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**MALAYSIA PRIHATIN**

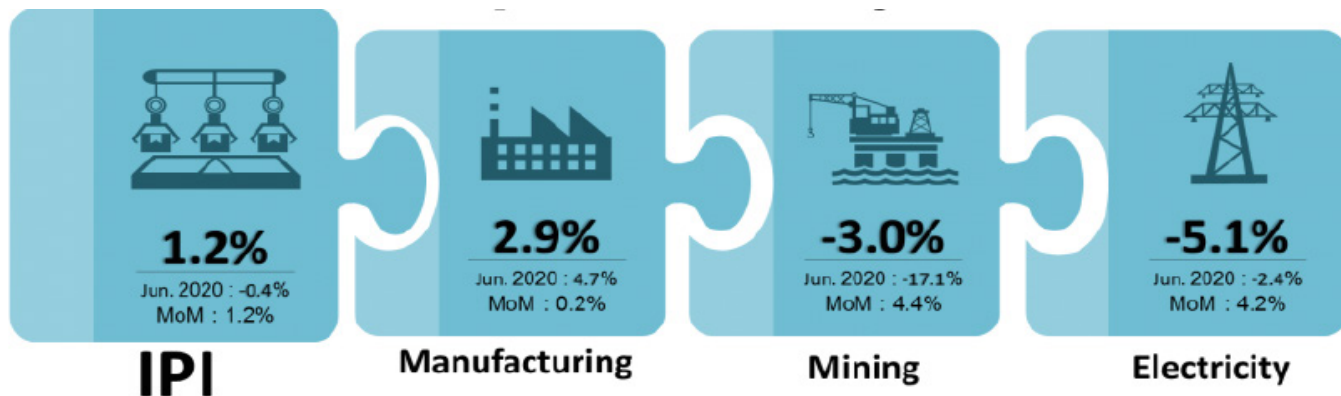
# Happy Malaysia Day 16 September

## From all of us at MITI & agencies

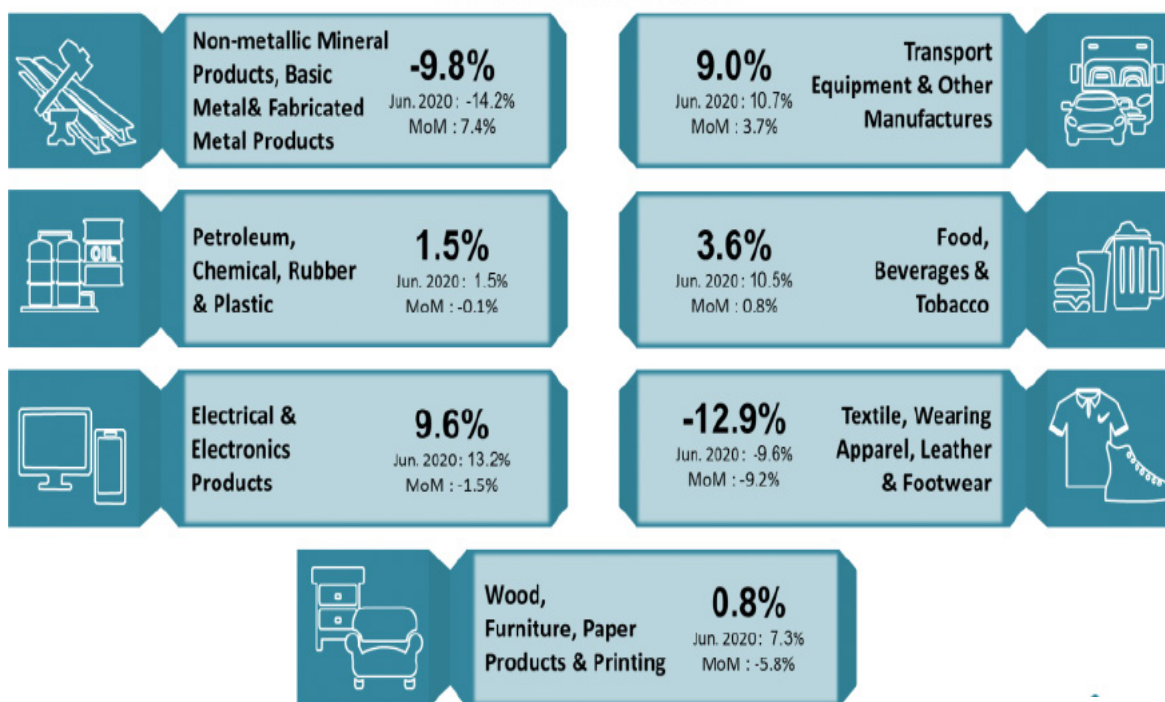


# INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, MALAYSIA JULY 2020

The Industrial Production Index (IPI) returned to positive growth of 1.2 per cent in July 2020 since February 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The increase of IPI in July 2020 was due to the increment of 2.9 per cent in Manufacturing index. Meanwhile, the index of Mining and Electricity recorded a deterioration of 3.0 per cent and 5.1 per cent respectively.



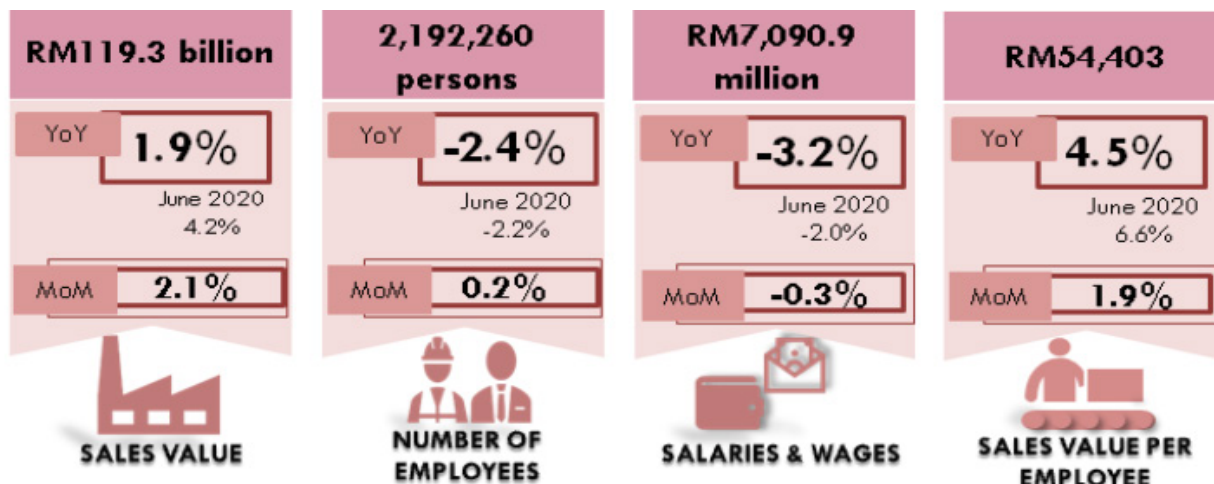
## MANUFACTURING



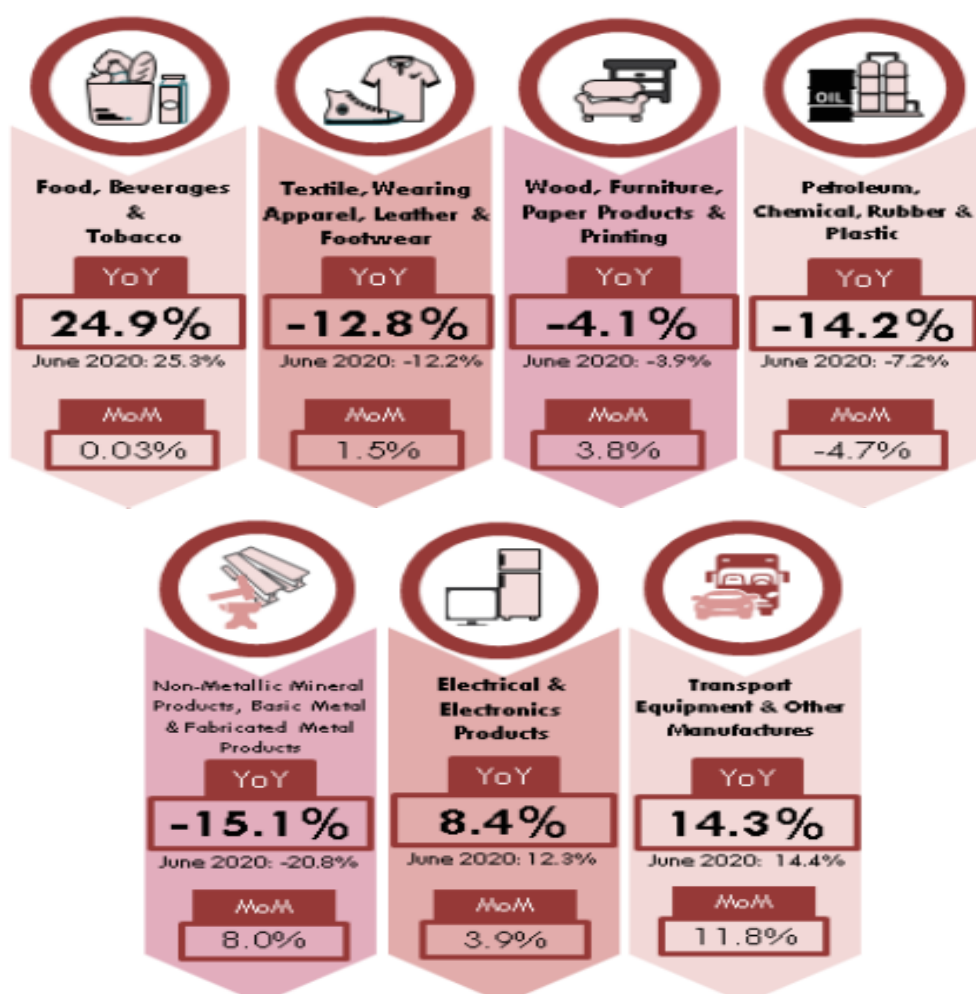
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# MANUFACTURING STATISTICS, MALAYSIA JULY 2020

Manufacturing sales in July 2020 stood at RM119.3 billion, grew 1.9 per cent as compared to previous year. The rise in sales value in July 2020 was driven by the increase in Food, Beverages & Tobacco Products (24.9%), Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures Products (14.3%) and Electrical & Electronics Products (8.4%).



## PERFORMANCE OF SALES IN MANUFACTURING SECTOR



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

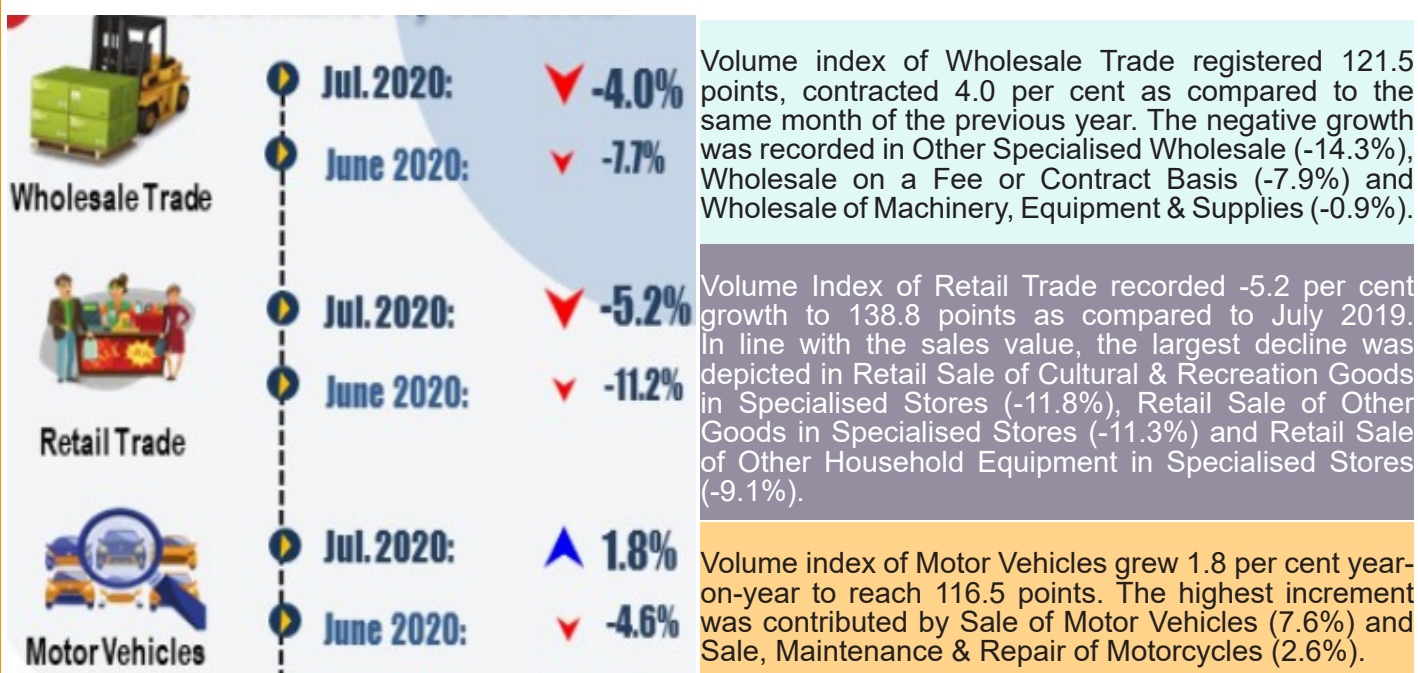
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## SALES VALUE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE JULY 2020

Sales value of Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded RM108.7 billion in July 2020, contracted 3.5 per cent as compared with the same period last year. This was the highest sales value during Movement Control Order due to Covid-19. Motor Vehicles rebounded 1.7 per cent or an increase of RM0.2 billion. On the other hand, Wholesale Trade and Retail Trade continued to register a negative growth of -4.5 per cent (-RM2.4 billion) and -3.5 per cent (-RM1.8 billion) respectively.



## VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE PERFORMANCE BY SUB-SECTOR, JULY 2020



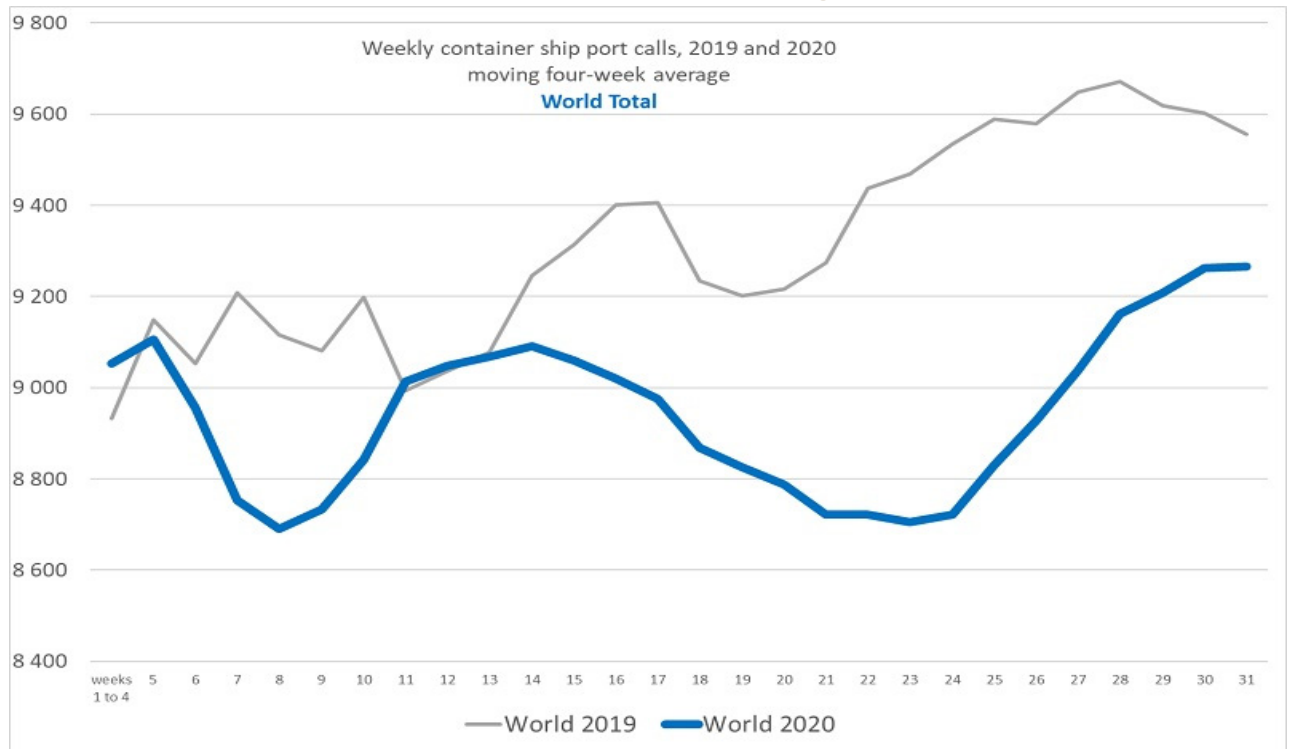
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## Covid-19: Shipping Data Hints To Some Recovery In Global Trade



The coronavirus pandemic dealt a severe blow to global merchandise trade. Data from weekly port calls by container ships show early but uneven signs of recovery.

### Weekly Container Ship Port Calls World And Selected Regions



Source: UNCTAD calculations, based on data provided by MarineTraffic. Includes all vessel arrivals of container ships of 5000 Gross Tons and above.

Note: Data reports the moving average over four weeks, up to week 31 of 2020 ending on 2 August

**The number of ships pulling into ports to unload and load containers rebounded in many parts of the world in the third quarter of 2020, according to new UNCTAD calculations.**

**This offers a hopeful sign for world merchandise trade, which suffered a historic year-on-year fall of 27% in the second quarter.**

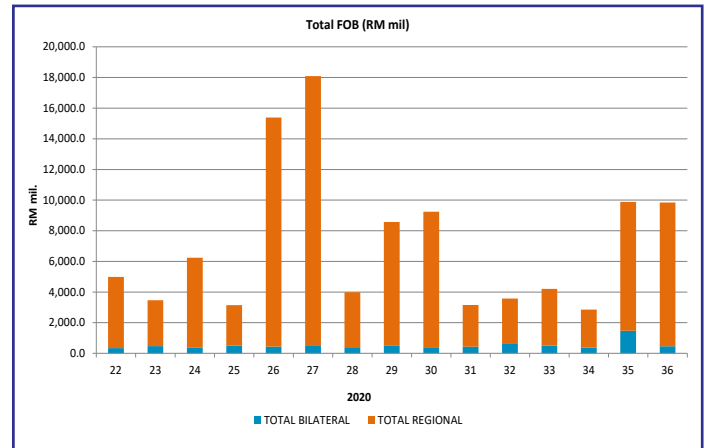
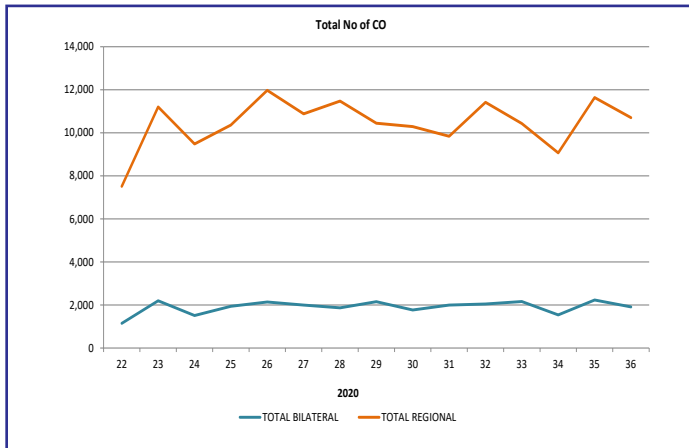
**Maritime shipping saw a dramatic slowdown earlier this year as government measures used to curb the COVID-19 pandemic restricted economic activities and travel. By mid-June, the average number of container vessels arriving weekly at ports worldwide had sunk to 8,722, an 8.5% year-on-year drop.**

**But new data show that, globally, the average weekly calls have started to recover, rising to 9,265 by early August, just 3% below the levels of one year earlier.**

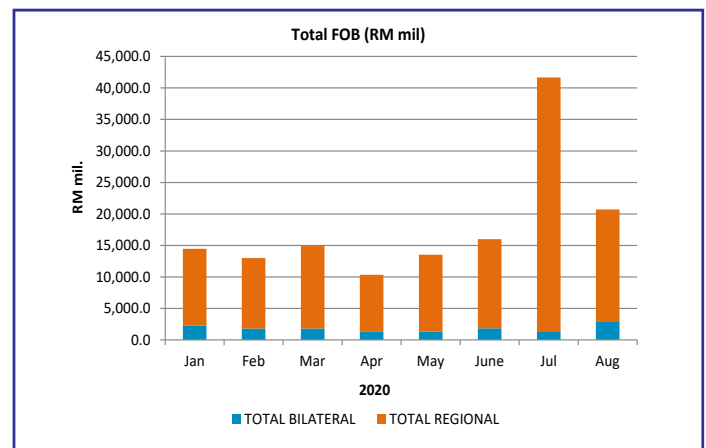
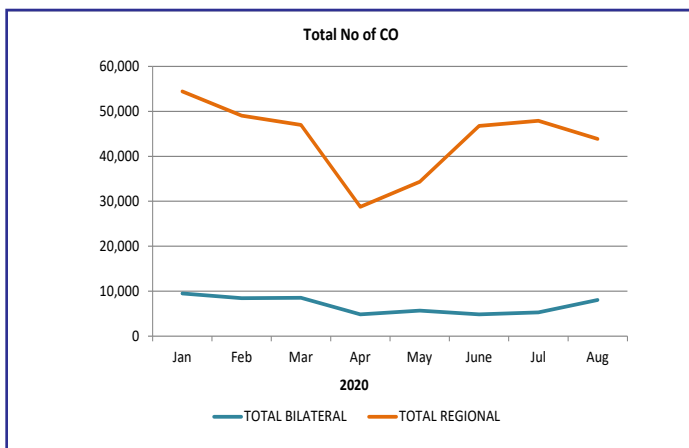
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# Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 6 September 2020 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

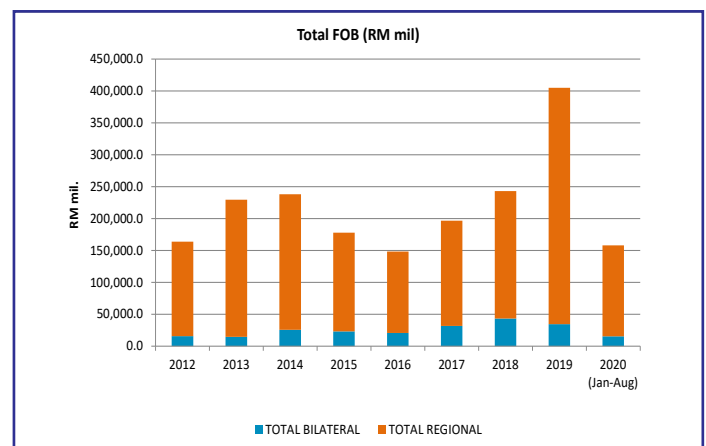
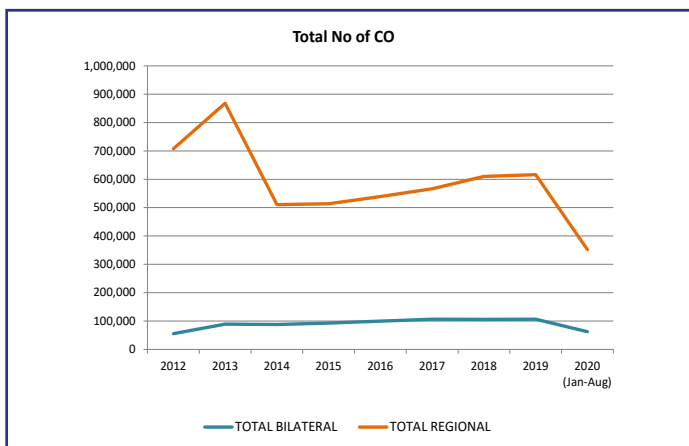
## Weekly



## Monthly

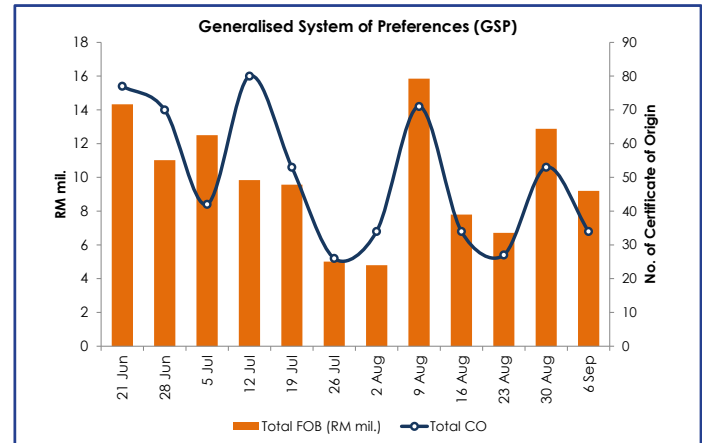
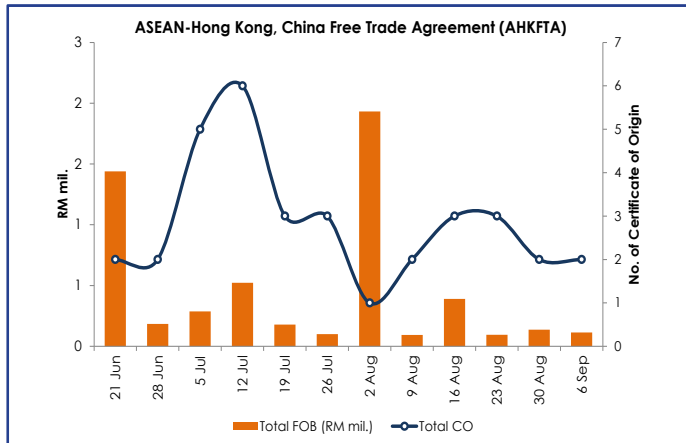
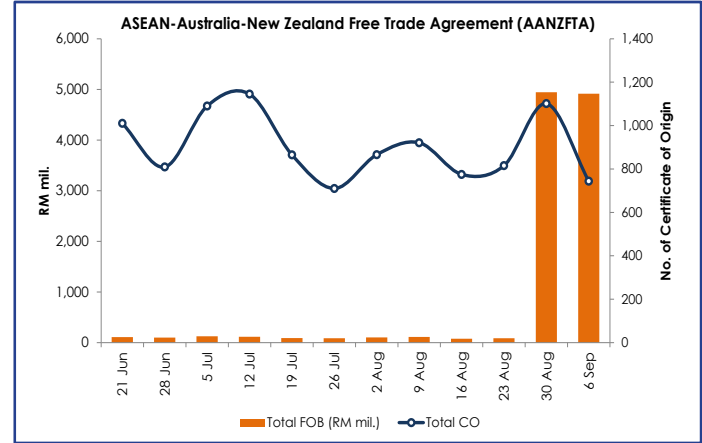
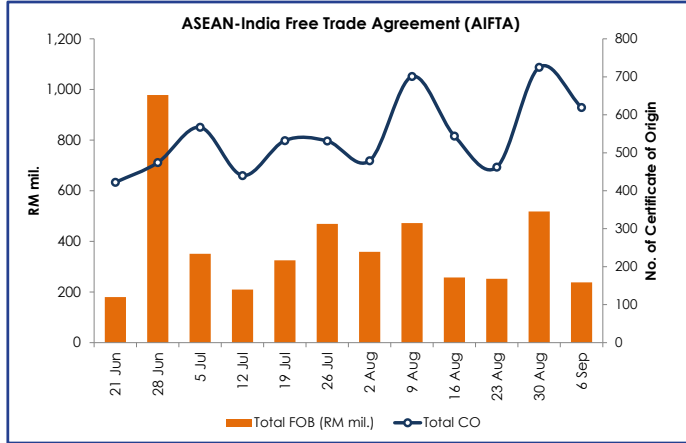
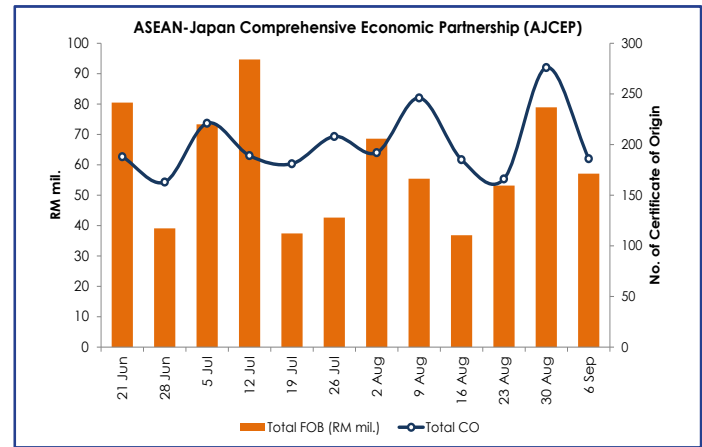
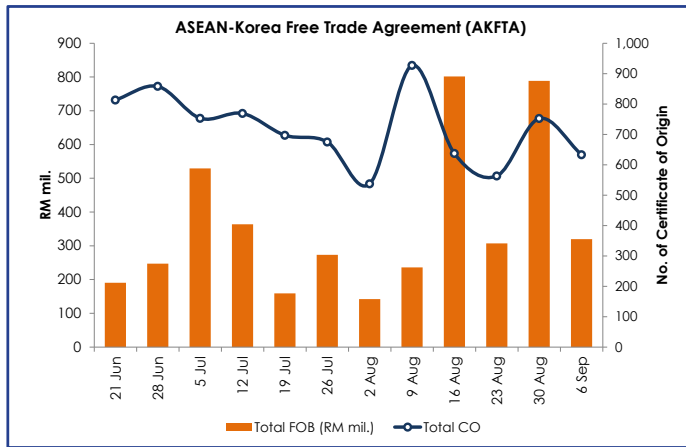
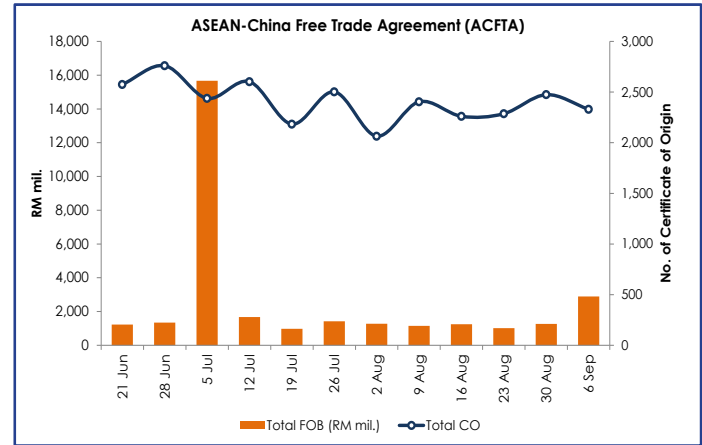
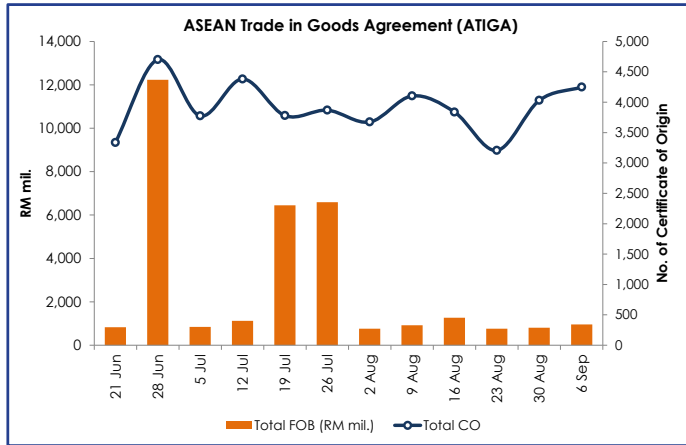


## Annually



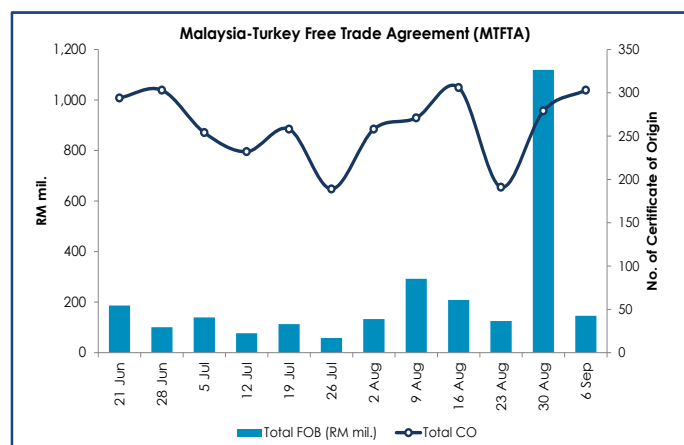
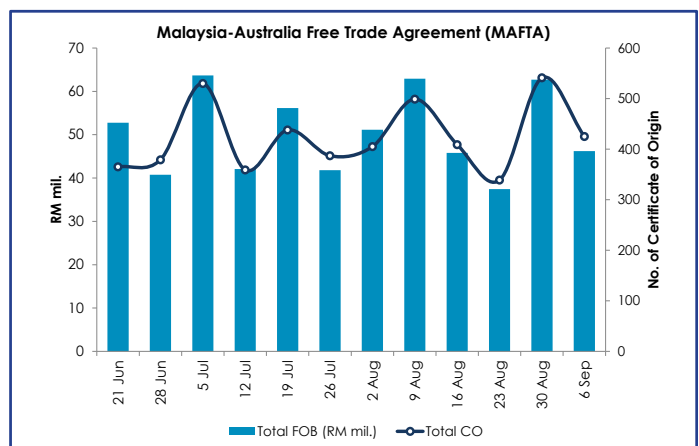
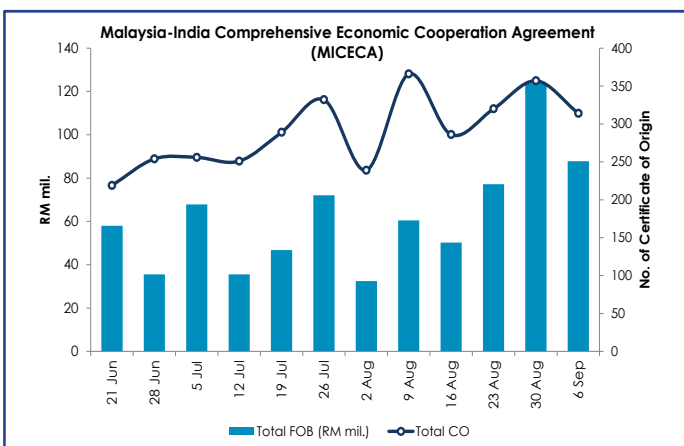
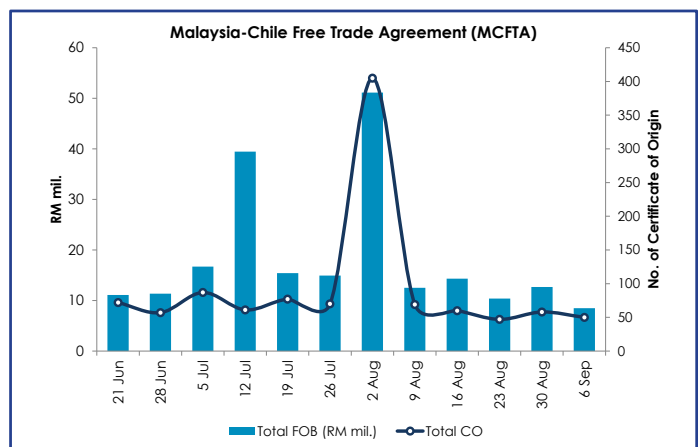
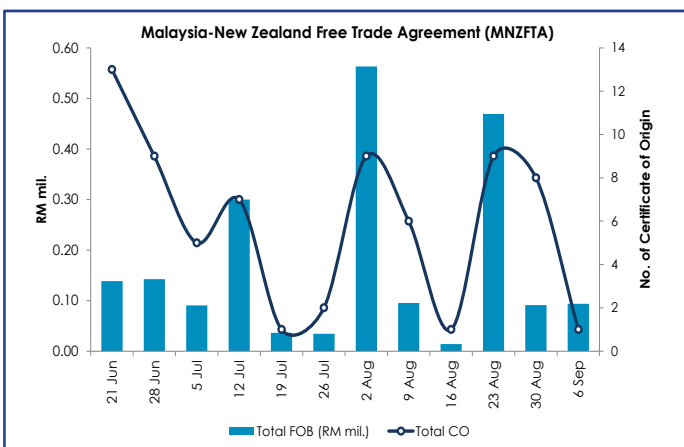
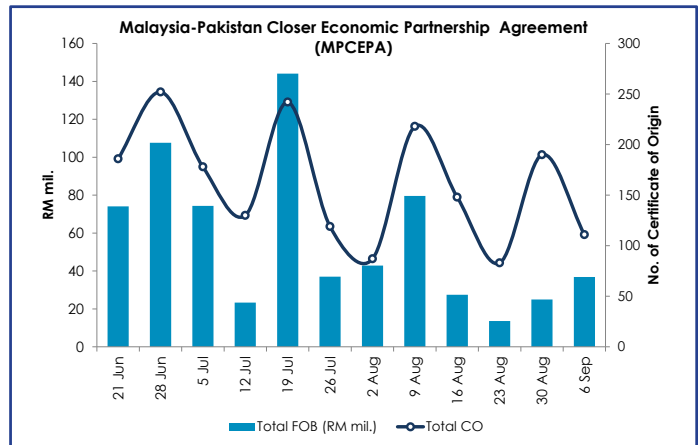
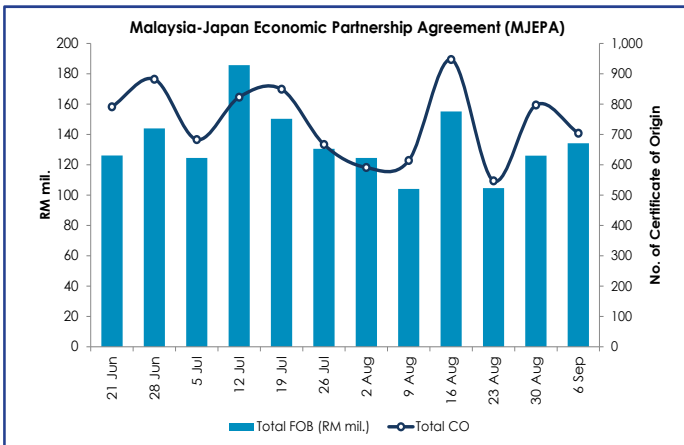
Notes: \*Provisional Data  
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

# Regional FTA Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)



Notes:  
 -The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Norway.  
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# Bilateral FTA Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

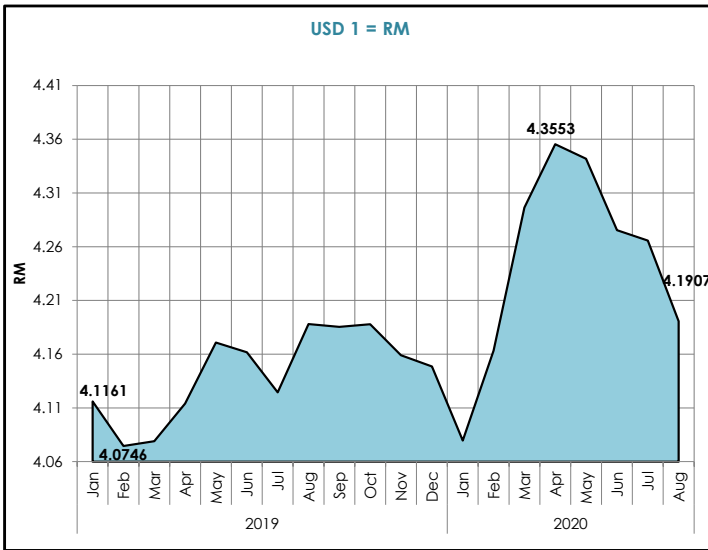


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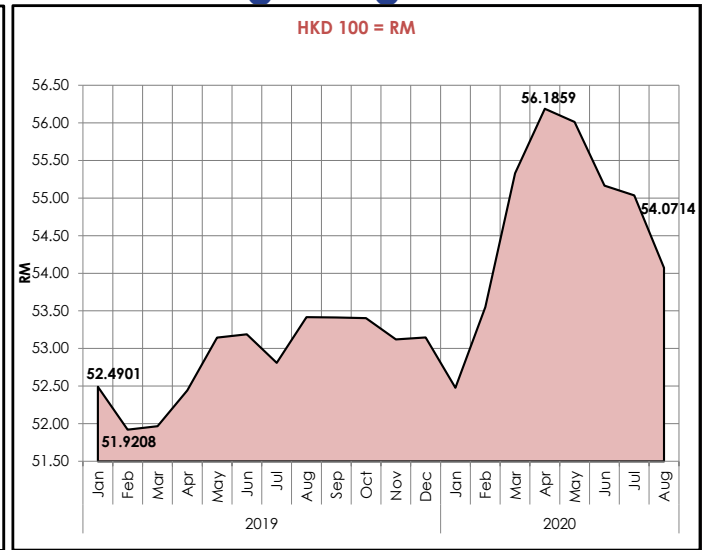


# Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2019 - August 2020

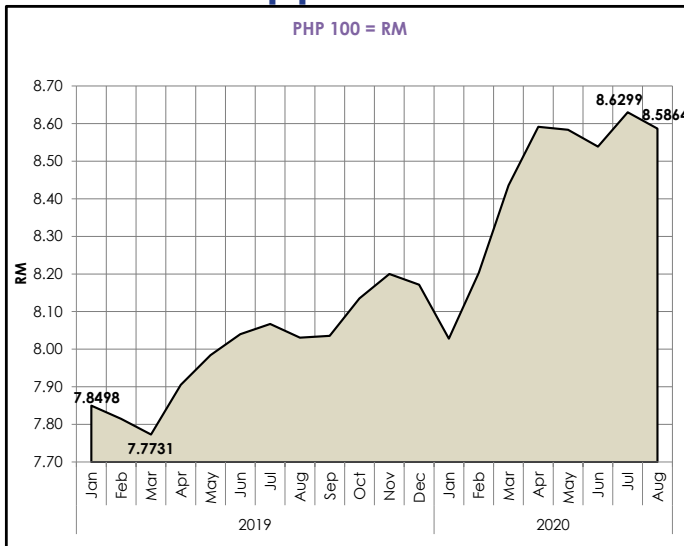
## US Dollar



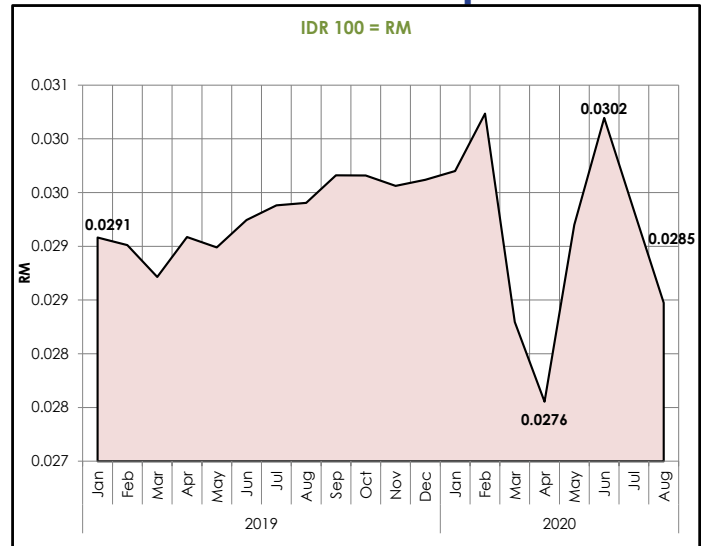
## Hong Kong Dollar



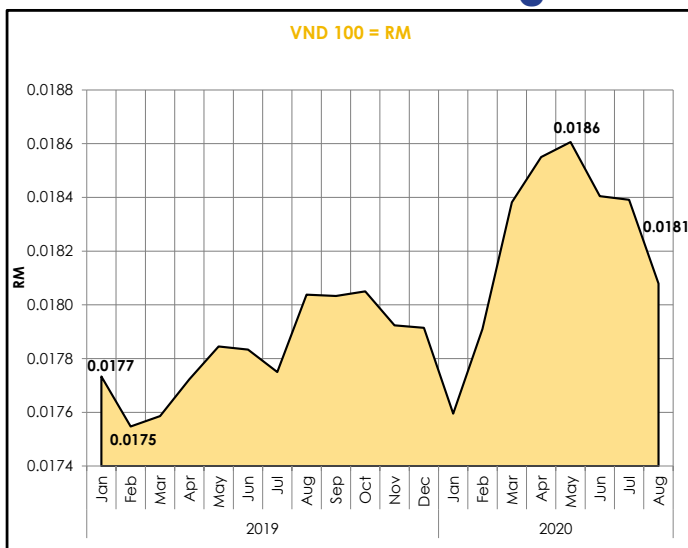
## Philippine Peso



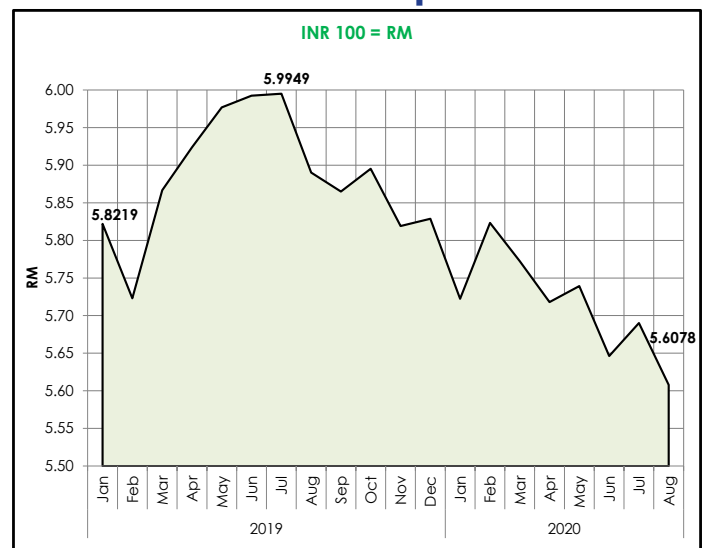
## Indonesian Rupiah



## Vietnamese Dong



## Indian Rupee



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

# Commodity Prices

## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼ **6.6%\***  
US\$39.8  
**11 Sep 2020**

**Highest**  
2019/2020  
03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6  
17 May 2019 : US\$72.2

24 Apr 2020 : US\$21.4  
09 Aug 2019 : US\$54.5

**Lowest**  
2019/2020

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$64.2

## CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▼ **1.6%\***  
US\$691.7  
**11 Sep 2020**

**Highest**  
2019/2020  
10 Jan 2020 : US\$761.9  
27 Dec 2019 : US\$794.5

8 May 2020 : US\$473.0  
26 Jul 2019 : US\$488.5

**Lowest**  
2019/2020

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$557.1

## RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ **1.2%\***  
US\$1,341.5  
**11 Sep 2020**

## COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ **3.2%\***  
US\$1,569.8  
**11 Sep 2020**

## SUGAR -per lbs-

▲ **5.6%\***  
US\$12.6  
**11 Sep 2020**



Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,414.6

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,592.4

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$12.4

## COAL -per MT-



▲ **0.6%\***  
US\$51.7  
**11 Sep 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$56.5

## SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

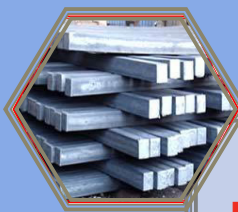


⊖ **%\***      %\*  
US\$310.0      US\$290.0  
(high)      (low)  
**11 Sep 2020**

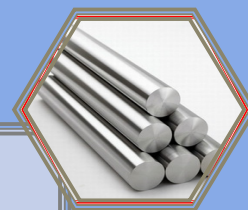
Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$316.9 (high)  
Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$291.6 (low)

## Domestic Prices

11 Sep 2020



**Billets**  
(per MT)  
**RM1,850 - RM1,880**



**Steel Bars**  
(per MT)  
**RM2,000 - RM2,130**

Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

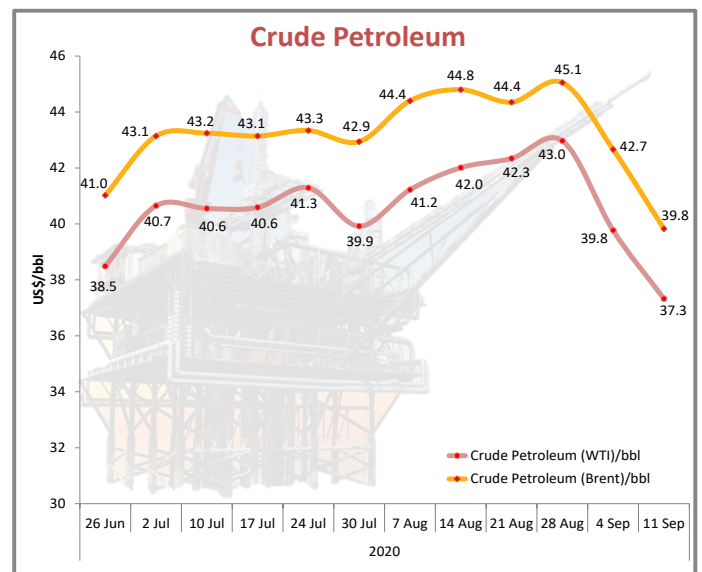
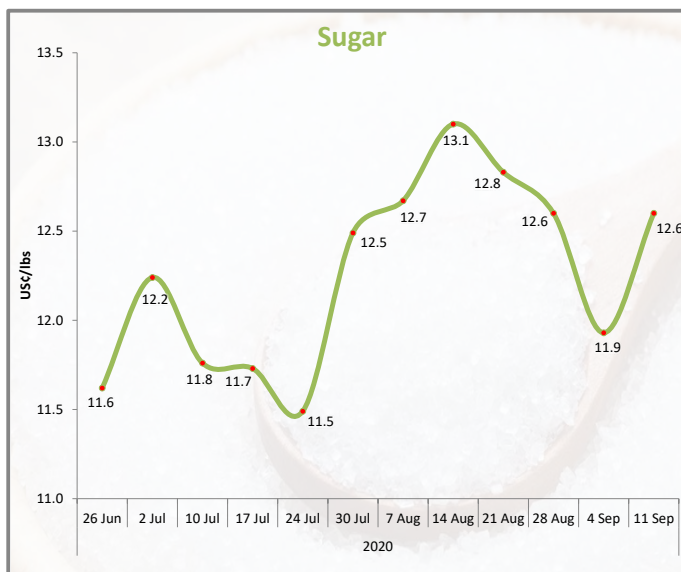
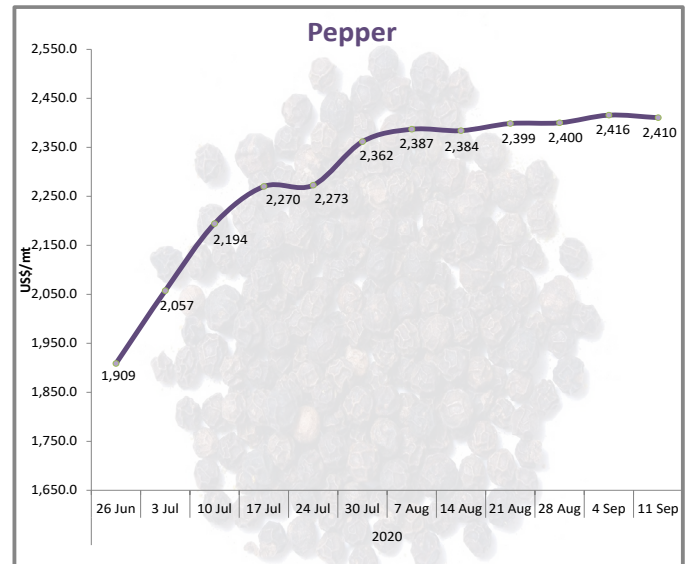
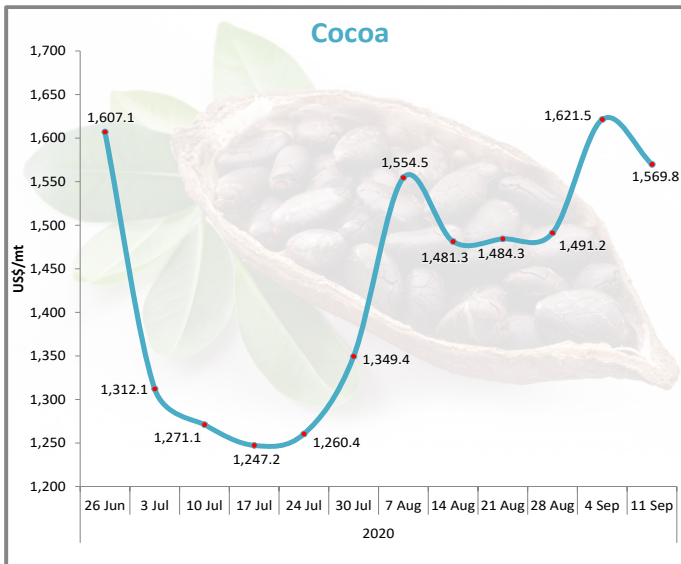
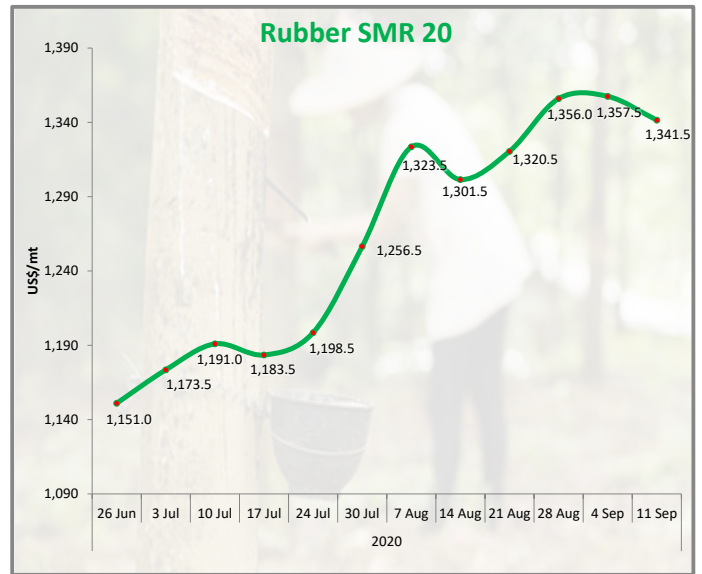
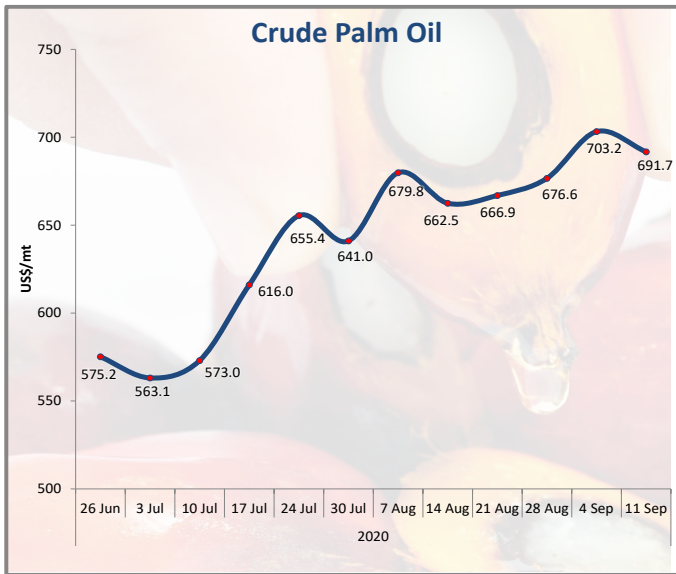
\* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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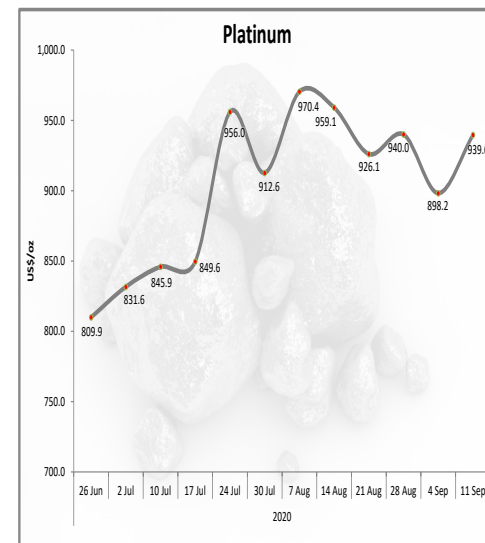
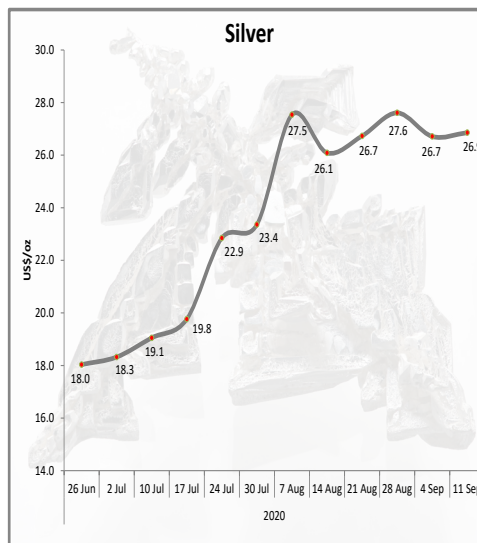
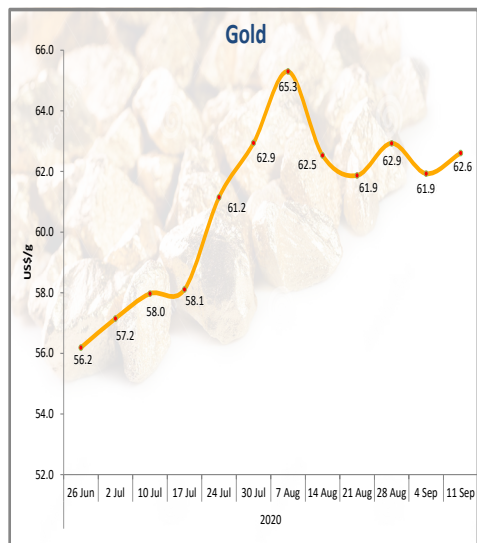
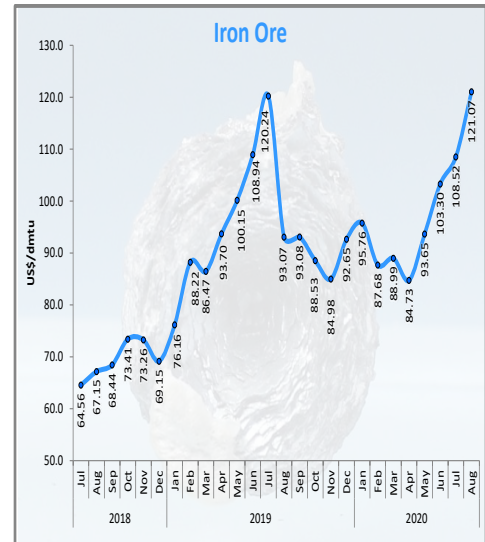
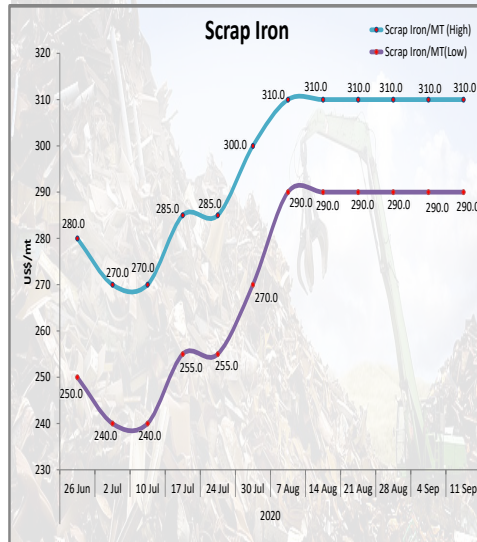
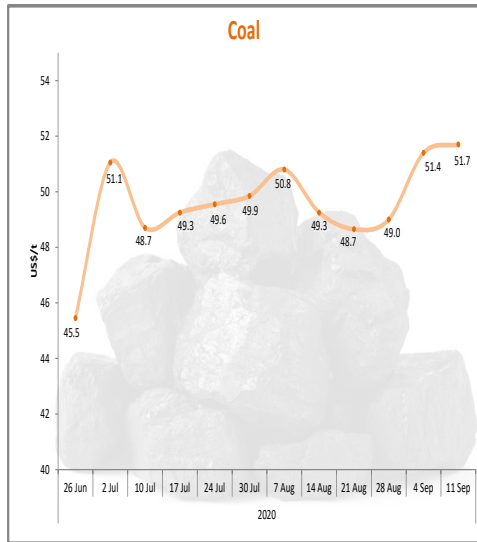
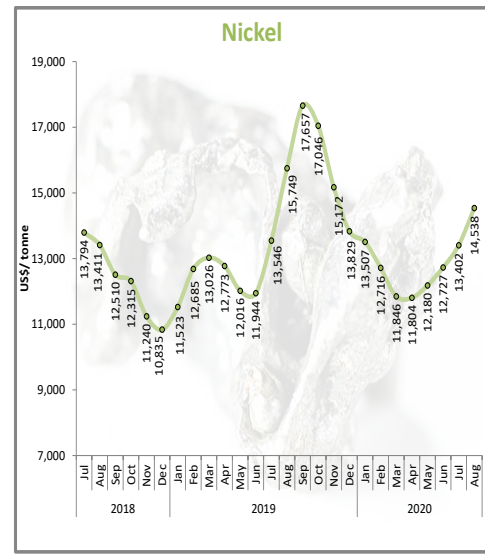
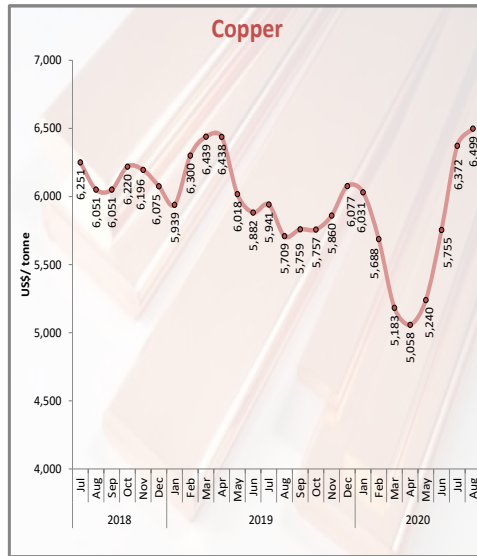
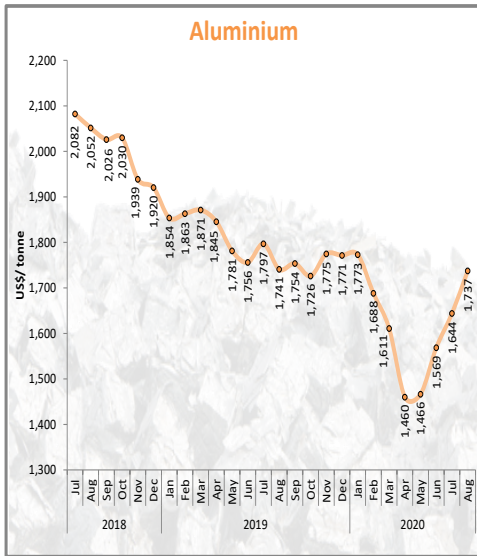
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# INDUSTRY4WRD RELATED INCENTIVES

Having the extra capital allows SMEs to flourish and prosper. Find the suitable fund for your company.

## 01 | LOANS

### Soft Loan Scheme for Automation and Modernisation (SLSAM)

- targets manufacturing sectors
- 4.0% interest rate per annum for SMEs
- [www.midf.com.my](http://www.midf.com.my)

### Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

- targeted sectors: AI, Robotics, Automation etc.
- provides a 2% interest rate subsidy
- [www.bpmb.com.my](http://www.bpmb.com.my)

Coming Soon!

1. Intervention Fund\*
  - 70:30 matching grant up to RM500,000.
2. Industry4WRD DISF\*
  - 60:40 matching grant

\*participation in Industry4WRD RA is a prerequisite to apply

### Domestic Investment Strategic Fund (DISF)

- 50:50 matching grant to companies adopting Industry 4.0 enabling technologies
- targets manufacturing and services sectors
- [www.mida.gov.my](http://www.mida.gov.my)

## 02 | GRANTS

### Digital Transformation Acceleration Program (DTAP) Pilot Grant

- 1:1 matching grant
- targets large corporate and mid-tier companies in Malaysia
- assists companies to tap on the expertise of Digital Transformation Labs (DTL)
- [www.mdec.my](http://www.mdec.my)

### Automation Capital Allowance (Automation CA)



For Labour Intensive Industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM4 million expenditure incurred within 5 years

For other industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM2 million expenditure incurred within 5 years
- [www.mida.gov.my](http://www.mida.gov.my)

For more information, kindly click the following links:

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# INDUSTRY4WRD READINESS ASSESSMENT

Get your firm assessed. Be ready for Industry 4.0.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.....

Industry4WRD

## All you need to know about Industry4WRD RA



### What is it?

Trained assessors will help you to understand your readiness for Industry 4.0 and make recommendations on where to start your transformation.

### Who is eligible?



- ✓ Manufacturing and its related services sector
- ✓ Incorporated under the Companies Act (1965/2016)/ Registration of Business Act (1956)
- ✓ Hold a valid license
- ✓ In operation for more than 3 years

### What are the benefits?



- ★ To identify areas of improvement in terms of people, process and technology.
- ★ Receive comprehensive readiness report.
- ★ Be entitled to apply for financial incentives.

## Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

### Incentives for RA

- 500 SMEs will be selected for free assessment.
- Others will get tax exemption on RA fees up to RM27k.



### Enquiries

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### INITIATION OF SAFEGUARD INVESTIGATION WITH REGARD TO CERAMIC FLOOR AND WALL TILES PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO MALAYSIA

On 16 July 2020, the Government of Malaysia received a petition from the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers - Malaysian Ceramic Industry Group representing the domestic industry requesting for a global safeguard investigation on imports of ceramic floor and wall tiles products into Malaysia. The Petitioner alleged that the increase in imports of ceramic floor and wall tiles products in absolute terms and relative to domestic production from 2017 to 2019 have caused serious injury to the domestic industry in Malaysia producing the like products.

The Government has decided that there is sufficient evidence of serious injury caused by increased imports to initiate a safeguard investigation on imports of ceramic floor and wall tiles products into Malaysia commencing on 13 September 2020.

In accordance with the Safeguards Act 2006 and its related Regulations, a preliminary determination will be made within 120 days from the date of initiation. If the preliminary determination is affirmative, the Government will impose a provisional safeguard duty at the rate that is necessary to reduce the effects of serious injury to the domestic industry caused by the imports.

In connection with this investigation, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) will provide a set of questionnaires to interested parties such as importers, foreign producers, exporters and associations. Other interested parties may request for the questionnaires in writing to MITI no later than 28 September 2020. Interested parties may also provide views and additional evidence to MITI by 13 October 2020 to support this investigation. In the event no additional information is received within the specified period, the Government will make its preliminary determination based on available facts and information.

Request for questionnaires and further enquiries concerning this investigation can be directed to:

Director  
Trade Practices Section  
Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)  
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No. 7, Jalan Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah  
50480 Kuala Lumpur  
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1 September - 31 December 2020  
[www.myapac2020.matrade.gov.my](http://www.myapac2020.matrade.gov.my)



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## OPTIMISING HUMAN POTENTIAL TOWARDS FUTURE OF SHARED PROSPERITY

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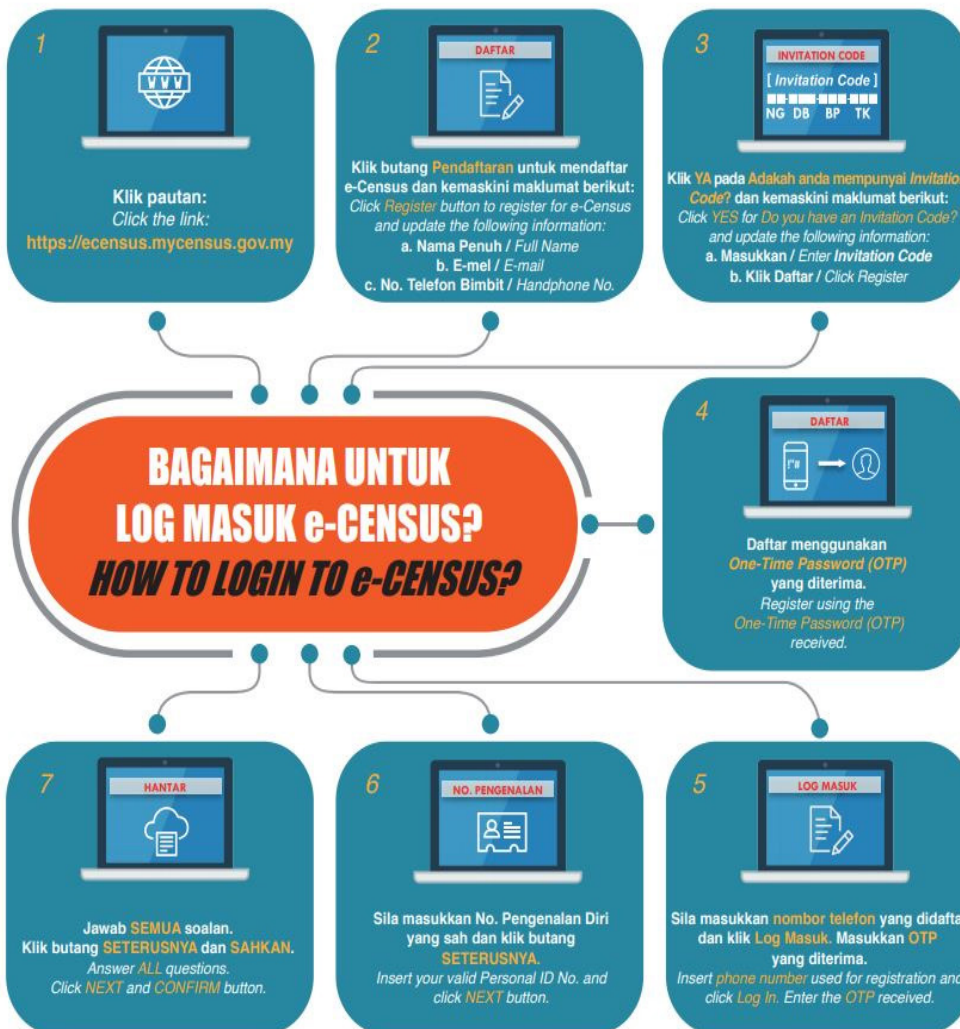


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