Statistics

- **Worldwide** confirmed cases surpassed 85 million with more than 1.8 million confirmed deaths.
- More than 15,000 new cases were reported across the ASEAN+3 region yesterday. In total, confirmed cases in the ASEAN region have passed 1.5 million, and reached more than 400,000 among the Plus-3.
- Thailand reported a high of 745 new cases, including 729 local transmissions as its recent outbreak continues to worsen.
- New cases in Korea rose above 1,000 again after easing over the last two days.

News

- Japan is reportedly preparing to declare a state of emergency to fight its ongoing surge in cases, covering Tokyo and surrounding prefectures.
- Korea has expanded its ban on gatherings of more than four people for the entire nation, and has extended social distancing measures for greater Seoul by two weeks until January 17.
- China has approved its first vaccine for the general public. The vaccine developed by China National Biotec Group (CNBG), an affiliate to Sinopharm, has been assessed to be almost 80 percent effective.
- India has given emergency approval to two vaccines: one developed by AstraZeneca/University of Oxford, and a domestically developed one by Bharat Biotech for which efficacy data has not yet been published.
## COVID Monitor

### Overview of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

| Economy       | Total Cases | Cases per 1M Population | Cases as % of Population | New Cases | New Cases per 1M Pop. | New Cases as % of Population | New Cases/1M population as % of cases | New Cases as % of population | Total Deaths | Death Rate (%) | Total Deaths as % of cases | Cases recovered as % | Resolved cases as % of cases | Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; AMRO staff calculations. |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------| 1/ Since January 31, 2020. 2/ Resolved cases (i.e. non-active cases) to total cases; serves as a proxy for the stage of the cycle.) |
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