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BANGKOK, 17 August 2021. As became known to the public that, today (17 August 2021), Mrs. Aksika Chantarawinij and Miss Charawi Tisanto, the massage therapy business owners and representatives of massage therapy business owner group comprising of 157 persons, have filed the class action lawsuit against Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Interior and Bangkok Metropolitan Administrator before the Civil Court in Civil Action No.พ 3782/2564 seeking the compensations arising out of the government's management in the Coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. According to the petition, it is asserted that Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha had declared the nationwide emergency situation under the COVID-19 pandemic and had acted, willfully or negligently, with the result of several disease clusters. Also, it is claimed that Prime Minister and Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul, the Minister of Public Health, had managed the situation in an incorrect manner, ensuing the uncontrollability of the disease and the inefficient management of the related vaccines. The public health crisis and economic chaos are entailed, thereby resulting in the impossibility to return the situation to the *status quo*. Moreover, Prime Minister Prayut had enacted the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005), conferring the authority upon the Governor of Bangkok and the provincial governors to announce the order for temporary closure of massage parlors, resulting in the absolute impossibility of the plaintiffs' business operation. Notwithstanding such closure, the consideration on undertaking the remedy measures had been omitted. The petition seeks the compensatory damages of 7,199,262.42 THB for the first plaintiff, of 3,597,666.52 THB for the second plaintiff, and of the amounts injured to each person in the class action group, together with the 5 percent interests calculated from the day after the petition until the payment is completed. The request for the hearing via electronic means has also been submitted.

NOW, the Civil Court in Civil Action No.พ3782/2564 has examined the petition and the request, and has fixed the day for the class certification hearing via Google Meet on 21 September 2021 at 9 am as requested by the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs shall thereby conduct a hearing from the office of their attorney.