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1. Myanmar Airways launches Phuket route Source: Bangkok Post (Link)

Myanmar Airways International (MAI) began operating its Yangon—Phuket route 9 October, targeting migrant workers and long-stay tourists. On Saturday, MAI introduced at a press briefing its latest direct route from the Myanmar capital Yangon to Phuket. The event was joined by provincial deputy governor Pichet Panapong, MAI Chief Commercial Officer Tanes Kumar, public officials and entrepreneurs in Phuket. Sathit Rodnimit, MAI Sales and Marketing Manager, said the flight is operated on Thursdays and Sundays, with a plane arriving at Phuket International Airport at 9.25am and departing at 10.25am

2. Huawei sets its sights on regional expansion Source: Bangkok Post (Link)

Global tech powerhouse Huawei Technologies is concentrating on digital infrastructure, sustainable development and a strong ecosystem as part of its strategies to deepen cooperation with Asia-Pacific nations, including Thailand, in boosting its digital power. According to ICT market research firm McKinsey, the pandemic accelerated the digital economy by seven years globally and by 10 years in Asia-Pacific. He said Huawei invested heavily in R&D and innovation solutions for the ICT industry over the past two years. In 2021 the company allotted 22.4% of its revenue to R&D.

3. Thailand, Singapore to sign 5 MoUs on economic cooperation Source: Bangkok Post (Link)

Thailand and Singapore are scheduled to sign five memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on intellectual property, agriculture and sustainable businesses this week. According to Trade Negotiations Department director-general Auramon Supthaweethum, the MoUs will be signed on Wednesday by related agencies on the sidelines of the sixth ministerial meeting of the SingaporeThailand Enhanced Economic Relationship (STEER) in Bangkok. Commerce Minister Jurin Laksanawisit and Tan See Leng, Singapore's Manpower Minister and Second Minister for Trade and Industry, are scheduled to co-chair the meeting, which is aimed at accelerating cooperation on innovative agriculture, digital economy, investment, tourism and intellectual property. The economic cooperation will support sustainable business growth in the two countries, said Mrs Auramon.