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200,000 EGGS OFFERED TO BUDDHA STATUE TO MAKE CORONAVIRUS GO AWAY

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While we're all waiting for good, science-based public health policy to contain the current coronavirus, a little spiritual bribe can't hurt, can it?

While Myanmar encourages people to chew pepper and Indonesia [shields itself with prayer](https://coconuts.co/jakarta/news/impenetrable-doa-health-minister-says-prayer-not-) (<https://coconuts.co/jakarta/news/impenetrable-doa-health-minister-says-prayer-not->

200,000 eggs to make the coronavirus disappear from mainland China, according to [Spring News \(https://www.springnews.co.th/thailand/619102\)](https://www.springnews.co.th/thailand/619102).

The group offered pallets upon pallets of eggs to Luang Por Buddha Sothon, a famous Buddha statue at Wat Sothon Wararam in Chachoengsao province in hope its holiness would grant mercy.

Zhang Xiao Zhao, 44, told reporters that he came from Chengdu with five friends to make the egg-stravagant offer because his friend's daughter asked the same statue for a child years ago – and gone one.

Jitsinee Pantong, the egg merchant, said she was approached at her boiled egg stall last week by the Chinese group, who asked to buy the copious quantity of fresh eggs from her. Jitsiness said it took her three days to gather the eggs from two farms in the province.

She was paid a total of THB400,000 (US\$12,807) for the trouble. There's no record of so many eggs ever being given to the statue before. Even an annual event organized by local government only offers 100,000 eggs, Jitsinee said.

The group plans to donate the eggs following today's ceremony.





*Egg pallets on Tuesday are carried into Wat Sothon Wararam in Chachoengsao province.
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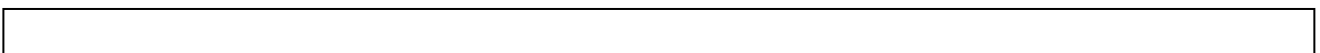
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When the dust settled between three of Thailand's wealthiest families, it was the one with the most to clinch British giant hypermarket chain Tesco's business in Thailand and Malaysia.

A week after it submitted one of three bids, Tesco said in a [statement](https://www.tescopl.com/news/2020/tesco-agrees-to-sell-its-businesses-in-thailand-and-malaysia-significant-return-to-shareholders-simplification-and-further-de-risking/) (<https://www.tescopl.com/news/2020/tesco-agrees-to-sell-its-businesses-in-thailand-and-malaysia-significant-return-to-shareholders-simplification-and-further-de-risking/>) today that the business units would be sold to CP Group in a deal valued at up to US\$10.6 billion.

"The Disposal will further simplify the Tesco Group, enabling a stronger focus on driving cash generation and returns to shareholders from our retail businesses in the UK and Ireland and in Central Europe," the British retailer said in the statement.

CP, or Charoen Pokphand, is one of the kingdom's largest conglomerates with holdings in retail, agribusiness, real estate and more. Its subsidiaries include C.P. Retail Development, Charoen Pokphand Holding, CP All and C.P. Merchandising. Owners of the nation's roughly 10,000 7-Eleven stores, it would be difficult to spend a day in Thailand without giving CP money.

Lotus. In Malaysia, the company started operating in 2002 under the name Tesco Malaysia as part of a joint venture with [Sime Darby](#) (<https://www.thestar.com.my/business/marketwatch/stocks/?qcounter=SIME>) Berhad.

CP is owned by the Chearavanont family. The battle for Tesco also drew bids from [Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi](#) ([ThaiBev \(https://coconuts.co/bangkok/news/thaibevs-charoen-makes-us10b-for-tesco-asia-bid-report/\)](https://coconuts.co/bangkok/news/thaibevs-charoen-makes-us10b-for-tesco-asia-bid-report/)) and the Chirathivat clan behind Central Group.

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Japanese man drowns in Nusa Penida's Atuh Beach (https://coconuts.co/bali/news/japanese-man-drowns-in-nusa-penidas-atuh-beach/)

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'Let yourself bloom': Indonesian actress Tara Basro posts photos showing her tummy rolls and stretch marks
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Aside from her blooming film career in the past couple of years, Indonesian actress Tara Basro has been known for her...

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