THAI NEWS UPDATE: 28 JUNE 2022

1. Thailand issues new relaxed entry rules for airlines and passengers Source: The Nation (Link)

The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) on 27 June issued a notice to airlines on the relaxation of entry rules from July 1. Thailand issues new relaxed entry rules for airlines and passengers. The latest Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) comes after the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration said the Thailand Pass entry system and mask mandate will be scrapped from July 1. Entry requirements are being relaxed in a bid to boost foreign tourist arrivals in the second half of the year. Tourism and Sports Minister Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn expects arrivals to rise from the current level of 20,000-25,000 per day to 25,000-30,000 per day.

2. Prayut unveils 3-point vision for global progress at BRICS summit Source: The Nation (Link)

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha outlined Thailand's vision for global development partnership and de-escalation of conflicts during Friday's BRICS Plus Dialogue on Global Development, the Foreign Ministry said on 27 June. The dialogue between leaders of BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – and 13 Emerging Markets and Developing Countries (EMDCs) including Thailand was held via videoconference on Friday. The leaders discussed ways to tackle the energy crisis, food insecurity, climate change, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals.

3. First Gucci LED outlet unveiled Source: Bangkok Post (Link)

King Power Group, the country's leading duty-free retailer, has unveiled Asia's first Gucci LED boutique at King Power Suvarnabhumi. The unique characteristic highlighting Gucci King Power Suvarnabhumi as the first LED boutique to be located at an airport -- both in Thailand and within Asia -- is the outlet's LED video wall display technology. The launch aims to demonstrate strong ties between Thailand and Gucci, a globally recognised Italian fashion house, while reinforcing King Power Suvarnabhumi's reputation as a junction of world fashion.

4. Singha Estate unveils food-based offering Source: Bangkok Post (Link)

Singha Estate Plc has launched S Angthong, an eco-friendly industrial estate with a focus on food and related businesses, in line with the government plan to develop a World Food Valley industrial estate. The World Food Valley scheme, promoted by the Industry Ministry, aims to make Thailand the "Kitchen of the World" and one of the world's top food producers by encouraging small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and local farmers to make value-added food and farm products.