



Formation Of The National And Consultative Committees For The Implementation Of The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA)



Following the signing of the TPPA on 4 February 2016, Malaysia as well as other 11 member countries, are currently completing domestic procedures to ratify the agreement. For Malaysia, several laws will be amended, especially concerning three main areas namely rules of origin, intellectual property rights and labour that will ensure our country is in the position to meet the obligations stipulated under the TPPA.

I would like to announce that we will be forming a National Committee tasked with monitoring, facilitating and overseeing the overall implementation of the TPPA. This committee will consist of representatives from the ministries and government agencies involved with the trade agreement.

The National Committee and subsidiary bodies to be established will mirror the set-up of the TPP Joint Commission and subcommittees under the trade agreement. I will continue to engage with members of Parliament in facilitating and monitoring the implementation of the TPPA.

At the same time, our engagement with the local stakeholders will continue throughout the entire period before ratification. As part of our efforts to ensure that the engagement will continue during the implementation period, a separate Consultative Committee will also be formed.

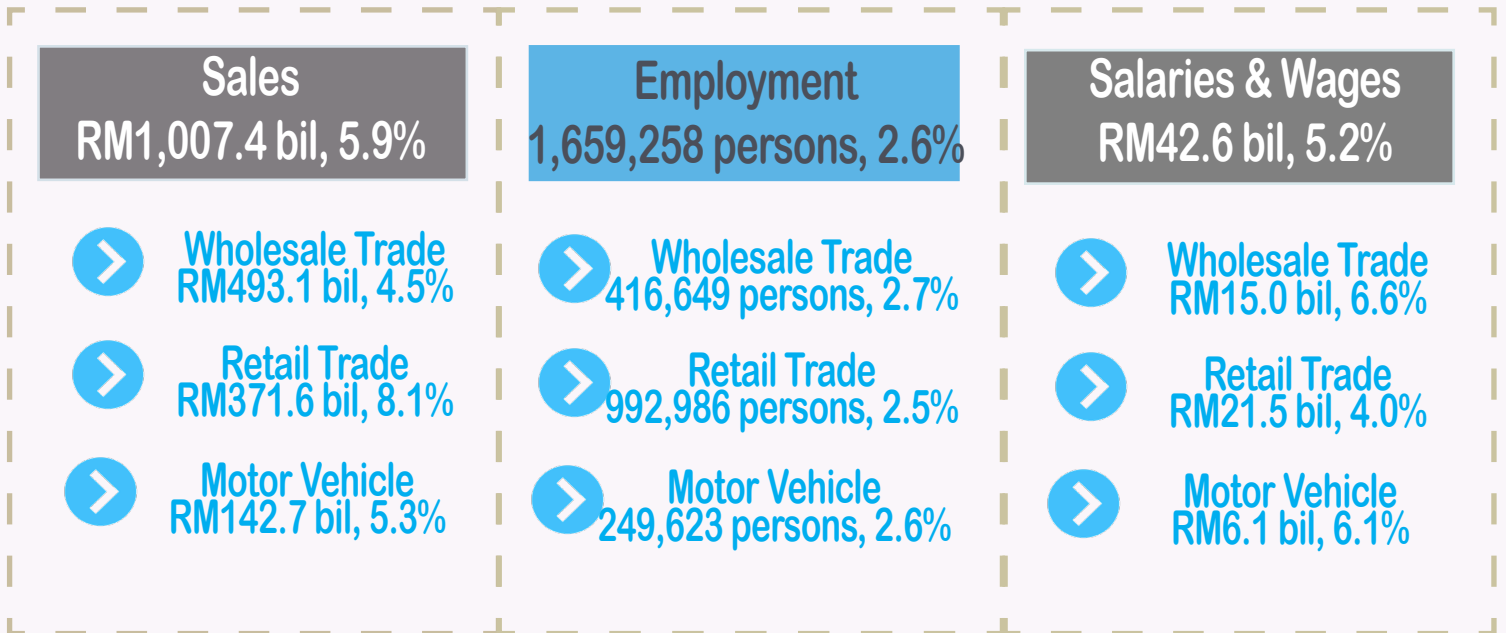
This committee will be made up of representatives from industry players, business chambers, small and medium enterprises, non-governmental organisations and various other local stakeholders. The role of this Consultative Committee will be crucial in gathering feedback and assessing the impact of the TPPA implementation from time to time.

The Government remains committed in ensuring that Malaysia will be able to fully take advantage of the opportunities and mitigate the challenges that the TPPA will bring. It is our hope that the formation of these National and Consultative Committees will assist us in achieving such objectives

Dato' Sri Mustapha Mohamed
Minister of International Trade and Industry Malaysia
15 March 2016

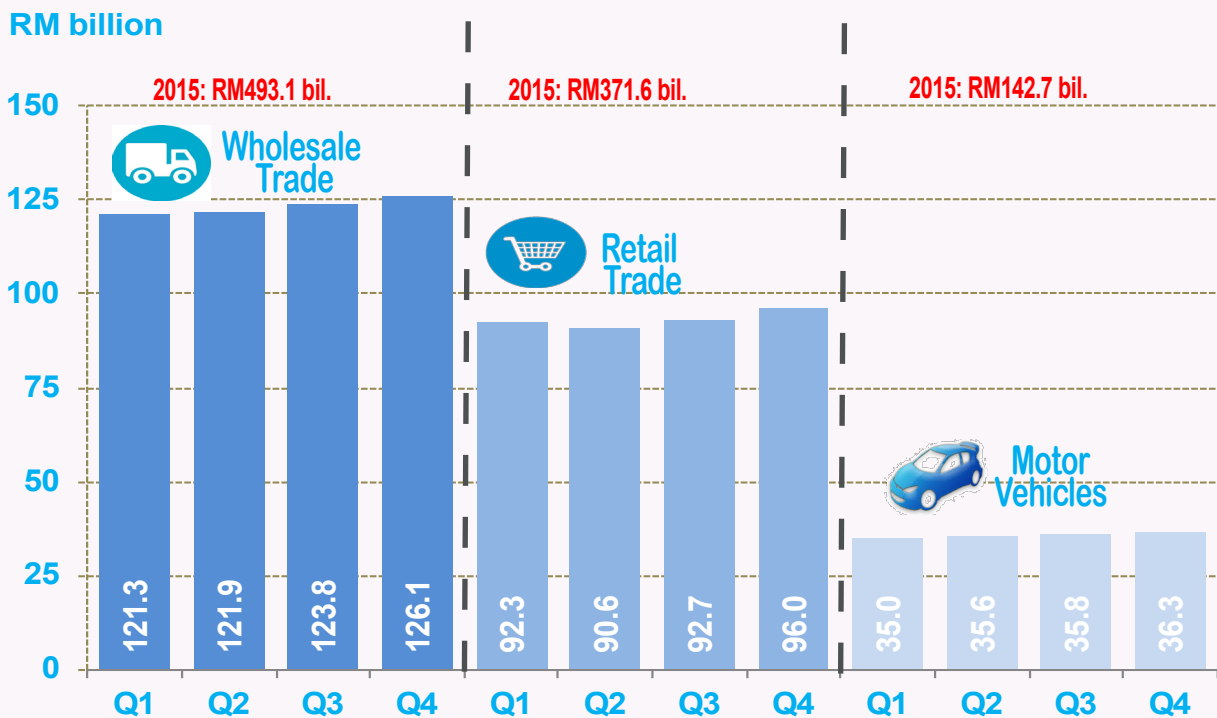
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Distributive Trade Performance, 2015



Note: % Y-on-Y Growth

Quarterly Sales by Sub-sector, 2015

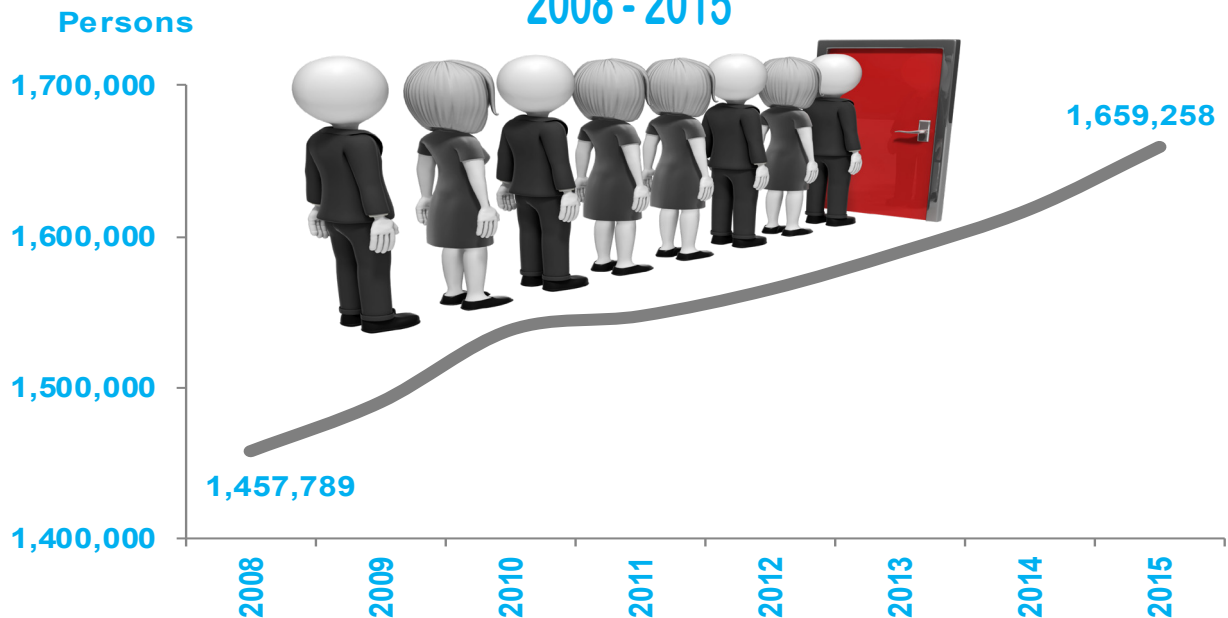


Notes:

Wholesale trade is defined as the resale (sale without transformation) of new and used goods to retailers; industrial, commercial, institutional or professional users; or to other wholesalers; or selling merchandise to, such persons or companies.

Retail trade is defined as the resale (sale without transformation) of new and used goods to the general public for personal or household consumption or utilisation.

Motor Vehicles refer to the activity covers wholesale and retail sale of motor vehicles and motorcycles, either new or used, sale of motor vehicle parts and accessories, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles including washing, polishing as well as commission agents.



Number of Persons Engaged* by Sub-sector, Q1 - Q4 2015

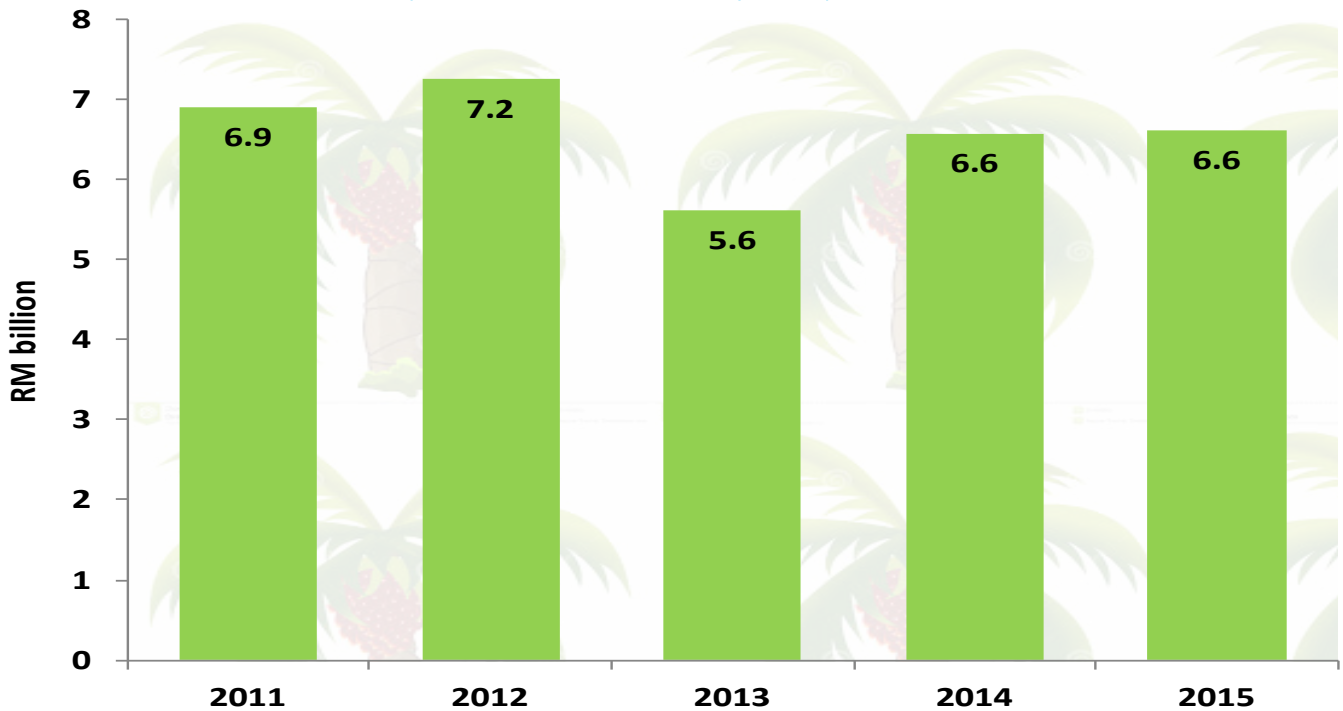
	Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Motor Vehicles
Q1	415,172	978,749	248,904
Q2	414,470	983,003	247,035
Q3	417,757	988,511	249,048
Q4	416,649	992,985	249,623

Note:

*The total number of persons engaged includes all working proprietors and active business partners, unpaid family workers and employees who work during the last pay period of the month enumerated. Also included are part-time workers in the payroll and persons on strike, picket and short-term leave (sick, vacation or emergency leave). Not included are workers on indefinite leave as well as pensioners.

Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

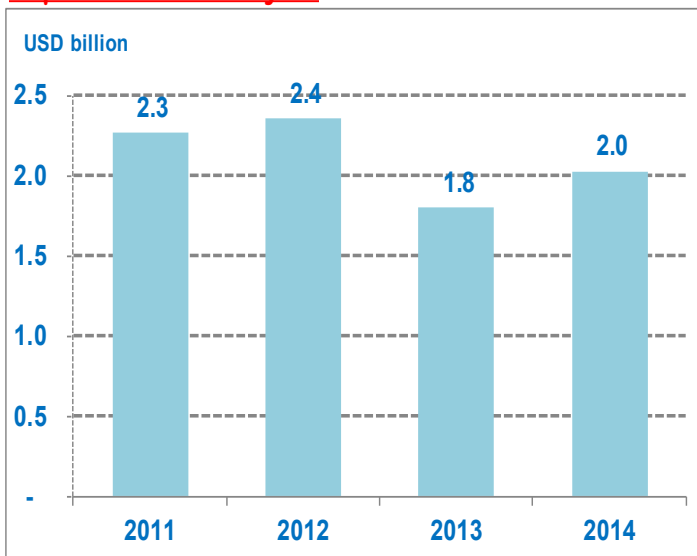
Exports of Palm Oil & Palm-Based Products to the European Union (EU), 2011 - 2015



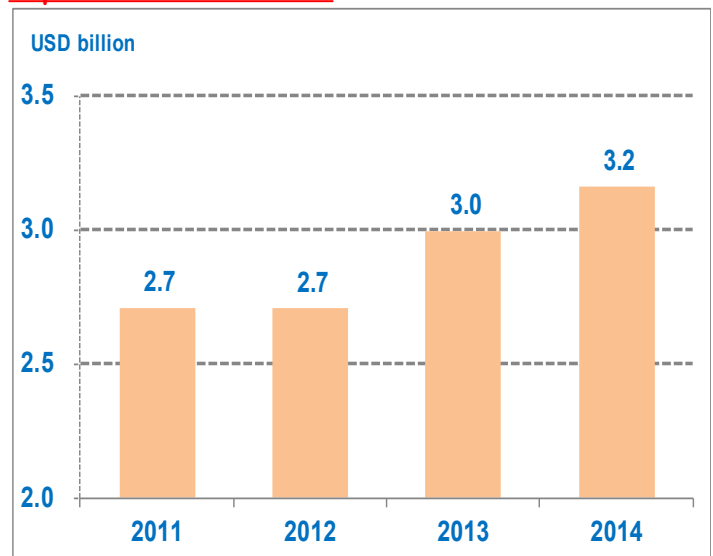
Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Exports of Palm Oil Products* from Malaysia and Indonesia to EU, 2011 - 2014

Exports from Malaysia



Exports from Indonesia



Note : * Data was based on the HS code 140490, 151110, 151190, 151620, 151329, 151321, 151800 and 152200.

Source : www.trademap.org/



'ASEAN and You'

ASEAN Global Gender Gap Index, 2015

The Global Gender Gap Index is an index designed to measure gender equality. The index evaluates and ranks according to four criteria: economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, political empowerment and health & survival.

	Global Gender Gap Index The highest possible score is 1 (equality) and the lowest possible score is 0 (inequality)		Global Rank*	Score (0-1)
Philippines	7	0.790		
Lao PDR	52	0.713		
Singapore	54	0.711		
Thailand	60	0.706		
Viet Nam	83	0.687		
Brunei	88	0.684		
Indonesia	92	0.681		
Cambodia	109	0.662		
Malaysia	111	0.655		

Note: *2015 Rank out of 145 countries
 Source: <http://reports.weforum.org/global-gender-gap-report-2015/>



NEGARA-NEGARA AHLI TPPA



PENDIRIAN KERAJAAN DI DALAM RUNDINGAN

Penyertaan Malaysia dalam rundingan TPPA adalah **ATAS PILIHAN DAN TERMA SENDIRI**, tanpa paksaan dari mana-mana pihak. Pertimbangan utama ialah kepentingan Negara dan dasar-dasar Kerajaan.



PERTIMBANGAN

Kerajaan sedar TPPA ada kelebihan dan kekurangannya. Bagaimanapun berdasarkan penilaian, Kerajaan melihat Negara akan memperoleh lebih banyak faedah jika menyertai TPPA. Antaranya,



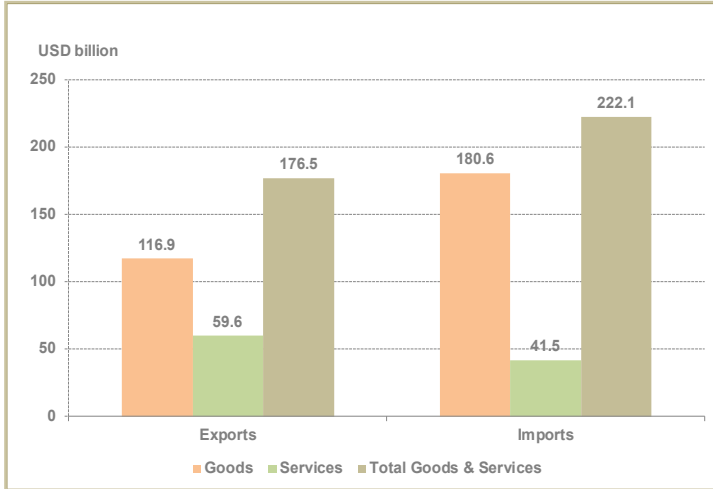
Buku kecil TPPA di dalam versi PDF boleh di muat turun melalui pautan
http://fta.miti.gov.my/miti-fta/resources/MITI_TPPA.pdf

International Report

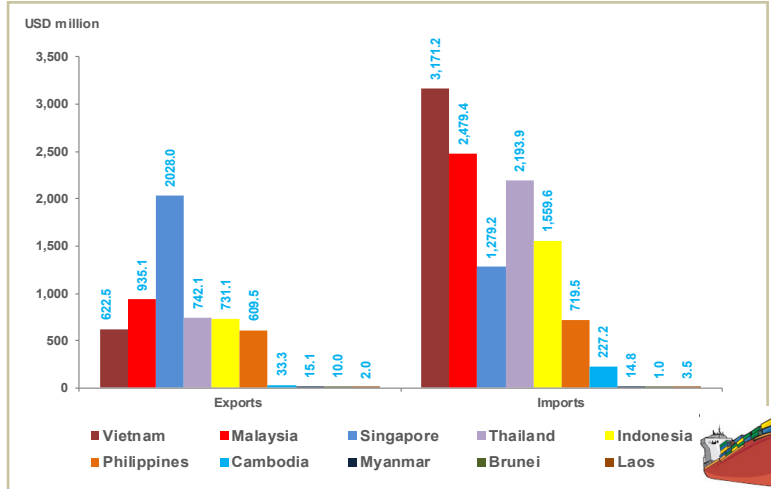


U.S. Trade Performance for January 2016

Goods And Services Trade, January 2016



U.S. Trade in Goods with ASEAN, January 2016



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Cuba

Population: 11.2 million (2015)

Area : 106,440 (2015)



Trade (2014)
Exports : USD5,187 million
Imports: USD13,114 million



Economic Growth: 4.0%
(2015)



Inflation (CPI): 4.4%
(2015)

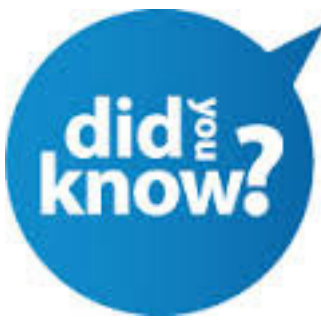


GDP per Capita: USD11,950
(2014)



Unemployment Rate: 3.0%
(2015)

Sources: <http://www.cubanews.acn.cu/economy/4317-raul-describes-as-positive-4-economic-growth-in-2015>,
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cu.html> and <http://stat.wto.org/CountryProfile/WSDBCountryPFView.aspx?Language=E&Country=CU>



The World's 10 Happiest Countries

The World Happiness Report is a landmark survey of the state of global happiness . The report also attempts to attribute the differences in rankings to differences in six variables: GDP per capita, life expectancy, social support systems, trust in government and business, perceived freedom, and generosity.

The best possible life is 10 and the worst possible life is 0

1. Denmark (7.526)
2. Switzerland (7.509)
3. Iceland (7.501)
4. Norway (7.498)
5. Finland (7.413)
6. Canada (7.404)
7. Netherlands (7.339)
8. New Zealand (7.334)
9. Australia (7.313)
10. Sweden (7.291)



Denmark



Switzerland



Iceland

Norway



Finland



Canada



Netherlands



New Zealand



Australia



Sweden

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

Number of Certificates (Provisional data)

	24 Jan 2016	31 Jan 2016	7 Feb 2016	14 Feb 2016	21 Feb 2016	28 Feb 2016	6 Mar 2016	13 Mar 2016
AANZFTA	817	825	824	412	793	689	800	755
AIFTA	626	676	693	412	599	642	588	673
AJCEP	208	229	222	74	160	183	212	201
ATIGA	4,368	3,645	4,199	2,079	3,612	4,642	5,227	4,551
ACFTA	1,136	867	1,304	720	1,647	1,702	1,647	1,598
AKFTA	861	959	929	482	828	994	921	838
MICECA	289	311	368	178	350	286	308	384
MNZFTA	7	3	14	3	7	1	16	0
MCFTA	36	69	48	34	69	54	71	33
MAFTA	489	370	438	179	393	301	489	461
MJEPA	758	888	859	479	892	831	989	766
MPCEPA	167	151	170	94	137	104	150	156
GSP	100	130	133	63	142	109	149	129
MTFTA	148	187	172	103	258	195	259	196

Notes: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan 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)

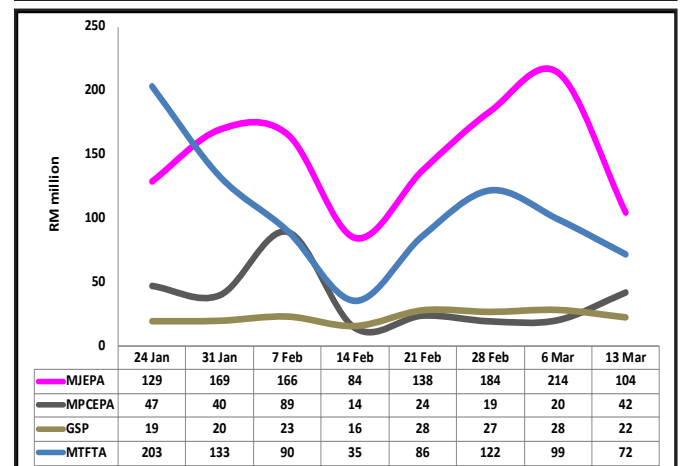
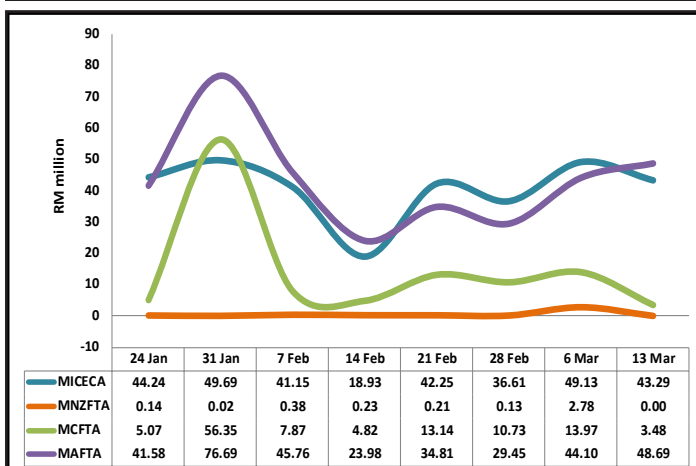
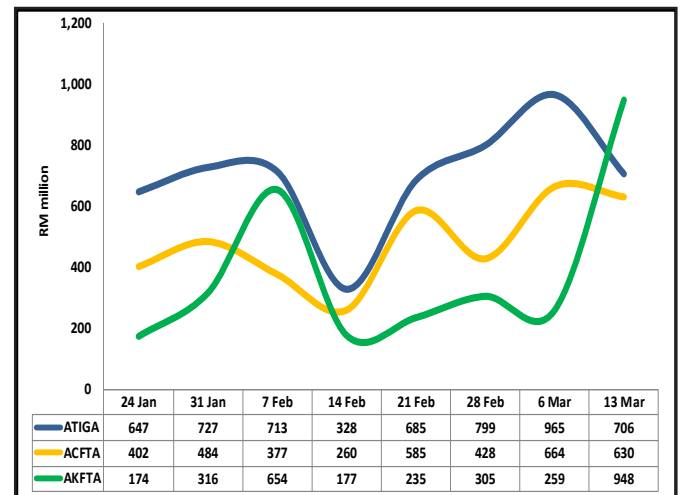
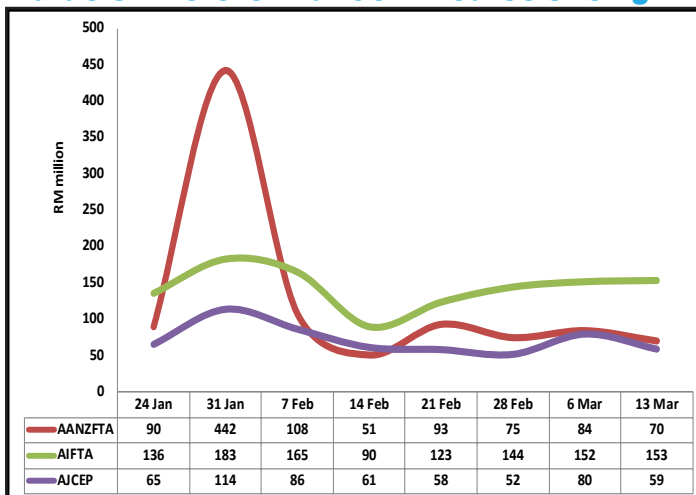


MAFTA: Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2013)



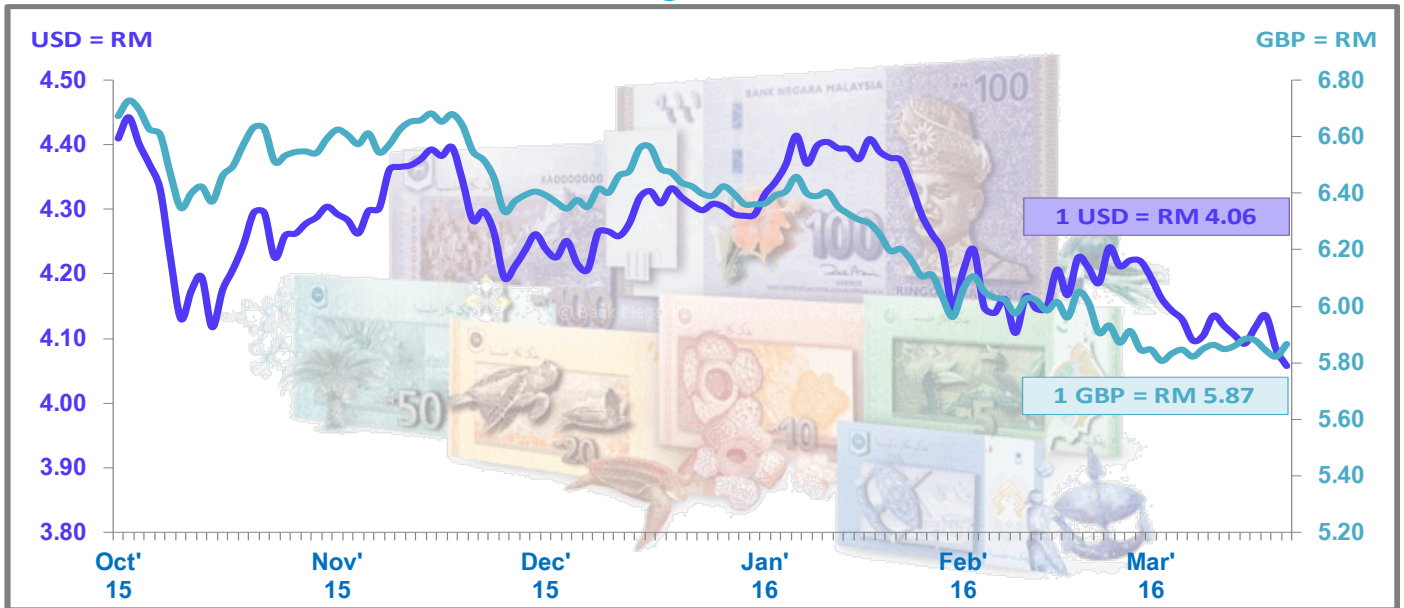
MTFTA: Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 August 2015)

Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin



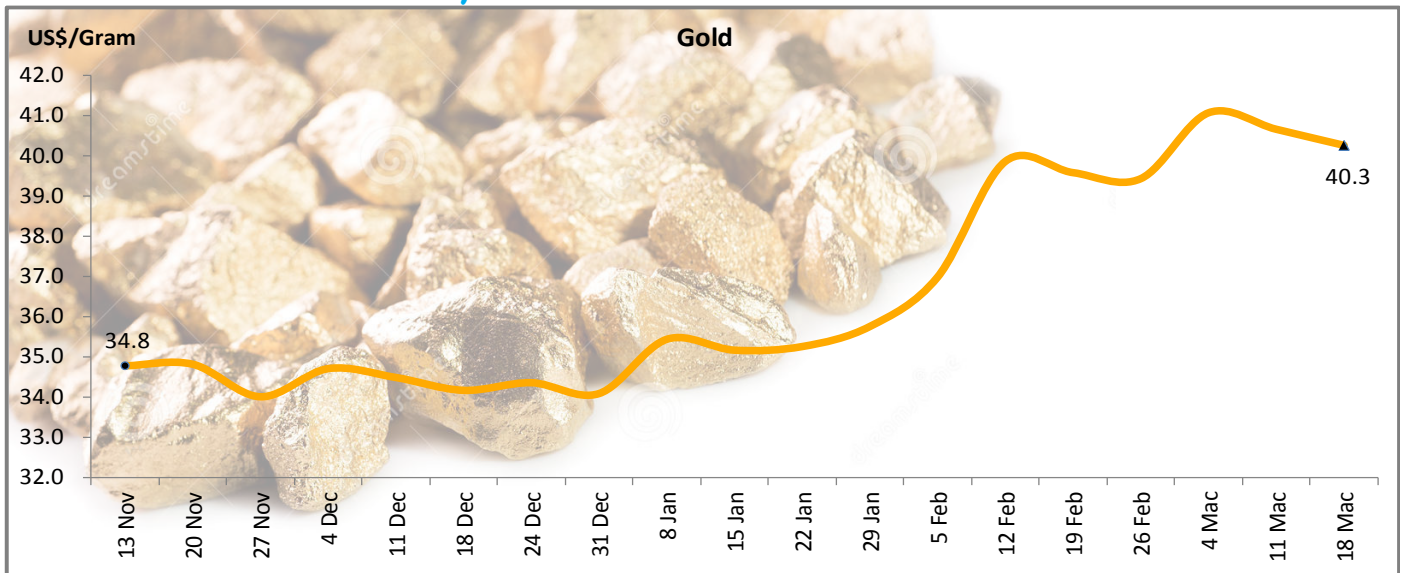
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with US Dollar and Pound Sterling, 1 October 2015 - 18 March 2016



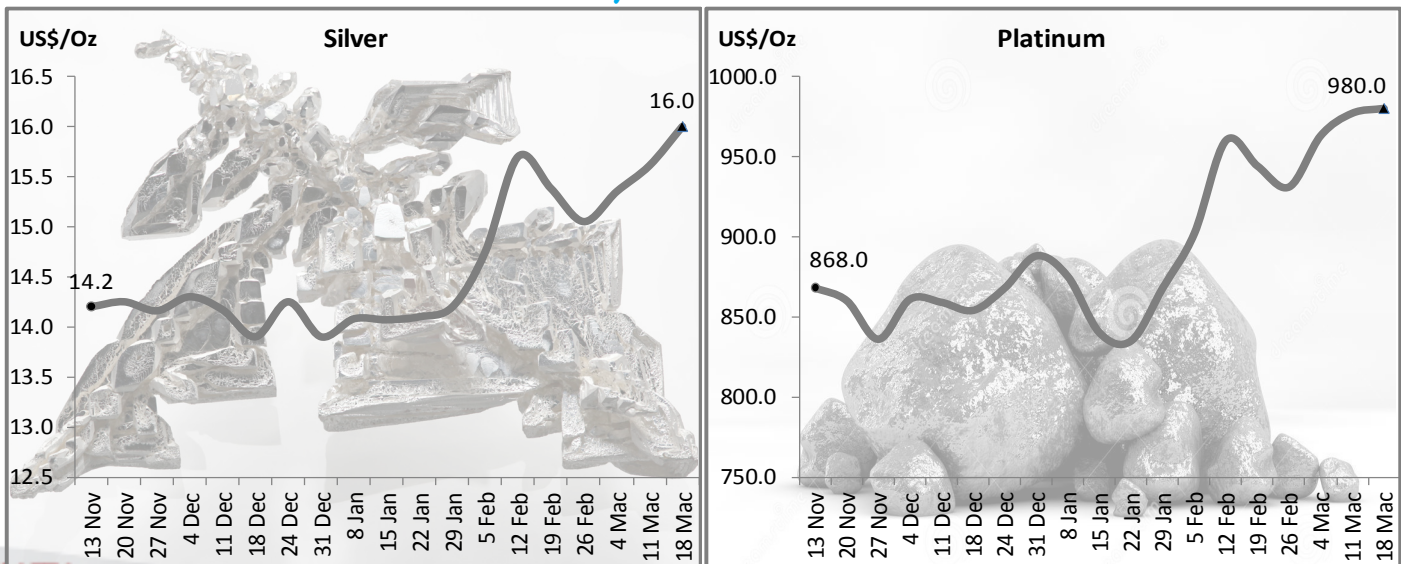
Source : Bank Negara, Malaysia

Gold Prices, 13 November 2015 - 18 March 2016



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

Silver and Platinum Prices, 13 November 2015 - 18 March 2016



http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2_3023-cashprices.html?mod=topnav_2_3023

Commodity Prices



Commodity	Crude Petroleum (Brent) (per bbl)	Crude Palm Oil (per MT)	Sugar (per lbs.)	Rubber SMR 20 (per MT)	Cocoa SMC 2 (per MT)	Coal (per MT)	Scrap Iron HMS (per MT)
18 Mar 2016 (US\$)	41.2	667.0	16.0	1,337.5	2,135.0	48.0	220 (high) 190 (low)
% change*	↑ 2.0	↑ 2.1	↑ 5.6	↑ 5.9	↑ 2.0	↓ 0.1	Unchanged Unchanged
2015 ⁱ	36.9 - 66.8	616.9	13.2	1,364.3	2,077.0	49.9	239.6
2014 ⁱ	59.5 - 114.8	823.3	16.6	1,718.3	2,615.8	59.8	370.0

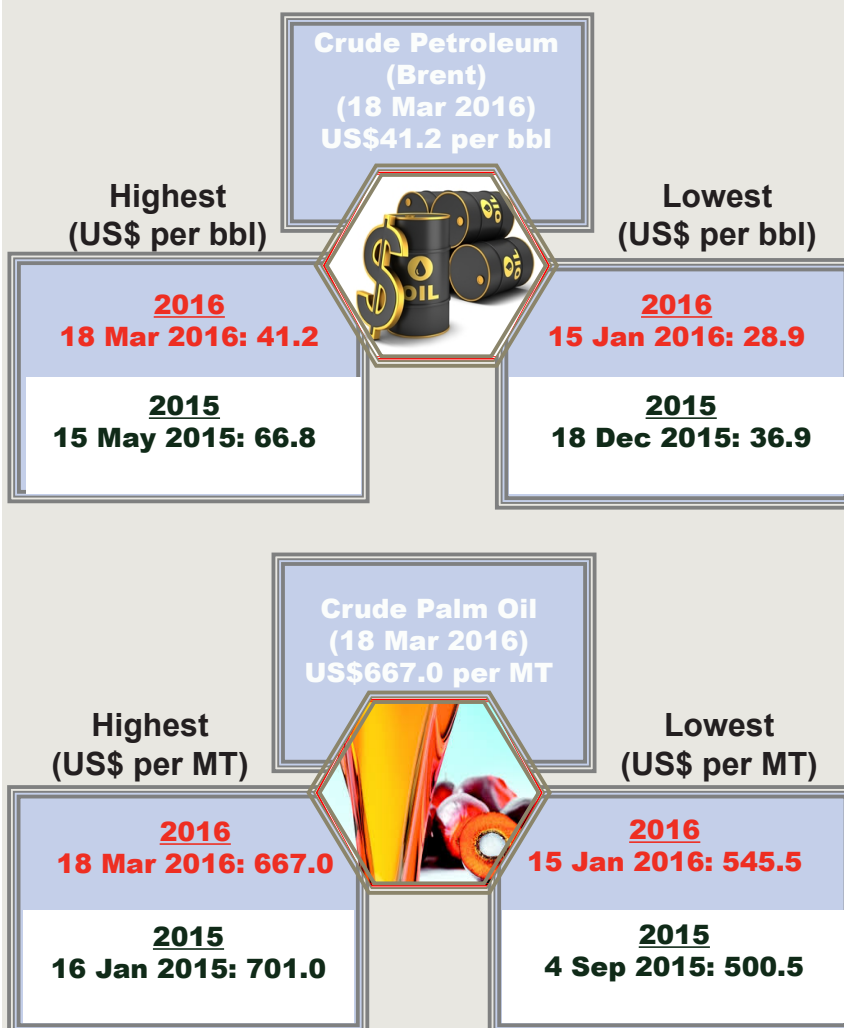
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

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

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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Highest and Lowest Prices, 2015/2016

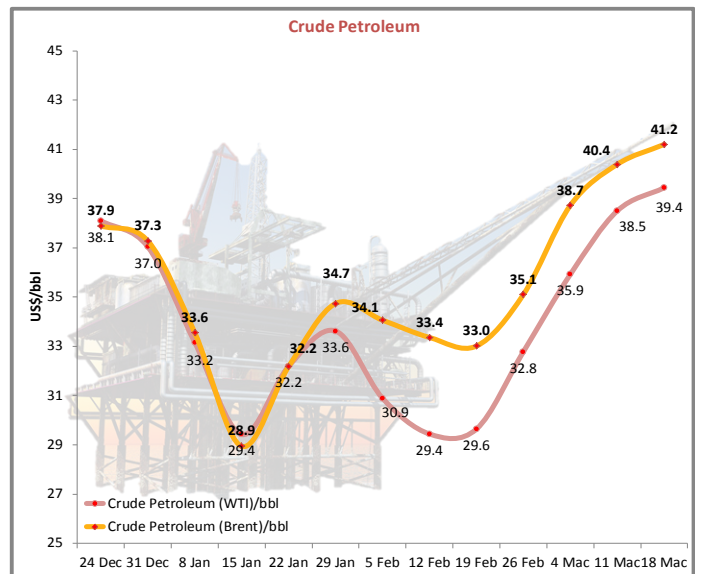
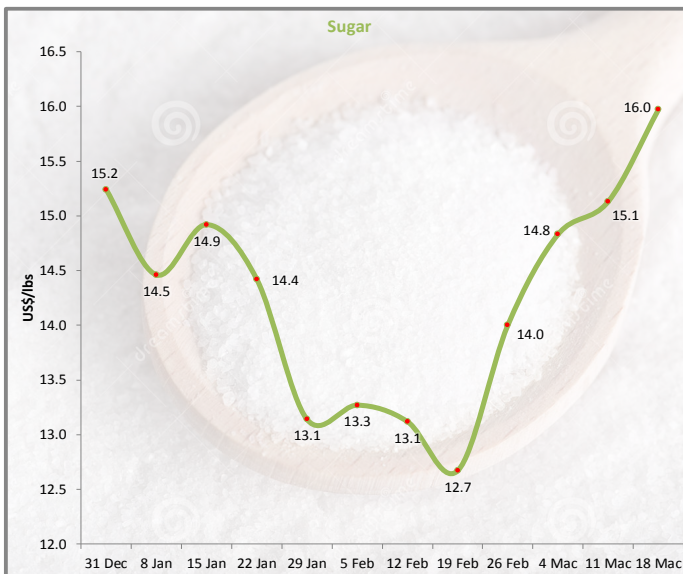
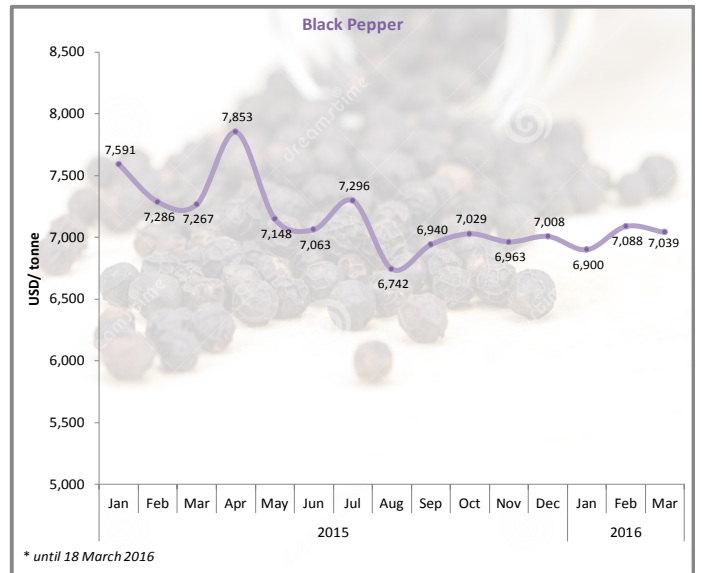
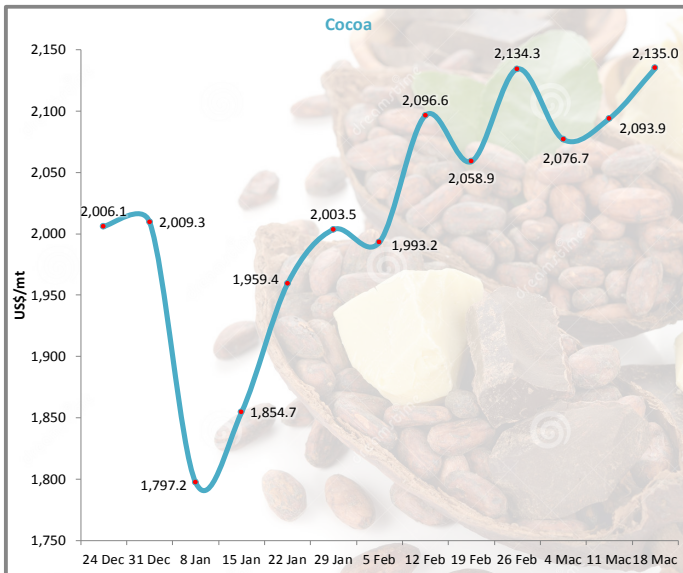
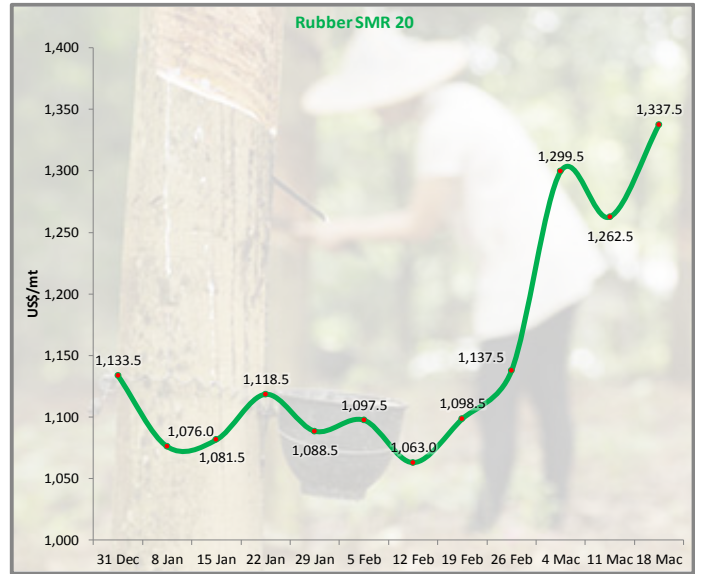
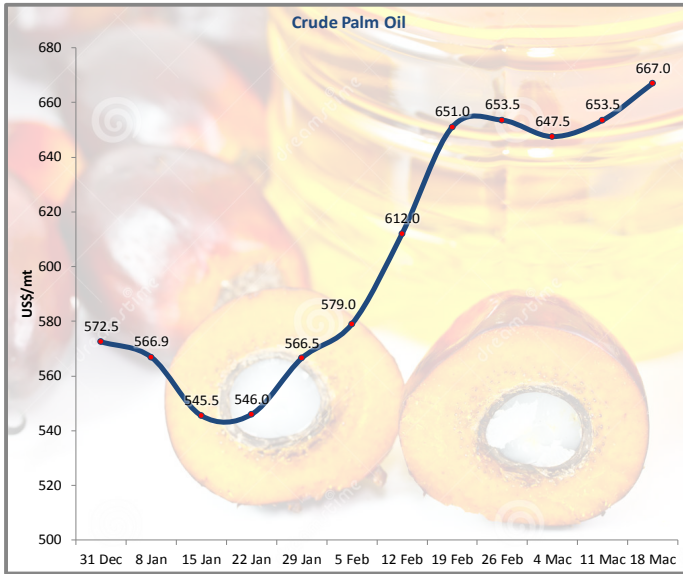


Average Domestic Prices, 21 Mar 2016



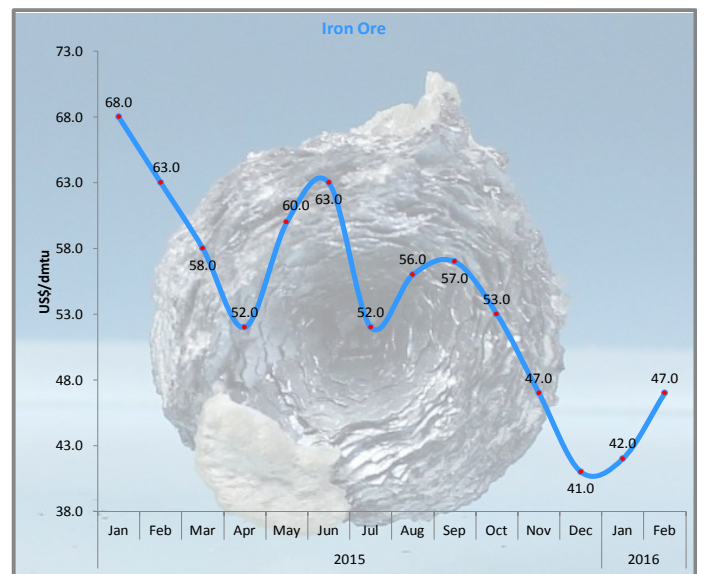
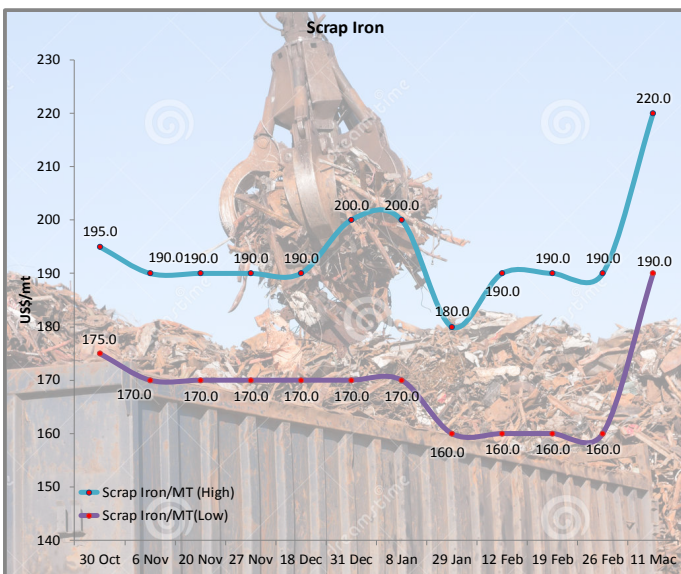
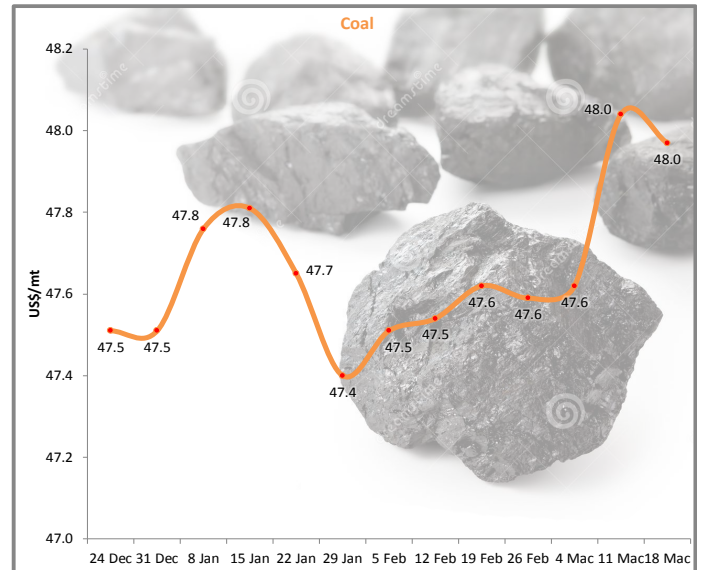
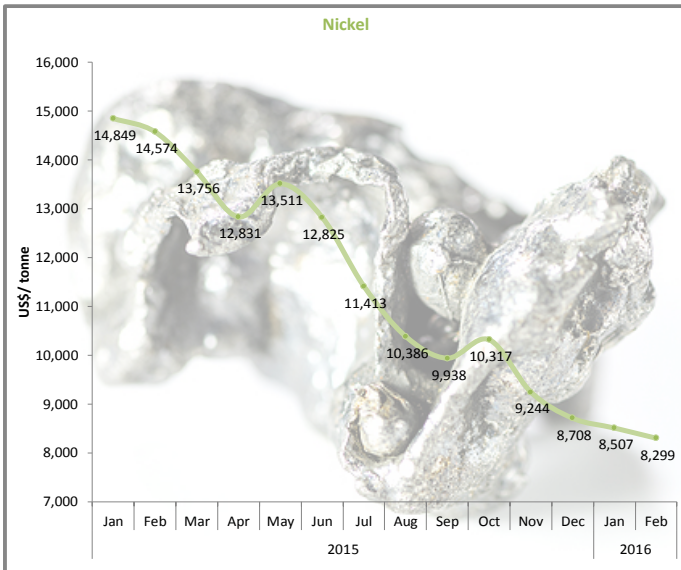
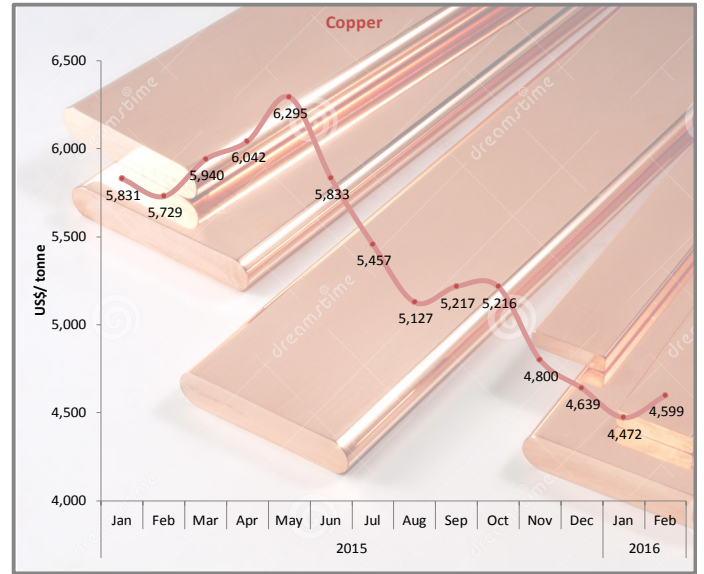
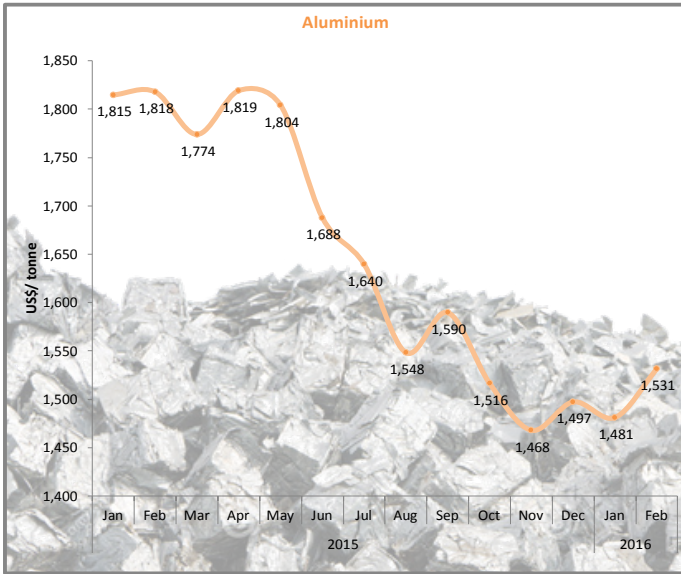
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Commodity Price Trends



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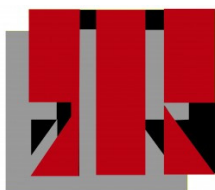
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RINTIZ REZKY (M) SDN. BHD.

Mazlan and Normah met and fell in love in their hometown of historic Malacca, and had beautiful memories of their early days walking on the banks of the Malacca River. This is the story of how the couple went out into the world seeking to build a successful life together only to end up making it big in the place where they truly belong.

Mazlan is a civil engineering graduate from the USA and built up a solid reputation while working with some large companies including the Renong Group. Normah has a background in accountancy and started her career in a construction company where she quickly learned valuable lessons in entrepreneurship. Both took home a comfortable amount of money every month, but felt that they could do better. In 1997, they decided to resign from their jobs and start their own business. Having seen others achieve success and enjoy a good life by going into business, they had high hopes for themselves as well.

They took out loans to purchase tipper trucks which they hoped to rent to construction companies. Here was where they encountered their first setback - they chose an industry in which they had no experience. Although it was still in the construction industry, they had no idea of the ins and outs of the tipper truck business. To further compound the problem, it was the year of the infamous '97 economic crisis. Businesses were closing and going bankrupt all around them. They were left with no income and were facing loan repayments.

Money soon ran out. They could not afford to have proper meals, they were even having problems buying formula milk for their baby. Their car was on the verge of being repossessed. It was truly a dark time for them. At this stage, they had no choice but to hang on and hope for better days. They displayed the classic trait of entrepreneurs by going around looking for job or business opportunities. Their diligence and perseverance gave them a fighting chance to make it through the crisis.

Light emerged at the end of the dark period when a former colleague of Mazlan's opened the opportunity for them to get a highway maintenance contract. They quickly grabbed the chance and worked hard to fulfill their responsibilities. Mazlan had to drive his truck to go look for workers, and the couple adopted a hands-on approach to make sure they delivered their work well. Having finally got a foothold, things started to get even better when they managed to secure a contract to build a school. Soon after that, they received another job, this time to build a hostel. They had finally turned the corner. As 2008 came around, they found that they were suddenly amongst the select few who survived the crisis of '97, and there was now a shortage of construction companies to vie for the government jobs that was their staple business. They were suddenly handling three or four projects simultaneously.

It was during this time that they decided to return to their hometown. It was a place they cherished and loved, and more importantly, it was a place where they had many friends and acquaintances. It was a place that they felt confident in doing well. So in 2000 they took their business back to Malacca. They hit the ground running and were able to get a number of high profile jobs in the state. They were offered the opportunity to take over the lease of an old warehouse building by the Malacca River, which was located right in the middle of the state's major tourism area. But they needed a substantial amount of money to do so.

This was where the forethought of Normah paid dividends. From the early days when they started their business, Normah had always recognised that SME Bank was going to play a role in their story one day. She signed up for workshops and courses and got to know the Bank well. When the time came to look for financing assistance, she went to SME Bank and easily got the financing that was required, in this case an amount of RM1.3 million to get the lease of the warehouse. Today, the old warehouse has been replaced by a beautiful 3-star hotel overlooking the Malacca River.

Their business acumen led them towards a diversified approach which they hope will insulate them from the uncertainties of the economic environment. Besides their construction business and hotel, they built a cooking-oil packaging factory, a trendy western style restaurant, and they are even branching out into the plantation business. From a struggling beginning they now employ many dozens of talented people to manage and operate their many businesses, all the while driving the local economy of their beloved hometown. Mazlan and Normah now enjoy their hard-earned success, and look forward to a day when their children continue on this entrepreneurial journey that they started.

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Announcement

MITI Weekly Bulletin (MWB) Mobile Apps

MITI MWB APPS is now available for IOS, Android and Windows platforms and is ready for download from the Gallery of Malaysian Government Mobile APPS (GAMMA). MWB APPS can be downloaded by following a simple step-by-step guideline as provided below:

How to download?

Download GAMMA Apps through Google Play Store or App store.

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Search for MWB APPS icon and install.

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