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1. Thai Bankers' Association Warns Over Phishing

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

The Thai Bankers' Association (TBA) is warning of phishing scams affecting a wide range of local banks, though it says the number of phishing victims is still minimal. Phishing scams have become widespread in Thailand since last Friday, but there have been no reports of financial loss so far, said Kitti Kosavisutte, committee chairman of the Thailand Banking Sector Computer Emergency Response Team (TB-CERT), a group of financial institutions under the TBA.

2. Power Plan Backed Along With 2 Plants

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

The National Energy Policy Council (NERC) has given the green light to the new Power Development Plan (PDP), which will boost power production capacity to more than 77,000 megawatts in 2037. The council also approved power plant projects in Surat Thani and in the Western region. Energy Minister Siri Jirapongphan said that the NERC agreed on the new PDP - covering 2018 to 2037 – at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha yesterday. The Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (Egat) was tasked with planning for Thailand's power transmission system development for higher power security, grid modernisation and for a regional grid connection centre covering five countries – Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Malaysia and Cambodia.

3. Thailand Invited To Group Of 20 Summit

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

Representatives from Thailand will join in discussions at the Group of 20 Summit on quality infrastructure, international public health, weather changes, digital economy, expansion of ageing society and Society 5.0 in Osaka, Japan on June 28-29 this year. Chantanon Wannakejohn, deputy secretary-general for the Office of Agricultural Economics, said that

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Thailand, as Asean chair, was invited by Japan to attend as a guest country. Japan will play host to this year's meetings of leaders from the world's top 20 economies.

4. Tech Giants, Media Target Fake News

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

Tech giants are addressing the spread of fake news and election manipulation in the lead-up to the general election by cooperating with local media and setting up features to reduce the problem. Google will cooperate with Thai media agencies to bring its Fact Check feature to Thai search results to track fake news in preparation for the upcoming election. The feature allows articles to show a Fact Check tag identifying whether it has been verified by a news publication or fact-checking organisation.