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*The Civil Court*

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BANGKOK, 8 October 2021. As became known to the public that, on 5 October 2021, the Civil Court has accepted the petition brought to the Court by Mr.Yingcheep Atchanont *et al.* against Thailand's Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha *et al.* seeking the revocation of the enforcement of Article 3 of the Regulation Issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (No. 15) (hereinafter Regulation) together with the implemented announcements, and the emergency motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction enjoining the defendants from enforcing such regulation and announcements, the Civil Court has conducted the hearing for such motion in Civil Action No.๗4639/2564 and has fixed the day for the delivery of an order on 8 August 2021 at 1.30 pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Civil Court has examined and assessed the witnesses and the documentary evidences brought before the Court and do hereby order this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, as follows:

“The Regulation has been enacted by the first defendant prohibiting the protest, the activities or the unlawful assembly in the crowded area or the incitement having the character of creating the disturbance in order to prevent and inhibit the spread of COVID-19 outbreak. It is currently observed that such pandemic still exists nationwide and in the continuous manner. The implemented announcements, enforcing the social distancing measures, have been enacted in the area in which the risk of such outbreak has been considered high so as to prevent such spreading eventually entailing the nationwide cluster and the national economic chaos. It is also observed that, notwithstanding the lack of evidence demonstrating the effect of protest on the outbreak, there still exists the rate of the infection and the mortality. Moreover, the fear for the infection ensuing the awareness of utilizing the sanitary gel and the medical mask was observed by the second plaintiff. It is thereby necessary to enforce such sanitary measures so as to prevent such spreading eventually entailing the nationwide cluster.

WHEREFORE, the Court orders that there is no genuine and reasonable ground for granting the temporary restraining order as requested and thereby the motion shall be dismissed.”

