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Thai AirAsia launches Don Mueang-S'ville route



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Thai AirAsia, a subsidiary of AirAsia Group, on Monday launched a flight connecting Bangkok's Don Mueang International Airport with Sihanoukville, on the Cambodian coast. Thai AirAsia uses a 180-seater Airbus A320 aircraft for the regular, weekly route, flying on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Bochra Hammou, general manager of Sihanoukville International Airport, said, "This flight will bring new international visitors to Sihanoukville as air travellers will have more travel options." "It strengthens Sihanoukville and the Cambodian coast as tourism destinations," she added. Taing Sochet Krisna, director of the tourism department in Preah Sihanouk province, expected to see an increase in international travellers to the province in upcoming months. "Being directly connected to Thailand, a very popular tourist destination, means we will get some of the travellers that visit that country. We are also likely to see an increase in investors," Mr Krisna said. During the first half of the year, Preah Sihanouk province received 1.3 million tourists, including both local and foreign visitors, according to Mr Krisna. The government is planning to transform Sihanouk International Airport into the main airfield in the country. Cambodia Airports, the company that manages all international airports in the country, is now working to expand the runway and build a new

terminal building in the airport. The runway will be expanded from 2,500 to 3,300 metres, allowing the airport to handle long-haul aircraft, said Sin Chanserey Vutha, spokesman at the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation. Mr Vutha said renovation work aims to prepare the airport for the Asean Summit, which the city will host in 2022. Ms Hammou said the runway expansion will be completed by mid-2020. According to Mr Krisna, there are 15 airlines operating at Sihanouk International Airport – 4 local airlines as well as airlines from China, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Thailand. The airport handles 34 per day. Don Mueang International Airport (IATA: DMK, ICAO: VTBD) is one of two international airports serving Greater Bangkok, the other one being Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK). It is considered one of the world's oldest international airports and Asia's oldest operating airport. The airport is a regional commuter flight and low-cost airline hub. In 2015, it became the world's largest low-cost carrier airport.

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Lao, Vietnam strengthen cooperation in science



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Laos and Vietnam have agreed to further collaboration in the science and technology sector by sharing their academic work to enhance research in the two countries. A cooperation agreement was signed in Vientiane on Friday between Director General of the Planning and International

Cooperation under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr Khamphet Vongdara and Vice President of Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Associate Prof. Dr Nguyen Vankhang. Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Dr Boviengkham Vongdara witnessed the signing ceremony. Under the agreement, the two parties will cooperate on exchanging technical expertise, two-way translation, exchange documents and share in the interpretation and publication of scientific papers. Dr Khamphet said Vietnam would provide scholarships to Lao students and government officials to study in Vietnam for higher diplomas as well as bachelor and master's degrees. "Lao-Vietnamese cooperation has played an important role in the sustainable development of the science and technology sector in the country and made a positive contribution to peace, stability, cooperation, and development in the region and the world in general," he said. "The agreement aims to enhance the capacity of officials to assist domestic development and international integration, and promote the scientific research achievements of both countries," he said. The proposed cooperation aimed to bolster the coordination and mutual support of the parties in implementing scientific projects and organising conferences, as well as provide a scientific basis for strengthening the special friendship and comprehensive cooperation between Laos and Vietnam, he added. He noted the two countries would share their experiences of theoretical and practical issues relating to the

development of human resources and international integration of Vietnam and Laos while assisting each other with training. Dr Nguyen Vankhang said scientific research cooperation was discussed recently when Lao scientists responded to scientific information provided by Vietnam to further build friendship and solidarity between both nations.

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US soybean planting experiment scheduled



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The Ministry of Commerce will grow high-yielding US soybeans in Shan State’s Nawngcho township as an experiment prior to introducing more widespread planting of the crop. The ministry’s deputy director-general for consumer affairs U Aung Maun said native soybean species produce between 12 and 20 baskets per acre compared to US species, which can produce between 30 and 70 baskets. “There’s an opportunity here for both domestic consumption and exports if we can grow more soybean,” he said, adding that Myanmar could sell more soybean if China continues to halt US soybean imports since June after slapping a 25pc tariff last July due to the trade dispute with the US. U Aung Maun said that the first batch of US soybean would be grown as an experiment starting this October while a soybean forum has been planned to promote the US crop. A meeting was also held with the local Pyithu Hluttaw representative and the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association. He said that financing and the small acreage owned by farmers were problems that needed to be overcome to introduce this new soybean species. “It is difficult for farmers who own small plots to change species,” U Aung Maun added. Of the 365,000 acres planted with soybean throughout the country, some 200,000 acres can be found in Shan State, where in the 2017-18 fiscal year, there were 185,729 soybean farms. The productivity

in the farms throughout the country came to 1.161 bushels per acre on average. Soybean farms can mainly be found in the southern and eastern parts of Shan State as well as Kayah State.

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U.S. slaps duties on steel from Vietnam originally produced in South Korea, Taiwan



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WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Commerce Department said on Tuesday it would impose duties of up to 456% on certain steel produced in South Korea or Taiwan that are then shipped to Vietnam for minor processing and finally exported to the United States. The agency said in a statement that it had found corrosion-resistant steel products and cold-rolled steel produced in Vietnam using substrate of South Korean or Taiwanese origin had circumvented U.S. anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties. The duties on South Korean and Taiwanese products were imposed in December 2015 and February 2016. Since those dates through April 2019, shipments of corrosion-resistant steel products and cold-rolled steel from Vietnam to the United States had increased by 332 percent and 916 percent compared with similar periods immediately before, the statement said. It said the Commerce Department inquiry was initiated at the request of ArcelorMittal SA's U.S. unit, Nucor Corp, United

States Steel Corp, Steel Dynamics Inc, California Steel Industries, and AK Steel Corp

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Government needs to reinforce macro-economic stability



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HA NOI – The Government should enhance macro-economy stability to strengthen the national economy before risks appear, said members of the National Financial and Monetary Policy Advisory Council at a meeting yesterday. The meeting, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister **VƯƠNG ĐÌNH HÙNG**, pooled opinions ahead of the Government's meeting with localities tomorrow. In the first half of this year, the country posted a GDP growth rate of 6.76 per cent, ran a trade surplus of US\$1.64 billion and faced inflation of 2.64 per cent. State budget collection met 53 per cent of the plan for the full year, public debts accounted for 57-58 per cent of GDP and Government debts made up 49 per cent of GDP. The council's members agreed that signs of macro-economic risks are yet to appear, but pointed out that growth-driven sectors, like agriculture, industry and services, had slower growth rates than in 2018. Members suggested the Government continue closely following trade and investment developments around the world to stabilise the economy while reinforcing internal elements to deal with external developments, facilitating trade and

preventing trade fraud. The Government and the State Bank of Việt Nam need to pay attention to potential impacts of new virtual currencies on the country's fiscal and monetary policies, they said, urging the quick issuance of legal regulations on cashless payment and the fine-tuning of the legal system on investment, businesses and public-private partnerships. VNS

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