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Thai Enquirer News Summary

Political News

- May 23rd is the D-Day for Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin as the Constitutional Court is scheduled to decide on whether to accept for trial a petition against Prime Minister Srettha and his newly appointed Prime Minister's Office minister, Pichit Chuenban.
 - ❖ Forty senators had asked the Constitutional Court to adjudicate whether the ministership of Prime Minister Srettha and PM's Office Minister Pichit has ended based on Section 170 of the charter. The senators filed the petition via the president of the Senate, and the court received it on Friday.
 - ❖ The complainants' petition said that the prime minister violated the Constitution by appointing Pichit to the Cabinet despite his lack of qualifications and prohibited qualities.

- ❖ The Constitutional Court’s judges are expected to decide whether to accept the senators’ petition for trial and whether Srettha and Pichit should be suspended from their duties while a final verdict is pending.
- ❖ Srettha maintained that his appointment of Pichit was “legitimate and lawful”, adding that he had consulted with the Council of State – the government’s legal advisory agency – before coming to the decision.
- ❖ If the Constitutional Court does accept the case, Srettha would need to put on hold all political activities until the Court makes a ruling (similar to what 2014 coup leader Prayut Chan-o-cha had faced on August 24, 2022).



เดิพบัน ‘จับทรีสงหล้า’

เศรษฐา ทวีสิน

เสนอชื่อ ‘พิชิต’ เป็นการกระทำทาง โดยอาจมีเจตนาไม่สุจริตที่เชื่อมโยงกับที่ ‘พิชิต’ - กักฉันท ชินวีคร

เข้าพบ ‘กักฉันท’ ซึ่งมี ‘พิชิต’ เป็นหัวหน้าขายความประจำตัว จำนวนไม่น้อยกว่า ๖ ครั้ง

อาจมีเจตนาไม่สุจริตและ วัตถุประสงค์ทั้งเรื่องในการให้ข้อมูลเท็จถึงคน และประชาชน

การกระทำด้วยความไม่ซื่อสัตย์สุจริต ต่อตำแหน่งหน้าที่ที่มีทุกประการที่รู้เห็นและยินยอมให้ผู้อื่นรับตำแหน่งหน้าที่ของตน แลวงหาประโยชน์โดยมิชอบ

‘40 ส.ว.’ สงครามตัวแทน

พ.อ. ประยุทธ์ โธณะ
คิรฤทธิ เอมรธงอธนะ
นเรศวร เดวีกัณฑ์

สมชาย แสงสว่าง
จ่าที รุ่งอรุณี
วงศศาน พึ่งพาชิตกัณฑ์

สว. สาธารณะ-สาขาสื่อมวลชน
ไชยสิทธิ์ คำภีร์

พิชิต ชื่นบาน

จากคุณสมบัติหรือ มีลักษณะต้องห้ามตามเป็นรัฐมนตรี ตามรัฐธรรมนูญมาตรา 160 (4)และ(5)

เคยถูกกล่าวหา ‘กักฉันท’ ถูกสภาขายความลงโทษ ให้ลงชื่อออกจากทะเบียน

เป็นบุคคลที่มีการกระทำ การจับเป็นการไม่ซื่อสัตย์สุจริต

ฝ่าฝืนจริยธรรมอย่างร้าย

ไทม์ไลน์ ‘เศรษฐา-พิชิต’ จอระดง

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| 15 พ.ค. | 16 พ.ค. | 17 พ.ค. | 23 พ.ค. |
| สว. สี่จังหวัด ‘พรพอส 38คน’ ประสานวุฒิสภา | ส่งชื่อไปยัง ศาลรัฐธรรมนูญ | สำนักงาน ศาลรัฐธรรมนูญ ‘รับ-ไม่รับ’ คำร้อง รับหนังสือคำร้อง | ศาลรัฐธรรมนูญพิจารณาราย ‘รับ-ไม่รับ’ คำร้อง ส่งเรื่องชุดปฏิบัติหน้าที่ต่อไป |

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- Samart Jenchaichitwanich, former Deputy Minister of Justice, believed that on May 23, the Constitutional Court will accept the petition for consideration and issue an order for Srettha and Pichit to cease their duties.

- ❖ On May 29, the Attorney General will decide whether or not to prosecute former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra under Section 112. And on June 2, the Move Forward Party needs to submit all their documents to defend themselves from the ongoing case to dissolve their party.



- Today marks the 1st day for aspiring senators to submit their applications to the Election Commission (EC). The application period will be open until May 24.
 - ❖ EC Secretary-General Sawang Boonmee expressed his confidence in the readiness of the registration venues and instructed all districts to proceed with the registration process. He emphasized that each candidate is responsible for ensuring they meet the eligibility criteria, which have been clearly outlined in the EC announcement.
 - ❖ However, Sawang warned that in the event of any future complaints regarding a candidate's eligibility, the matter will be referred to the Supreme Court for adjudication. If any candidate is found ineligible, the candidate will face legal consequences.



- A total of 34,847 people had picked up the applications for the 200 positions of the Senators according to the Election Commission of Thailand (EC).
 - ❖ Bangkok had the highest number with 3,217
 - ❖ Srisaket 1,834
 - ❖ Chiang Mai 1,594
 - ❖ Nakorn Sri Thammarat 1,586

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| ❖ Lopburi | 1,150 |
| ❖ Loei | 1,006 |
| ❖ Phatalung | 988 |
| ❖ Samut Prakarn | 799 |

รายงานการนับเอกสารการสมัครสมาชิกวุฒิสภา 2567
ยอดสะสมจนถึงวันที่ 19 พฤษภาคม 2567 เวลา 17:30 น.

| ลำดับที่ | ชื่อจังหวัด | ยอดรวม |
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| ยอดรวมทั้งหมด | | 34,847 |
| 1 | กรุงเทพมหานคร | 3,217 |
| 2 | ศรีสะเกษ | 1,834 |
| 3 | เชียงใหม่ | 1,594 |
| 4 | นครศรีธรรมราช | 1,586 |
| 5 | ลพบุรี | 1,150 |
| 6 | เลย | 1,006 |
| 7 | พิจิตร | 988 |
| 8 | สมุทรปราการ | 799 |
| 9 | สตูล | 799 |
| 10 | ราชบุรี | 756 |
| 11 | นนทบุรี | 715 |
| 12 | สงขลา | 677 |
| 13 | พระนครศรีอยุธยา | 663 |
| 14 | ขอนแก่น | 661 |
| 15 | อ่างทอง | 646 |
| 16 | อำนาจเจริญ | 646 |
| 17 | ร้อยเอ็ด | 632 |
| 18 | บุรีรัมย์ | 630 |
| 19 | เพชรบุรี | 584 |
| 20 | สุรินทร์ | 576 |
| 21 | หนองบัวลำภู | 542 |
| 22 | ยโสธร | 489 |
| 23 | นุกาหาร | 483 |

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- Somchai Wongsawat, former Prime Minister and husband of Yaowapa Wongsawat, the sister of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, will reportedly run for a senatorial position in the Mae Rim district of Chiang Mai.
 - ❖ This move is seen as an attempt to reclaim the province from the Move Forward Party, which currently holds 7 out of 10 seats in the province. The outcome of this election is also expected to have a ripple effect on the upcoming elections for the Chiang Mai Provincial Administrative Organization (PAO) Governor and the 42 PAO members, whose terms will expire on December 19 of this year.
 - ❖ Analysts believe that Chiang Mai is the stronghold of the Pheu Thai Party, and that Thaksin wants to restore the party's reputation. This election is also seen as a test of the party's strength and a chance to regain popularity with the public. However, if Somchai loses, it could damage the Pheu Thai 's image in the future.



- Pita Limjaroenrat, former leader of the opposition Move Forward Party, expressed confidence on Sunday that his party would grow larger in the next election despite an ongoing dissolution case against it. He was speaking during the Policy Fest event held to discuss general affairs within Thailand with party supporters at BITEC Bang Na.
 - ❖ Pita assured Move Forward supporters that the party would win at least 270 parliamentary seats in the next general election, or even as many as 300. The attempt to destroy Move Forward would never be successful.
 - ❖ He said that even if Move Forward is dissolved, “we party members can pick up a brick each to help build a new house together”. He was referring to the pending dissolution case against Move Forward, which stemmed from Pita’s earlier campaigns to amend or reform Article 112 of the Criminal Code, which is known as the lese majeste law.



- Yesterday, three separate groups affiliated with the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) held events to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the violent crackdown on UDD protesters at the Ratchaprasong intersection in 2010.
 - ❖ The "People Demand Justice 2010" group, led by Thida Thavornseth, Weng Tojirakarn, and Nattawut Saikua, consisted mainly of former Red Shirts who have shifted their support to the Move Forward Party.

- ❖ Nearby, two other groups held their own commemorations including the "New Red Alliance of the Four Regions" group and the "Red Shirt Supporters of Pheu Thai Party" group.



- The Department of Corrections has insisted its attempts to resuscitate for late activist Netiporn "Boong" Sanesangkhom were conducted professionally after a human rights lawyer alleged an endotracheal tube was misplaced.
 - ❖ The department's statement came after relatives and close friends of Netiporn made an emotional demand for a rapid autopsy report and straightforward investigation into the death from the justice minister, who attended a funeral rite for the 28-year-old activist on Saturday. They also rejected a wreath offered by the minister.
 - ❖ The Department of Corrections stated that professionals at the Medical Correctional Institution conducted the resuscitation attempts on Tuesday with standard equipment and according to normal procedure.
- Anutin Charnvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, insisted that his stance on Prime Minister Srettha Thavasin's idea of reclassifying cannabis as a narcotic drug is not different from that of the Bhumjai Thai Party.
 - ❖ The remaining task is to push for the enactment of the Cannabis and Hemp Act. However, there have been attempts to portray this as a conflict between the Bhumjai Thai Party, Prime Minister Srettha, Public Health Minister Somsak Thepsuthin, and former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.
 - ❖ Anutin said he did not have any conflict with anyone, adding if PM Sretha cannot remain in power, he cannot either.



- The majority of Thais support the government’s plan to put cannabis back on the national list of Category 5 narcotics, an opinion survey has found. The survey by the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA Poll) found that 60.38% of the respondents “totally agreed” with the plan and 15.27% “rather agreed” with it.
 - ❖ The survey was carried out nationwide among 1,310 respondents, at least 15 years old, on May 14-15.
 - ❖ NIDA Poll said 14.5% of the respondents “totally disagreed” with the relisting of marijuana as a drug and 8.93% “rather disagreed” while 0.92% of the respondents had no comment.
 - ❖ NIDA Poll said 68.93% of the respondents had never used ganja and 31.07% had somehow used it.

| 1. ความคิดเห็นของประชาชนเกี่ยวกับกัญชาเป็นยาเสพติด | เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ไม่เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ยังไม่ตอบ | 3. ความคิดเห็นของประชาชนต่อการนำกัญชากลับเข้าบัญชียาเสพติดอีกครั้ง | เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ไม่เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ยังไม่ตอบ |
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| | (407 ผู้ตอบ) | (903 ผู้ตอบ) | | | (407 ผู้ตอบ) | (903 ผู้ตอบ) | |
| + เป็นยาเสพติดที่มีประโยชน์ | 59.21% | 51.27% | 53.74% | + เห็นด้วยมาก | 46.88% | 66.56% | 60.38% |
| + เป็นยาเสพติดที่ไม่มีประโยชน์ | 21.62% | 38.98% | 33.59% | + ค่อนข้างเห็นด้วย | 19.41% | 13.39% | 15.27% |
| + ไม่เป็นยาเสพติด | 18.18% | 8.04% | 11.60% | + ไม่เห็นด้วยเลย | 18.43% | 12.74% | 14.50% |
| + ไม่แน่ใจ | 0.99% | 1.11% | 1.07% | + ไม่ค่อยเห็นด้วย | 14.50% | 6.42% | 8.93% |
| | | | | + ไม่ทราบ/ไม่ตอบ/ไม่สนใจ | 0.98% | 0.89% | 0.92% |
| 2. ความคิดเห็นของประชาชนต่อการกำหนดนโยบายกัญชาของรัฐบาล | เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ไม่เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ยังไม่ตอบ | 4. ความคิดเห็นของประชาชนต่อการจ่ายค่าชดเชยให้กับผู้ปลูกกัญชาหรือนักธุรกิจกัญชาหากรัฐบาลนำกัญชากลับเข้าบัญชียาเสพติดอีกครั้ง | เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ไม่เคยใช้สารกัญชา | ยังไม่ตอบ |
| | (407 ผู้ตอบ) | (903 ผู้ตอบ) | | | (407 ผู้ตอบ) | (903 ผู้ตอบ) | |
| + เพื่อประโยชน์ทางการแพทย์และการรักษาโรค | 78.13% | 72.98% | 74.58% | + รัฐบาลไม่ควรจ่ายค่าชดเชยให้กับผู้ปลูก | 36.61% | 51.61% | 46.95% |
| + รัฐบาลไม่ควรออกใบอนุญาต เพื่อสนับสนุนกัญชาผลิตภัณฑ์กัญชา | 12.29% | 22.59% | 19.39% | + รัฐบาลควรจ่ายค่าชดเชยให้กับผู้ปลูกกัญชาและนักธุรกิจกัญชา | 43.00% | 31.45% | 35.03% |
| + เพื่อสนับสนุนการสร้างผลิตภัณฑ์กัญชาที่ถูกต้องตามกฎหมาย | 17.69% | 7.31% | 10.53% | + รัฐบาลควรจ่ายค่าชดเชยให้กับผู้ปลูกกัญชาเท่านั้น | 13.02% | 8.75% | 10.08% |
| + เพื่อเสริมสร้างรายได้ให้กับประชาชนทั่วไป | 11.55% | 5.54% | 7.40% | + รัฐบาลควรจ่ายค่าชดเชยให้กับนักธุรกิจกัญชาเท่านั้น | 2.70% | 1.77% | 2.06% |
| + เพื่อสนับสนุนความยั่งยืนในสังคม เช่น การเสกพืชกัญชาได้ถูกต้องตามกฎหมาย การขึ้นหรือรักษา เป็นต้น | 7.86% | 1.11% | 3.21% | + ไม่ทราบ/ไม่ตอบ/ไม่สนใจ | 4.67% | 6.42% | 5.88% |
| + ไม่ทราบ/ไม่ตอบ/ไม่สนใจ | 0.00% | 1.44% | 0.99% | | | | |

- The committee in charge of revising regulations related to the possession of meth pills or yaba has agreed that the minimum number of amphetamine tablets a person can be found to possess before it is considered a criminal act should be lowered from 5 to 1, said Health Minister Somsak Thapsutin.
 - ❖ Up next is a public hearing on the ministry's and other related agencies' platforms, which began 17 May and will run for 15 days.



Economic News

- The National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) is scheduled to release Thailand's first-quarter 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures today.
 - ❖ Analysts predict that the economy will expand between 0.5% and 1.0%, driven by several key factors including declining exports, which contracted by 0.2% in the 1st quarter, subdued tourist spending, slowing domestic consumption, and prolonged manufacturing slump with the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) remaining in negative territory for the 18th consecutive month.



- Today at 11:00 AM, Dr. Yongyot Thamwut, Director-General of the Department of Medical Sciences will announce the results of the 10-year rice inspection from the rice pledging project received from the Ministry of Commerce.

- ❖ Phumtham Wechayachai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce, confirmed that once all confirmation has been made, the auction for the rice will be held.
- ❖ Test results on the 10-year-old rice kept in warehouses, conducted by an investigative media program – Saam Miti (owned by Channel 3), showed no traces of harmful chemicals.
- ❖ Test results did not find any mycotoxins that are toxic to causing cancer or aflatoxins, in which all 4 substances were tested, including aflatoxins B1, B2, G1, G2, with the same results as ‘Not Detected’, meaning no toxins were found and from the examination by HPLC method, which is an advanced technique. It has a low value of only 0.25 micrograms per kilo, or 1 part per billion. While the standard is 20 micrograms per kilo.


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|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|---|
| Aflatoxins | | | | |
| Aflatoxin B ₁ | Not Detected | µg/kg | 0.25 | In-house method TE-CH-025 based on AOAC (2023) 99131 and 99408. |
| Aflatoxin B ₂ | Not Detected | µg/kg | 0.25 | |
| Aflatoxin G ₁ | Not Detected | µg/kg | 0.25 | |
| Aflatoxin G ₂ | Not Detected | µg/kg | 0.25 | |
| Total Aflatoxin | Not Detected | µg/kg | - | |
| Bromide ion **C ₁₀ | Not Detected | mg/kg | 0.30 | In-house method based on CVUA Stuttgart CRL for Residues of Pesticide using Single Residue Methods. |
| Hydrogen Phosphide **C ₁₀ | Not Detected | mg/kg | 0.01 | In-house method based on J. Agric. Food Chem 2000, 48, 4066-4070. |
| Methyl Bromide **C | Not Detected | mg/kg | 0.005 | In-house method based on Pestic. Sci. 1995, 44, 309-316, Headspace GC/MS Analysis. |
| Sulfuryl fluoride **C | Not Detected | mg/kg | 0.03 | In-house method CH-059-TM based on US EPA Method 5021 A, Revision 2, July 2014. |

- Meanwhile Kasetsart University scientists announced that they would call off their laboratory test of samples of rice from the government’s 10-year-old stocks for fear that the issue would become politicised.
 - ❖ Weerachai Phutdhawong, a lecturer in Kasetsart’s Faculty of Organic Chemistry, said the controversy over the 10-year-old rice was escalating into a political issue.
 - ❖ After Deputy Prime Minister and Commerce Minister Phumtham Wechayachai led reporters and representatives of rice traders and exporters to visit two warehouses in Surin storing the rice, a reporter took a bag of the rice to send to Weerachai for a lab test.
 - ❖ Weerachai earlier announced that a preliminary check of the 10-year-old stocks from the rice-pledging scheme of the Yingluck Shinawatra government was contaminated with aflatoxin but he would need to further check the rice for dangerous contaminations.

- ❖ The cancellation of his team’s lab test had nothing to do with ongoing tests by the Thai Central Lab and the Department of Medical Sciences, whose results are expected on Monday.

 **Weerachai Phutdhawong**
8 ชม. · 🌐

สวัสดีครับ อาจารย์อ๊อดครับ



สืบเนื่องจากกรณีข่าว 1 ทศวรรษที่เป็นประเด็น ทางสังคมและตอนนี้เริ่มลุกลามเป็นประเด็นการเมือง

ห้องปฏิบัติการของทีมงานอาจารย์อ๊อด ได้รับคำแนะนำจากผู้หลักผู้ใหญ่หลายฝ่าย รวมถึงทีมงานเองก็ไม่อยากให้เกิดประเด็นทางการเมืองที่ลุกลามไปมากกว่านี้ จึงขอประกาศ ณ ที่นี้ว่า เราได้ยุติการตรวจสอบข่าว 1 ลุง ตามภาพนี้ ในทุกกรณีแล้ว

ในส่วนของผลการตรวจสอบจากบริษัทห้องปฏิบัติการกลางแห่งประเทศไทย ที่มีนักข่าว อีกขงนำไปมอบให้มัน ไม่มีส่วนเกี่ยวข้องกับใครกับตัวอย่างและผลการทดสอบของทีมงานอาจารย์อ๊อด รวมถึง ผลแล็บที่กำลังจะแถลงข่าวโดยอธิบดีกรมวิทยาศาสตร์การแพทย์ ในวันพรุ่งนี้ด้วย

ทีมงานอาจารย์อ๊อดขอกราบเรียนว่าทุกอย่างที่ดำเนินการมา โดยตลอดนั้นก็เพื่อประโยชน์ของประชาชนเป็นหลัก และไม่ยากให้เป็นประเด็นการเมืองต่อเนื่อง ในส่วนของ หน่วยงานที่เกี่ยวข้องกับรัฐบาลทั้ง 2 หน่วยงานต้น โต้ออกมา Take Action แล้วก็เป็นเรื่องที่ดี หากข่าว 1 ทศวรรษนี้ สามารถสร้างประโยชน์แก่ประเทศชาติได้ไม่ว่าจะวิธีการใดก็ตาม ทีมงานอาจารย์อ๊อดก็ขอแสดงความยินดีมาล่วงหน้า

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- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) index closed Friday, May 17, at 1,382.68 points, up 4.96 points (+0.36%) with a trading value of 40.24 billion baht. The market sentiment was positive, driven by strong first-quarter 2024 earnings reports from listed companies and optimism for the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Shares in the electronics sector, such as DELTA, and the petrochemical sector, such as PTTGC, rose on this positive news.

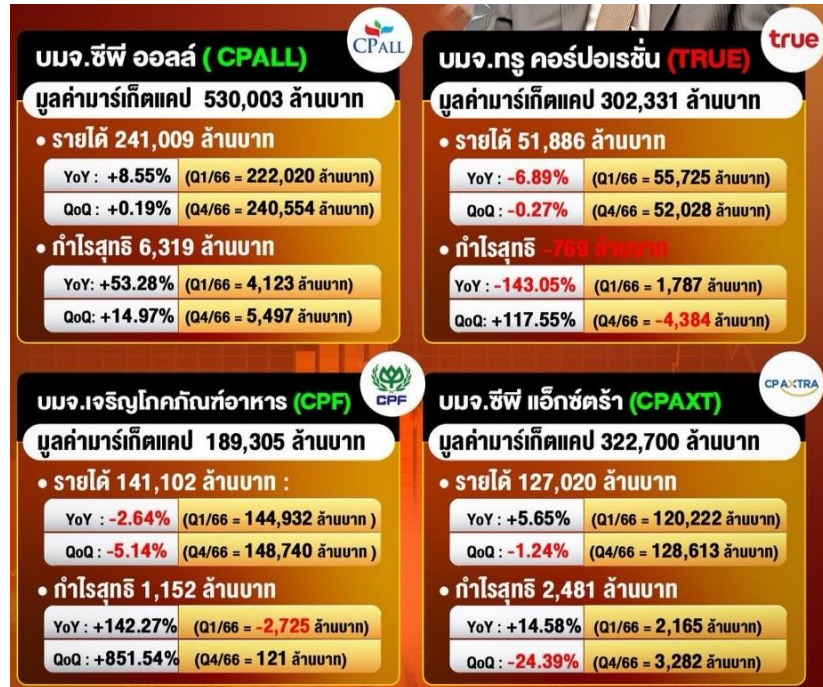
- ❖ Analysts expected the market to test the 1,400-point level this week after successfully breaking above 1,380 points. Investors are advised to closely watch the release of first-quarter 2024 GDP figures by the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council today. Support levels are seen at 1,375-1,370 points, while resistance levels are at 1,385-1,395 points.

- ❖ The brokerage forecasts a gradual economic upswing for Thailand in 2024, with a projected GDP growth of 2.7% (excluding the digital wallet project) compared to 1.9% in 2023. The GDP is expected to rise by 0.5%, 2%, 3.2%, and 5% in each quarter, respectively.

| Impact Gain | Trade | Change | %Chg | Impact |
|-------------|---------|--------|------|--------|
| DELTA | 76.75 | +1.75 | 2.33 | +1.750 |
| AOT | 67.00↓ | +1.00 | 1.52 | +1.150 |
| SCGP | 33.50 | +2.25 | 7.20 | +0.787 |
| TRUE | 8.75↑ | +0.25 | 2.94 | +0.695 |
| PTTGC | 37.75↑ | +1.50 | 4.14 | +0.540 |
| BDMS | 29.25↑ | +0.25 | 0.86 | +0.320 |
| CRC | 32.50↓ | +0.50 | 1.56 | +0.245 |
| ADVANC | 208.00↓ | +1.00 | 0.48 | +0.240 |
| SCC | 251.00 | +2.00 | 0.80 | +0.200 |
| IVL | 25.00↑ | +0.40 | 1.63 | +0.180 |

- CP Group, Thailand’s largest agricultural and retail conglomerate, has seen most of its companies report profits but data for Q1 2024 shows that they have seen a mixed bag of rise and fall.

- ❖ CPALL saw its revenues rise by 9.55% year-on-year (YoY) and 0.19% Quarter-on-Quarter (QoQ).
- ❖ CPF saw revenues drop by 2.64% YoY and 5.14% QoQ
- ❖ TRUE saw revenues drop by 6.89% YoY and 0.27% QoQ
- ❖ CPAXT saw revenues rise by 5.65% YoY and drop of 1.24% QoQ



- Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin's working visit to Milan, Italy, officially ended yesterday. He met with Nicola Doninelli, Executive Director of Corporate and Investment Banking of Intesa Sanpaolo Bank, which has over 900 branches abroad, to seek support for investment in mega-projects, especially the land bridge project and the issuance of Sustainability linked Bond (SLB) by the Thai government.
- ❖ A simple Google search of the bank indicates that the bank has not been involved in any infrastructure deals in Asia, except a renewable energy deal for a Singapore based firm for US\$ 600 million, but one has to believe the Prime Minister.



- ❖ Following this, Srettha met with Luciano Galimberti, President of the Association of Design Industry, and visited the Association of Design Industry Museum (ADI). He expressed his desire to provide space for Thai designers and proposed to organize a Milan designer exhibition in Thailand.
- ❖ In addition, he met with F1 executives and visited the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari race track in Bologna, Italy. Formula 1 holds the rights to organize the FIA Formula One World Championship, which covers 24 races in 21 countries on 5 continents. The Thai government is studying the feasibility of hosting Formula One in Bangkok in 2027 or 2028.



- ❖ Srettha also posted on his X account that he chose a pastel-colored cotton shirt from the Foundation for the Promotion of Supplementary Occupation and Related Techniques to match his leather jacket, making it suitable for all occasions. Earlier, there were also pictures of him leading a group wearing cotton shirts while walking in Milan.



- The Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) reported an increase in Thai tourist arrivals to Japan during the first four months of 2024. Over 466,200 Thai visitors visited Japan during this period, marking a 27.5% growth compared to the same period in 2023. However, this figure still falls 9.1% short of pre-pandemic levels in 2019.
- ❖ April, a peak tourist season coinciding with Thailand's Songkran holiday and Japan's cherry blossom season, saw a particularly strong influx of Thai travellers.

Over 142,500 Thai tourists visited Japan during this month, representing a 17.7% increase compared to April 2023 but still 13.5% below the 2019 figure.

- ❖ According to JNTO, Thailand remains the sixth-largest source of foreign visitors to Japan.

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| 1. เกาหลีใต้ | 2,999,900 คน (+45.1% เทียบปี 66 / +13.3% เทียบปี 62) |
| 2. ไต้หวัน | 1,938,600 คน (+79.8% เทียบปี 66 / +21.7% เทียบปี 62) |
| 3. จีน | 1,861,600 คน (+639.7% เทียบปี 66 / -35.7% เทียบปี 62) |
| 4.ฮ่องกง | 808,100 คน (+42% เทียบปี 66 / +15.5% เทียบปี 62) |
| 5. สหรัฐ | 799,600 คน (+42.3% เทียบปี 66 / +47.3% เทียบปี 62) |
| 6. ไทย | 466,200 คน (+27.5% เทียบปี 2566 / -9.1% เทียบปี 62) |
| 7. ออสเตรเลีย | 333,700 คน (+74.2% เทียบปี 2566 / +37.1% เทียบปี 62) |
| 8. ฟิลิปปินส์ | 269,300 คน (+55.7% เทียบปี 2566 / +42.7% เทียบปี 62) |
| 9. เวียดนาม | 233,800 คน (+8.1% เทียบปี 2566 / +31.4% เทียบปี 62) |
| 10. มาเลเซีย | 180,200 คน (+30.4% เทียบปี 2566 / +9.4% เทียบปี 62) |

- Isetan, a well-known Japanese department store chain, is reportedly planning to re-enter the Thai retail market in the form of a supermarket within the One Bangkok complex, a mixed-use development spearheaded by billionaire Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi.
 - ❖ This news comes after Isetan (Thailand) Co., Ltd. officially announced the termination of its department store operations at CentralWorld shopping mall on August 31, 2020, due to the expiration of its lease agreement with Central Pattana Plc, the mall's operator. The closure marked the end of Isetan's 28-year presence in Thailand, which began in 1992 at CentralWorld.

General News

- The Golden Boy is set to return on May 20 and will be publicly displayed at the National Museum Bangkok on May 21, said the Ministry of Culture.
 - ❖ The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, known as the MET, is returning the statue, which dates back approximately 1,000 years, after its origin has been confirmed.
 - ❖ Discovered in Buriram's Lahan Sai District during an archaeological dig at Prasat Ban Yang in 1975, the sculpture was illegally smuggled out of Thailand before finding its way to the MET, they added.



Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- Despite campaigning last year on being able to “think big and deliver,” the Pheu Thai government has recently found itself struggling to deliver on one of the most basic tasks of maintaining a government: producing a cabinet of ministers.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/52235/analyzing-the-cabinets-high-profile-departures/>
- Senator Praphan Koonmee predicted on Sunday that Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin would be found to have violated the Constitution by appointing a person who had been imprisoned as a minister, which would require him to step down from his post.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038139>
- The opposition Move Forward Party on Saturday called on the government to speed up an amnesty law for defendants of political cases to help bring about social reconciliation after Tuesday’s death of activist Netiporn “Bung” Sanesangkhom while in custody.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038127>
- An extraordinary parliamentary session has been scheduled for June 18-21 to deliberate the budget bill for fiscal 2025 and draft an amendment to the referendum law asking voters whether a new constitution should be written.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038108>

- Deceased protesters honoured with special merit-making rituals, as supporters call for return of a ‘people’s constitution’
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038102>
 - Govt to ratify enforced disappearance treaty in June
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2795482/govt-to-ratify-enforced-disappearance-treaty-in-june>
 - Security top priority for local Pride Month parades
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2795214/security-top-priority-for-local-pride-month-parades>
 - Rights group decries ‘swap mart’ for dissidents
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2795210/rights-group-decries-swap-mart-for-dissidents>
 - Ministry clarifies school uniform exemption
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2795639/ministry-clarifies-school-uniform-exemption>
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Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Bumrungrad International Hospital, a leader in healthcare and medical innovation, is the first and only Thai private hospital sponsoring the Federation of Neurogastroenterology and Motility Meeting (FNM 2024). This distinction was conferred by the Center of Excellence in Neurogastroenterology and Motility at Chulalongkorn University.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/52237/bumrungrad-international-hospital-becomes-first-thai-private-hospital-to-sponsor-fnm-2024-advancing-global-medical-innovation-in-neurogastroenterology/>
- During a discussion with an Italian regional leader, Prime Minister Srettha Thavasin sought investment from Italy, particularly in the clean-energy field given the Kingdom’s readiness to become a production base for electric vehicles (EVs).

- Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/politics/40038130>
- It was also the first time since the survey began that people in ASEAN picked China over the US if forced to take sides.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/general/40038135>
- The Thai government in cooperation with Australia has opened a centre of excellence in Bangkok to train personnel in combating human trafficking.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/policy/40038136>
- PM boosts indigo products on Italy fashion tour
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2795397/pm-boosts-indigo-products-on-italy-fashion-tour>
- Employment survey reveals 400k jobless in Q1
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2795492/employment-survey-reveals-400k-jobless-in-q1>
- PM hails cable car for park
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2795467/pm-hails-cable-car-for-park>
- SET makes another attempt to clear 1,400 hurdle
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/investment/2795030/set-makes-another-attempt-to-clear-1-400-hurdle>
- Asia-Pacific marketers' hike in ad spend bests other regions
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2794970/asia-pacific-marketers-hike-in-ad-spend-bests-other-regions>
- The decision of the United States to levy higher tariffs on imports from China could benefit some industries in Thailand and push up exports of some products, the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) has said.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/economy/40038138>

Issues to be watched out for

- May 20, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q1/2024
- May 23, 2024 - The Constitutional Court makes a decision to accept or not to accept the petition by 40 Senators on the appointment of the Minister to the Prime Minister's Office – Pichit Chuenban.
- May 15-24, 2024 - Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin is in Paris/Milan and Tokyo
- June 2, 2024 - The date set by the Constitutional Court for Move Forward to submit its statement of defense in the dissolution case.
- 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
- September 2025 - The deadline set by Transport Minister Suriya Juangroongruangkit that his ministry will implement a 20-Baht flat fare policy for all electric trains in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region.

For information on Opportunity Day of various companies click on the link – <https://www.set.or.th/streaming/oppdayCalendar>

Key Data

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| SET Index | 1,382.68 | +4.96 |
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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 May 17, 2024

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

| Stock Code | Volume | Value | Action |
|------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| ALT | 1,600 | 1.43 | Purchase |
| ALT | 19,000 | 1.44 | ALT |
| ALT | 1,000 | 1.45 | Purchase |
| ANI | 370,000 | 4.67 | Purchase |
| ANI | 150,000 | 4.66 | Purchase |
| ANI | 30,000 | 4.62 | Purchase |
| BCP | 25,000 | 40 | Purchase |
| BKD | 30,000 | 1.26 | Purchase |
| BKD | 1,000 | 1.28 | Purchase |
| BKI | 500 | 286 | Purchase |
| EP | 5,400 | 2.72 | Purchase |
| EKH | 32,200 | 7.15 | Purchase |
| EKH | 20,000 | 7.2 | Purchase |
| EKH | 10,000 | 7.2 | Purchase |
| AKR | 300,000 | 0.84 | Purchase |
| AKR | 500,000 | 0.86 | Purchase |
| AKR | 500,000 | 0.87 | Purchase |
| FTI | 663,000 | 2.15 | Purchase |
| INETREIT | 24,300 | 8.45 | Purchase |
| JDF | 36,500 | 2.6 | Purchase |
| JDF | 190,900 | 2.6 | Purchase |
| JDF | 100,000 | 2.62 | Purchase |
| JDF | 21,400 | 2.62 | Purchase |
| JDF | 100,000 | 2.64 | Purchase |
| KCG | 50,000 | 10.67 | Sale |
| LEO | 100,000 | 3.88 | Purchase |
| MGC | 109,300 | 4.91 | Purchase |
| MTI | 3,400 | 106.5 | Purchase |
| NEO | 10,000 | 56 | Sale |
| PIMO | 50,000 | 1.67 | Purchase |
| PSTC | 290,000,000 | 0.5 | Purchase |
| PCC | 10,000 | 2.92 | Purchase |
| SPREME | 61,500 | 2 | Purchase |
| SPREME | 15,000 | 2 | Sale |
| SPREME | 16,500 | 2 | Purchase |
| SPREME | 5,000 | 2 | Sale |
| SPREME | 1,500 | 2 | Purchase |

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| SPREME | 1,000 | 2 | Purchase |
| SPREME | 4,000 | 2 | Purchase |
| SPREME | 1,000 | 1 | Purchase |
| TRT | 100,000 | 4.9 | Sale |
| VIBHA | 1,500,000 | 0.13 | Sale |
| VIBHA | 2,700,000 | 0.13 | Sale |

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 17 May 2024 | | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|---|
| Investor Type | Buy | | Sell | | Net | |
| | Value | % | Value | % | Value | % |
| Local Institutions | 3,824.07 | 9.50 | 3,246.53 | 8.07 | 577.54 | - |
| Proprietary Trading | 2,682.83 | 6.67 | 3,206.54 | 7.97 | -523.71 | - |
| Foreign Investor | 20,692.96 | 51.42 | 19,861.28 | 49.36 | 831.68 | - |
| Local Individuals | 13,041.37 | 32.41 | 13,926.87 | 34.61 | -885.51 | - |
| Monthly Cumulative between 1 May –17 May 2024 | | | | | | |
| Investor Type | Buy | | Sell | | Net | |
| | Value | % | Value | % | Value | % |
| Local Institutions | 41,606.11 | 8.73 | 39,239.68 | 8.24 | 2,366.43 | - |
| Proprietary Trading | 32,296.30 | 6.78 | 31,374.93 | 6.59 | 921.37 | - |
| Foreign Investors | 250,117.54 | 52.51 | 250,205.52 | 52.53 | -87.98 | - |
| WLocal Individuals | 152,334.12 | 31.98 | 155,533.95 | 32.65 | -3,199.82 | - |

Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -17 May 2024**Unit: M.Baht**

| Investor Type | Buy | | Sell | | Net | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|------------|---|
| | Value | % | Value | % | Value | % |
| Local Institutions | 363,326.26 | 9.08 | 367,121.85 | 9.18 | -3,795.60 | - |
| Proprietary Trading | 271,452.64 | 6.79 | 275,482.96 | 6.89 | -4,030.32 | - |
| Foreign Investors | 2,116,135.93 | 52.90 | 2,181,636.46 | 54.53 | -65,500.53 | |
| Local Individuals | 1,249,686.41 | 31.24 | 1,176,359.96 | 29.40 | 73,326.45 | - |

Total Trading Value 40,256.05 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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