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MITI in the News

Malaysia's Total Trade Grew 4.6 Per Cent in July



Malaysia's total trade in July 2015 grew by 4.6 per cent to RM124.08 billion year-on-year, said the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) on 4 September 2015. It said export for the month expanded by 3.5 per cent or RM2.12 billion to RM63.23 billion compared with July 2014 while imports increased by 5.9 per cent to RM60.85 billion.

The expansion in exports to China, the United States, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan and the European Union supported the higher growth in the month reviewed, it added. In July 2015, total trade with free trade agreement (FTA) partners was RM77.57 billion, up by 4.6 per cent with exports totalling RM40.03 billion and imports amounting to RM37.54 billion. Malaysia continued to register a trade surplus valued at RM2.38 billion in July 2015, making it the 213th consecutive month of trade surplus since November 1997.

"The moderation in trade surplus reflected mainly the higher imports required for production and investment purposes which will contribute towards exports going forward," said MITI in its Malaysia External Trade Statistics report.

Total trade for the first seven months of 2015 moderated to RM819.06 billion. Exports during the period contracted by 2.2 per cent to RM231.57 billion while imports declined by 1.4 per cent to RM387.49 billion to the corresponding period in 2014.

Meanwhile, trade surplus remained sizeable at RM44.07 billion. "Similar moderation in trade performance was also registered by other countries in Asia," said MITI.

Total trade with FTA partners was valued at RM515.13 billion, accounting for 62.9 per cent of Malaysia's trade during the first seven months of 2015.

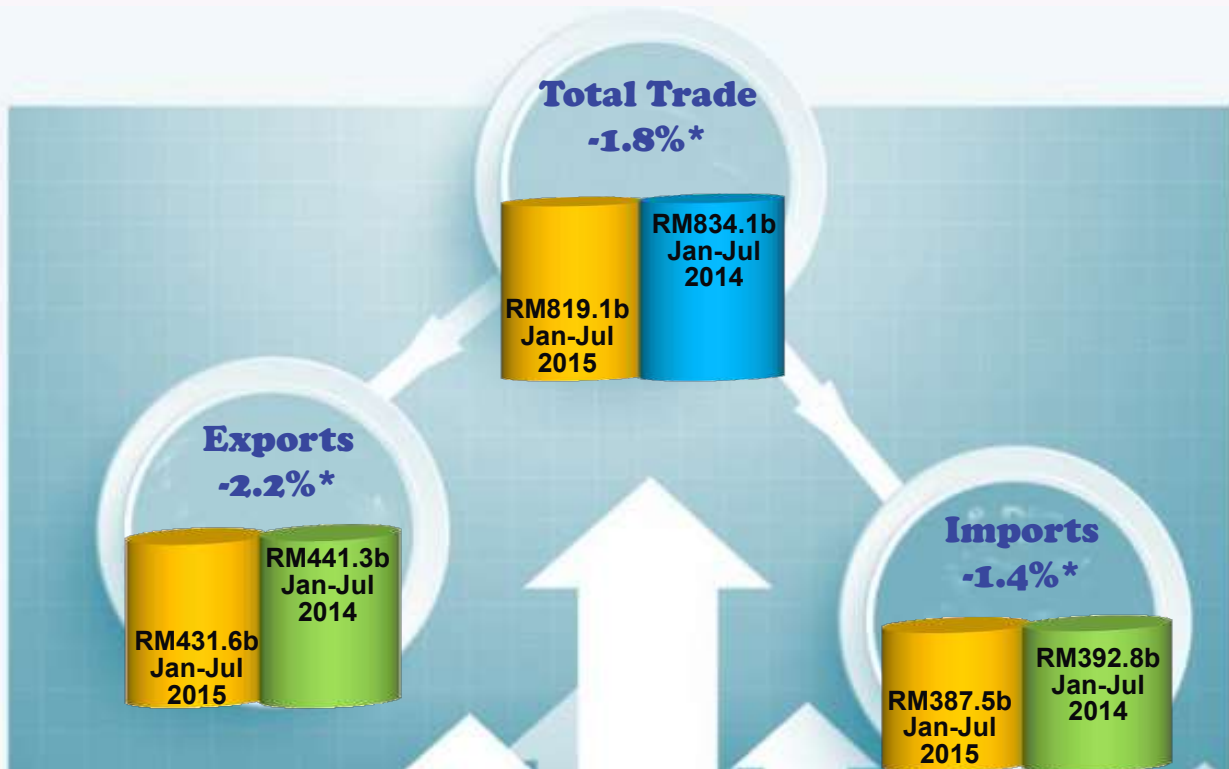
Overall, MITI said major manufacturing subsectors experienced positive growth on a year-on-year basis. Mining and major commodity subsectors had reduced exports due to significantly lower prices relative to last year.

Major exports in July 2015 were electric and electrical products worth RM23.1 billion constituting 36.5 per cent of total exports, chemicals and chemical products (RM4.35 billion), palm oil (RM4.06 billion) and liquefied natural gas (RM3.09 billion). On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's total trade with ASEAN remained firm at RM32.86 billion with higher imports from ASEAN of 2.6 per cent to RM15.51 billion.

Exports to ASEAN amounted to RM17.35 billion, accounting for 27.4 per cent of Malaysia's total exports.

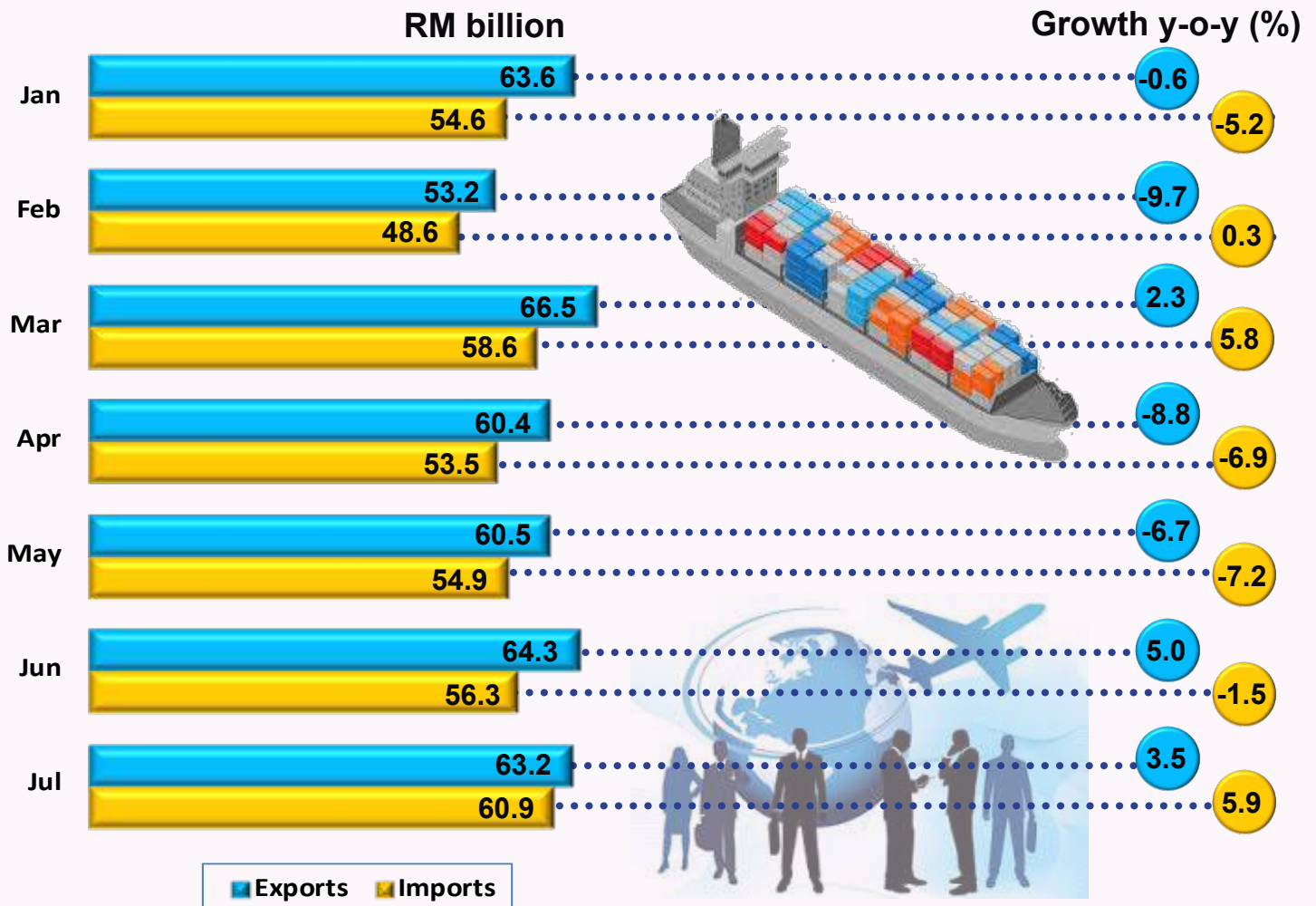
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Trade Performance, January - July 2015

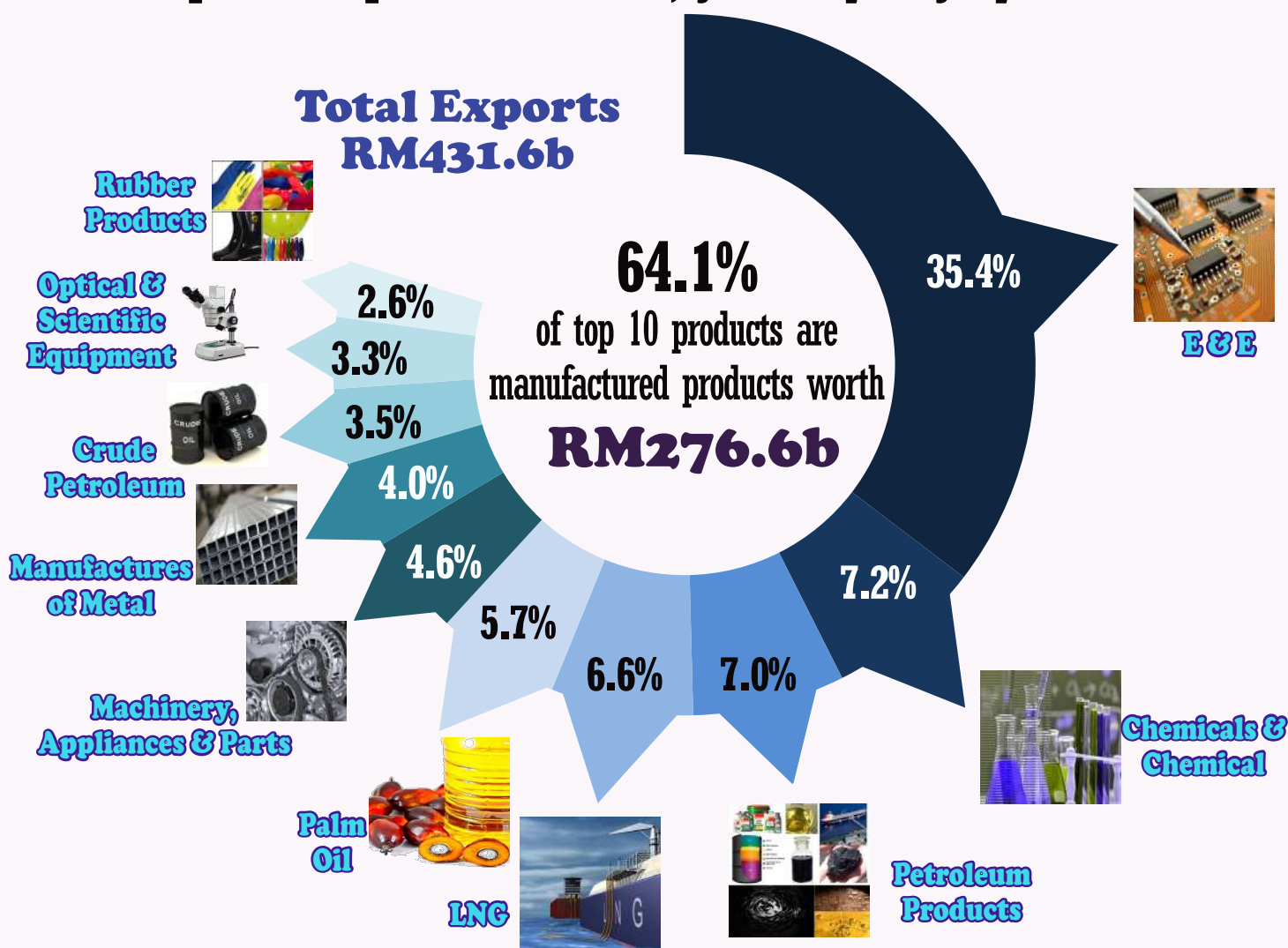


Note : * y-o-y growth

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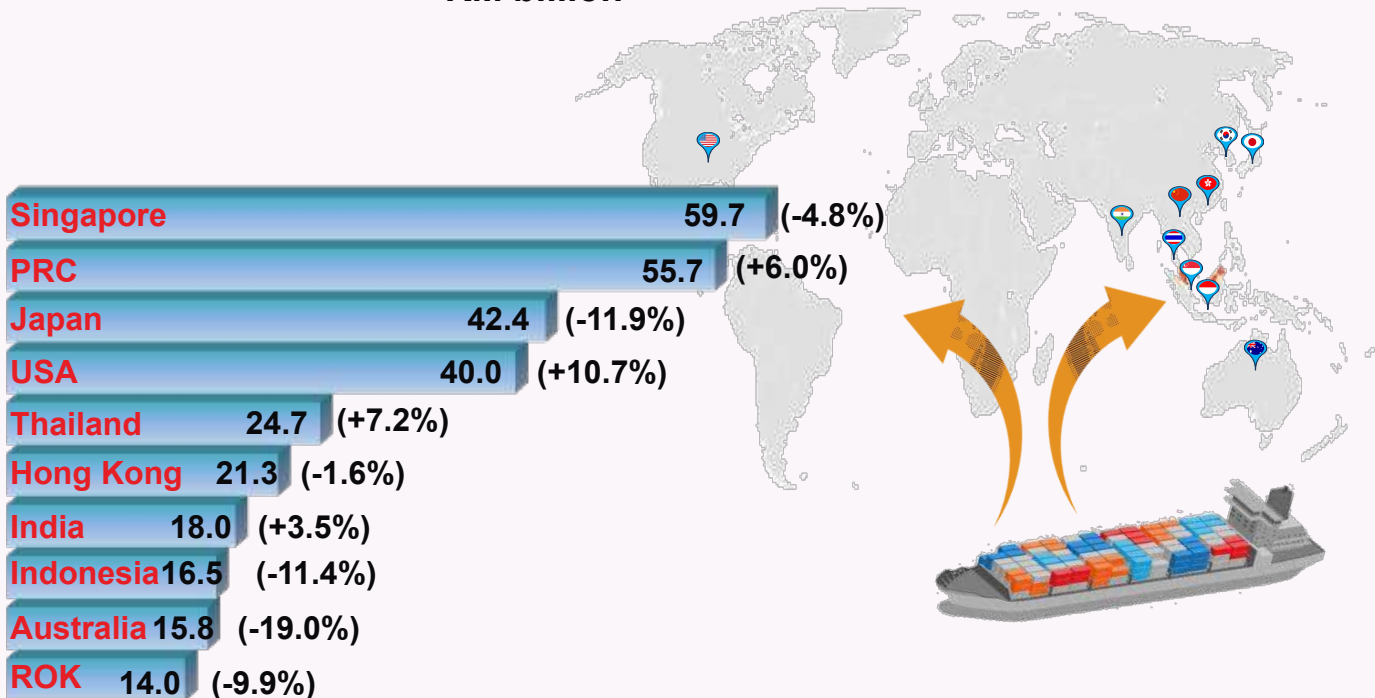
Top 10 Export Products, January - July 2015



Manufacturing: RM343.6b	Mining: RM48.0b	Agriculture: RM37.3b	Others: RM2.7b
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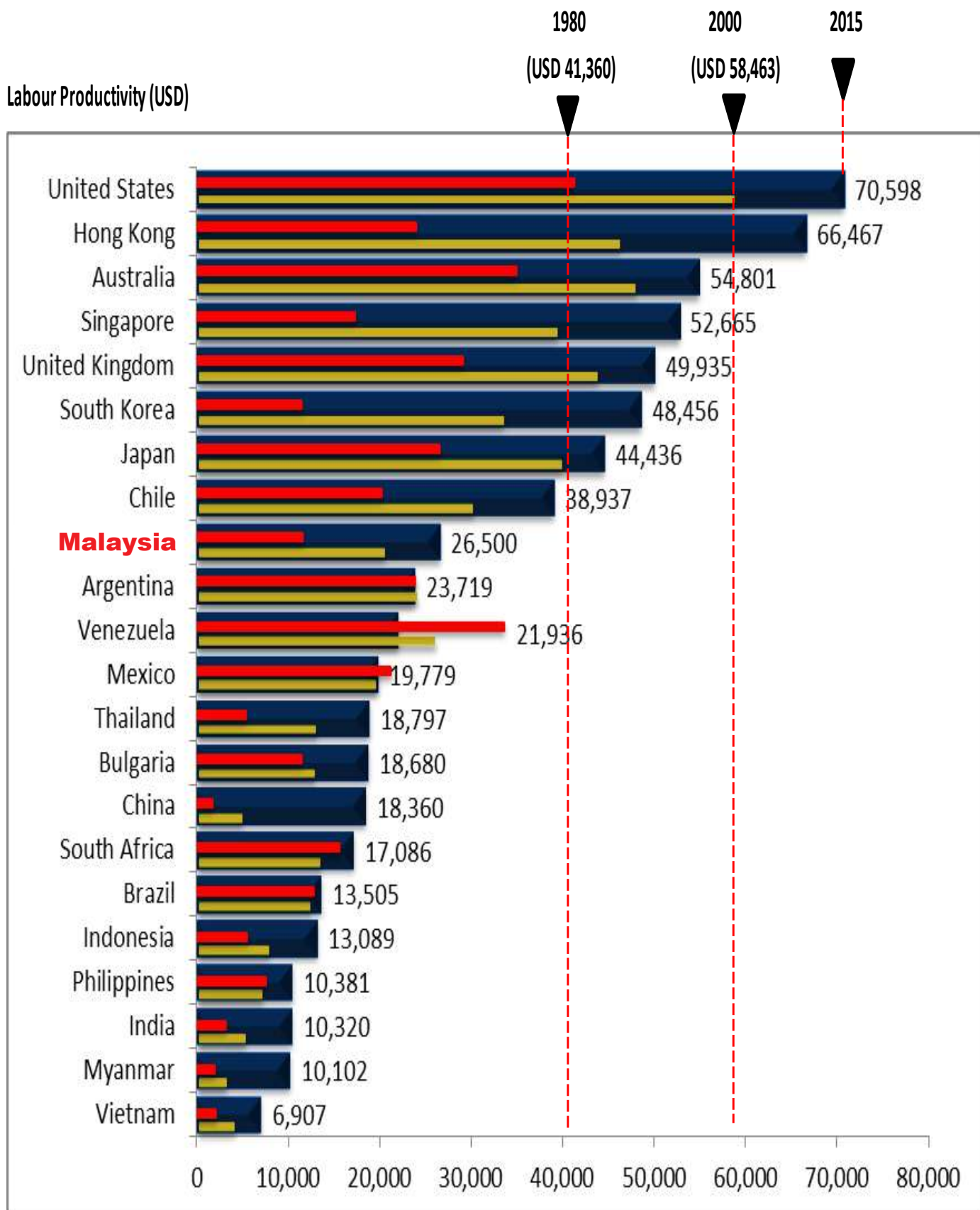
Top 10 Export Destinations, January - July 2015

RM billion



Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Productivity Level



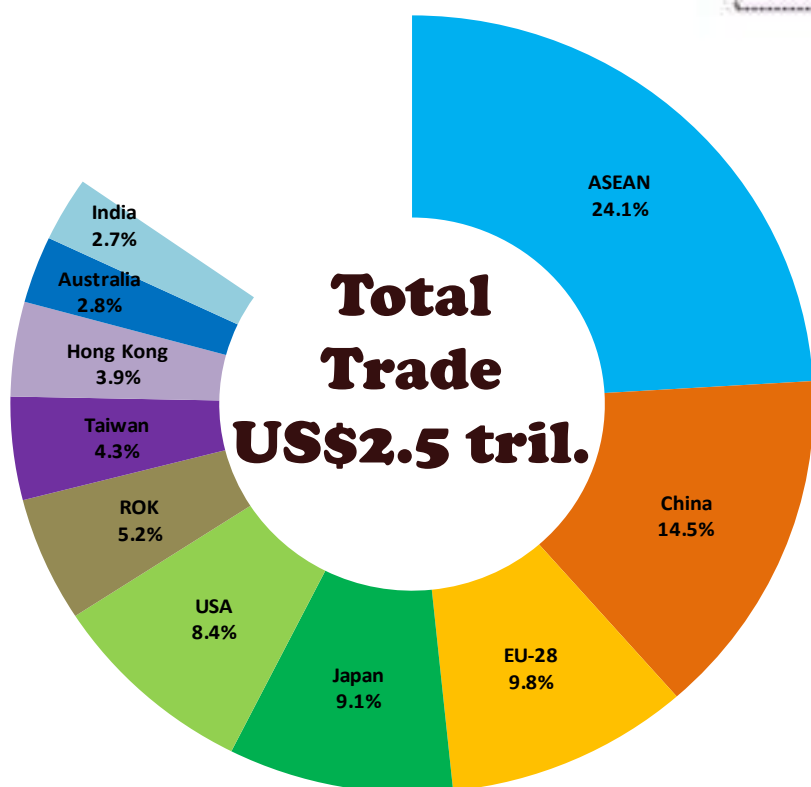
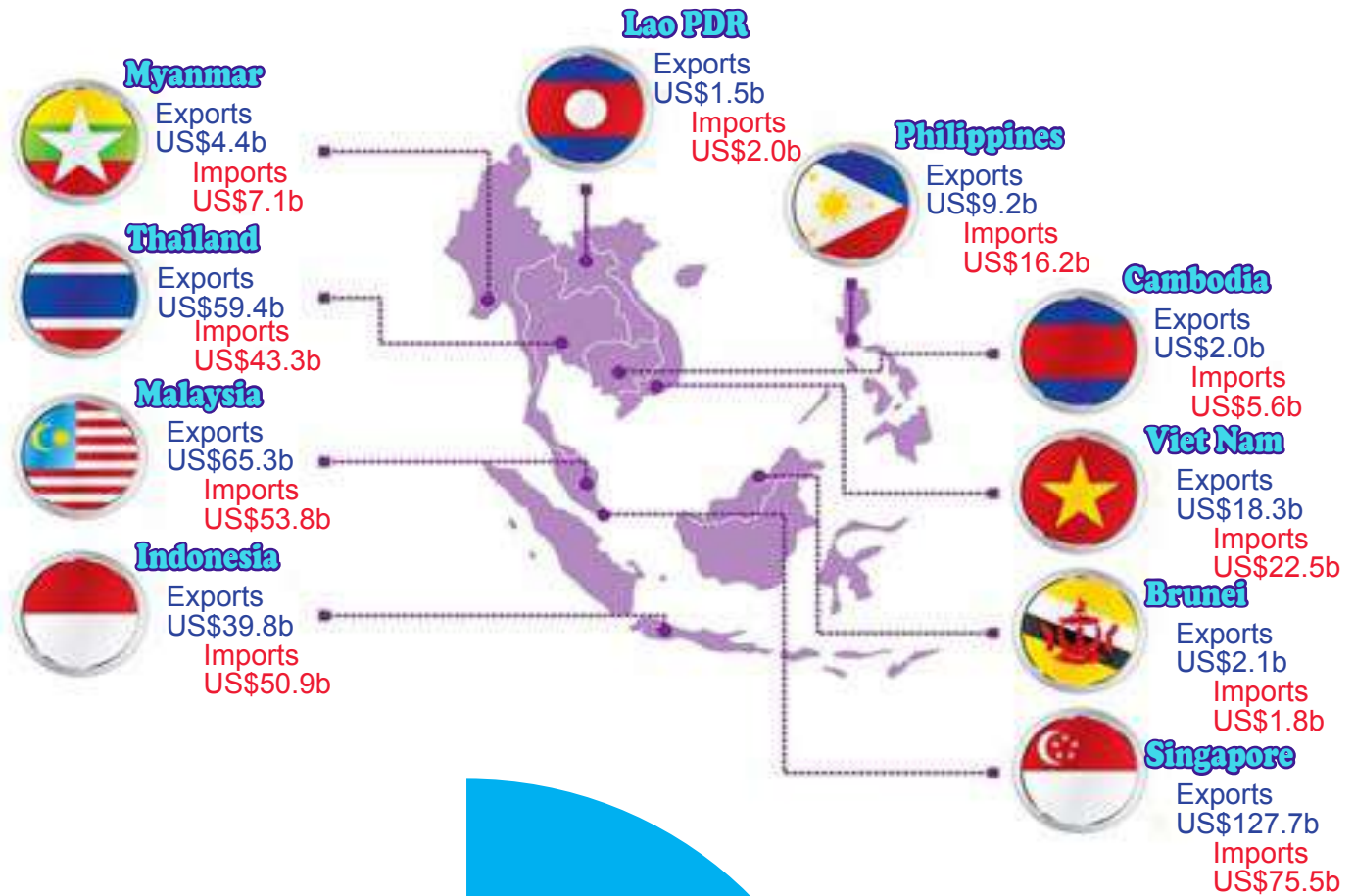
Source : Total Economy Database, The Conference Board

Note : Labor productivity per person employed in 1990 US\$ (converted at Geary Khamis PPPs)



'ASEAN and You'

Intra-ASEAN Trade, 2014



Top 10 ASEAN Trading Partners

Source : www.asean.org

MITI's ASEAN Portal can be accessed via <http://aec2015.miti.gov.my/>



International Report



US Trade Performance, July 2015

Export of Goods:
US\$128.2b (↑ 0.5%) m-o-m growth

Import of Goods:
US\$189.6b (↓ 1.5%) m-o-m growth

Export of Services:
US\$60.3b (↑ 0.3%) m-o-m growth

Import of Services:
US\$40.8b (↑ 0.7%) m-o-m growth

Trading Partners in Goods, July 2015

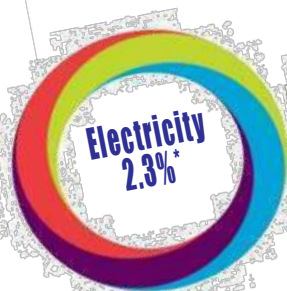
Trade Surplus	US\$ billion
South & Central America	2.0
OPEC	0.2
UK	0.1
Hong Kong	2.0
Singapore	0.5

Trade Deficit	US\$ billion
China	31.6
EU	15.2
Germany	6.6
Japan	5.7
Mexico	3.4

Source : US Department of Commerce

India's Economic Performance Q1 (April -June) of Fiscal 2015/2016

Economy Grew
7.0%*, (US\$427.2b)



Inflation Rate (Wholesale)
-2.4%*

Inflation Rate (Retail)
5.1%*

Foreign Trade

Total Trade: US\$165.6 bil., ↓ 14.3%
Exports: US\$66.7bil., ↓ 16.8%
Imports: US\$98.9 bil., ↓ 12.6%

Foreign Direct Investment

US\$9.5 bil.
Increased 31.4% (y-o-y)
Malaysia is the 23rd largest investor (US\$744.1 mil.)

Note: * y-o-y growth
Source: MITI New Delhi



MALAYSIA EXPATRIATE TALENT SERVICE CENTRE (MYXpats Centre)



What is it?

The Malaysia Expatriate Talent Service Centre (MYXpats Centre) is a service centre for employers applying Employment Pass and other related immigration passes for their expatriate employees.

It is a joint initiative between Talent Corporation Malaysia (TalentCorp) and the Immigration Department of Malaysia, and is overseen by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

MYXpats Centre is part of the planned enhancement of immigration services by the Government of Malaysia, which started with the Expatriate Services Division (ESD) in 2014.



Expatriate employment pass services under one roof

OUR SERVICES

Companies already registered with the ESD can make use of the MYXpats Centre to:

- Apply for relevant passes for their expatriate employees
- Seek assistance during the document submission process
- Collect endorsed immigration passes



HOW MYXpats CENTRE WORKS



The MYXpats Centre will process all Employment Pass applications within five working days.

Before employers can submit their Employment Pass applications to the MYXpats Centre, they must first register with the ESD at esd.imi.gov.my.

Once registrations have been approved, employers will be eligible to use MYXpats Centre to submit Employment Pass applications for their expatriate employees.

For more information on expatriate immigration passes and how MYXpats Centre works, please download the ESD handbook at <http://bit.ly/esdhandbook>.



WHERE ARE WE LOCATED

MYXpats Centre is located at Level 16, Surian Tower, No 1 Jalan PJU 7/3, Mutiara Damansara, Selangor. Surian Tower can be accessed by the Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong (LDP), the New Klang Valley Expressway (NKVE) and the SPRINT Highway's Penchala Link.



Speak to  **MYXpats Centre**

If you need to speak to a MYXpats Centre officer or would like to visit the MYXpats Centre, call us at **+603 8892 3939** or email us at MYXpats@talentcorp.com.my.

Information for Mid-Tier Companies Development Programme - Part 1

Mid-Tier Companies (MTCs) are an integral part of the Malaysia Economy



The Mid-Tier Companies Development Programme (MTCDP) aim to help MTCs accelerate Export Growth

MTCs in Malaysia with annual revenues of RM50mn – RM500mn (manufacturing) or RM20mn – RM500mn (services)

Criteria (quantitative)

- Consistent growth
 - Positive growth in 3 of the past 5 years;
 - >5% CAGR for the past 5 years
- Involvement in NKEA or High Impact sectors¹
- 60% Malaysian owned
- Must be exporting
- Not a subsidiary of a company with revenues > RM500 million

Criteria (qualitative)

- Innovative, sustainable and scalable business model

50 high potential MTCs selected to participate in the programme every year

1: Agriculture, Aquaculture and professional services; Chemical products; Construction; Electronics; Electrical, electrical and electronic; Food and beverage; Furniture and paper; Healthcare services; Information and communication technology; Iron and steel; Machinery and equipment; Metals (divers); Metals (steel and gas); Miscellaneous; Textiles and garments; Transport equipment; Transport services and logistic services



For more information or to refer a mid-tier company to join the MTCDP, please contact:

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Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

Number of Certificates (Provisional data)

	12 Jul 2015	19 Jul 2015	26 Jul 2015	2 Aug 2015	9 Aug 2015	16 Aug 2015	23 Aug 2015	30 Aug 2015
AANZFTA	841	582	601	978	689	942	1,040	916
AIFTA	618	413	624	765	573	742	724	780
AJCEP	157	148	221	153	267	112	211	210
ATIGA	3,633	3,066	3,212	4,152	4,374	4,399	4,422	4,358
ACFTA	1,177	1,076	1,022	1,646	1,267	1,300	1,505	1,461
AKFTA	672	677	740	649	692	739	912	744
MICECA	381	190	336	308	312	289	336	305
MNZFTA	7	2	4	9	12	15	3	3
MCFTA	56	35	64	56	74	53	110	71
MAFTA	432	288	371	351	429	396	449	436
MJEPA	938	637	763	672	759	764	815	966
MPCEPA	95	110	130	143	143	184	186	170
GSP	154	93	76	155	94	117	160	129
MTFTA	-	-	-	0	0	93	239	283

Notes: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Cambodia, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland and Norway.



AANZFTA: ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2010)



ATIGA: ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (Implemented since 1 May 2010)



AJCEP: ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (Implemented since 1 February 2009)



ACFTA: ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 July 2003)



AKFTA: ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 July 2006)



AIFTA: ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2010)



MPCEPA: Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2008)



MJEPA: Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (Implemented since 13 July 2006)



MICECA: Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (Implemented since 1 July 2011)



MNZFTA: Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 August 2010)



MCFTA: Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 25 February 2012)

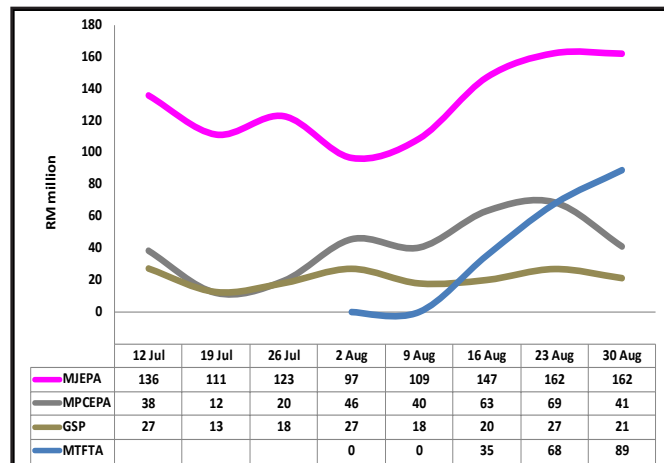
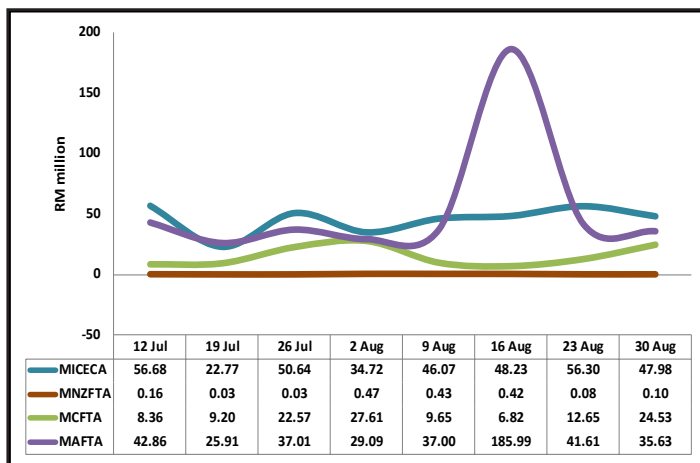
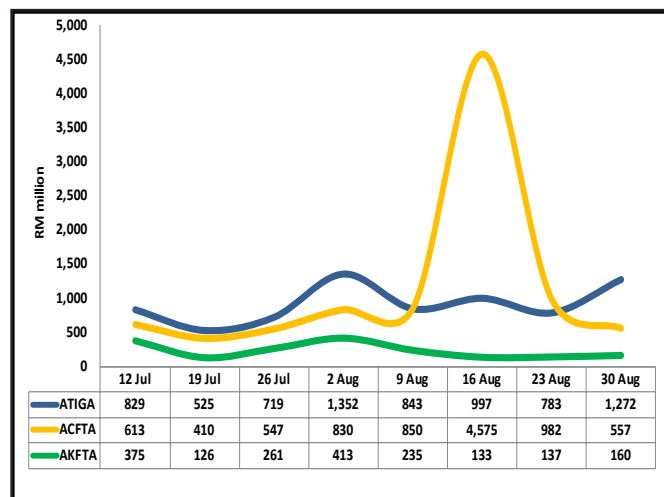
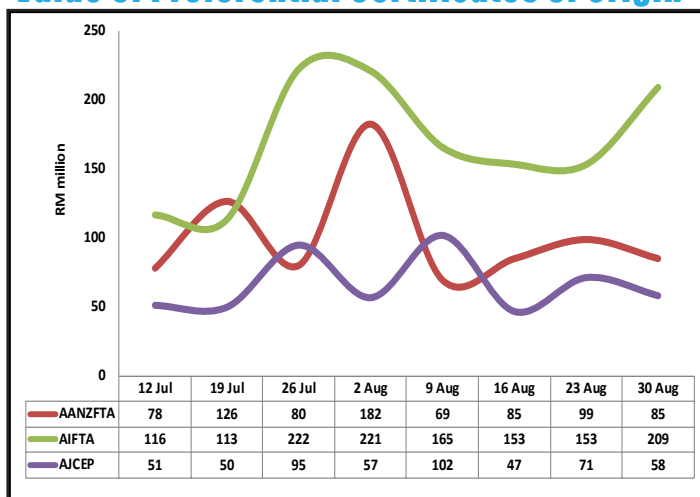


MAFTA: Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2013)



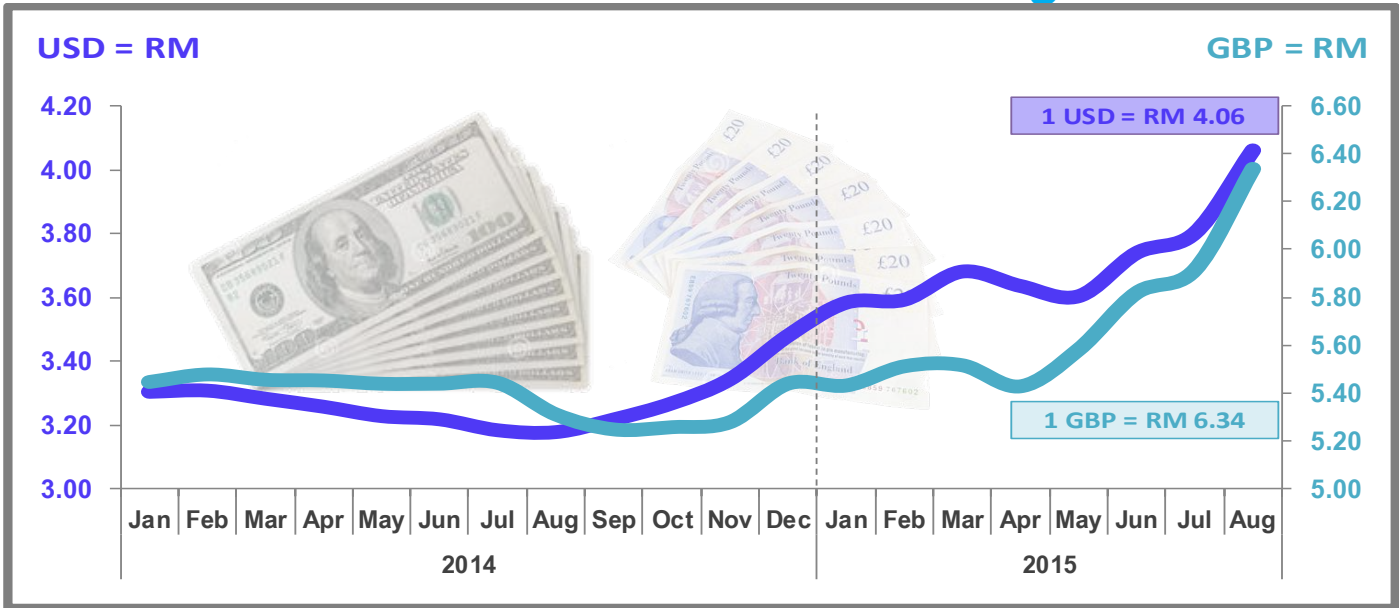
MTFTA: Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 August 2015)

Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin



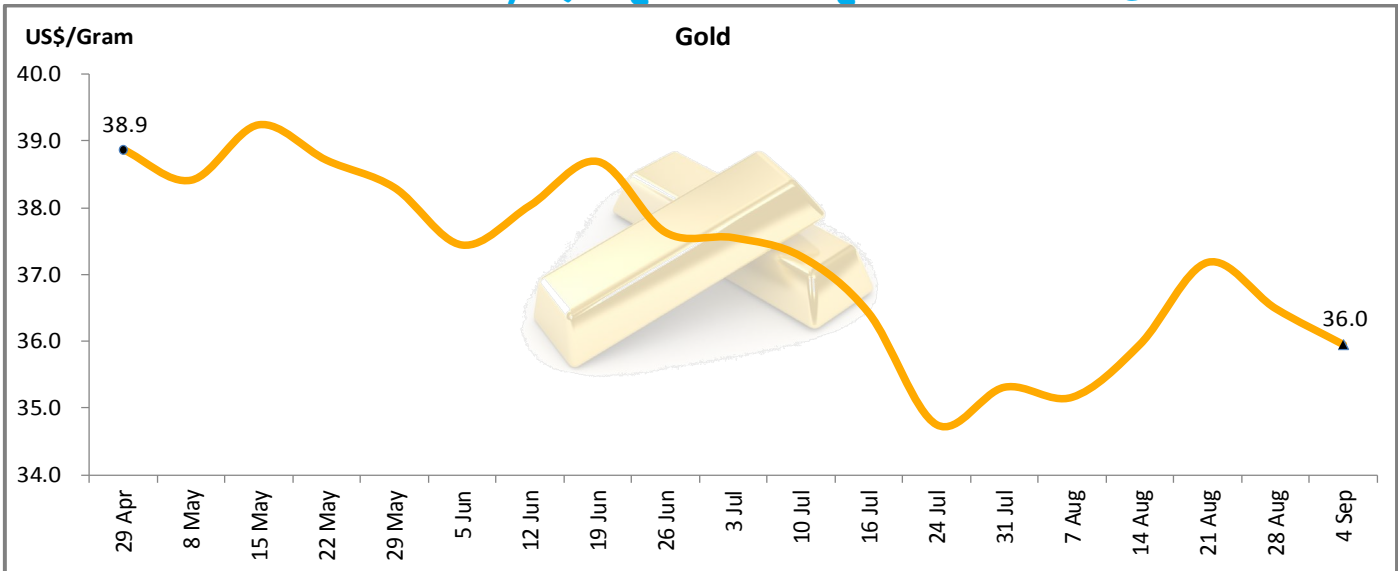
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with US Dollar and Pound Sterling



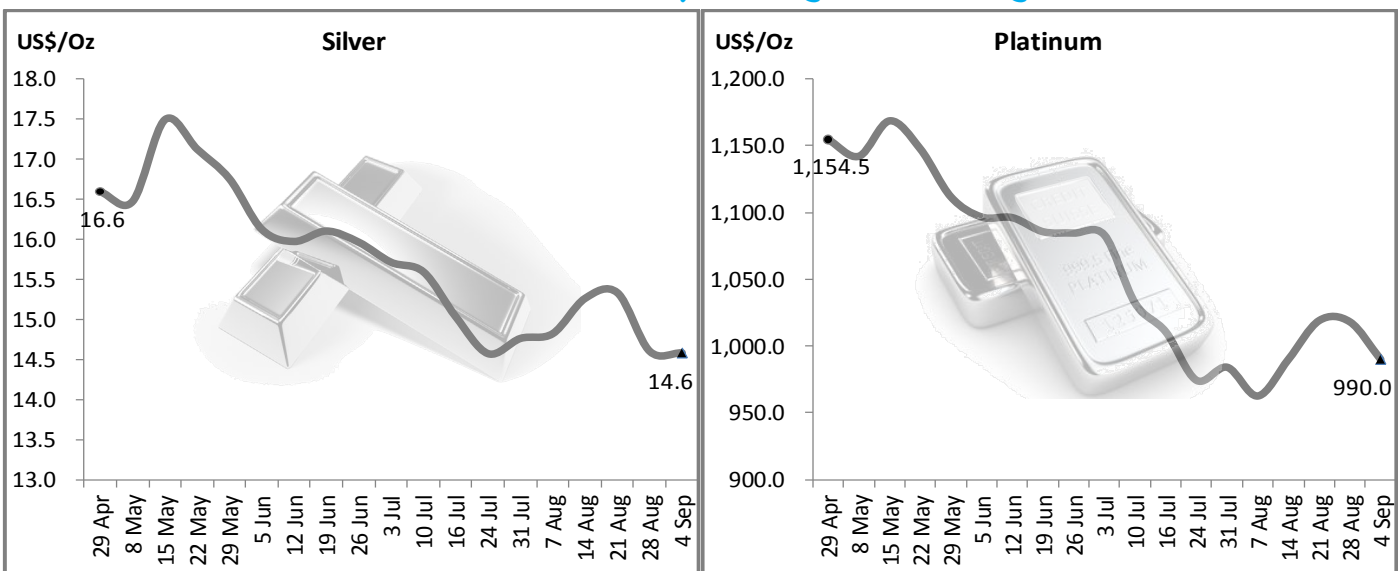
Source : Bank Negara, Malaysia

Gold Prices, 29 April - 4 September 2015



Source : http://www.gold.org/investments/statistics/gold_price_chart/

Silver and Platinum Prices, 29 April - 4 September 2015



Source : <http://www.hardassetsalliance.com/charts/silver-price/usd/oz>

Source : <http://www.hardassetsalliance.com/charts/platinum-price/usd/oz>

Commodity Prices



Commodity	Crude Petroleum (per bbl)	Crude Palm Oil (per MT)	Raw Sugar (per MT)	Rubber SMR 20 (per MT)	Cocoa SMC 2 (per MT)	Coal (per MT)	Scrap Iron HMS (per MT)
4 Sep 2015 (US\$)	46.1	500.5	245.3	1,216.5	2,033.5	47.3	250 (high) 230 (low)
% change*	↑ 1.8	↓ 2.3	↑ 2.2	↓ 5.3	↓ 0.7	↑ 0.4	unchanged unchanged
2014 ⁱ	54.6 - 107.6	823.3	352.3	1,718.3	2,615.8	59.8	370.0
2013 ⁱ	88.1 - 108.6	805.5	361.6	2,390.8	1,933.1	..	485.6

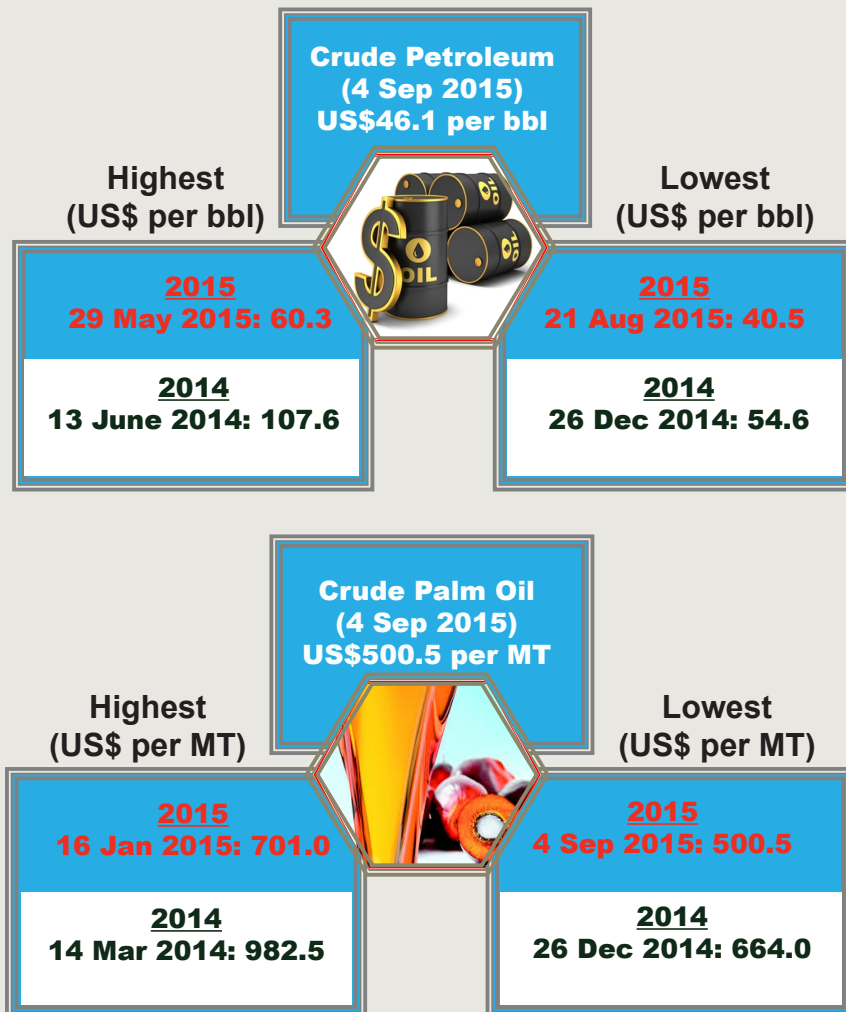
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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Highest and Lowest Prices, 2014/2015

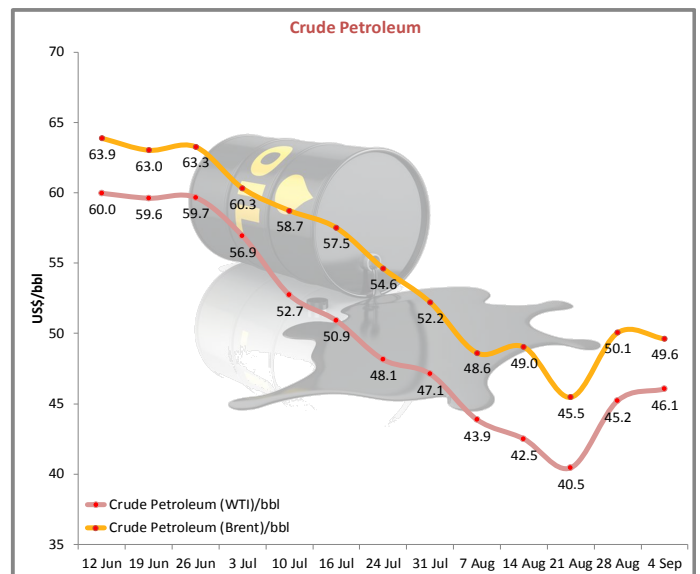
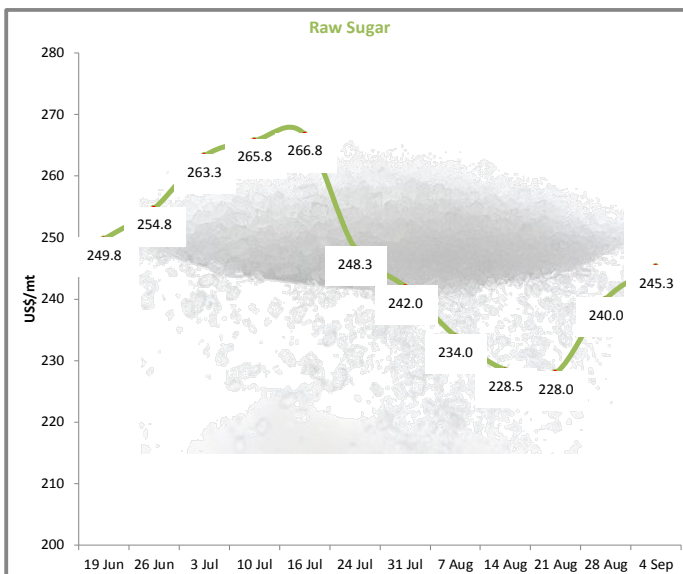
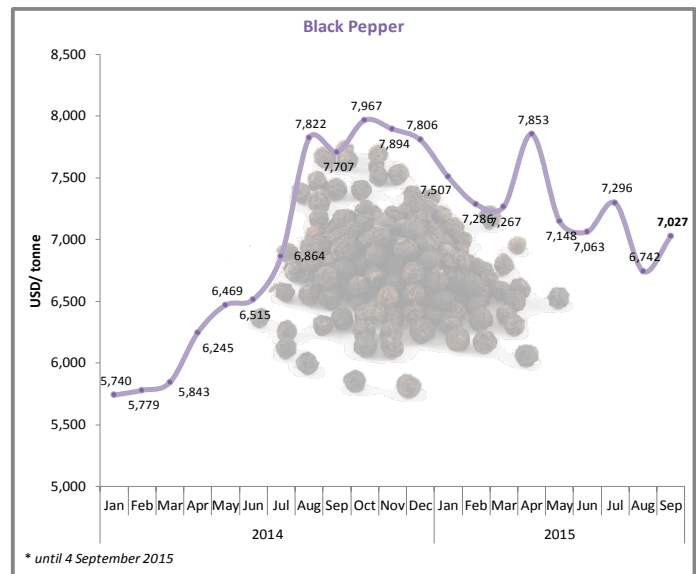
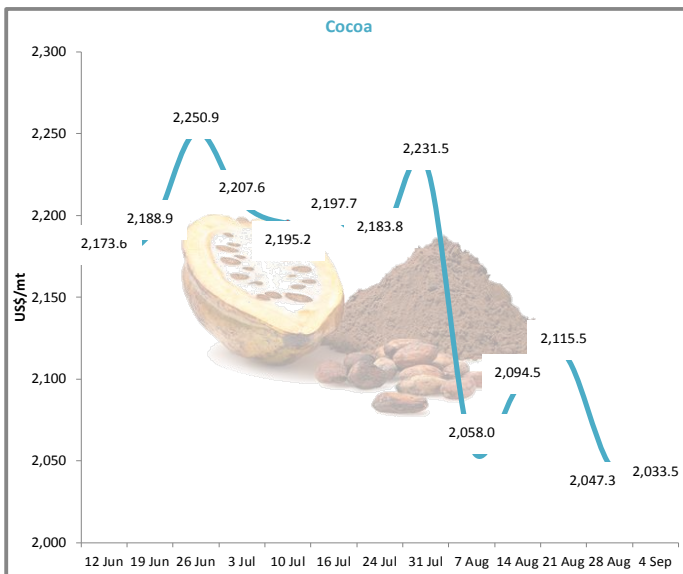
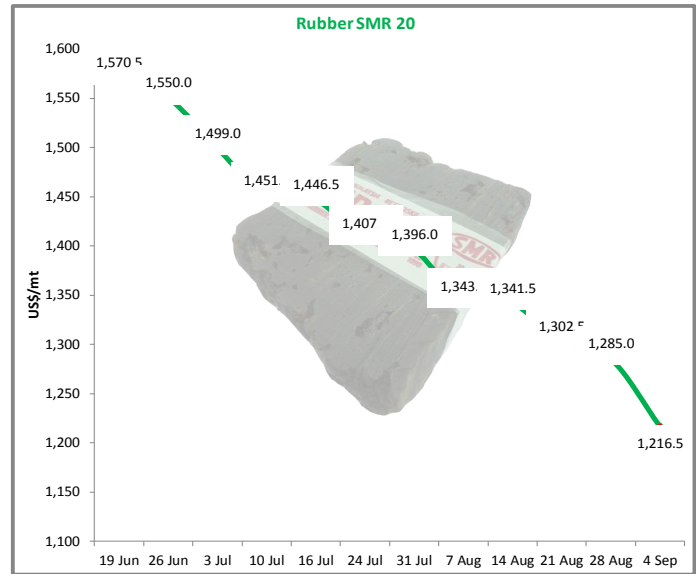
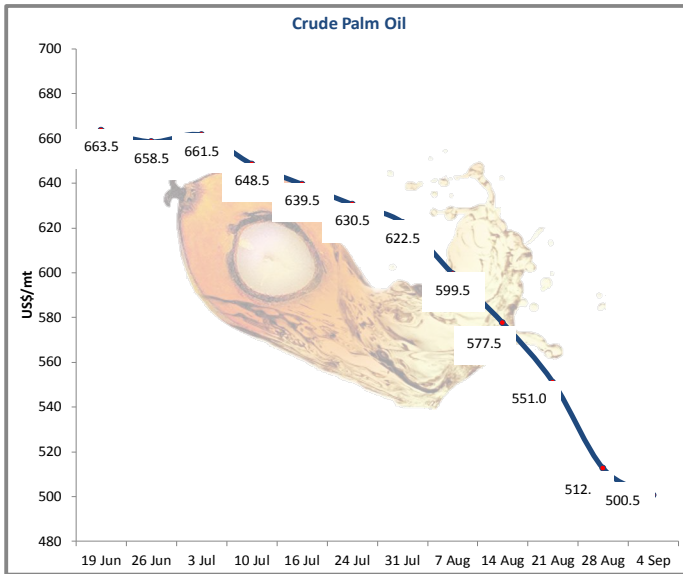


Average Domestic Prices, 28 Aug 2015



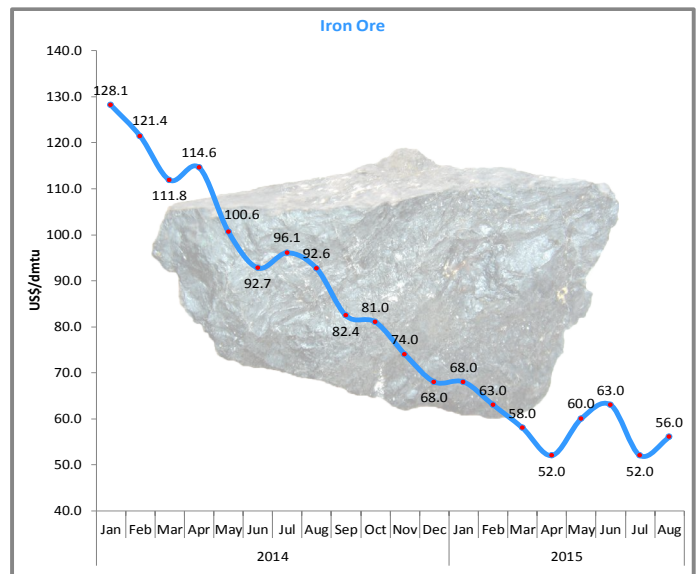
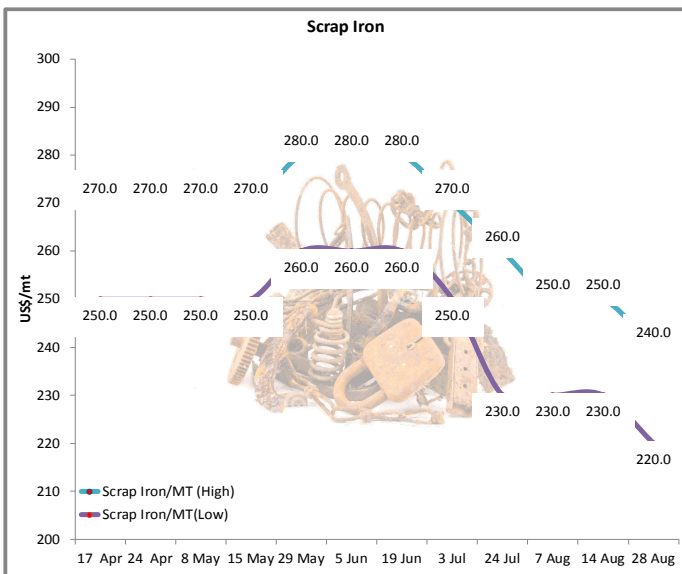
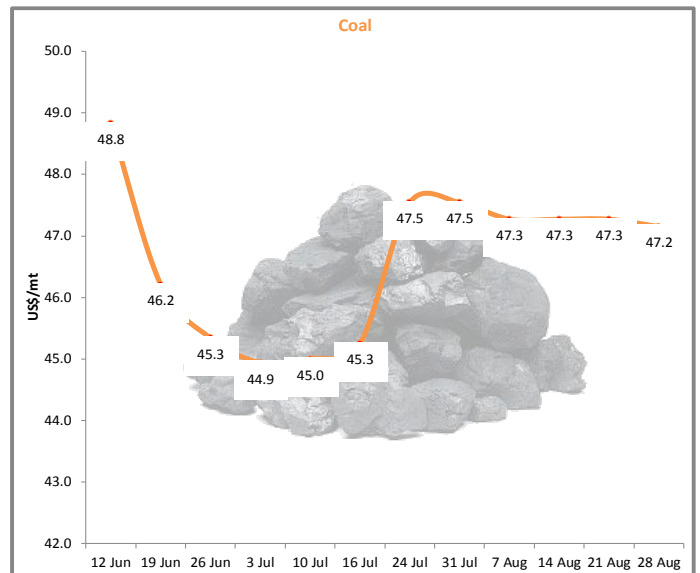
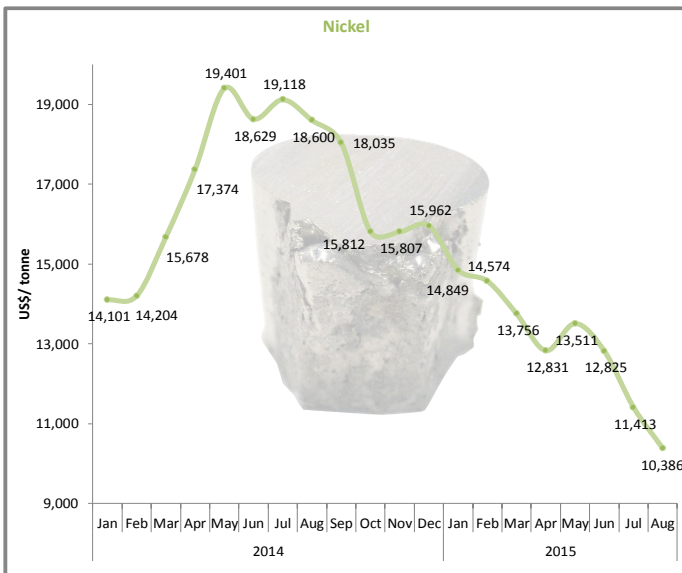
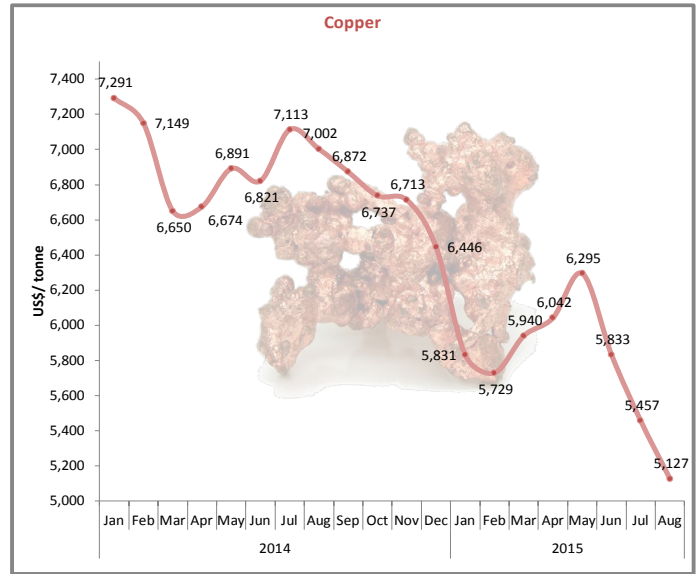
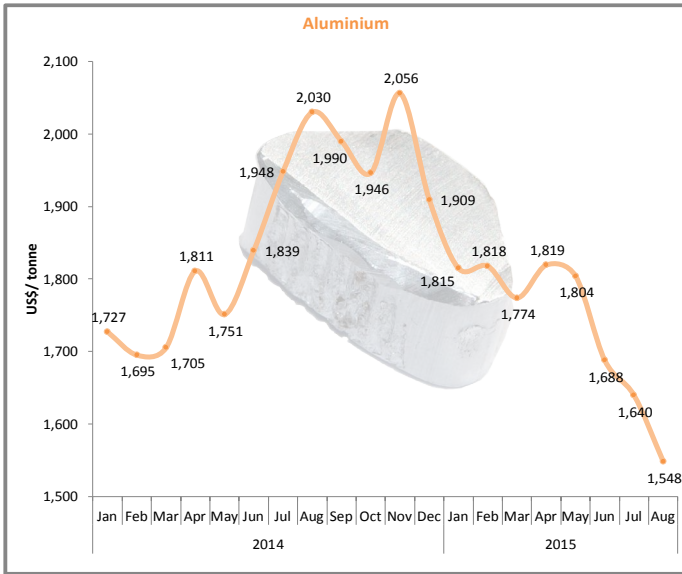
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Commodity Price Trends



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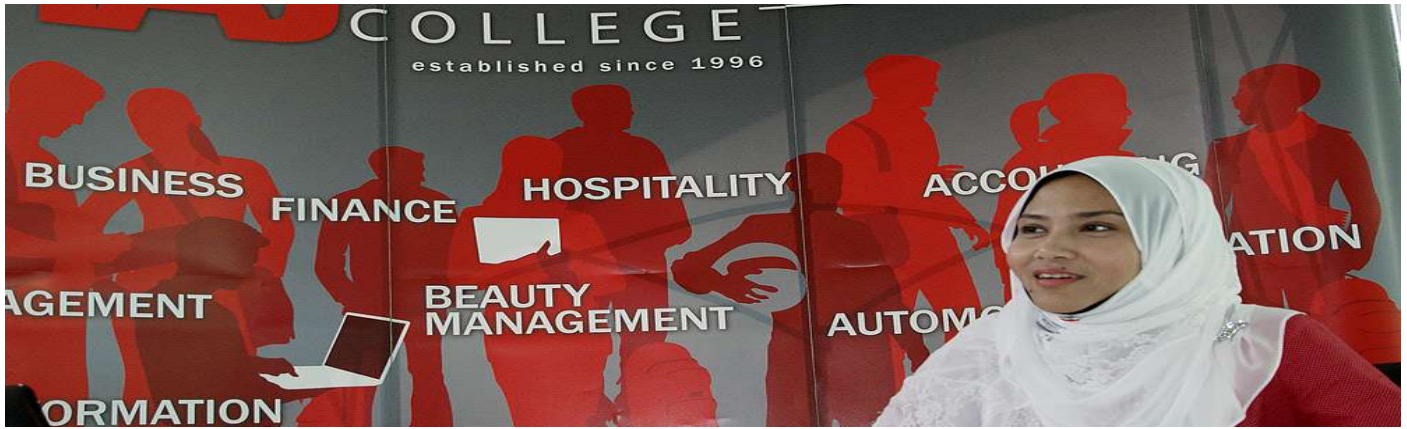


Your Success Our Story



"The Housewife who became a CEO"

TAJ Vision Sdn Bhd



TAJ International College first started out in 1996 as TAJ College, a small college in small town Ipoh. Founded by a respected local leader who chose education to uplift the local population, the path of fate made a turn in 2005 and the daughter was given a chance to shine.

Tina bt Tajuddin was a young housewife when her big challenge came. She was actually nursing a four months old baby when her destiny called. There was also the small matter of location, she was happily married and living in Kuala Lumpur while the college was back in her hometown of Ipoh which was a few hundred kilometres away. To make it even more difficult, her young family's modest economic situation at the time meant that she could not even afford to own a motor vehicle. In order to make it work, she would have to get on a long distance bus at 4am every morning to get to work on time, only to return back to her already asleep children late at night.



In true entrepreneurial fashion Tina surmounted her difficulties and emerged as a model SME Bank success story. Her intelligence, determination and business acumen transformed the modest college. She moved the college from a shophouse setting to a perfect location which allowed her to easily grow and add to the facilities of the college.



From the college's early days of conducting scaffolding pre-university programmes, various educational qualifications were added such as certificates, diplomas, degrees and Masters degrees.

Apart from home-grown programmes at the certificate and diploma levels specialising in automotive engineering, beauty management, early childhood education, and various business, management and entrepreneurship programmes, the college further extended its sphere into entrepreneurial university programmes at the degree and Masters

level in partnership with leading universities such as UNITAR. Its latest foray is into healthcare education in collaboration with Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences (CUCMS).

SME Bank's facilities to assist new entrepreneurs made great sense to Tina. With no commercial bank interested to even listen, it was SME Bank that assisted Tina to elevate her operations. In 2009 she received funding of RM4 million to upgrade her college building and facilities. In 2012 Tina obtained a series of funding totalling over RM4 million to meet her expansion plans.

Tina's next goal is for her college to achieve the status of 'University College' by 2016. With her dynamism, ambition and quick thinking, we are sure she will be able to achieve this and more!

See more at: <http://www.yoursuccessourstory.com/story03.html#page=page-1>

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