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Hello from Bangkok.

After a long period of lockdown, uncertainty and wondering when we will ever be able to travel again, I'm happy to share the news that Thailand has not recorded any new locally infected cases for over 30 days now. This has led the government to allow businesses and activities in the highest risk category to resume business. All public facilities are now all running with new social distancing rules, as life slowly returns to normal in Thailand. Thailand actually ranked second best in the world out of 184 countries for its ongoing COVID-19 recovery effort, according to a study produced by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

In preparation for a return to business and to reassure the public, the Government has also introduced the 'Amazing Thailand Safety & Health Certification' programme (SHA) that covers transportation, attractions, hotels, venues, restaurants amongst others to which we at Destination Asia Thailand have also subscribed. The emergency decree is likely to be extended through July, however from 01 July, select groups of foreign visitors (work permit holders, married non-Thais, students studying etc.) will be allowed entry to Thailand though the standard 14-day quarantine rule will still apply.

The Destination Asia Thailand team highly anticipates the return of unrestricted international arrivals for our leisure and MICE business as the next logical step within coming months, and has been busy working with suppliers to collate suitably attractive promotions. We are also refining and improving our range of products in the knowledge that both we and Thailand will need to sparkle more brilliantly in order to continue to attract our guests as we look toward the future.

However, the water's still warm, the Singha's cold and the tom yum goong's always spicy - we look forward to welcoming you back to Thailand soon.