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New Notice from Prime Minister's Office on COVID-19 Reinforcement Measures

Introduction

On 7 August 2020, the Prime Minister's Office issued the Notice on the Additional instruction on Reinforcement Measures on Containment, Prevention and Full Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic ("**Notice**"). Pursuant to the Order of the Prime Minister No. 06/PM dated 29 March 2020 referred to in the Notice, and the report and instruction meeting on reinforcement measures with Vietnam and China on 5 August 2020, the Prime Minister's Office made known the restrictions on movement and gatherings which must be reinforced to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic from spreading again in Laos. The National Task Force Committee for Prevention and Control of COVID-19 ("**Task Force**") is responsible to follow up on the Notice of Prime Minister's Office No.806/PMO, dated 29 July 2020, as follows:

1. To reinforce the measures relating to containment and prevention from 1 to 31 August 2020 according to the Notice of Prime Minister's Office No.697/PMO, dated 30 June 2020;
2. To temporarily suspend authorisation of international charter flights. The Task Force has liaised with the Department of Civil Aviation to issue a new measure and obtain government permission prior to its operations. The Department of Civil Aviation shall negotiate with foreign airlines that have been operating in the past;
3. The Task Force shall provide additional opinions on the measures relating to the management of immigration in Laos from 1 to 31 August 2020.

The Prime Minister's Office additionally addressed the following in the Notice to control the spread of COVID-19:

1. The Ministry of Public Security will liaise with the Task Force to carry out strict inspections on immigration. Illegal immigrants will be tested for COVID-19 and be self-quarantined as provided by the State and undertaken under the Law and relevant regulations and announced to the public;
2. The Ministry of Public Security will liaise with Vientiane Capital, Provinces and relevant sectors to monitor and check food and beverage outlets and karaoke facilities which are temporarily suspended by the government;
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will liaise with the Task Force and relevant authorities to be ready to implement the Fast Track programme with Vietnam and China;

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4. The Task Force, local authorities and relevant sectors must continue to advertise, liaise with the public and disseminate the danger and risk of COVID-19 in order for citizens to follow the instructions of the Task Force from time to time.

As at the date hereof, the Notice has been issued and if necessary (such as if there are emergency matters), the Government will issue a new Notice or notify of a further extension.

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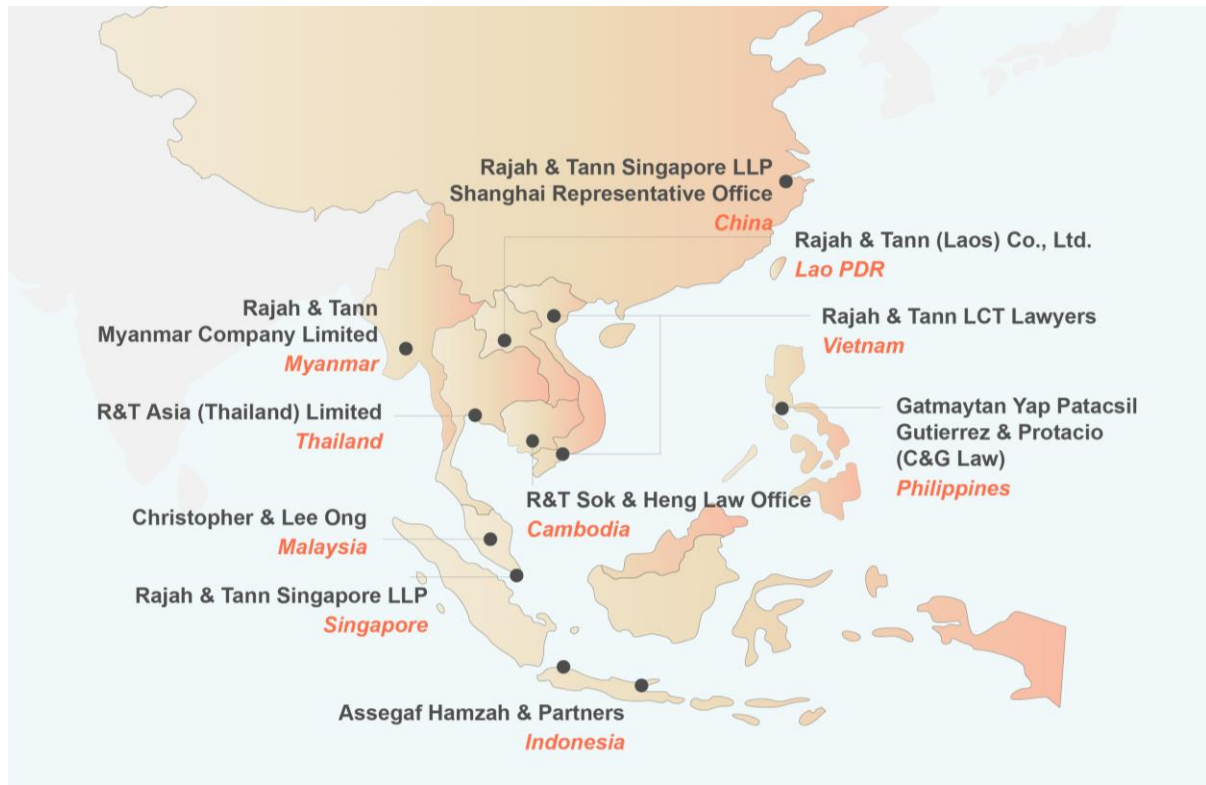
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