PHUKET HOTELS ASSOCIATION

News Update

16 May, 2020

Dear friends and colleagues,

The amended announcement yesterday cancelled the prior announcement, so Phuket International Airport will remain closed until further notice.

We have some updates to share with you as follows:

- COVID-19 Daily Briefing from Thai Government, the keys information is:
    1. Curfew will be shortened by one hour starting from Sunday 17 May. It will now be from 11:00pm to 4:00am the following morning/
    2. Malls will also be allowed to open from Sunday between 10am and 8pm. Though from what I understood from before, not all businesses will re-open at first. For example, no cinemas. Stadiums are also allowed to re-open, but no team sports. More info soon.
    3. Shopping centers, department stores and community malls are allowed to re-open from Sunday. Shops include computer, books, electrical appliances, furniture, office supplies, kitchenware, plants, cosmetics, sports equipment, car wash, laundry, building materials etc.
    4. Businesses that have to remain closed include hotels, cinema, bowling, skating, karaoke, amusement park, video arcade, water park, zoos, massage shops, tutorial schools, fitness center, convention center, exhibition venue etc.
    5. In sports category, the following can re-open from Sunday: gymnasium, swimming pools & sports with no more than three people such as table tennis and badminton. In gym, no group exercise allowed or use of any electrical machines such as treadmill and elliptical.
    6. In the sports category, the following must stay closed: boxing stadium, martial arts school, water park, water sports such as ski, banana boat etc.

    More information tomorrow

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- An article on a guide to reopening your workplace, from top companies like Microsoft, Amazon, and Starbucks. To read to full article here: https://www.businessinsider.co...
- C9 HOTELWORKS REPORT: PHUKET ECONOMIC OVERVIEW.

  Forward Outlook:

  1. Long-haul tourism markets are not expected to return until next year. Tourism recovery will rely heavily on intra-Asia point to point travel.
  2. All eyes on Thailand's central governments post- crisis economic plan and agenda on funding of Phuket's significant planned transportation and infrastructure projects.
  3. Private sector is expected to lead island development and heavy influence of Bangkok groups redirecting investment to provinces. Find the full report at: https://www.c9hotelworks.com/w...

Best regards,
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