

Dear friends and colleagues,

The big news today - The Governor of Phuket has asked the cabinet to reopen Phuket Airport for limited domestic travel from Saturday morning 16th. More details on restrictions and other information on this tomorrow as they are made public.

We hope you have found today's webinar of interest. 140 of you tuned in which was a record!

We would like to thank **Mr. Sittiphong Kittiprapapong, Regional Director & Country Manager- Thailand Cross Border, Khun Amarisa Sirilerkpiat, Thailand Business Development Manager from Alipay Thailand, and Mr. Franklin Fuentes, Country Manager for Fliggy Thailand** for introducing Alipay and Fliggy, and for sharing their insight and expertise with us.

As promised, attached please find the presentations and the recording of the webinar is available for you to download from the following link.

[China Online Online Travel Recovery - Timing & Distribution Strategy -Webinar record](#)

If you have any enquires specific to Alipay and Fliggy please contact them directly. Below please see their email addresses:

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Some daily updates to share with you as follows:

1. [Information of factors of Travel during/ past Coronavirus and Phuket Short-term outlook compiled by IHG Phuket](#)
2. Because the emergency decrees remain in place until 31 May 2020, the Government has recommended that people who would like to travel across the provinces must follow guidelines and official regulations.
Infographic in the link below, there is helpful information for three groups of people who would like to travel between provinces in Thailand. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/jni2qlz1rxegkwc/Provincial%20travel%20during%20Emergency%20Decree.png?dl=0>
3. Airports of Thailand (AOT) has advised passengers who wish to travel to other provinces to check the destination province's latest announcements and orders before they travel, and they must follow the instructions of the province. The services of Phuket International Airport remain suspended until May 15, 2020 at 23.59 hours on the order of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand No. 103/2563. For more information, please contact the AOT hotline at 1722. see the instruction detail in the following link [AOT- domestic travel instruction](#)
Source: <https://bit.ly/2WpFSM9>
4. An update from the Thai government regarding Thailand's [#COVID19](#) situation, reporting from the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) at Government House. According to the speak, they will be a meeting on this Friday to consider the second phase relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions. Watch the full English update at the following link. https://www.facebook.com/thailandprd/videos/556693421652476/?_rdc=1&_rdr
5. Best Western Hotels & Resorts has published the expansion of the existing I Care Clean standards and the enhanced cleaning protocol to include the implementation of measures to improve safety – such as the installation of social distancing floor decals and front desk partitions – as well as the enforcement of heightened and comprehensive cleanliness standards, read the full publishing here: [BEST WESTERN® HOTELS & RESORTS INTRODUCES INDUSTRY-LEADING CLEANING PROGRAM: WE CARE CLEAN - See more at: https://www.pata.org/best-western-hotels-resorts-introduces-industry-leading-cleaning-program-we-care-clean/#sthash.mYaksSdt.dpuf](#)

6. 4 Podcast by PATA CEO Dr Mario Hardy talks about how to prominent speakers, futurist thinkers and industry pioneers to define the emerging future of the tourism industry. A guest will be Dr. Margaret Heffernan discusses the tourism industry in the post-COVID-19 era, what business should do before and during a crisis, and shares her thoughts on business management - listen to the podcast at: <https://youtu.be/zwsb3rK8MyE>
7. In case anyone missed this webinar, here is a webinar record organised by PATA and TCEB .This webinar will feature updated data and analysis on regional economies and jobs, followed by the latest up-to-date data on air travel bookings as well as insights into current travel-related consumer behaviors and key trends in the market, closing with a panel discussion on strategies and solutions towards recovery. Organised by PATA in collaboration with the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB), https://youtu.be/JbGBZk65_Ls

Best regards,
Anthony and Phuket Hotels Association Team

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