

THAI NEWS UPDATE: 19 OCTOBER 2022

1. ICS unveils plan to launch healthcare centre in Iconsiam

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

ICS Co, the developer and operator of the ICS mixed-use lifestyle town project, has teamed up with Siriraj Hospital to launch Thailand's first comprehensive health service centre outside the hospital. Supoj Chaiwatsirikul, managing director of ICS Co, the developer and operator of the ICS project, which is controlled by the owners of Iconsiam, said Siriraj H Solutions will open inside the shopping centre. It will be located in a 3,000-square-metre space on the fifth floor of the ICS project

2. Bangkok to compete with HK, S'pore in move to become MICE destination

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

Bangkok Governor Chadchart Sittipunt said on Tuesday after a meeting with Thai-Chinese Chamber of Commerce president Narongsak Puttapornmongkol that the BMA is ready to work with the chamber to attract foreign organisers to hold their events in Bangkok. "Becoming a meeting and seminar destination will revive investors' confidence in Bangkok as the economic hub in the region, and consequentially attract foreign investment to Thailand," he said. "By working with private entrepreneurs, the BMA is confident we can upgrade our facilities to international standards to compete with Hong Kong and Singapore."

3. AWS bets big on Thailand

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

A plan by Amazon Web Services (AWS) to invest US\$5 billion (around 190 billion baht) in Thailand over the next 15 years underscores the country's significance as a regional hub for digital data, says Deputy Prime Minister Supattanapong Punmeeaow. AWS, Amazon's cloud computing division, held a press conference on Tuesday to announce its planned investment in cloud computing infrastructure in Thailand, as part of its new AWS Asia Pacific (Bangkok) Region. "AWS's hyper-scale investment project has demonstrated that Thailand is a digital hub and data centre in the region. The investment comes from the world's leading company, and investment from other related industries will follow suit," the minister said.

4. New stimulus planned in effort to keep recovery rolling

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

The government is planning to roll out a number of measures as "New Year gifts" at the end of the year, including an extension of the "Khon La Khrueng" co-payment scheme and the "Shop Dee Mee Khuen" tax rebate scheme. Government spokesman Anucha Burapachaisri said Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha assigned all ministries at the cabinet meeting 18 October to propose new measures as "gifts" to the public for cabinet consideration by the middle of next month. The new measures aim to encourage consumer spending to maintain the momentum of the economic recovery, said Mr Anucha. He said in addition to stimulating spending, the proposals should reduce the cost of living for people and facilitate travel during the festive season.