Recent Developments

Global News

- Confirmed cases continued to decline globally, except in Eastern Europe. Most of the hard-hit nations, including Russia, Romania, Ukraine, have low vaccination rates.
- United Kingdom will ease travel restrictions for travelers from 47 countries, including Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines and Thailand beginning October 11.

Regional News

- Singapore will launch a Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) arrangement with Korea from November 15. Fully vaccinated travellers with negative PCR test will not need to serve quarantine. VTL scheme with the United States will be introduced before end-2021.
- Japan bought an additional 120 million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines that will mostly be used for booster shots.
- Lao PDR is considering allowing COVID-19 patients with mild or no symptoms to self-isolate at home, to preserve healthcare capacity.
- Malaysia approved the use of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as a booster dose for adults aged 18 and above, at least six months after their second dose. The booster shots are not compulsory but highly recommended for those in vulnerable and high-risk groups.
- Vietnam is planning to reopen key tourist destinations to vaccinated visitors from low-risk countries from December. Full resumption of tourism is targeted for June 2022.

Vaccine News

- Pfizer-BioNTech is seeking emergency use authorization from the United States for the use of their vaccines for 5- to 11-year-olds.
- Sweden and Denmark have paused the use of the Moderna vaccine for all young adults and children. Finland has paused the use for men under 20 years old. A study involving these countries and Norway found that men under the age of 30 who received Moderna vaccine had a slightly higher risk than others of developing myocarditis.
ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Deaths

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

1/ Values show the 7-day average.

ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Total Vaccines Administered

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Our World in Data; and AMRO staff calculations.

Note: Single vaccination doses only. This does not measure the number of people vaccinated, as two doses are required with most available vaccines. Data is reported at irregular intervals; numbers show latest available.

ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Vaccinations and Aspired Population Coverage

Sources: Our World in Data via Haver Analytics; various media sources; Economist Intelligence Unit; and AMRO staff estimates and calculations.

Note: Percent of population vaccinated shows total administered doses divided by two to reflect the two-dose regime of most vaccines—it does not necessarily reflect the actual number of fully vaccinated people. Aspired 2021 targets and completion dates of widespread vaccination are goals, forecasts, or estimates.
World: Confirmed Cases by Region
(7-day average; thousand cases)

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

ASEAN+3: Daily Confirmed Cases
(7-day average)

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.
ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Covid Cycle and Healthcare Indicators

Sources: Haver Analytics, sourced from John Hopkins University; World Health Organization; and AMRO staff calculations.


Selected ASEAN+3: Aggregate Non-Residential Mobility
(Percentage change from baseline; 5-day moving average)

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World and Selected ASEAN+3: Weekly Scheduled Flight Seats
(Percent year-over-year)

Sources: Official Aviation Guide; and AMRO staff calculations.
Note: Scheduled seat capacity data until November 2020 are on monthly basis, and on weekly basis thereafter.

Sources: Haver Analytics, sourced from Google COVID-19 Community Mobility reports; and AMRO staff calculations.
Note: Baseline refers to the median value of the corresponding day in the period Jan 3–Feb 6, 2020. “Non-residential” refers to the aggregated mobility data for places such as groceries and pharmacies, retail and recreation facilities, transit station and workplaces. ASEAN-5 = Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore. CLMV = Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam.