

(Unofficial Translation)

Order of the Prime Minister

No. 5 /2563

Re : Establishment of a Special Task Force to Perform Duties in Accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005)

Pursuant to the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand as from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020);

In order to remedy the emergency situation in an appropriate and effective manner, by virtue of Section 7 paragraphs three and five of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), and whereas the Council of Ministers passed a Resolution on 24 March B.E. 2563 (2020) to set up an *ad hoc* Special Task Force to perform duties in accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), the Prime Minister hereby issues the following order:

1. The Centre for the Administration of the Situation due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) which shall be referred to as the “Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA)” pursuant to the Order of the Office of the Prime Minister No. 76/2563, Re : Establishment of a Centre for the Administration of the Situation due to the Outbreak of the Communicable Disease Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) dated 12 March B.E. 2563 (2020), shall serve as a Special Task Force under Section 7 paragraph five of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), and shall comprise:

(1) The Prime Minister	Director of the Centre
(2) Deputy Prime Minister	Member
(3) Minister attached to the Office of the Prime Minister	Member
(4) Minister of Defence	Member
(5) Minister of Finance	Member
(6) Minister of Foreign Affairs	Member
(7) Minister of Tourism and Sports	Member
(8) Minister of Social Development and Human Security	Member
(9) Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation	Member
(10) Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives	Member
(11) Minister of Transport	Member

(12) Minister of Digital Economy and Society	Member
(13) Minister of Natural Resources and Environment	Member
(14) Minister of Energy	Member
(15) Minister of Commerce	Member
(16) Minister of Interior	Member
(17) Minister of Justice	Member
(18) Minister of Labour	Member
(19) Minister of Culture	Member
(20) Minister of Education	Member
(21) Minister of Public Health	Member
(22) Minister of Industry	Member
(23) Advisor to the Prime Minister (Mr. Pirapan Salirathavibhaga)	Member
(24) Secretary-General of the Council of State	Member
(25) Supreme Commander	Member
(26) Commissioner General of the Royal Thai Police	Member
(27) Secretary-General to the Prime Minister	Member and General Coordinator
(28) Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister	Member and General Coordinator
(29) Secretary-General of the Council of Ministers	Member and General Coordinator
(30) Secretary-General of the National Security Council	Member and General Coordinator
(31) Deputy Secretary-General to the Prime Minister, Political Affairs (Mr. Prateep Keeratireka)	Member and Secretary
(32) Deputy Secretary-General to the Prime Minister, Administrative Affairs (Mrs. Nicha Hiranburana Thuvatham)	Member and Assistant to the Secretary
(33) Director-General of the Department of Internal Trade	Member and Assistant to the Secretary
(34) Director-General of the Department of Disease Control	Member and Assistant to the Secretary
(35) Military officers, police officers and civil servants appointed as the competent officials under this decree.	Officials attached to the Centre

2. In urgent cases where it is necessary to act promptly and where it is not possible to convene timely meetings, the Prime Minister has the power to use the authority of the Committee in the meantime or to convene a meeting with only those particular Committee members on issues

under their scope of responsibility with the possibility of inviting other persons to join the discussion. The resolution of the meeting shall be considered the resolution of the Committee.

The Prime Minister may appoint advisors or an *ad hoc* Committee consisting of experts knowledgeable in finding solutions to remedy the COVID-19 situation to review, make technical recommendations, prevent and remedy the problem or carry out specific tasks, in case of urgent necessity.

In convening Committee meetings referred to in Clause 1 and Clause 2, a teleconference or other forms of communication may be utilised instead of meeting in person.

3. The persons performing tasks at the Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) shall be competent officials in accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005).

4. The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) shall have the following duties and powers:

(1) to perform duties in accordance with the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), laws which have been transferred to the powers and duties of the Prime Minister, or laws which the Prime Minister has charge and control of the execution thereof, as far as it is necessary to carry out those duties to resolve the emergency situation;

(2) to procure and manage surgical masks and hand sanitiser gel to distribute to the public and medical personnel through distribution or sale;

(3) to arrange the structure of the organisation appropriate for the performance of its duties and establish an agency or operations centre to be the operational organisation, as deemed appropriate;

(4) to conduct public relations and disseminate accurate and factual information and news in order to enhance good understanding between the government and the public, including any related psychological operations;

(5) to organise manpower of police officers, military officers and civil servants to implement plans to maintain the security of various important persons and places, as well as to coordinate with the relevant government or state agencies responsible for those places, to protect themselves according to their abilities, as a first priority;

(6) to organise an operations unit from police officers, military officers and civil servants in order to suppress incidents in cases that lead to the incitement of unrest or to assist in alleviating the people's distress related to the emergency situation;

(7) to assign the relevant government and state agencies to give support that is related to personnel, budget, materials and hardware, vehicles and other tools and equipment to remedy the emergency situation;

(8) to call upon the relevant government and state agencies, government officials or government officers to attend meetings, give briefings, provide information, provide documents or carry out any other tasks as deemed appropriate; and

(9) to carry out other tasks assigned by the Prime Minister or the Council of Ministers.

This Order shall come into effect from 26 March B.E. 2563 (2020).

Issued on 25 March B.E. 2563 (2020)

(General Prayut Chan-o-cha)

Prime Minister