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TO OPERATE THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO) IN PULAU PINANG, SELANGOR, WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN (KUALA LUMPUR, PUTRAJAYA, LABUAN), MELAKA, JOHOR AND SABAH

- 1. Since 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted health and livelihoods not just in Malaysia, but throughout the world. As a consequence of the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries around the world have tightened movement controls, in response to current developments and situations.
- 2. The Government has always been committed in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The Government will continue to adopt a proactive and responsive approach taking into into account the advice and views of public health experts in introducing firm and effective measures in order to break the chain of infections of the COVID-19 virus. At the same time, the Government will continue to take all efforts to ensure the continuance of economic activities to bring prosperity and well being to the rakyat.
- 3. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), as the ministry responsible for the development and growth of industry, trade and investment in the country, is always receptive of views from the industry associations and chambers of commerce. These views are pertinent in facilitating the Government to strike a balance between the imperative of health protection and the need to generate and revitalise the country's economic sectors. As a result of continuous engagements and constructive consultations with industry associations, chambers of commerce and other stakeholders, MITI has formulated a set of comprehensive, relevant and practical Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). These SOPs will enable the smooth flow of operations and ensure effective implementation of Business Continuity Plan, particularly for the duration of MCO, beginning 13 January 2021 until 26 January 2021.
- 4. The Government's decision to allow five (5) essential economic sectors including manufacturing to operate is to ensure the country's economic recovery process, business sustainability, avoid high unemployment rates among Malaysians and ensure people continue to gain access to basic and critical neccesities, throughout the MCO period. The six (6) states under MCO are the main drivers of the country's economic activities and major contributors to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), totalling 66.3 per cent of the total GDP. The state of Selangor's contribution to GDP is at 24.2 per cent, Federal Territories (16.9 per cent), Johor (9.4 per cent), Penang (6.7 per cent), Sabah (6.0 per cent), and Melaka (3.1 per cent).
- 5. This proactive action by the Government will have a positive impact on the country's economic growth, local and foreign investment flows as well as the sustainability of Small and Medium Enterprises. Among the important considerations also taken into account by the Government is the need to ensure the stability of the country's export activities as Malaysia is one of the key players in the global supply chain ecosystem. The sectors of the economy in essential services that are allowed to operate during the MCO period are detailed in Appendix 1. This Appendix covers the manufacturing sector under the oversight of MITI, and the construction, services, trade and distribution sectors, as well as plantations and commodities under the jurisdiction of other ministries and agencies. SOPs for the manufacturing sector under the purview of MITI can be downloaded from the MITI website at www.miti.gov.my.
- 6. Companies that have registered with the MITI database, namely COVID-19 Intelligent Management System (CIMS) through the link https://notification.miti.gov.my do not need to re-register to operate during the MCO period. These companies are only required to download the notification of registration confirmation, beginning today, 12 January 2021, at 3.00 pm.

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- 7. Manufacturing companies in essential services that have not registered with CIMS can do so at the link https://notification.miti.gov.my from 3.00 pm, 12 January 2021. The notification of registration confirmation can be downloaded by the company upon completion of registration.
- 8. The afore-mentioned process of registration (via CIMS) only applies to companies in the manufacturing sector under the purview of MITI. It is the responsibility of the employer to download the notification of registration confirmation in order to enable the movement of their employees during the MCO period. Employees of the company who are allowed to be at work according to the specified times are required to bring along a copy of the notification provided by the employer together with the employee pass / employer confirmation letter. This is to facilitate the movement of commercial vehicles as well as the movement of workers between residence and work place. MITI has informed the Royal Malaysia Police regarding this matter to facilitate movement during roadblock operations.
- 9. In line with the objective of curbing the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, only 30 percent of employees in the management group are allowed to be in the office. The number of support staff and employees directly involved in the production line will be determined by their respective employers, taking into account strict compliance to the SOP.
- 10. For work that does not require physical attendance, the Work From Home (WFH) directive will apply. The Government calls on the industry and the private sector to enhance the implementation of WFH as a new norm, in line with the advances of the latest technologies and online applications.
- 11. In order to prevent the pandemic from becoming more critical, the Government and the private sector must work together to control and break the chain of transmission. This is essential to protect the health and safety of the people and accelerate the economic recovery process.
- 12. It cannot be over-emphasised that it is the duty and responsibility of the industry to comply with the MCO and SOP set by the Government. MITI, in collaboration with the relevant state authorities, will conduct periodic enforcement throughout the MCO period on companies to ensure compliance with SOPs and will take action to compound offences in accordance with Section 25 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act (Act 342). Employers who fail to comply with the SOP will be subject to legal action, including closure of premises.
- 13. MITI has also provided a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) to assist the industry in obtaining detailed and accurate information on SOPs set by the Government to enable the manufacturing sector to operate during the MCO period.
- 14. As the country's economic front liners, MITI will continue to foster a conducive and business-friendly environment that enables economic activities to operate and grow.

SENIOR MINISTER
MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY
12 JANUARY 2021

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF THE SAFEGUARD INVESTIGATION WITH REGARD TO CERAMIC FLOOR AND WALL TILES PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO MALAYSIA

On 13 September 2020, the Government of Malaysia initiated an investigation on imports of ceramic floor and wall tiles products into Malaysia pursuant to the Safeguards Act 2006 and Safeguards Regulations 2007, based on a petition filed by the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers - Malaysian Ceramic Industry Group on behalf of the domestic industry producing the like products. 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.

Pursuant to subsection 20(2) of the Safeguards Act 2006 and regulation 10 of the Safeguards Regulation 2007, the Government has completed the investigation and made a negative preliminary determination as there was no increase in imports of the product under investigation (PUI) in absolute term. The Government was also not able to ascertain the import volume of the PUI in relative term to the domestic production of the like products during the period of investigation. Moreover, the Government was unable to ascertain the existence of causal link between the increase in imports of the PUI and the serious injury of the domestic industry in Malaysia producing the like products due to lack of information.

Based on these findings and the negative preliminary determination, the Government has decided to terminate the safeguard investigation on imports of ceramic floor and wall tiles products into Malaysia on 11 January 2021. Notice of Negative Preliminary Determination of Safeguard Investigation with regard to Ceramic Floor and Wall Tiles Products Imported into Malaysia can be accessed through:

http://www.federalgazette.agc.gov.my/outputp/pub_20210111_PUB12.pdf

Interested parties such as local producers, importers, foreign producers/exporters and associations related to the investigation can have access to the non-confidential version of the report on the Preliminary Determination by submitting a written request to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry as follows:

Director

Trade Practices Section
Ministry of International Trade and Industry
Level 9, Menara MITI
No. 7, Jalan Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah
50480 Kuala Lumpur
MALAYSIA

Telephone Number: (603) 6208 4632/4660/4639/4647

Facsimile Number: (603) 6211 4429 E-mail address: alltps@miti.gov.my

> Ministry of International Trade and Industry 11 January 2021

MALAYSIA REMAINS COMPETITIVE INVESTMENT DESTINATION FOR GERMAN COMPANIES

The German Embassy in Malaysia will continue to support the existing German businesses as well as encourage more companies to expand their overseas operations in the country. Its Ambassador Dr Peter Blomeyer described Malaysia as one of the most developed and matured manufacturing and related services countries in the region.

"Existing German companies operating here find Malaysia as an attractive hub in Asia Pacific."In addition, the German business communities also welcome the decision to exempt advertising requirement for positions namely investors, company owners, C-suites, expatriates for regional offices as well as for intracompany transfers," he said during his recent courtesy visit to the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA).

Blomeyer also expressed interest in collaborating with local training institutions by offering German Dual Vocational Training (GDVT) programmes in Malaysia. Germany has been Malaysia's largest foreign investor from the European Union.

As of June 2020, a total of 461 manufacturing projects with German participation have been implemented with total investments of US\$9.36 billion (RM33.31 billion). The projects have created 47,277 jobs.

MIDA chairman Datuk Abdul Majid Ahmad Khan said he and Blomeyer discussed a host of prolific issues to continue goods-to-people mobility, despite the continuing pandemic concerns.

"The closely linked business communities from both sides urgently need to commute with the acceptance of stringent standard operating procedures in place.

"MIDA has been working tirelessly with the embassies and foreign chambers to ensure that investors are provided adequate assistance to the necessary approval and access to make well-informed investment and business decisions across various markets," he said in a statement today.

Abdul Majid briefed on MIDA's plans to organise a Trade and Investment Mission and working visit to Europe including Germany once the border controls are streamlined and opened for business travellers.

He expressed the government's commitment to facilitate smooth business operations, including German investment in Malaysia.

"Strong commitment from both institutions is essential in attracting quality investments for high value-add, capital-intensive and knowledge-intensive projects," he added.

The Malaysian Reserve 8 January 2021

MONTHLY MANUFACTURING, NOV 2020

Malaysia's Manufacturing sales in November 2020 stood at RM119.9 billion, grew 2.1 per cent as compared to RM117.4 billion reported a year ago. The year-on-year increase in November 2020 was driven by Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures Products (10.5%), Electrical & Electronics Products (5.3%) and Food, Beverages & Tobacco Products (5.1%).



billion

2.1% Okt. 2020: 2.2% MoM: -1.7% NUMBER OF **EMPLOYEES**



2,195,488 persons

-2.2%

Okt. 2020: -2.3% MoM: 0.3%

SALARIES & WAGES



RM7,190.3 million

-1.3%

Okt. 2020: -1.5% MoM: -0.2% **SALES VALUE PER EMPLOYEE**



RM54,599

4.5%

Okt. 2020: 4.7% MoM: -2.1%

SALES VALUE OF 7 SUBSECTORS



Food, Beverages & Tobacco

5.1% Okt. 2020: 13.8%

MoM: -9.6%

-0.4% Okt. 2020 : -4.4% MoM: 4.8%

Petroleum, Chemical, **Rubber & Plastic**



Textile, Wearing Apparel, Leather & Footwear

-8.2% Okt. 2020: -3.9% MoM:-2.7%

-6.1% **Non-Metallic Mineral** Okt. 2020: -6.6% Products, Basic Metal & MoM: 2.1% Fabricated Metal Products





Wood, Furniture, **Paper Products** & Printing

-3.2% Okt. 2020: -3.2% MoM: 0.4%

5.3% Okt. 2020: 3.8% MoM: -4.3%

Electrical & Electronics Products





Transport **Equipment & Other** Manufactures

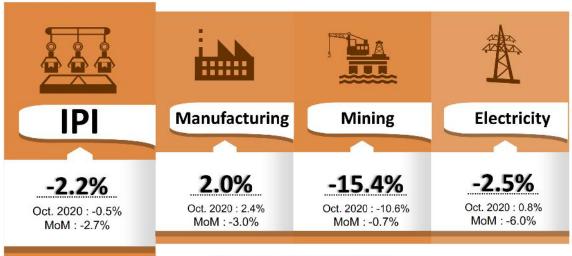
10.5% Okt. 2020: 9.3% MoM: 2.1%

Note: Percentage growth refers to Year-on-Year (YoY) and Month-on-Month (MoM) changes

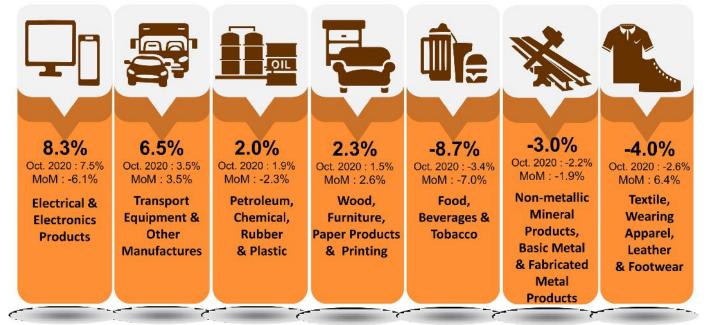
Source: Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, Malaysia November 2020 Department of Statistics Malaysia

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (IPI), NOV 2020

The Industrial Production Index (IPI) contracted 2.2 per cent in November 2020 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The deterioration of IPI in November 2020 was due to the fall in Mining and Electricity index when it recorded a decline of 15.4 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, the Manufacturing index continues to grow 2.0 per cent.



MANUFACTURING





Crude Oil & Condensate -15.8%

Oct. 2020 : -12.6% MoM : -1.8% MINING

Natural gas

Oct. 2020 : -9.0% MoM : 0.3%



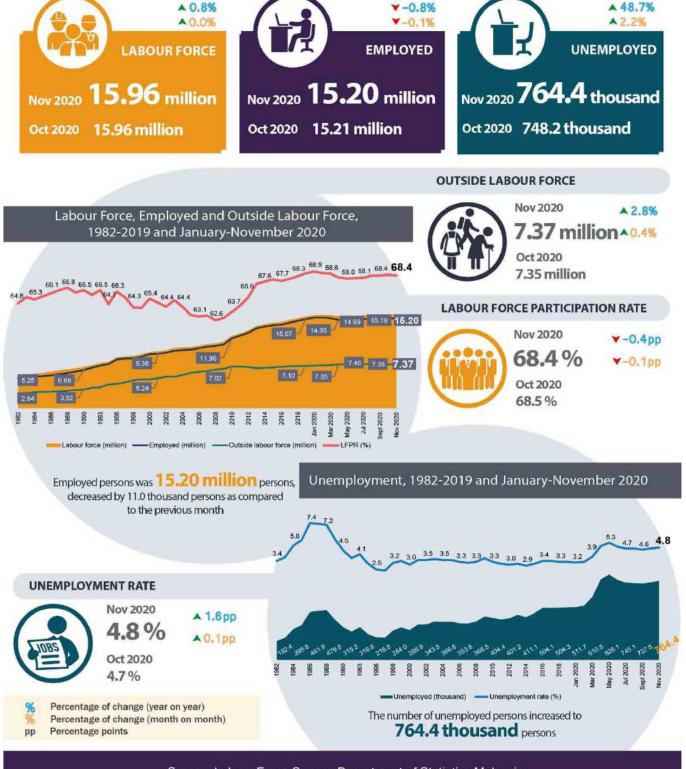
Note:

Percentage refers to the change in Month-on-Month (MoM) and Year-on-Year (YoY)

Source: Index of Industrial Production, Malaysia November 2020 Department of Statistics Malaysia

LABOUR FORCE, NOV 2020

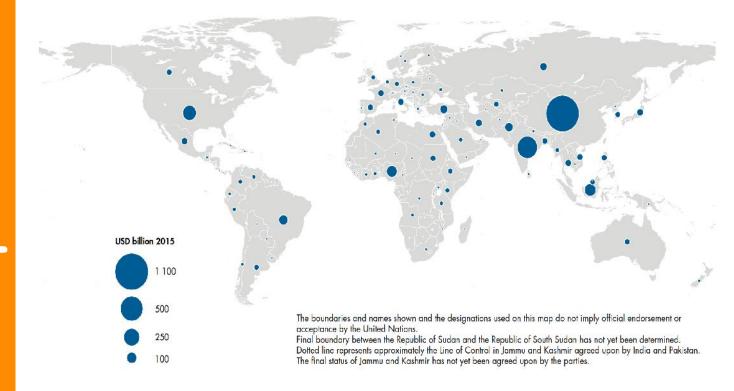
Employed persons dropped 0.1 per cent month-on-month or 11.0 thousand persons to 15.20 million persons in November 2020 after recording an upward trend for five consecutive months. The employment-to-population ratio which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment shrank by 0.2 percentage points to 65.1 per cent.



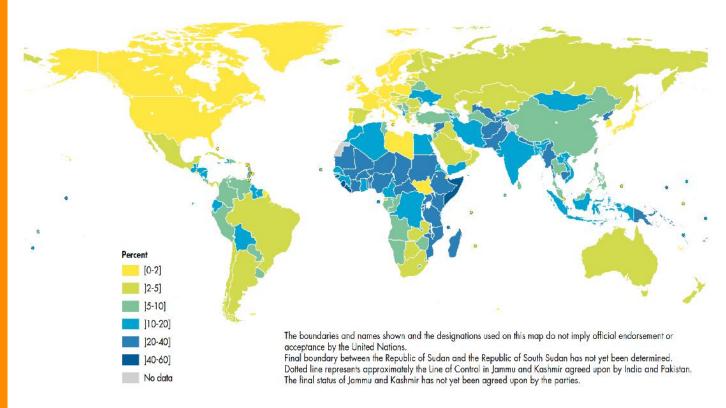
Source: Labour Force Survey, Department of Statistics Malaysia

WORLD AGRICULTURE STATISTICS

VALUE ADDED OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING BY REGION (2018)



SHARE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING VALUE ADDED IN TOTAL GDP (2018, USD 2015 PRICES)



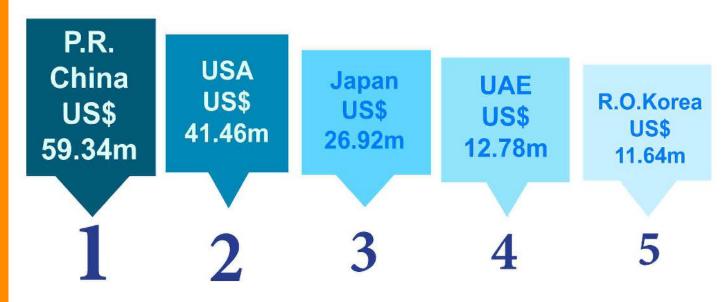
Source: FAO Statistical Pocketbook 2020 http://www.fao.org

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF GLYCEROL

In 2019, Malaysia's export of glycerol was US\$ 245.01 Million which contributed to 19.9 % share of the world exports.



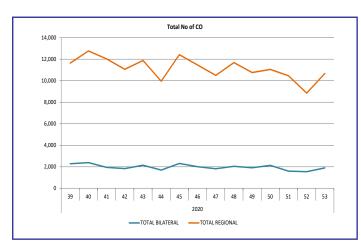
MALAYSIA'S TOP FIVE EXPORT DESTINATIONS

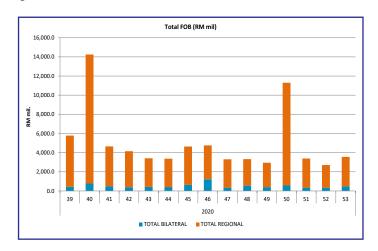


Source: https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx

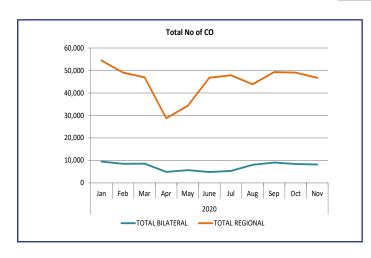
Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 03 January 2021 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

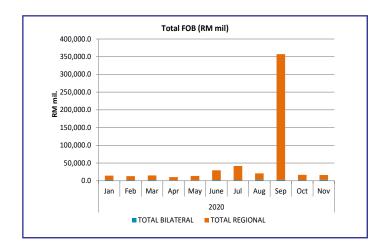
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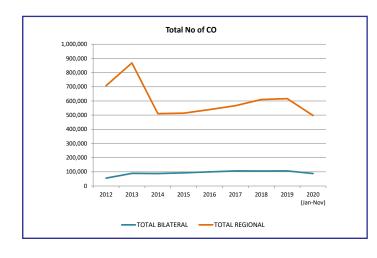


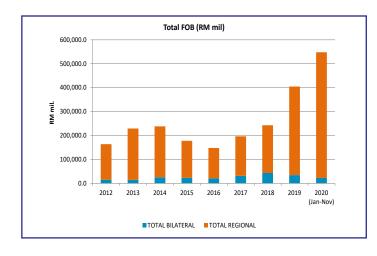
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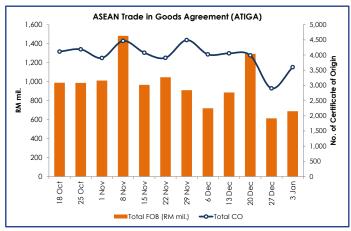
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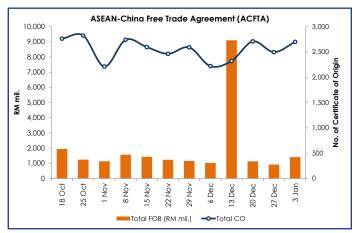




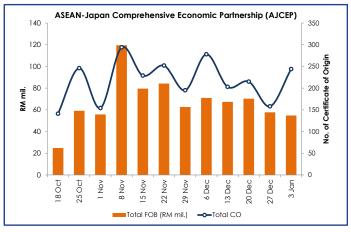
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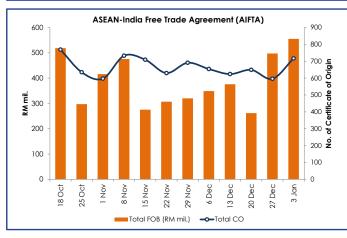
Regional FTA Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

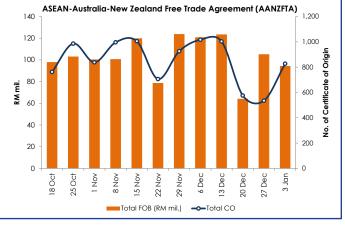




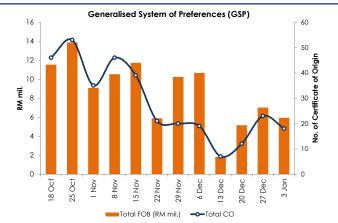








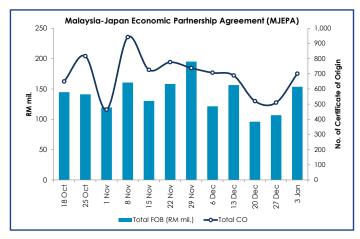


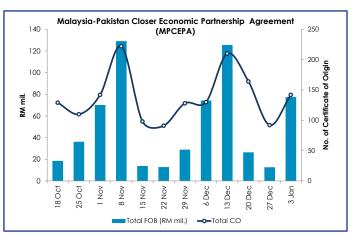


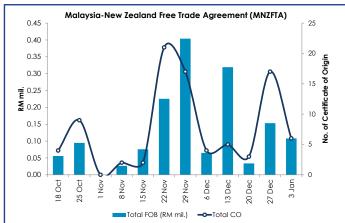
Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

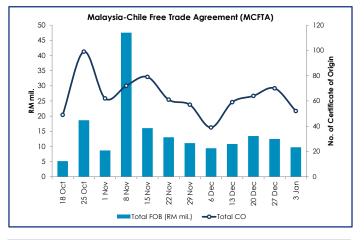
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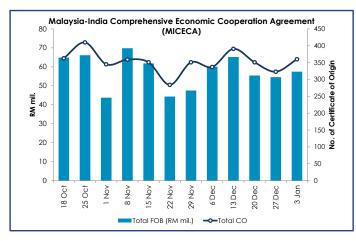
Bilateral FTA Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

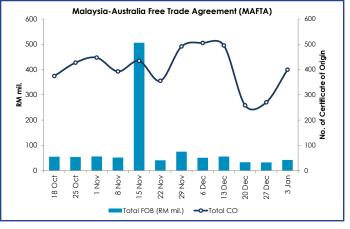


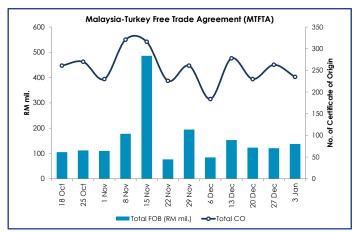










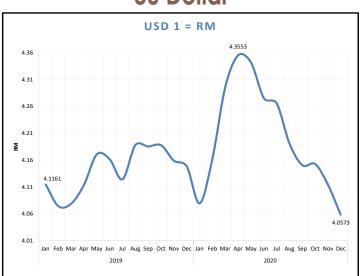


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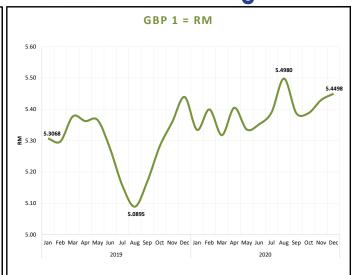
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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

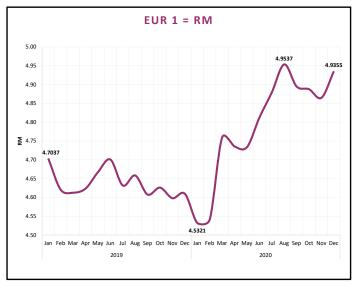
US Dollar



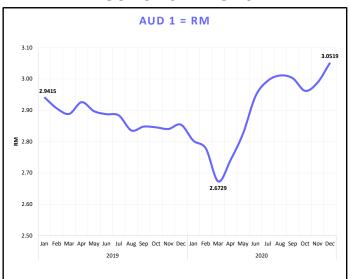
Pound Sterling



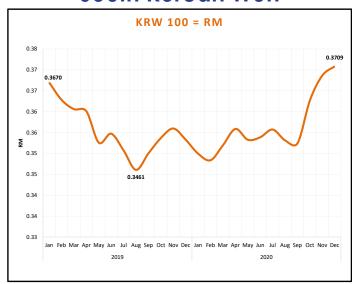
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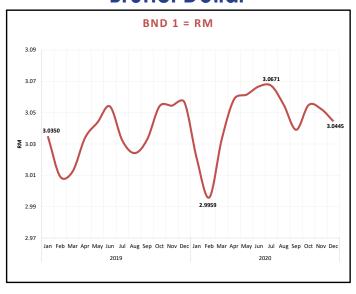
Australian Dollar



South Korean Won



Brunei Dollar



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices





8.1%* US\$56.0 08 Jan 2021 Highest 2020/2021

08 Jan 2021 : US\$56.0 03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6

08 Jan 2021 : US\$56.0 24 Apr 2020 : US\$21.4

Lowest 2020/2021

Average Price 2019 : US\$64.2

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



4.5%* US\$985.7 08 Jan 2021 Highest 2020/2021

08 Jan 2021 : US\$985.7 24 Dec 2020 : US\$944.2

08 Jan 2021 : US\$985.7 08 May 2020 : US\$473.0

> Lowest 2020/2021

Average Price 2019 : US\$557.1

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



8.8%* US\$1,604.0 08 Jan 2021

Average Price 2019 : US\$1,414.6

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



2.1%* US\$1,413.7 **08** Jan **2021**

Average Price 2019 : US\$1,592.4

SUGAR -per lbs-

▲0.7%* US\$15.6

08 Jan 2021



Average Price 2019 : US¢12.4

COAL -per MT-



V0.7%* US\$68.5

08 Jan 2021

Average Price 2019: US\$56.5

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



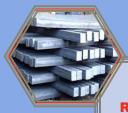
= %*
US\$495.0
(high)

= % US\$475.0 (low)

08 Jan 2021

Average Price 2019 : US\$316.9 (high) Average Price 2019 : US\$291.6(low)

Domestic Prices 08 Jan 2021



Billets (per MT) RM2,250- RM2,600 Steel Bars (per MT) RM2,600 - RM2,700

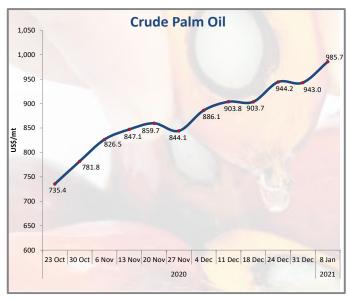


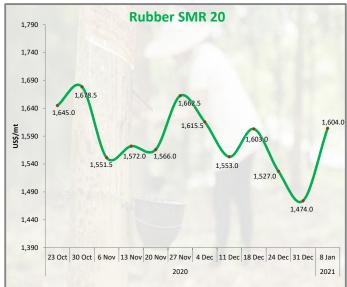
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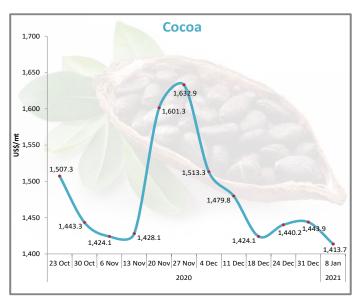
- * Refer to % change from the previous week's price
- i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

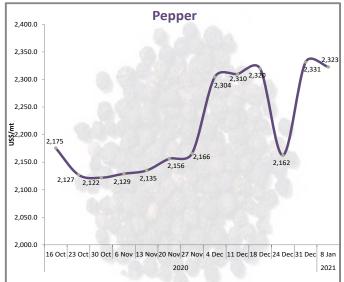
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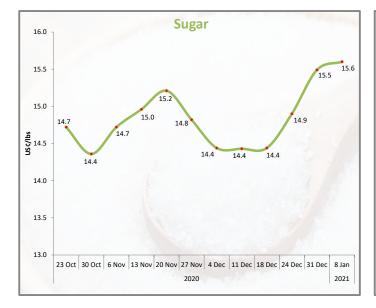
Commodity Price Trends

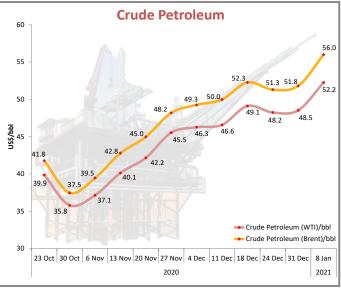






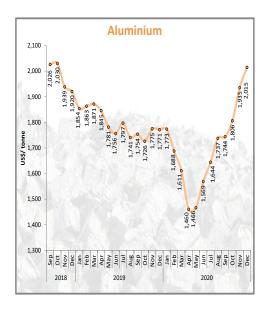


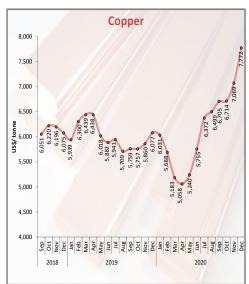


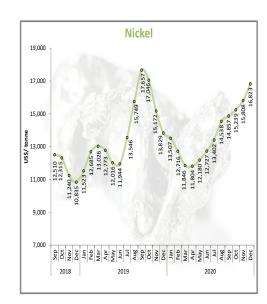


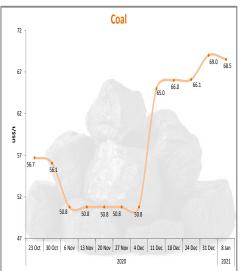
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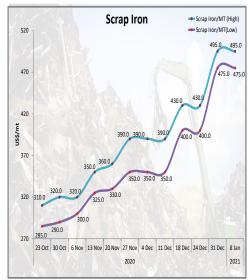
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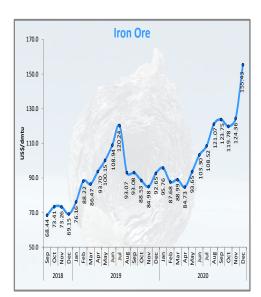


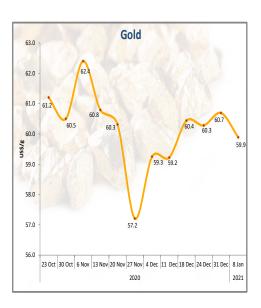


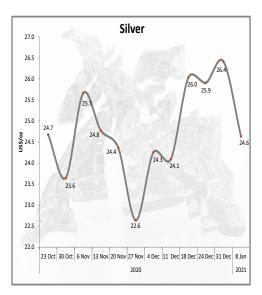


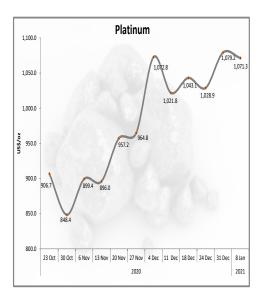












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MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY



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

Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

- targeted sectors: Al, Robotics, Automation etc.
- provides a 2% interest rate subsidy
- 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

D2 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

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
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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?



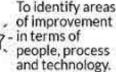


- Incorporated under the Companies
 Act (1965/2016)/ Registration of
 Business Act (1956)
- Hold a valid license
- (v) In operation for more than 3 years

What are the benefits?









Receive comprehensive readiness report.



Be entitled to apply for financial incentives.

Incentives for RA

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





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Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

Evaluation by Committees



Onsite Assessment



Receive RA Report

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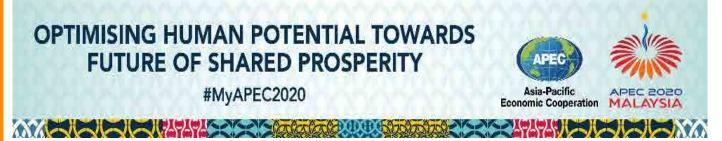


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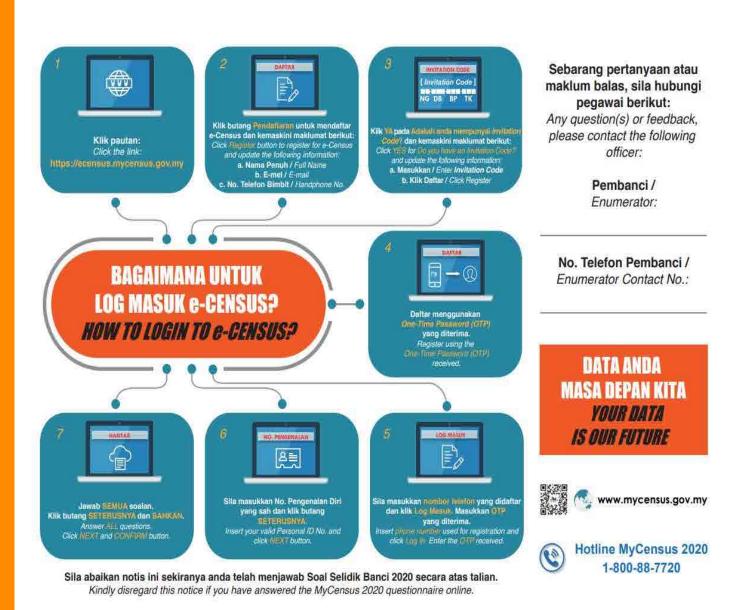
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