

## Thai News Update: 20 July 2020

### **1. Amendment of copyright law to be tabled soon**

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

A new amendment of the copyright law is expected to be tabled before the Cabinet soon, Intellectual Property Department's deputy director general Jittima Srithaporn said, adding that the Council of State has completed examination of the draft. As part of the amendment, copyright owners can notify internet service providers to immediately remove contents from websites that violate their rights. Under the existing law, owners need a court order first before they can ban the distribution of their content by violators.

### **2. Bangchak touts EV ecosystem**

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

Mostly state-owned energy firm Bangchak Corporation is stepping up efforts to diversify into the electric vehicle market by developing an EV ecosystem for several thousand motorcycle taxis. Bangchak launched the Winnonie project to pilot a plan to build battery service facilities, with help from a new mobile app. Winnonie -- literally meaning no debt, or nie, for win (a nickname for Thai motorcycle taxi stands) -- is designed to solve barriers in the EV business and improve the quality of life of moto-taxi drivers by helping them save money on fuel.

### **3. South Korea mulls travel bubbles with Thailand, 2 other countries**

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

South Korea will seek travel bubble or selective border openings with Asian neighbours like Thailand, Taiwan and Vietnam where Covid-19 spread has been contained to aid tourism industries of respective countries. According to multiple industry sources, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism recently convened a meeting to discuss ways to boost the sluggish travel industry. In the meeting, they reviewed a plan to form travel bubbles other select countries have been experimenting, Pulse reported.

### **4. Thailand forges new path for food exports to China**

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

Thailand is turning to a less-travelled path to bypass supply-chain roadblocks and deliver perishables to China, its biggest customer in Asia. Most agricultural and food products have traditionally been delivered to China from Thai farms and warehouses by trucks going through either Vietnam or Laos. Ships and airplanes are also used, but the Covid-19

pandemic has upended logistics worldwide, resulting in border delays, fewer flights and difficulty handling items that aren't suited for sea vessels. One solution started this month, when Thailand began a two-mode system by trucking products to Vietnam, then moving the goods into containers on trains, which complete the deliveries to China. It may sound simple, but this is a first for Thai shipments, according to Narapat Kaeothong, vice minister for agriculture.

#### **5. 'We Travel Together' stimulus package launched**

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

More than 3.5 million people have registered for the government's latest tourism stimulus campaign known as Rao Tiew Duay Kan (We Travel Together). Lavaron Sangsnit, director-general of the Fiscal Policy Office, said that of the total 3.5 million who signed up on the website which came online on Wednesday, 2.2 million people had received a confirmation SMS and the other 1.1 million were currently being verified. About 200,000 applications had not been completed properly and Mr Lavaron asked those people to go through the process again.

#### **6. Thailand's excellent COVID-19 response prompts further investment by Japanese companies**

**Source: Pattaya Mail ([Link](#))**

Private Japanese companies have expressed their satisfaction with Thailand's COVID-19 prevention and response. With a low number of cases reported, the companies have increased confidence in the country and are expected to expand their investments. The President of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) office in Bangkok, Mr. Taketani Atsushi, met with Prime Minister's Office Minister Tewan Liptapanlop where he reported the results of a survey on economic trends of Japanese stock companies in Thailand for the first half of 2020.