meanwhile Adm Adung Pan-lam, the navy commander-in-chief, told a press conference at the Navy Auditorium that the corvette was capable of withstanding wave heights of up to 2.5 metres. However, the waves on Dec 18, 2022, were unexpectedly high at up to six metres while the corvette was travelling from the Sattahip Naval Base in Chon Buri to Chumphon province.
- ❖ Navy officials said powerful waves damaged the wave breaker in front of a 76mm gun turret on the corvette. The dislocated wave breaker also caused a one-square-inch rupture on the steel deck of the vessel. The gun turret was also damaged by the impact of an unidentified large and hard object. The damaged turret also had an opening that let water into the vessel.



- ❖ Pita Limjaroenrat, a list MP and advisor to the leader of the Move Forward Party, said Chaithawat Tulathon, leader of the party, will hold a press conference after Songkran to reveal the party's preparation for the possible party dissolution that is rumored to take place on April 21.
 - ❖ When asked about the case where the prosecutor plans to indict former PM Thaksin Shinawatra in the 112 case, Pita declined to comment but said that he did not want people to be punished just because they had different political opinions.
- Nattawut Saikua, former leader of the Red Shirt, is preparing to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the 14 March 2010 Protest today. Events will be held at noon at the October 14 Memorial.



- The Cabinet has approved a 3-month extension of the state of emergency in parts of 3 border provinces of Narathiwat, Pattani, and Yala, citing ongoing security concerns. The extension will be effective from April 20 to July 19, 2024, and will exclude certain districts deemed less affected by unrest.
 - ❖ This decision follows a series of violent incidents that occurred on March 22 across 42 locations within the targeted provinces. Authorities believe these coordinated attacks point to a well-organized and well-equipped rebel group. Intelligence reports also indicated that there was a movement of weapons and explosives within the provinces, suggesting potential future attacks.
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General News

- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin said the cabinet has instructed related agencies to intensify their efforts against the air pollution crisis, including:
 - ❖ Increasing patrols by provincial authorities, police, and military units in high-risk areas to strictly enforce laws against forest burning and all other forms of illegal burning.
 - ❖ Designating emergency assistance areas and implementing Work From Home (WFH) measures to reduce health impacts.
 - ❖ Reducing assistance for individuals burning their own agricultural lands.
 - ❖ Increasing cloud seeding operations and deploying more helicopters to help suppress forest fires.
 - ❖ Providing immediate care and distributing protective equipment such as face masks to vulnerable groups.
 - ❖ Providing central emergency budget support to provinces for crisis management.
 - ❖ Escalating cooperation and negotiations with neighboring countries like Myanmar and Laos to reduce forest burnings, with clear Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in place.



- 51 provinces in Thailand are expected to be affected by ‘thunderstorms’ today, according to the warning from the Meteorological Department.
 - ❖ The northeastern region (Isan) can expect strong winds and thunderstorms with a 40% chance of rain. Bangkok and surrounding areas have a 30% chance of heavy rain. Temperatures will reach highs of 39 degrees Celsius.



- The Central Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases has sentenced 15 police officers to 1.4-2 years in jail for negligence in the killing of Pol Maj Sivakorn Saibua at the subdistrict headman Praween 'Kamnan Nok' Chankhlai's house in September 2023.
 - ❖ Most of the officers who were sentenced to jail were charged with negligence for attending the party at Kamnan Nok's house, failing to stop the killing, and apprehending the suspects after the incident. Some were accused of assisting Kamnan Nok's staff in hiding evidence, including the murder weapon and CCTV footage, cleaning blood splatters before investigators arrived at the scene of the shooting, and aiding the shooter in escaping.
 - ❖ In addition to the 15 officers, 3 received a 2-year suspended sentence, and one was acquitted. Three of Kamnan Nok's staff were also sentenced to jail, while 3 received suspended sentences for their role as accomplices in the officers' wrongdoing.
 - ❖ The shooter, Thananchai Manmak, who was Kamnan Nok's right-hand man, had already been killed during a shootout with the police in September 2023. The highest-ranking officer sentenced to jail was Pol Maj Kiatisak Somsuk, investigative inspector of Krathum Baen district.
 - ❖ Kamnan Nok also received a 2-year jail sentence for his role as an accomplice in the officers' wrongdoing. He was also charged as an accomplice in the murder, with the verdict in his murder case yet to be delivered.



- Another 1,000 tonnes of legally transported cancer-causing cadmium tailings were discovered at a different J&B Metal factory in Samut Sakhon's Krathum Baen District.
 - ❖ This discovery follows the detection of 8,474 tonnes of cadmium tailings at three other locations:
 - 3,040 tonnes at J&B Metal's factory in Samut Sakhon's Bang Nam Chuet District
 - 4,400 tonnes in Chonburi's Ban Bueng District
 - 1,034 tonnes at Cin Hong Cheng Inter Tech's factory in Mueang Samut Sakhon District
 - ❖ This brings the total of legally transported cadmium tailings to 9,474 tonnes, with 4,358 tonnes still unaccounted for.
 - ❖ Earlier reports from the Ministry of Industry indicated that at least 15,000 tonnes of cadmium tailings were legally transported from a landfill in Tak. The actual amount was reduced to 13,832 tonnes. Initial reports suggesting that the majority of illegally transported cadmium tailings were found at one factory alone were inaccurate. The cadmium tailings had been neutralized before being illegally moved out of the landfill in Tak, but transporting them out of the landfill for melting remains illegal.



Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- Opinion: An update and a thought on marriage equality
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/52032/opinion-an-update-and-a-thought-on-marriage-equality/>
- Ukraine, as the largest country in Europe, attaches particular importance to the development of comprehensive cooperation with Southeast Asia.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/52046/ukraine-is-interested-in-strengthening-the-relations-with-asean/>
- Paetongtarn Shinawatra has apologised to those who were unhappy with her Instagram post, showing her father, Thaksin, playing with her children in a swimming pool.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/paetongtarn-apologises-but-vows-to-continue-posting/>
- The cabinet approved a Bt235 billion budget for 2025 fiscal year today, to fund the universal health security scheme (Gold Card) for the Thai population, under which each citizen will be entitled to medical coverage worth an average of Bt3,844.55.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/cabinet-agrees-to-bt235bn-to-fund-health-gold-card-scheme-next-fiscal-year/>
- Former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra is in really bad health, Justice Minister Taweew Sodsong declared as he tried to justify the former leader's early release on parole.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40037100>
- More than a year after the sinking of HTMS Sukhothai, a Rattanakosin-class corvette, in the Gulf of Thailand off Prachuap Khiri Khan province on the night of December 18th, 2022, the Royal Thai Navy has blamed a sudden, unexpected and extreme change in weather and sea conditions for the foundering of the vessel and the deaths of 24 officers and men. Five are still unaccounted for.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/sudden-change-in-sea-conditions-now-blamed-for-foundering-of-rtn-sukhothai-corvette/>
- Senate warned of AI canvassing risk

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2773713/senate-warned-of-ai-canvassing-risk>
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Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- SCB, Krungthai prepare for potential Italian-Thai loan losses
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2773918/scb-krungthai-prepare-for-potential-italian-thai-loan-losses>
- ITD upbeat on funds to wrap up projects
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2773773/itd-upbeat-on-funds-to-wrap-up-projects>
- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin has instructed the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) to accelerate efforts to punish irregular share trading in order to restore confidence among foreign investors, a top official said on Tuesday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40037101>
- The Cabinet on Tuesday endorsed a special House committee's report on the feasibility of opening entertainment complexes with casinos in Thailand.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40037105>
- A regional think-tank believes the impact of the much-touted digital wallet policy would depend mostly on how it's funded, especially as growth is expected to be highly dependent on domestic demand.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/economy/40037116>
- Songkran water-splashing won't continue all month
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2773568/songkran-water-splashing-wont-continue-all-month>
- Frasers Property Thailand Excels in Social Impact Investment

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2773549/frasers-property-thailand-excels-in-social-impact-investment>
 - Bourse sees foreign outflows of B68.9bn in first quarter
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/investment/2773788/bourse-sees-foreign-outflows-of-b68-9bn-in-first-quarter>
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Issues to be watched out for

- April 10, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- April 12-15, 2024 - Songkran Break (Thai New Year)
- April 23, 2024 - FTI executives meet to elect the new President
- May 7, 2024 - April 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- May 20, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q1/2024
- June 5, 2024 - May 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- June 12, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- July 5, 2024 - June 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 5, 2024 - July 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 19, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q2/2024
- August 21, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- September 5, 2024 - August 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- October 7, 2024 - September 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- October 16, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting

- November 5, 2024 - October 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- November 18, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q3/2024
- December 6, 2024 - November 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- December 18, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- January 6, 2025 - December & Fiscal Year 2023 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data

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

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

Key Data

SET Index	1,375.58	+1.69
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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 April 9, 2024

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
BKI	5,300	294.57	Purchase
BKI	2,500	293	Purchase
BLC	2,500	4.89	Purchase
CPALL	27,945	56.25	Purchase
DELTA	1,000	74	Purchase
EP	18,100	2.68	Purchase
EKH	34,200	1.45	Purchase
HTC	20,000	17.45	Purchase
SA	60,000	7.05	Sale
SINO	96,900	1.23	Purchase
SINO	46,500	1.24	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 9 April 2024						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Unit: M.Baht Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	4,210.29	8.70	4,612.53	9.53	-402.24	-
Proprietary Trading	3,580.04	7.40	3,559.29	7.36	20.74	-
Foreign Investor	26,706.40	55.19	20,668.61	42.71	6,037.79	-
Local Individuals	13,891.00	28.71	19,547.29	40.40	-5,656.29	-

Monthly Cumulative between 1 Apr –9 April 2024**Unit: M.Baht**

Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	22,433.01	10.51	25,504.61	11.95	-3,071.60	-
Proprietary Trading	13,567.31	6.36	13,493.30	6.32	74.01	-
Foreign Investors	111,156.53	52.08	103,272.59	48.39	7,883.94	-
WLocal Individuals	66,267.72	31.05	71,154.07	33.34	-4,886.34	-

Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -9 April 2024**Unit: M.Baht**

Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	271,494.17	9.13	280,738.59	9.45	-9,244.42	-
Proprietary Trading	204,770.85	6.89	207,589.60	6.98	-2,818.74	-
Foreign Investors	1,568,125.17	52.76	1,629,567.43	54.83	-61,442.27	-
Local Individuals	927,739.83	31.21	854,234.40	28.74	73,505.43	-

Total Trading Value 48,405.14 Million Baht**Background Information**

According to the report by the Election Commission of Thailand as of May 8, 2019, the strength of each party in the Thai Parliament following the elections 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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