



Announcement

The Case of COVID-19 Patient's Timeline as Circulated on the Social Media

1. On Saturday 10 April 2021, a COVID-19 patient's possible contact timeline was circulated on social media, indicating, among others, the patient's visit to the event "Local to Global: Visions of Isan" which was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Friday April 2. It was also revealed that the patient had received a PCR test on Wednesday, 7 April 2021, the result of which came in positive on Friday, 9 April 2021.

2. In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has contacted the patient and was informed that the patient arrived at the Ministry on 2 April 2021 at around 20.00 hours in order to pick up one of the Ministry's staff, who was on the day a member of the event's organising team. The patient mostly stayed around the main stage area throughout his brief visit.

3. The Ministry has subsequently been informed that one of the two close contacts with the patient on that day has tested negative for COVID-19. The other one's test result is still pending.

4. At this point in time, it remains inconclusive if the said patient had been infected with COVID-19 before the event, during the event or after the event on April 2.

5. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs strictly followed Ministry of Public Health protocols and took all necessary protective measures against the spread of COVID-19 at the said event, including screening and monitoring measures, temperature checks and frequent sanitization, before, during and after the event.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chutintorn Gongsakdi".

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