

## THAI NEWS UPDATE: 25 OCTOBER 2021

### **1. AEC prepares for 20th Asean Summit to be held next week**

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

The Asean Economic Community (AEC) Council met on October 18 to make preparations for the 20th Asean summit scheduled to be hosted by Brunei between October 26-28. The summit, to be held via video conferencing, will focus on accelerating the region's economic recovery and transformation of the digital economy. Trade between Thailand and Asean countries grew 16.25 per cent in the first eight months of this year compared to the same period in 2020, the Commerce Ministry said on Saturday. Auramon Supthaweethum, director-general Department of Trade Negotiations talked to the reporters after attending the 20th AEC Council meeting in order to prepare for the Asean summit that will be held from Tuesday to Thursday.

### **2. CAAT issues regulations for airlines to follow from Nov 1**

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

The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) on Saturday issued guidelines for airlines landing in Thailand from November 1. This move follows the government's decision to allow double-jabbed travellers from 46 low-risk countries to enter Thailand without having to quarantine. An October 22 statement signed by CAAT chairman Suttipong Kongpool said the guidelines are in line with Article 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations and the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration's orders. "People can enter Thailand for economic benefits and public health sustainability under disease control officials' supervision and they must observe measures to contain the spread of Covid-19," the statement read.

### **3. Electric vehicle registration rises over 42 per cent year on year**

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

255 electric vehicles (EVs) have been registered in September, bringing total EV registration in the nine months of 2021 to 1,485 units, increasing 42.4 per cent year on year, according to the Federation of Thai Industries Automotive Industry Club. As of September 30, Thailand recorded cumulative number of BEVs (battery electric vehicles) at 3,547 units, increasing 92.56 per cent from the previous year," said club vice president and spokesman Surapong Pisitpattanapong. "Meanwhile, the number of HEVs (hybrid electric vehicles) was at 180,175 units, increasing 11.29 per cent year on year. Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) were recorded at 29,401 units, increasing 337.25 per cent year on year."

#### **4. Moderna jabs to arrive Monday**

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

Hospitals are planning to start administering the 560,000 Moderna Covid-19 vaccine doses which arrive next week to those who have pre-ordered by Nov 8, pending the required clearance process. The president of the Private Hospital Association (PHA), Dr Chalerm Harnpanich, said after the jabs arrive on Nov 1, they will be examined by the Department of Medical Sciences, in a process that will take no longer than five days. Once cleared, Zuellig Pharma, as the jabs' authorised distributor, will hand over the doses to private hospitals and other institutions which have placed orders for them, Dr Chalerm said. The PHA president said the vaccines should reach the hospitals by Nov 8 at the latest. He urged those who have placed an order to contact their hospital for further information.