

THAI NEWS UPDATE: 8 JULY 2022

1. 2022 Midyear Economic Review

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

Thai policymakers are making every effort to kickstart an economic recovery amid the challenges of the pandemic. Published on 8 July, the long-awaited 2022 Midyear Economic Review will shed light on the challenges and trends in this year. The liftouts are complementary with today's edition of the Bangkok Post newspaper.

2. New Covid cases now around 29,000 a day

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

There were now about 29,000 new Covid-19 cases a day and the figures were rising in 23 provinces, particularly in Greater Bangkok and other tourist zones, the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration reported on Friday. CCSA spokesman Taweetilp Visanuyothin said the daily statistics came from people who registered their infections, and a small number of them were admitted to hospital. New cases were declining in 54 provinces while rising in 23 other provinces, some of which reported large waves of infection, he said.

3. Ministry unveils discount packaged rice measure

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

The Commerce Ministry has teamed up with the Thai Rice Mills Association, Thai Rice Packers Association and petrol stations to sell 1.5 million kilogrammes of packaged rice at a discount of up to 48% or 5-100 baht to help mitigate the cost of living. The discount scheme started on 7 July and runs until July 31. Commerce Minister Jurin Laksanawisit said packaged rice made available through the scheme includes packs weighing 1kg, 5kg and 48kg produced under 228 brand names. It comprises hom mali fragrant rice, mixed hom mali rice, white rice and glutinous rice.

4. True number of Covid cases now 30,000 per day: deputy health minister

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

The true number of new Covid-19 infections in Thailand could be 30,000 per day, given that about 10,000 people per day are now registering to enter home or community isolation, Deputy Public Health Minister Satit Pitutecha said on Friday. Satit was responding to a question in Parliament about the current Covid situation posed by Bangkok Pheu Thai MP Jirayu Huangsap. Satit said that since most people who contracted Omicron BA.4 and 5, the

current dominant strains in Thailand, display mild or no symptoms, the Public Health Ministry is only reporting the number of cases that test positive via the RT-PCR method in hospital. “The BA.4 and 5 subvariants have driven a 30 per cent rise in cases across the globe, including Thailand. However, they do not contribute to a significant increase in mortality or severe symptoms,” Satit said. He added that the number of Covid patients on respirators in Thailand stands at 327, unchanged from last week. Meanwhile the bed occupancy is within “acceptable levels nationwide”.

5. CPAC Green Solution showcases ‘thinnest’ concrete bridge in Southeast Asia

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

CPAC Green Construction Solution, a subsidiary of SCG, announced success in using digital and prefabrication technologies to showcase the “thinnest concrete bridge” in Thailand and Asean. The 30-metre-long Chalermphrakiat Bridge was built in the SCG head office compound in Bang Sue last year but the conglomerate announced the development only now to invite construction firms to learn about the new technologies under the company’s Green Construction philosophy. SCG vice president Chana Phumee, who is in charge of the firm’s Cement and Green Solution Business, said the company used its ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC) to build the “thin” concrete bridge. Chana said the UHPC created a concrete pressure force five times higher than other technologies allow and helped the fabricated concrete to withstand heavy pressure and strong pulling forces, for example from material such as metal sheets.