(Unofficial Translation)

Notification

Re: Extension of Duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand $(5^{th}$ Extension)

Pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand as from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020) and the extension of the duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation (4th Extension) until 31 August B.E. 2563 (2020);

Whereas the Government, mindful of the necessity to relax measures for the control of the spread of the communicable disease Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 for places, businesses or activities which may be highly risk-prone to the spreading of the COVID-19 disease, to be able to open for operation, has gradually and consecutively relaxed measures, such as the full-scale opening of all classes and all levels in all schools, educational institutions and tutoring institutes, the organisation of meetings, trainings, seminars, or sport competitions, and public transportation, under the necessary measures for the prevention and control of the spread of the disease; however, the relaxation of such measures has resulted in a large number of people neglecting to be as cautious as before, which is highly risk-prone to the occurrence of cluster infections and may escalate into a widespread outbreak as has occurred in many countries, while the number of travellers, both Thai nationals and foreigners, entering into the Kingdom is continuously increasing and the production of a vaccine for the disease is yet to be successful; therefore, it is still necessary to task competent officials to constantly control groups of persons, places, businesses, and activities as during the previous period, in order to protect the security of the country's public health and to prevent the recurrence of an outbreak which may be severe and cause damage to the country's economic and social systems during a second wave as has occurred in many countries across the globe, and it is necessary to extend the duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand for a further period of time, in order to remedy the Emergency Situation in a unified and efficient manner, promptly responding to the situation, with the aim of securing the health and the safety of the lives of the people;

By virtue of Section 5 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), the Prime Minister, upon approval of the Council of Ministers by the Resolution dated 25 August B.E. 2563 (2020), hereby extends the duration of enforcement of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom for a further period

of time. As for the Declaration of a Serious Emergency Situation in areas in the Southern Border Provinces, it shall concurrently continue to take effect.

This Notification shall take effect from 1 September B.E. 2563 (2020) to 30 September B.E. 2563 (2020).

Issued on 28 August B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)

Prime Minister