

The fifth session of the 25th House of Representatives meeting,
3rd year, (2nd annual ordinary session)



On 11th November, 2021, at the House of Representatives Chamber, Parliament Building, H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, Speaker of the House of Representatives, presided over the fifth session of the 25th House of Representatives meeting, 3rd year, (2nd annual ordinary session). On this occasion, Hon. Mr. Suchart Tancharoen, First Deputy Speaker, and Hon. Mr. Supachai Phosu, Second Deputy Speaker, served as the Chairperson of the meeting in rotation. The important matters were considered as follows:

(1) Interpellation

1.1 Verbal Interpellation

- The operational performance of Department of Lands on Khao Kradong, Mueang Buriram District, Buriram Province, failed to comply with requirement under Section 53 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand.
- The rice management and trouble of farmers, who cultivate rice and face the high cost of production in Phitsanulok Province and throughout the country,
- The request of 1-year excise tax reduction and other taxes related to the oil fund from government in order to relieve the people problem in the period of high-price of oil.

1.2 Ordinary Interpellation

- The service delay of Krungthai Bank on the financial transactions
- The solving tourism entrepreneur problems, affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic crisis
- The request to follow the progress and prosecution of offenders, Mr. Vorayuth Yoovidhya
- The non-allocation of Phra Pariyattidhamma Schools in fiscal year 2021-2022 in accordance with Royal Insignia Buddhist Scriptures Act, B.E.2562 (2019)
- The entitlement of the government employee as the Islamic teacher in public school

(2) Chairperson' s Report

2.1 Acknowledgment to the observations of the Ad-hoc Committee on Chambers of Commerce Bill (No...), B.E. (report as the remarks of Ad-hoc Committee due to Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives, B.E. 2562 (2019) Rules 127 (2) and Rules 105 (4))

2.2 Acknowledgment to performance of State Audit Office of the Kingdom of Thailand, fiscal year 2020

Members of the House of Representatives proposed a verbal urgent motions in order to express the opinions and suggestions among others on the effect of the reopen the country and proper preventive and corrective measures and proceed to the Prime Minister and cabinet for further consideration. A mover stated that, after the new COVID-19 wave, there was the massive negative impact to the domestic business and the labor force of tourism in particular, whereas, the lock-down policy and the closed gate of tourism have been implemented. On 1st November, 2021, the situation of COVID-19 pandemic subsequently improved, Thailand announced to reopen its country for the low-risk foreign tourists from 46 countries, who were fully vaccinated 2 doses of vaccine and obtained the negative result of RT-PCR test before the travel date. A repeat test was also required upon arriving Thailand. The travel to the other areas in Thailand could be made where the test expressed the negative result. Moreover, it was found that, there were a few number of tourists, since the government procedures were vague and no inclusive systematic implementation and cooperation among government agencies where caused plenty of errors in the past. However, most of the members agreed to reopen the country but

the government shall to have strategic plans and to improve the procedures to be more simply comprehensive, while public health, hospitalization, medical personnel, proactive COVID-19 inspection were needed to prepare and, simultaneously, create the confidence of safety in travelling places by focusing on the readiness and preparation of the related labor force. The business operation concerning supply chain, freight transport or distribution, procedures, processes safe that shall be convenient and free from COVID-19 pandemic, including, tourists travelling both by land and water transport. Besides, government must have measures to solve the problems by cooperating various agencies and planning the high level of proactive vaccination plan of each province.

Hon. Mr. Satit Pitutacha, Deputy Minister of Public Health, stated that Prime Minister and the government already prepared the plan to reopen the country on 1st November 2021, and established the public health rely on management. It was found that, after opening the country 10 days, there were 24,000 tourists in total, and there would be 200,000 tourists who want to travel to Thailand in November. It would be confident that after opening the country and the number of the large Covid-19 clusters were disappeared where the proportion of vaccinating were getting higher in the next 2 weeks, by 1st December 2021, without the emerging of new coronavirus vibrant or any large clusters. The Ministry of Public Health could provide 100 million vaccine doses completely, equal to 70 percent of population calculatedly, it also would be confident to move forward without interruption but it depended on the cooperation from all parties. As for the inconvenience of Thailand Pass, there was a meeting of the Centre for the Administration of the Situation due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in purpose of all things management over and done, on 12th November 2021. However, all of the objections and suggestions lead to solve the problems according to fully reopen the country. For disease control, the Ministry of Public Health fully attempt, to prevent the pandemic resurrection with the turn-back of high rate of infections and decrease because it would affect national and international confidence. All matters would be proceeded to the Prime Minister, to propose them to the Centre for the Administration of the Situation due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 for solving the problem.

Members of the House of Representatives agreed with the government to open the country, and should take this opportunity to recover the domestic and economy push the concept of qualitative tourism more than quantitative tourism, whilst, to accelerate the confidence build-up for tourists that Thailand is safe at first step of arriving and also proposed spatial integrated

management approach to provinces, districts as the operation units, to limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. As for food services or in tourist attractions, should ask for entrepreneurs' cooperation for service users to follow health measures. The government should reinforce the penalty intensively and other tourism management issues should be suggested in this period of time.

Source: Mass Media Division, Bureau of Public Relations
Summarized and Translated by Bureau of Foreign Language
Secretariat of the House of Representatives