

THAI NEWS UPDATE: 4 JUNE 2021

1. Ministry rejigs mid-term fiscal plan

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

The Finance Ministry is set to adjust its mid-term fiscal plan following the government's implementation of the 500-billion-baht borrowing decree, said a ministry source who requested anonymity. The source said the revision is in line with the likelihood of lower government revenue this fiscal year. This mid-term plan, which covers 2022-2025, was approved by the cabinet last December and serves as the master plan in directing the monetary and fiscal budget, as well as state annual expenditure and public debt management.

2. Bangkokians to get new public park by month-end

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

The 98-rai park, built by the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)'s Environment Department's Green Bangkok project, aims to give Bangkokians a new place for exercise and rest. As per the project, BMA hopes each resident in the capital will have at least 10 square metres of greenery by 2030. Silapasuy Raweesangsoon, BMA's permanent secretary, visited the park on Wednesday and presided over the planting of trees and rice. The land for the park was provided by businessman Vichai Kanchanaseevee.

3. Pfizer says it is discussing vaccine purchases only with govt agencies

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

The announcement came on the heels of news that a private company would import 20 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine into Thailand. Pfizer said it is currently discussing with the Department of Disease Control to ensure that its vaccine is available to all Thai nationals. "Pfizer would like to emphasise that the company is commencing negotiations only with government agencies on procuring Covid-19 vaccines because this is the best way to ensure the vaccine is distributed to all people in each country," the announcement read.

4. First 1.8 million doses of locally-produced AstraZeneca vaccine delivered

Source: Thai PBS ([Link](#))

The Thai Ministry of Public Health took delivery of the first batch of 1.8 million doses of locally-produced AstraZeneca vaccine from the company on 4 June to inoculate people in Thailand under a mass vaccination campaign which will begin on Monday (June 7th). Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and senior health officials were present at a ceremony to receive the vaccine from AstraZeneca (Thailand) President James Teague. Public Health

Permanent Secretary Dr. Kiatiphum Wongrachit said today that a total of 6 million doses of both AstraZeneca and Sinovac's CoronaVac will be delivered to the ministry in June and the vaccine will be distributed continuously across the country.