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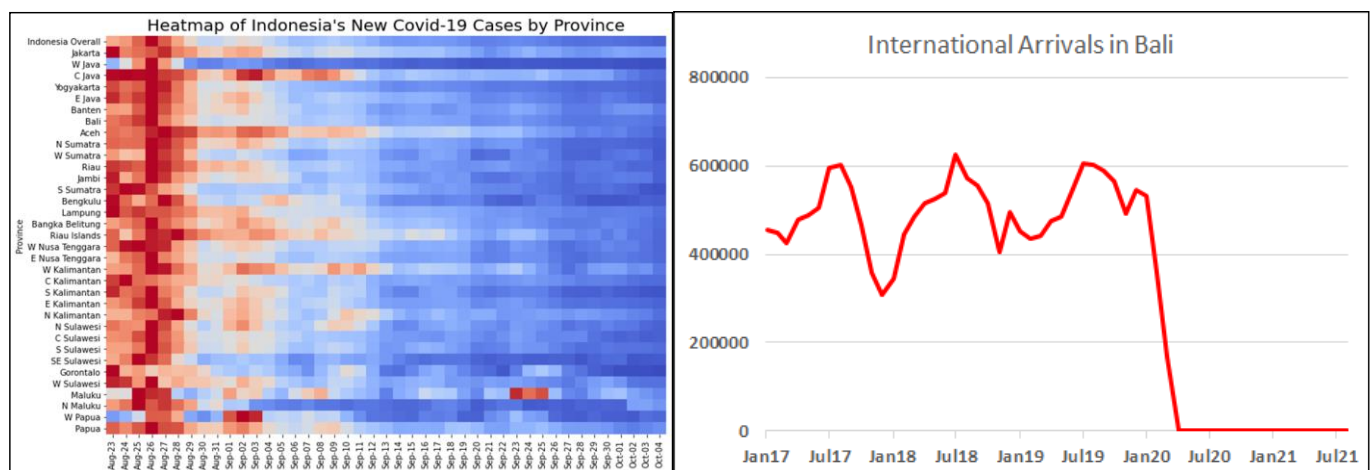
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Re-Reopening

Indonesia seeks to reopen Bali for foreign tourists again

- It was first floated as early as September 2020, and then before the turn of the year, and then it was going to be [April](#), only to be followed by July this year. Each time, the touted reopening of the Indonesian tourist mecca of Bali Island had failed to come to fruition, however, because of an inopportune uptick in Covid-19 cases. The stars simply weren't aligned.
- Better luck this time round, hopefully. The government announced this week that Bali's airport will reopen on Oct 14th for visitors from countries such as South Korea, Japan, China, New Zealand and parts of the UAE. They will have to show proof of hotel booking for at least 8 days for quarantine purposes.
- The move comes as Indonesia has managed to get past the latest pandemic bout. Compared to a peak of over daily 56000 cases in mid-July, it reported just 922 new cases nationwide yesterday. A similar trajectory can be seen for Bali itself, with the latest tally of 52 compared to nearly 2000 at its peak.
- Assuming it goes through as planned, it would obviously offer a much-needed uplift to the beleaguered tourist island. While domestic tourist flows might have to soothe the pain somewhat, the industry ultimately depends on foreign visitors. In some good pre-pandemic months, as many as 600,000 of them came. In the reality of today, it has wilted to low single-digits – including a rather curious solo arrival by air in the entire month of June.
- To be sure, at the broad national level, whether the reopening of Bali turns out to be successful or not may not move the economic needle much. After all, the island province contributes just around 1.5% of the national GDP.
- However, the symbolic victory will be much greater. Having gone through some frightful days during the worst of the pandemic bout just a few months ago, for Indonesia to be able to turn the tide around enough to welcome visitors to its most prominent island again must be a big morale boost.



Source: OCBC, Bloomberg, CEIC, Indonesia's Covid-19 Taskforce.

Note: For the heatmap, dark red denotes the highest count and dark blue has the lowest count per region during the period.

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