COVID-19 Situational Report in the ASEAN Region

ASEAN BioDiaspora Virtual Center (ABVC)

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COVID-19: Highlights and Situation Overview

Global Update

• Worldwide, there have been over 442 million cases and over 6 million deaths attributed to COVID-19.

Regional Update

- Vietnam's Ministry of Health (MOH) reported on March 3 (Thursday) that 176,150 cases of COVID-19 were recorded in the past 24 hours, including 10 imported cases, bringing the cumulative cases in the country to 3,885,631 Hanoi continued to report the highest number of infections on the day with 18,861 cases, followed by Nghe An with 6,152 and Bac Ninh with 5,748. Besides, the northern province of Hai Duong supplemented 29,360 cases and the northern province of Thai Binh added 28,000 after verifying information. According to MOH, there are 3,840 patients in critical conditions, while an additional 95 deaths were recorded in the past 24 hours, taking the total fatalities to 40,547.
- Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs has issued Minister of Home Affairs Instruction (Inmendagri) No. 13/2022 on the implementation of Enforcement of Restrictions on Public Activities (PPKM) Level 4 to Level 1 on the islands of Java and Bali, as well Minister of Home Affairs Instruction (Inmendagri) No. 14/2022 on the implementation of PPKM Level 3 to Level 1 in Sumatra, Nusa Tenggara, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Maluku and Papua. Inmendagri No. 13/2022 stipulates the extension of the prevailing lockdown policy in Indonesia, known as PPKM, for one week or until March 7, 2022 in the islands of Java and Bali, while Inmendagri No. 14/2022 extends the PPKM policy in the islands outside of Java and Bali for two weeks or until March 14. To note, the Inmendagri maintains its policy of implementing PPKM level 3 in the majority of provinces and cities across Indonesia. The inmendagris further stipulates the additional requirement of an adequate rate of second vaccinations in determining the PPKM level of a particular area.
- Brunei reported 4,885 new COVID-19 cases on March 3 (Thursday), a new record daily high for the country, bringing the a total of 76,534 cases and 135 deaths. The ministry mentioned earlier that the country is currently experiencing third wave of COVID-19 and it is expected to increase beyond the total registered during the second wave.

Vaccine Update

Based on Malaysia's CovidNow portal, a total of 22,952,385 or 97.6% of the adult population in the country have completed COVID-19 vaccination, 23,232,115 or 98.8% have received at least one dose of vaccine, and a total of 14,884,826 individuals or 63.3% have received a booster dose as of March 3 (Thursday). For adolescents aged 12 to 17, a total of 2,802,856 individuals or 90.1% of the population had completed COVID-19 vaccination while 2,899,581 or 93.2% had received at least one dose of vaccine. Meanwhile, a total of 952,411 individuals or 26.8% of children, aged five to 11, have received first dose of COVID-19 vaccine under the National COVID-19 Immunization Programme for Children (PICKids). For the daily vaccinations on March 3, 96,621 doses of vaccine were dispensed with 23,871 as first doses, 1,469 as second doses and 71,281 booster doses, bringing the cumulative vaccine doses administered under the National COVID-19 Immunization Programme (PICK) to 67,516,578.

Travel Advisories (new update/s)

- Indonesia: Starting March 14, 2022 or earlier, Indonesia plans to allow quarantine-free travel to its main tourist island of Bali for travelers
 who are fully vaccinated, has taken a negative RT-PCR test upon arrival, and repeated testing in the hotel on the third day of their stay.
 Indonesia is currently requiring travelers to undergo three-day quarantine since March 1, 2022.
- Malaysia: The Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) by air between Penang and Singapore will commence on March 16. According to the Ministry of Transport, this VTL initiative will allow fully vaccinated travellers from between Penang and Singapore and vice-versa with participating airlines under the VTL without being required to quarantine upon arrival.
- Vietnam: The country's spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) informed the press on Vietnam's policy for visa and mutual recognition of vaccine passport during a regular press conference of the ministry held online on March 3 (Thursday). Foreigners, overseas Vietnamese and their family members holding eligible documents will be allowed to enter the country in accordance with the Law on Foreigners' Entry into, Exit from, Transit through, and Residence in Vietnam. Foreigners entering Vietnam for tourism purpose should follow guidance of a pilot programme on receiving foreign tourists by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, and Vietnamese nationals can return to Vietnam freely on regular international commercial flights. Regarding the recognition of vaccine passports, as of March 2, the spokesperson said that Vietnam had reached agreement with 15 countries and territories, namely Japan, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Australia, India, Belarus, Cambodia, the Philippines, Palestine, the Maldives, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Turkey and Singapore.

Cases and Deaths as of 04 March 2022

- As of 04 March 2022 (2PM, GMT+8), worldwide, there were **442,413,066** confirmed cases, including **6,001,844** deaths. Globally, Case Fatality Rate (CFR) was **1.4**.
- 21,459,985 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the ASEAN region with a total of 326,735 deaths, with a CFR of 1.5.

REGION	COUNTRY	FIRST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	LATEST REPORT ON CONFIRMED CASE(S)	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	NEW CASES (7-Day Rolling Average)	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW DEATHS (7-Day Rolling Average)	CASE FATALITY RATE
ASEAN	Brunei	10 Mar 20	03-Mar-22	76,534	4,885 (4,068)	135	6 (3)	0.2%
REGION	Cambodia	27 Jan 20	03-Mar-22	131,738	368 (396)	3038	5 (1)	2.3%
	Indonesia	02 Mar 20	03-Mar-22	5,667,355	37,259 (37,004)	149,268	232 (275)	2.6%
	Lao PDR	24 Mar 20	03-Mar-22	143,486	246 (222)	626	3 (1)	0.4%
	Malaysia	25 Jan 20	03-Mar-22	3,528,557	32467 (27,333)	33,028	86 (71)	0.9%
	Myanmar	23 Mar 20	03-Mar-22	593,958	1,819 (2,216)	19,379	4 (4)	3.3%
	Philippines	30 Jan 20	03-Mar-22	3,664,905	989 (1,080)	56,538	34 (53)	1.5%
	Singapore	23 Jan 20	03-Mar-22	785,825	18,162 (17,804)	1,049	9 (11)	0.1%
	Thailand	13 Jan 20	03- Mar-22	2,981,996	23,834 (23,245)	23,127	54 (45)	0.8%
	Vietnam	23 Jan 20	03-Mar-22	3,885,631	176,150 (141,157)	40,547	95 (121)	1.0%
				21,459,985	296,215	326,735	528	1.5%

COVID-19 Epi curve among ASEAN Countries:

From January 1, 2021 to March 3, 2022



Cumulative cases of COVID-19 in the ASEAN Region as of March 3, 2022 (Report generated by ASEAN Biodiaspora Virtual Center)

COVID-19 Outlook Assessment

as of 1 March 2022

	REQUIREMENT									
ASEAN MEMBER STATE	At least 80% of the high-risk population has been vaccinated with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.		At least 65% of the total population has a level of immunity to COVID-19; either recovered from COVID-19 or have been vaccinated with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.		Case levels are generally low (a 7-day rolling average number of daily new cases that is <10 cases per 100,000, with each day's past- 14-day test positivity is consistently <5%).		Government Policy on containment and health (strictness and comprehensiveness in COVID- 19 related government policies)			
	% of High risk population fully vaccinated	Population vaccinated/ day (7-day average)	% of Total population fully vaccinated / boostered	Population vaccinated/ day (7-day average)	Daily cases/ 100,000	Test positivity last 14 days	Containment and health index score - Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT)	Change over the past 30 days		
Brunei	≥90.0	Unknown	≥90.0/26.8	Unknown	900.6	Unknown	67.9/100	0.0		
Cambodia	≥90.0	0%/day	87.9/48.5	0.02%/day	2.5	17.2	37.5/100	-11.0		
Indonesia	≥90.0	0%/day	55.3/4.1	0.15%/day	14.74	18.0	61.6/100	0.0		
Lao PDR	≥90.0	0%/day	64.1/ND	0.24%/day	3.08	22.5	78.3/100	+3.6		
Malaysia	≥90.0	0%/day	79.0/45.2	0%/day	85.37	10.9	58.0/100	0.0		
Myanmar	≥90.0	0%/day	39.8/ND	0.25%/day	4.4	9.6	71.2/100	+1.8		
Philippines	≥90.0	0%/day	61.1/9.1	unknown	1.09	13.1	82.4/100	0.0		
Singapore	≥90.0	0%/day	87.3/67.1	0.09%/day	316.12	Unknown	72.0/100	-2.4		
Thailand	≥90.0	0%/day	72.2/29.6	0.03%/day	33.6	25.2	53.0/100	-3.6		
Vietnam	87.3	0.06%/day	83.1/39.6	0.06%day	98.8	56.9	71.4/100	0.0		



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