

THAI NEWS UPDATE: 17 JANUARY 2022

1. Steps taken to ensure ASF does not affect Thai pork exports

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

The African Swine Fever (ASF) should not affect Thailand's pork exports as it is strictly adhering to standards set by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and importers, the Department of Livestock Development said on Sunday. Sorawit Thaneeo, the department's director-general, said relevant agencies have been tasked with studying the impact ASF may have on imports and ensuring the losses are minimised. The largest importers of Thai pork are Hong Kong and Japan.

2. UK minister checks out production of AstraZeneca vaccines in Bangkok

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

Thailand's Siam Bioscience, the only maker of AstraZeneca (AZ) Covid-19 vaccines in Southeast Asia, welcomed UK Minister for Asia Amanda Milling on 17 January morning. Milling was at the manufacturing facility in Bangkok with Public Health Minister to observe the production of the vaccines, AstraZeneca (Thailand) said. The ministers were welcomed by James Teague, country president for AstraZeneca (Thailand), Nualphan Lamsam, honorary director of corporate communications at Siam Bioscience and Dr Songpon Deechongkit, Siam Bioscience's managing director.

3. TCEB and partners advance plan to tap MICE travellers on 3-nation R3A route

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

The Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) is advancing its collaborations with related parties to turn Thailand into a hub for meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS). TCEB, along with the Association of Thai Travel Agents (ATTA), the Mekong Economic Development Cooperation Institute, the Greater Mekong Sub-region Transport Association (GMS-FRETA) Thailand and Naresuan University, have come together again to forge the agenda ahead. They met in full force at the GMS Logistic, Tourism, MICE & Trade Forum 2021 symposium held on 27-28 December 2021 at the Pullman Hotel King Power in Bangkok for the mission.

4. Banpu unveils green boat amid EV push

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

Banpu Next Co, the energy technology arm of Banpu Plc, is helping its parent company move closer to its clean energy goal with the debut of an electric boat for use in the tourism

sector. The move aims to promote boats with zero emissions, in line with sustainable tourism trends, as well as translate Banpu's Smart Energy for Sustainability campaign into action. The campaign launched a new five-year business plan starting in 2021 to push ahead with more clean energy projects, including electric vehicle (EV) development, in response to the government's efforts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.