Special Announcement of COVID-19
On 2 June 2020

Regarding today's COVID-19 situation in Thailand, one case recovered and was discharged (a total of 2,966 cases have recovered or 96.2% of the total number of the confirmed cases) and 59 were being treated in hospitals (1.91% of the total number of confirmed cases). Today, one new COVID-19 case was confirmed in someone who returned from Suadi Arabia and was under state quarantine. This brought the total number of cases to 3,083. One fatal case was reported, which brought the total number of deaths of 58.

There was one fatal case of an 80 year-old Thai man. He had asthma as an underlying disease and he had a history of close contact with previous cases. He was admitted to a public hospital in Narathiwat for hip surgery, but before the operation, he tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). Moreover, he was found to have an abnormal breathing sound in his lungs. He was referred to another hospital where he was intubated. His symptoms did not improve and he passed away on 1 June 2020 (he was the 58th fatal case).

From the reports of confirmed cases in the previous two weeks, among 50 confirmed cases, the majority (46 cases or 92% of the confirmed cases) were people who returned from abroad and were being observed under state quarantine supported by the government. Four cases were infected in Thailand (one case was a close contact with confirmed cases and three cases were infected by going to public areas). Although the incidence rate is still low, or zero in some areas, it does not mean that there are no infections. With the government easing the restrictions, many people are back to normal life, or returning to work in the office. Those people are at an increased risk of infection. The Ministry of Public Health asked for the cooperation of people to strictly comply with the protective measures by wearing hygienic or fabric masks, frequently washing hands, maintaining social distance with 1-2 meters between each other, and not touching your face with unclean hands. Currently, there are people wearing a face shield without a face mask, so the MOPH stated that the face shield alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. If you are infected or sick, you may spread the disease to other people nearby. In addition, face shields must be worn with a mask and people should avoid visiting crowded places to reduce the risk of infection.

The public is invited to answer a questionnaire about social media information management during the COVID-19 epidemic (Week 4) to assess online-media literacy due to the report that 80% of fake news on COVID-19 has been shared via Facebook. The questionnaire can be accessed at https://bit.ly/TrueorFalseCOVID19 or scan via QR Code. Each questionnaire will result in a 5-baht donation to charity.

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