

## THAI NEWS UPDATES: 5 MAY 2021

### **1. CPN takes its centres online via Line**

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

Central Pattana Plc (CPN) is launching online delivery and drive-thru services to lessen the impact of a decline in shoppers due to the latest Covid-19 wave. The service is available at CentralWorld, Central Village and Central Phuket, and the company plans to include more shopping centres in the future. Customers can purchase products or order food from restaurants located in the mall via the @CentralLife Line account. "Central Pattana is ready to cooperate with the government in order to fight the Covid-19 pandemic," said Nattakit Tangpoonsinthana, executive vice-president of marketing at CPN.

### **2. Border, transit trade jumps to B384bn**

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

Thailand's border and transit trade value increased by 19.3% year-on-year to 384 billion baht in the first quarter this year, driven mainly by trade with Malaysia and rising demand for Thai rubber. Transit trade refers to the transport of goods through more than one country. Of the total figures, exports from Thailand totalled 226 billion baht, up 20.5% from the same period last year, while imports rose 17.7% to 158 billion, resulting in a trade surplus of 68.4 billion during the first three months, according to the Foreign Trade Department.

### **3. CP steps in to curb outbreak in Klong Toey**

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

Charoen Pokphand Group (CP) has launched a mass vaccination scheme to support the government in tackling the spread of Klong Toey's Covid-19 cluster. Starting on Tuesday, the country's largest agribusiness conglomerate set up a mass vaccination facility at Lotus Rama IV, aimed at vaccinating at least 1,000 people per day, said Suphachai Chearavanont, CEO and executive chairman of CP Group. He said the vaccination scheme is expected to last for 2-3 weeks to support the government in curbing the spread of Covid-19 in Klong Toey communities, home to around 90,000 people.