

Thai News Update: 14 February 2019

1. Euro 5 Diesel Upgrade Set For 2023

Source: Bangkok Post ([Link](#))

The Energy Ministry has settled on implementing a nationwide plan to upgrade environmental standards for diesel to Euro 5 by 2023, in line with the National Environmental Board's schedule, to curb toxic dust levels. The decision followed discussions among six oil refiners in Thailand that found 2023 to be the most practical deadline to implement the new standard for local diesel distribution. Energy analysts say the Euro 5 upgrade will require 14 billion baht in expenditure per refinery and may increase retail prices by 40 satang per litre.

2. Thailand Post To Expand POS To 5,000 Villages

Source: Bangkok Post ([Link](#))

The Digital Economy and Society (DE) Ministry has pushed Thailand Post to expand its point of sale (POS) service to cover 5,000 villages this year, helping rural areas access online marketplaces and building up community e-commerce nationwide. There are only 200 POS units nationwide. The POS expansion complements the national broadband network for all villages (Net Pracharat) that began in December 2016 and is scheduled to be completed by the middle of this year.

3. Bangkok's Real Estate Market Set For Growth: Ananda

Source: The Nation ([Link](#))

Ananda Development PCL, Bangkok's leading mass transit condominium developer, is redefining urban living in Bangkok by building world-class properties in close proximity to Bangkok's mass transit stations, the company said in a press release issued on 14 February. The company now has a portfolio 60 residential projects in Bangkok, which are on average just 76 metres from the nearest mass transport station. These provide local residents, expats and overseas buyers with a choice of 44,200 contemporary, state-of-the-art condo units in all corners of the city, from prime downtown districts to exciting up-and-coming suburbs. With five distinct

condo brands – Ashton, Ideo Q, Ideo Mobi, Ideo and Elio – Ananda’s projects promise “Urban Living Solutions” to young professionals who value convenience and connectivity above all else.

4. Emirates To Link Phnom Penh And Bangkok With Dubai

Source: The Nation ([Link](#))

Emirates will link Phnom Penh and Bangkok with its new daily service set to launch on June 1. The service from Dubai to Phnom Penh, via Bangkok, will provide passengers with more flight options. The new service will be operated with an Emirates Boeing 777 aircraft will depart daily from Dubai International Airport at 8.45am and arrive in Bangkok at 6.15pm. The same flight will then depart Bangkok at 8pm for Phnom Penh at 9.25pm. The flight will then return to Dubai by 5:35am.