

## THAI NEWS UPDATE: 22 OCTOBER 2021

### **1. Travelers from 46 countries can enter Thailand without quarantine from November 1**

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

Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 21 October announced the list of countries and territories permitted to enter Thailand from November 1 onward under the government's plan to reopen the country. Visitors from the 46 countries, described as low-risk group, may enter Thailand by air without quarantine, provided they have been fully vaccinated and tested negative for Covid-19 prior to arrival. They must also agree to take another test upon arrival...

### **2. TAT offers guidelines for people wanting to visit Thailand**

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

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) earlier this week issued guidelines for people heading to Thailand from low-risk countries once it partially reopens on November 1. T governor Yuthasak Supasorn said though people from low-risk countries do not have to undergo the 14-day quarantine, they are required to:

- Stay in Thailand for at least 21 days.
- Provide proof of having received two doses of a Covid-19 vaccine that has been approved by either the World Health Organisation (WHO) or Thailand's Public Health Ministry.
- Provide a negative Covid-19 result taken no more than 72 hours ago. If they test positive, they must provide evidence proving they had contracted the virus over the past three months and provide proof of US\$50,000 insurance coverage...

### **3. Three schemes set to welcome visitors**

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

Thailand's reopening will introduce three entry schemes for international tourists, while the list of countries eligible for quarantine-free entry without area restrictions is expected to be released on 22 October. The first scheme, called "Test & Go", will come with minimal requirements for inoculated tourists from low-risk countries who also have a high economic impact on Thai tourism, said Yuthasak Supasorn, Tourism Authority of Thailand governor. "The list of eligible countries should be announced today as the standard operating procedures have just been finalised and are waiting for official approval. All countries that are important markets for our industry are expected to be included on this list," he said.

#### **4. Minister to submit letter on CPTPP**

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

Thailand's decision on whether to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is becoming clearer, as Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai is expected to submit a letter of intent soon for the country to apply to join the pact to the cabinet for its approval. According to a source from the International Economic Policy Committee chaired by Mr Don which met on Monday, the Foreign Ministry is preparing the letter of intent to be signed by Mr Don who is expected soon to propose to the cabinet for approval. The source, who requested anonymity, said at Monday's meeting, the International Economic Policy Committee also required all related agencies to provide and compile additional issues such as areas of concern, reservations or periods needed for adjustment.

#### **5. CP-led group to take over airport link**

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

A consortium led by Charoen Pokphand Group will take over the operations of Airport Rail Link (ARL) services on 25 October, according to the Department of Rail Transport (DRT). DRT's deputy director-general Pichet Khunathamrak recently held a meeting with Asia Era One (AERA1) to discuss the hand-over to ensure a smooth transition. AERA1, formerly known as Eastern High-Speed Rail Linking Three Airports Co Ltd, is CP-led consortium that won the bid to build a high-speed rail linking three airports of Don Mueang, Suvarnabhumi and U-Tapao airports with a plan to take over the ARL's operations this year. ARL services are currently operated by SRT Electric Train Co, under the State of Railway of Thailand. The consortium is expected to pay about 10 billion baht for the take-over.