

MEDIA RELEASE



SIGNING OF THE LETTER OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND THE US FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APEC TEL MRA

Malaysia and the United States have formally concluded negotiations regarding certification of locally made radio frequency equipment exported to the United States, through the signing of the letters of exchange on 28 June 2016 by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on the adoption and implementation of the APEC TEL MRA.

Malaysia is the third country in ASEAN, after Singapore and Viet Nam, to adopt the Conformity Assessment of Telecommunication Equipment, Phase 1 (APEC TEL MRA), International Trade and Industry Minister YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed said.

"The conclusion of these negotiations is vital to facilitate exports of Malaysia's telecommunications equipment to the United States market. The Government is committed to ensure that exports of our radio frequency equipment to the US, valued at RM11.4 million in 2015 and accounted for 22.7% or RM41.1 billion of global exports in the same year, are not disrupted by the new ruling in the US," YB Dato' Sri Mustapa said.

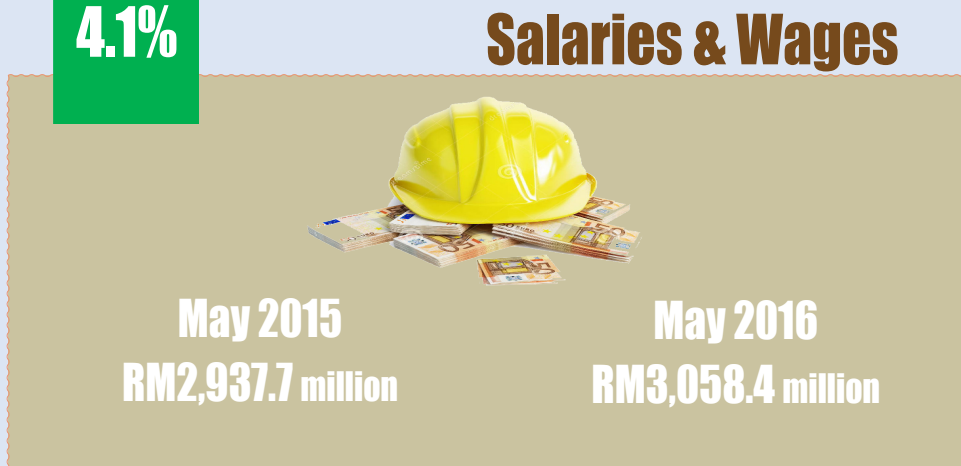
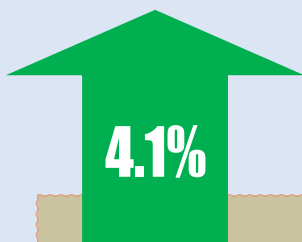
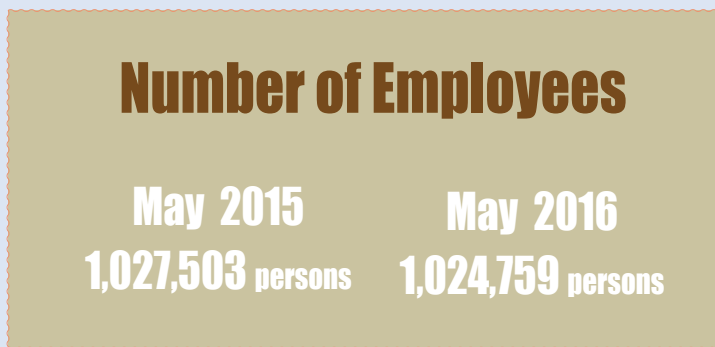
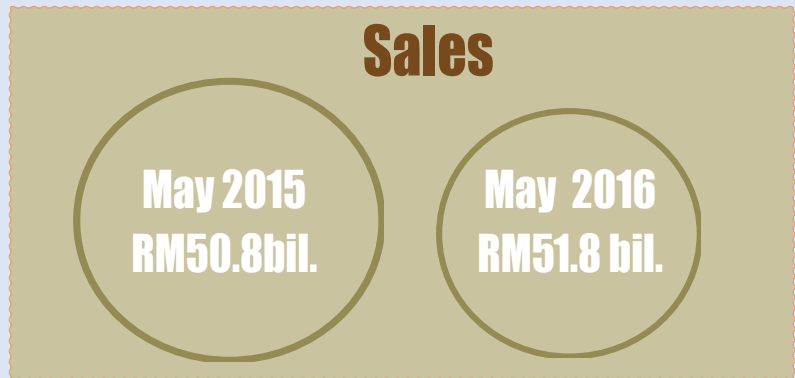
This initiative is pursuant to a new ruling introduced by the United States Federal Communications Commission (US FCC) whereby labs and telecommunication-certified bodies outside the United States must be accredited and designated by the USFCC under the terms of an MRA. The ruling came into force on July 13, 2015, with an original one-year grace period until 13 July 2016. However, on 21 June 2016, the United States decided to extend the grace period by another year to 13 July 2017 to give industries more time to adjust and to avoid any potential disruption of the distribution and sale of radio frequency equipment.

YB Dato' Sri Mustapa urged local labs that are currently listed with the US FCC to contact MCMC and Standards Malaysia to apply for the Accreditation Process for Testing Laboratory under the MRA.

Ministry of International Trade & Industry, Malaysia
July 2016

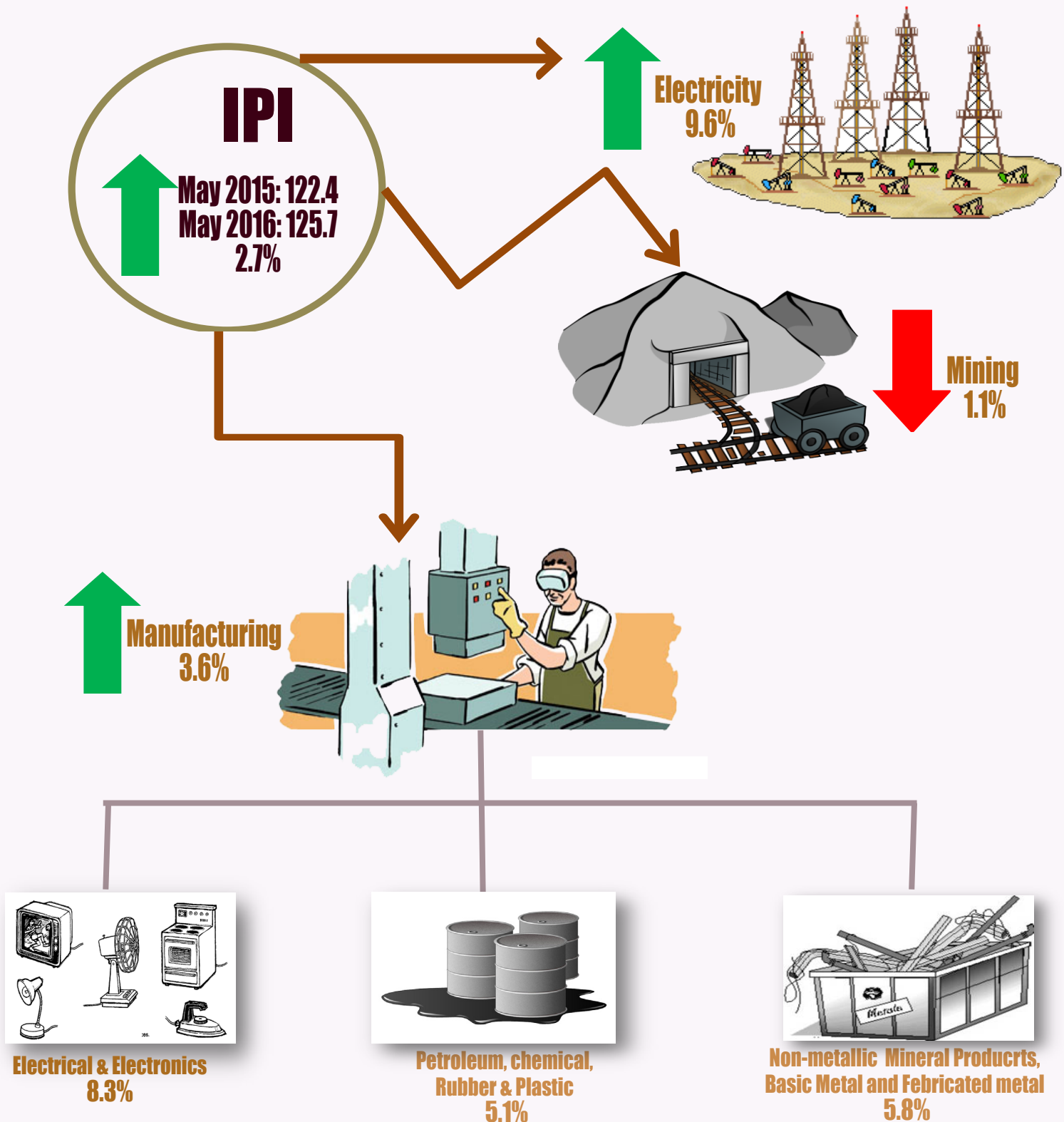
Malaysia

Manufacturing Performance, May 2016



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Industrial Production Index (IPI), May 2016



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia



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ASEAN Trade by Major Partner Country/Region 2015^P

Trade Partner Country/Region	Value of trade US\$ million			Share to Total (%)
	Exports from ASEAN	Imports by ASEAN	Total trade	Total trade
ASEAN	306,086.45	239,324.60	545,411.05	24.0
PRC	133,981.81	212,392.70	346,374.50	15.2
Japan	114,869.92	124,503.66	239,373.58	10.5
EU-28	127,916.55	100,244.38	228,160.93	10.0
USA	129,468.84	83,348.69	212,817.53	9.3
ROK	46,310.90	76,564.16	122,875.06	5.4
Taiwan	33,435.69	61,334.66	94,770.35	4.2
Hong Kong	77,270.13	14,263.32	91,533.45	4.0
India	39,240.58	19,500.95	58,741.53	2.6
Australia	33,029.29	18,772.09	51,801.37	2.3
United Arab Emirates	19,282.86	21,503.58	40,786.44	1.8
ASEAN Total	1,185,235.2	1,091,204.7	2,276,440.0	100

Note: P- preliminary data

Source: ASEAN Merchandise Trade Statistics Database (compiled/computed from data submission, publications and/or websites of ASEAN Member States' national



NEGARA-NEGARA AHLI TPPA



KERAJAAN KOMITED UNTUK MEMASTIKAN AGAR DASAR-DASAR UTAMA NEGARA TERMASUK KESUCIAN AGAMA ISLAM DAN HAK BUMIPUTERA TERPELIHARA.

Kedudukan Islam sebagai Agama Persekutuan terkandung dalam Perkara Tiga Perlembagaan Persekutuan dan ianya akan kekal terpelihara. Kerajaan tidak akan sama sekali membenarkan sebarang FTA menjejaskan perkara ini.

Terdapat kebimbangan penyertaan Malaysia ke dalam TPPA akan menggugat peraturan-peraturan berlandaskan Agama Islam. Antara dakwaan tersebut ialah Kerajaan akan disaman oleh pelabur-pelabur asing jika melaksanakan peraturan-peraturan seperti;

- (i) Pengasingan produk halal dan haram.
- (ii) Larangan kunjungan umat Islam ke premis perniagaan yang menjalankan aktiviti yang haram untuk mereka.
- (iii) Cuti umum pada hari Jumaat.
- (iv) Peraturan larangan sesetengah bentuk perniagaan pada waktu-waktu dan bulan tertentu.

Sebenarnya tidak ada asas kepada kebimbangan ini. TPPA tidak akan menghalang Malaysia daripada terus menguatkuasakan syarat-syarat halal ke atas pengimportan produk makanan. Syarat halal telah diiktiraf sebagai bukan satu bentuk halangan

- (i) 30 peratus daripada nilai kontrak kerja yang dibuka untuk penyertaan kontraktor dari negara-negara ahli TPPA dikhaskan untuk kontraktor Bumiputera.
- (ii) Keutamaan harga kepada pembekal dan pembuat Bumiputera dalam perolehan bekalan dan perkhidmatan dikekalkan.
- (iii) Had nilai perolehan dan tempoh peralihan yang panjang bagi perolehan kerajaan. Ini bermakna perolehan bekalan, perkhidmatan dan perkhidmatan pembinaan di bawah had nilai perolehan yang ditetapkan boleh dihadkan kepada syarikat tempatan sahaja.

Dalam sektor pasar raya *hyper* (*hypermarket*), syarat pegangan ekuiti Bumiputera sebanyak 30 peratus; pemasaran dan jualan, 30 peratus produk Bumiputera atas rak dan lantikan pengarah Bumiputera masih dikekalkan seperti mana dasar yang sedia ada.

Bagi sektor minyak dan gas pula, PETRONAS boleh memberikan keutamaan bagi sekurang-kurangnya 40 peratus daripada jumlah nilai peruntukan perbelanjaan tahunan bagi perolehan kepada pembekal Bumiputera, PKS, Sabah dan Sarawak.

Perolehan kerajaan yang dilaksanakan oleh pihak-pihak berikut pula dikecualikan daripada obligasi perolehan kerajaan di bawah TPPA:

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DASAR KERAJAAN ISLAM & BUMIPUTERA

perdagangan. Perkara ini telah dipersetujui oleh negara-negara lain dan sehubungan itu dikecualikan daripada disiplin TPPA.

ISU BERHUBUNG PENYERTAAN BUMIPUTERA DI DALAM SEKTOR EKONOMI TURUT MENIMBULKAN KEBIMBANGAN KERANA TPPA AKAN MEMBUKA PELUANG KEPADA PELABUR ASING MENYERTA PEROLEHAN KERAJAAN.

Berhubung dengan agenda pembangunan Bumiputera, bagi menjamin penyertaan Bumiputera di dalam sektor ekonomi tidak terjejas, Malaysia telah berjaya merundingkan kelonggaran dan pengecualian dalam beberapa bab melalui pelbagai mekanisme.

Bagi perolehan kerajaan, kelonggaran dan pengecualian seperti berikut telah diberikan,

- (i) Beberapa agensi Persekutuan.
- (ii) Kesemua Kerajaan Negeri dan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan.
- (iii) Hampir semua badan berkanun (kecuali empat yang terletak di bawah MITI).
- (iv) Kesemua Syarikat Hak Milik Kerajaan.

Bagi membantu usahawan Bumiputera termasuk PKS untuk terus bersaing, Kerajaan menyediakan pelbagai bantuan serta latihan untuk meningkatkan keupayaan serta daya saing PKS. Antara program tersebut ialah:

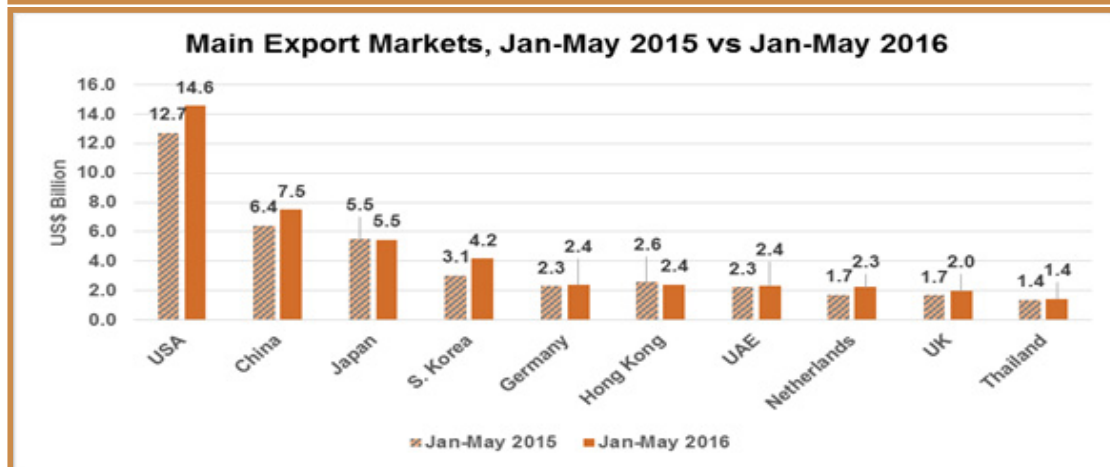
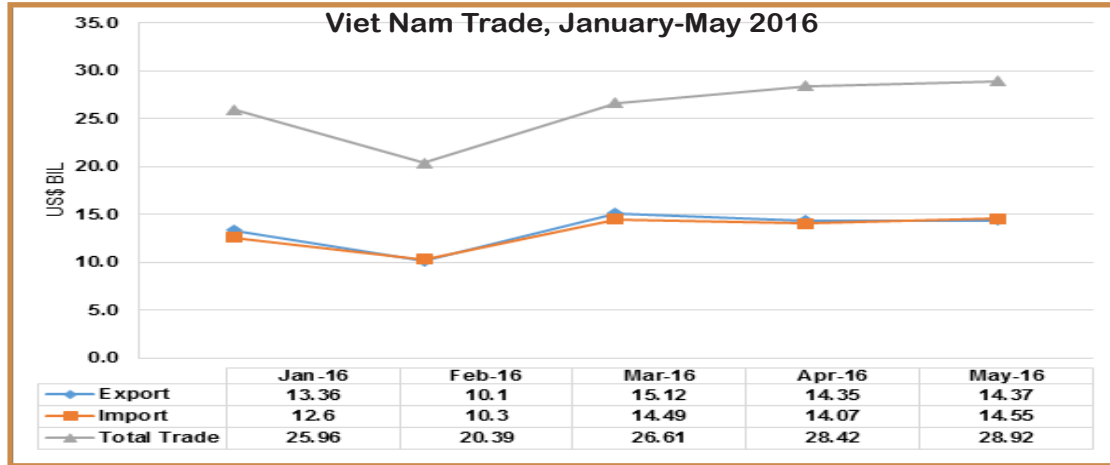
- (i) Pinjaman softloan MIDF, SME Bank.
- (ii) Program Peningkatan Kemahiran oleh SMECorp, INSKEN.
- (iii) SCORE Rating – SME Competitive Rating for Enhancement untuk penilaian kualiti produk tempatan ke pasaran luar.
- (iv) Program Mentor IKS oleh SME Corp.

TPPA JUGA TIDAK MENYEKAT KERAJAAN MEMBERIKAN STATUS BUMIPUTERA KEPADA SYARIKAT-SYARIKAT YANG LAYAK. AGENSI-AGENSI UNTUK AGENDA BUMIPUTERA SEPERTI MARA, TERAJU DAN EKUINAS AKAN KEKAL DAN KERAJAAN BOLEH MELAKSANAKAN DASAR-DASAR BARU UNTUK TERUS MEMPERKASAKAN AGENDA BUMIPUTERA.





Buku kecil TPPA di dalam versi PDF boleh di muat turun melalui pautan

http://fta.miti.gov.my/miti-fta/resources/MITI_TPPA.pdf

Viet Nam Trade Performance



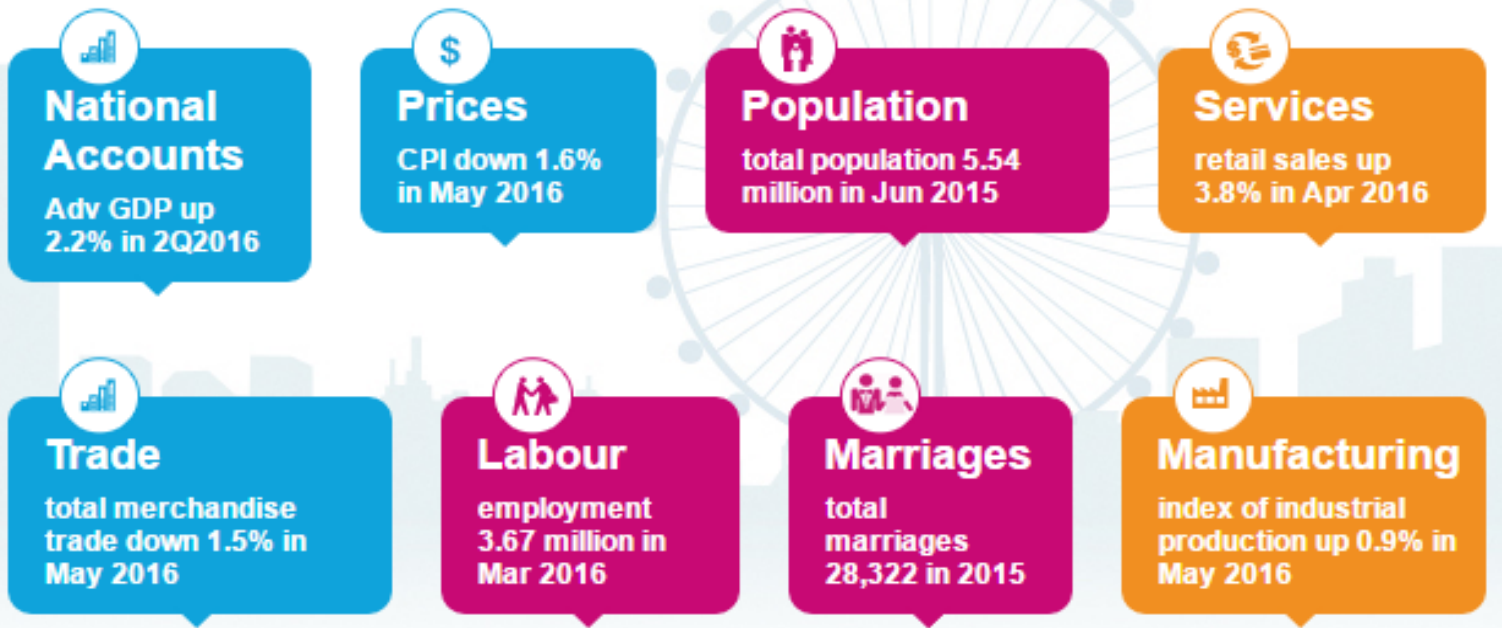
Viet Nam Trade with Malaysia January-May 2016

Indicator	Jan-May 2015 (US\$ Million)	Jan-May 2016 (US\$ Million)	Change (%)
 <p style="text-align: center;">Exports</p>	1,507.7	1,104.6	-26.7
 <p style="text-align: center;">Imports</p>	1,694.9	2,002.0	18.1
 <p style="text-align: center;">Total Trade</p>	3,202.5	3,106.6	-3.0
 <p style="text-align: center;">Balance of Trade</p>	-187.2	-897.4	379.40

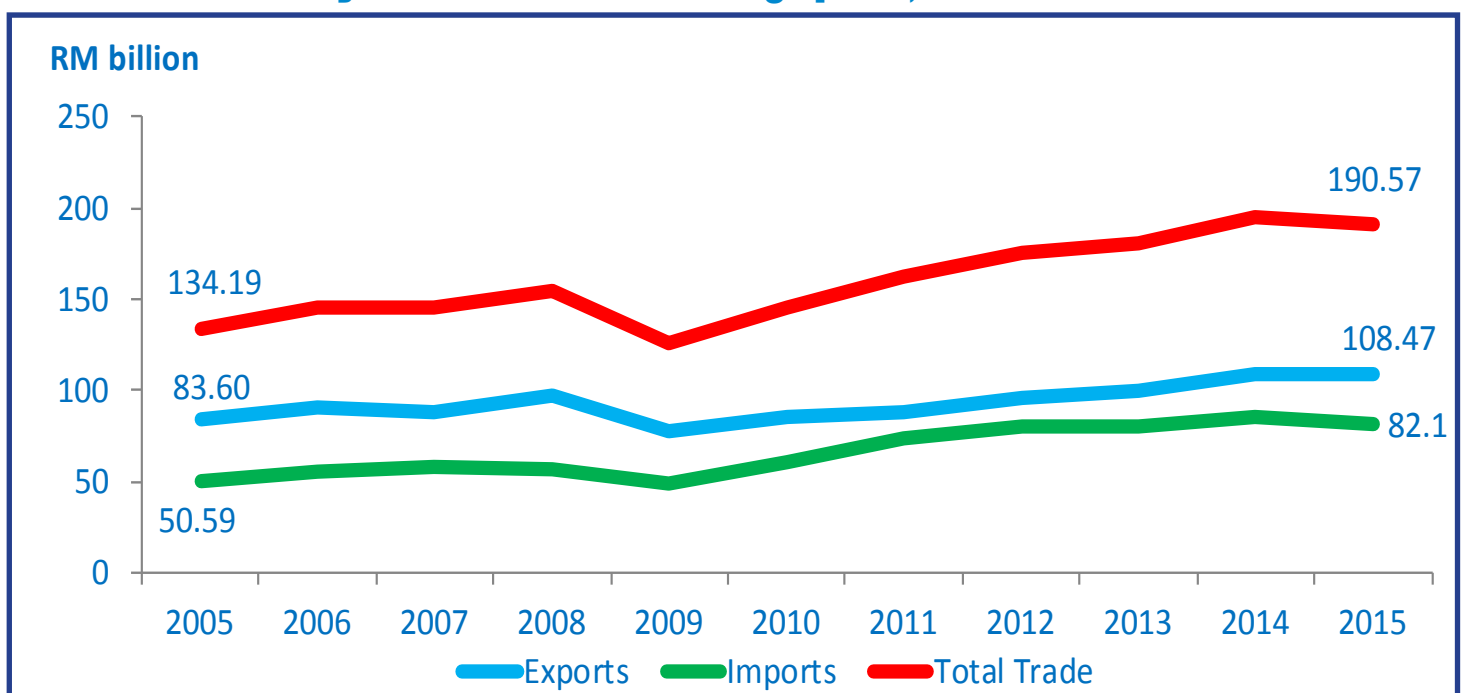
Source: Vietnam Customs



LATEST KEY INDICATORS



Malaysia's Trade with Singapore, 2005 - 2015



Source: <http://www.singstat.gov.sg/>

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

Number of Certificates (Provisional data)

	22 May 2016	29 May 2016	5 Jun 2016	12 Jun 2016	19 Jun 2016	26 Jun 2016	3 Jul 2016	10 Jul 2016
AANZFTA	758	874	684	848	807	722	870	237
AIFTA	709	597	636	795	625	542	656	245
AJCEP	261	216	196	197	207	151	287	70
ATIGA	4,495	4,489	4,932	4,438	4,585	3,981	4,286	1,339
ACFTA	1,478	1,514	1,525	1,491	1,584	1,327	1,610	482
AKFTA	1,284	911	868	945	909	911	951	249
MICECA	384	315	339	300	329	296	344	152
MNZFTA	1	9	9	8	3	8	13	3
MCFTA	58	45	61	56	65	51	52	16
MAFTA	449	423	397	332	394	440	442	147
MJEPA	886	774	876	709	777	834	988	242
MPCEPA	234	137	181	137	185	130	124	27
GSP	142	106	120	116	134	103	147	30
MTFTA	230	198	235	187	247	172	305	112

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)

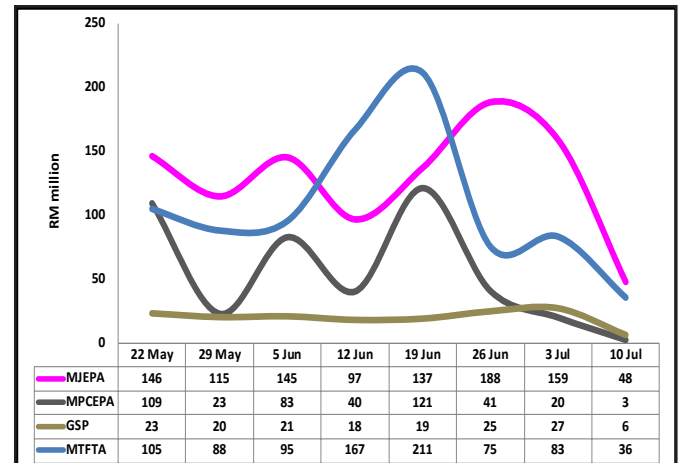
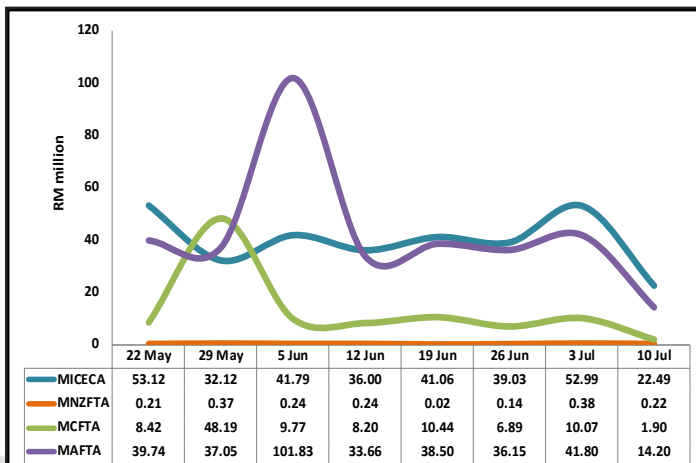
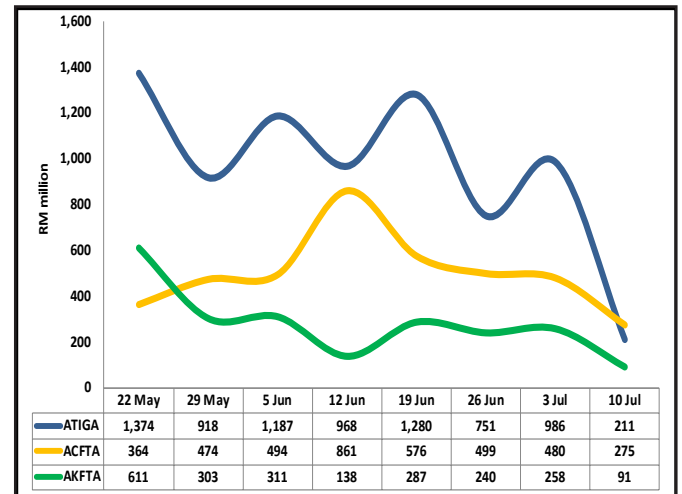
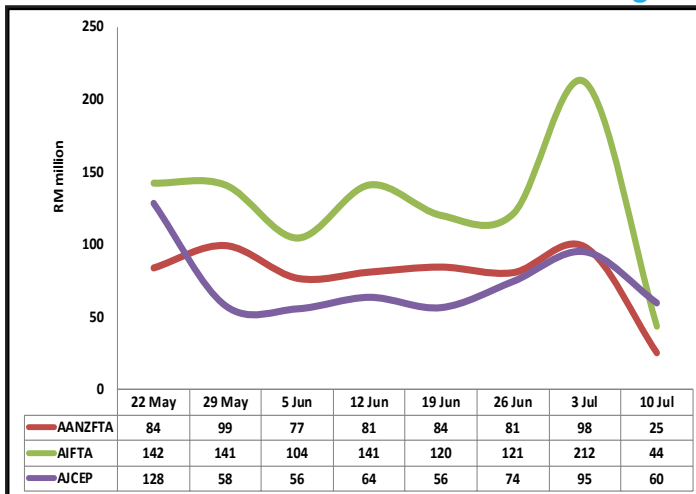


MAFTA: Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2013)



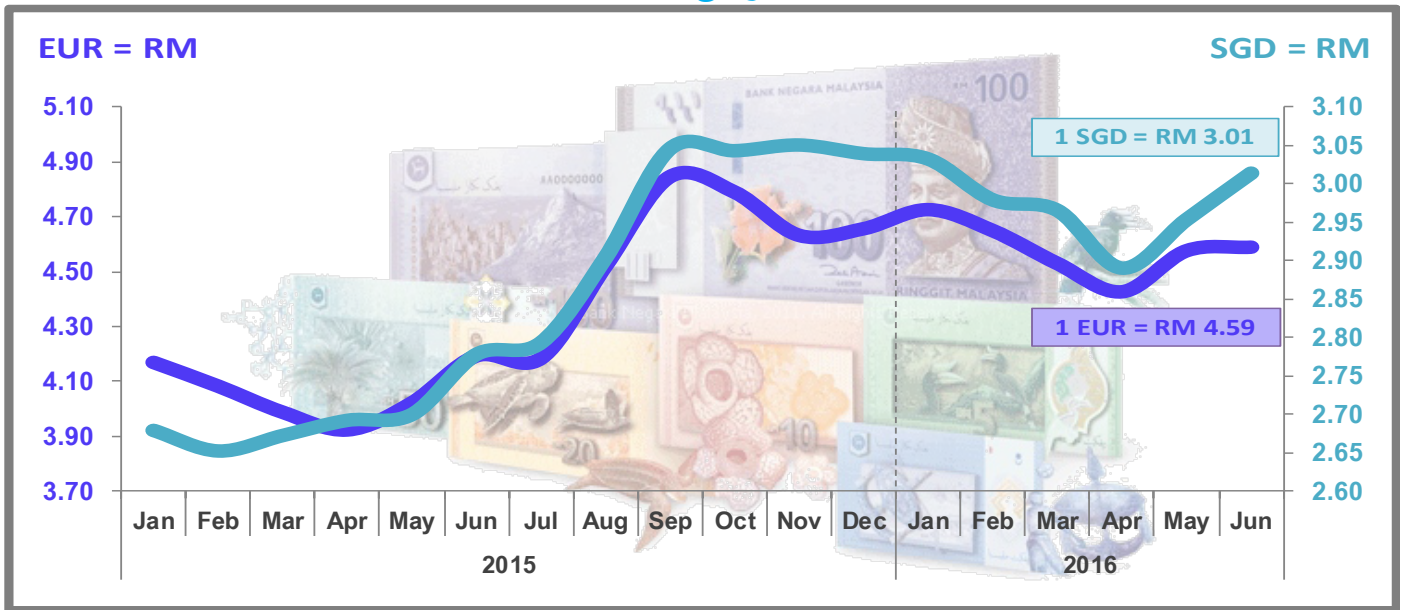
MTFTA: Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 August 2015)

Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin



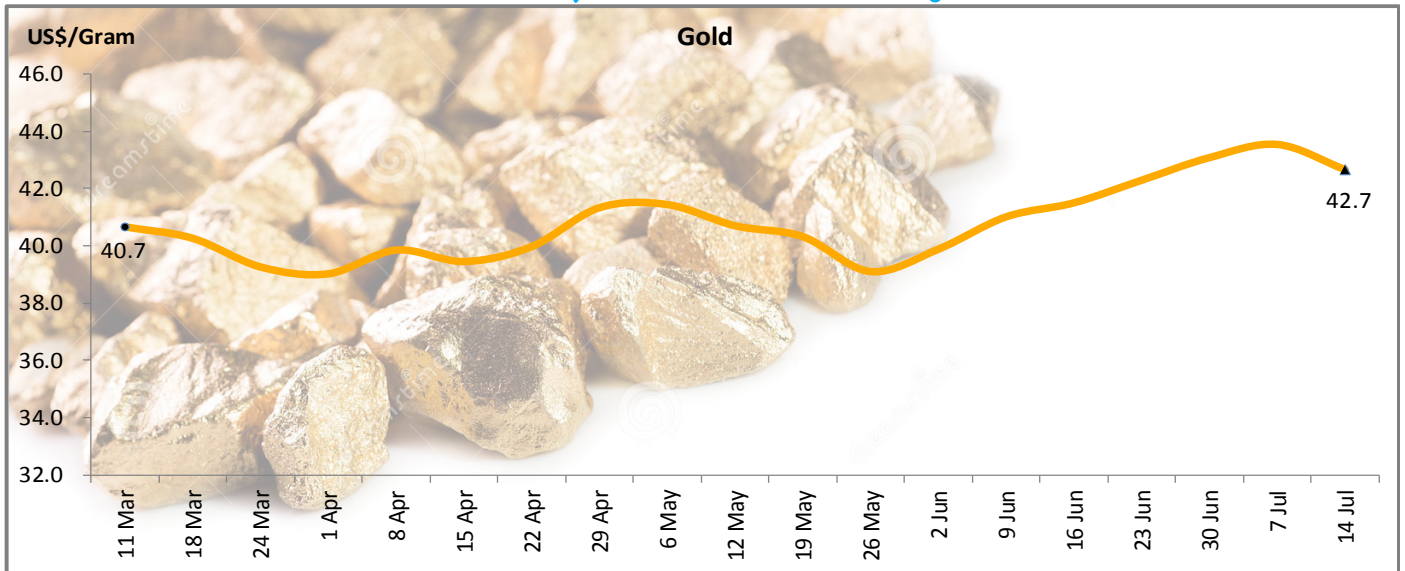
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Euro and Singapore Dollar



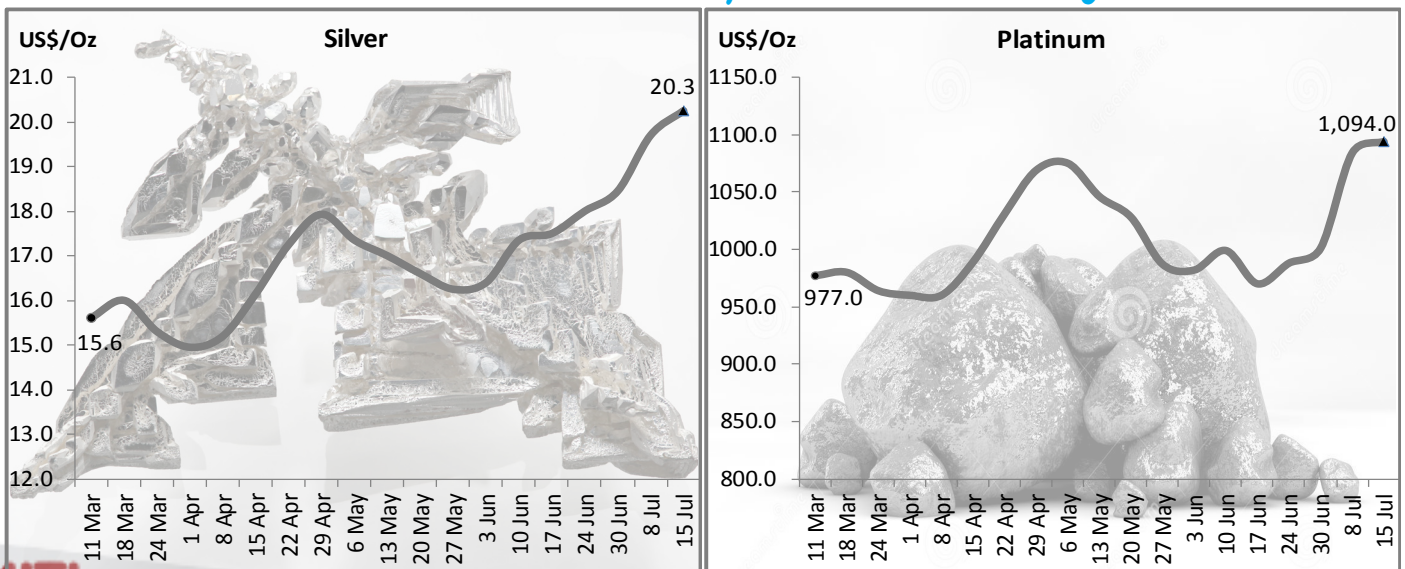
Source : Bank Negara, Malaysia

Gold Prices, 11 March - 14 July 2016



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

Silver and Platinum Prices, 11 March - 15 July 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)
15 July 2016 (US\$)	47.6	655.0	19.3	1,293.5	2,147.3	43.5	200 (high) 180 (low)
% change*	↑ 1.8	↓ 6.4	↓ 5.0	↓ 1.6	↑ 3.4	unchanged	↓ 13.0 ↓ 18.2
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

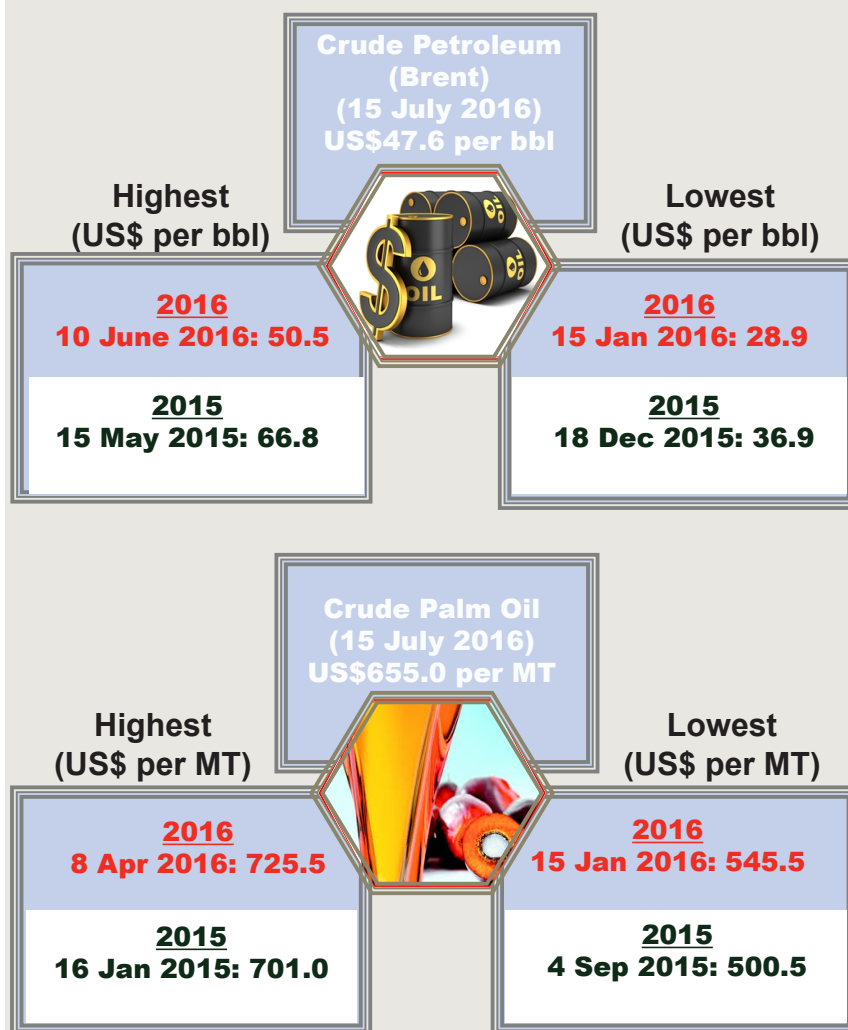
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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Highest and Lowest Prices, 2015/2016

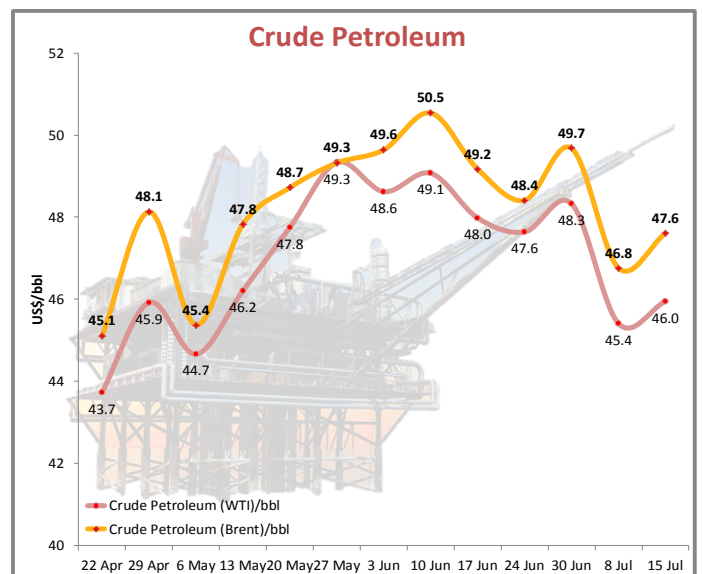
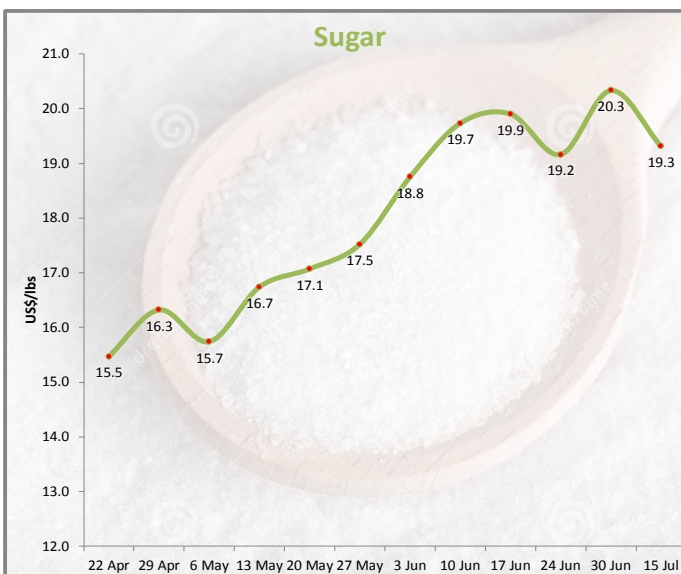
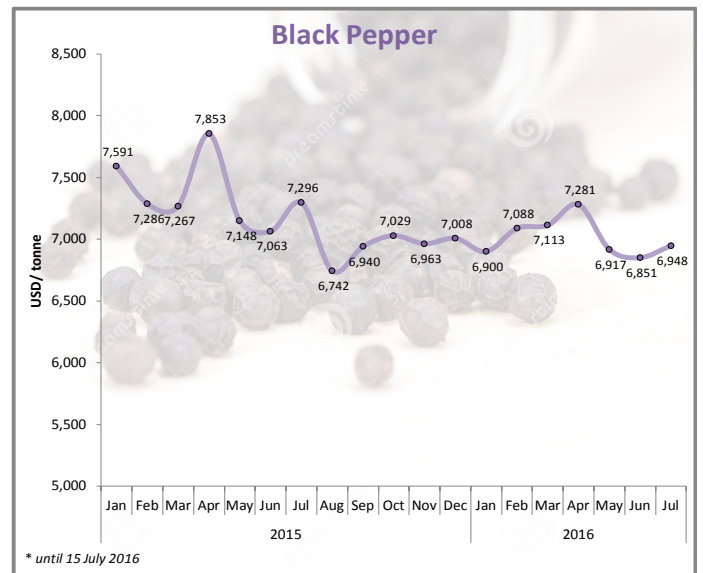
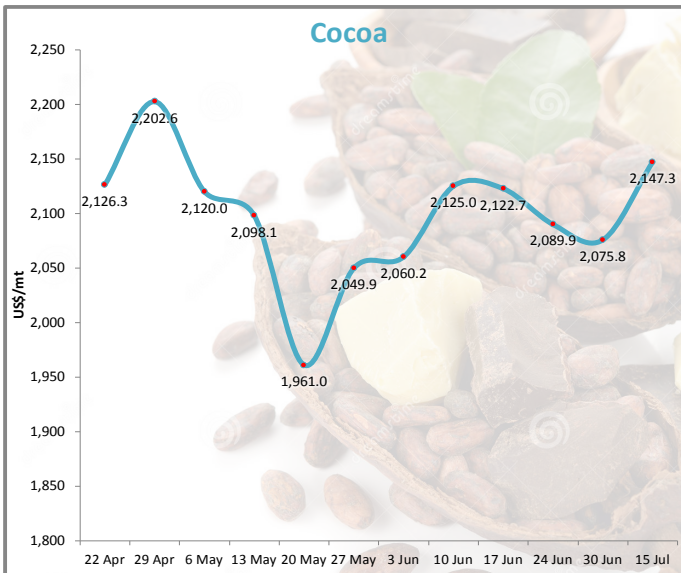
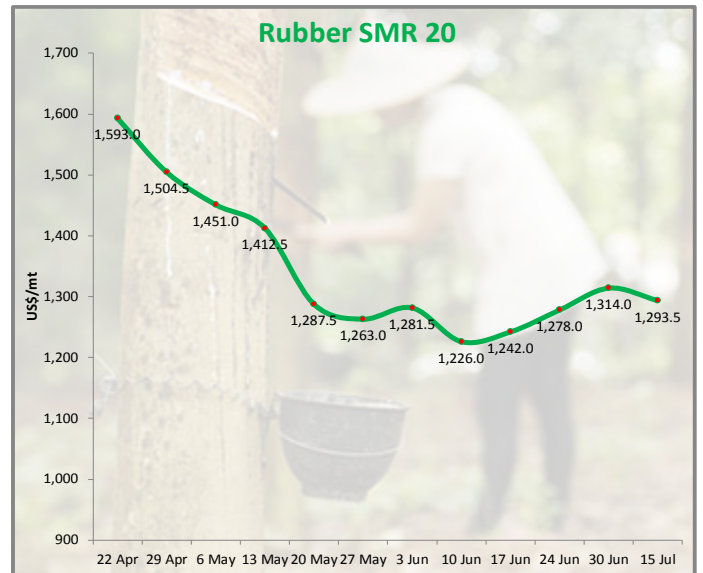
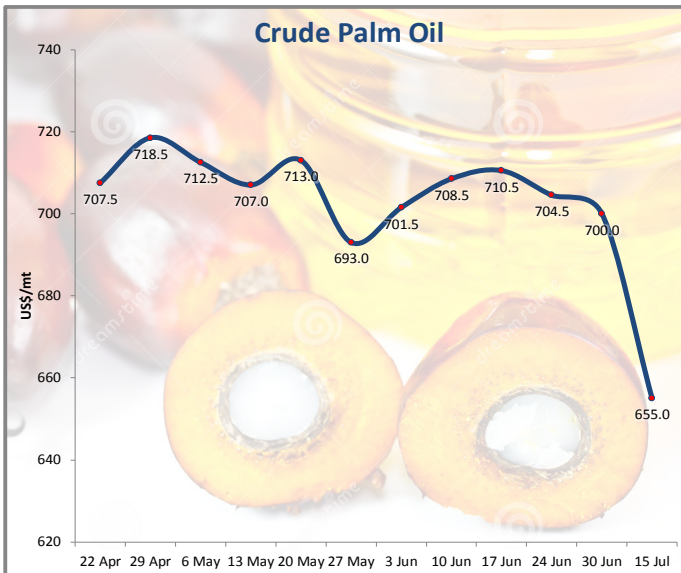


Average Domestic Prices, 15 July 2016



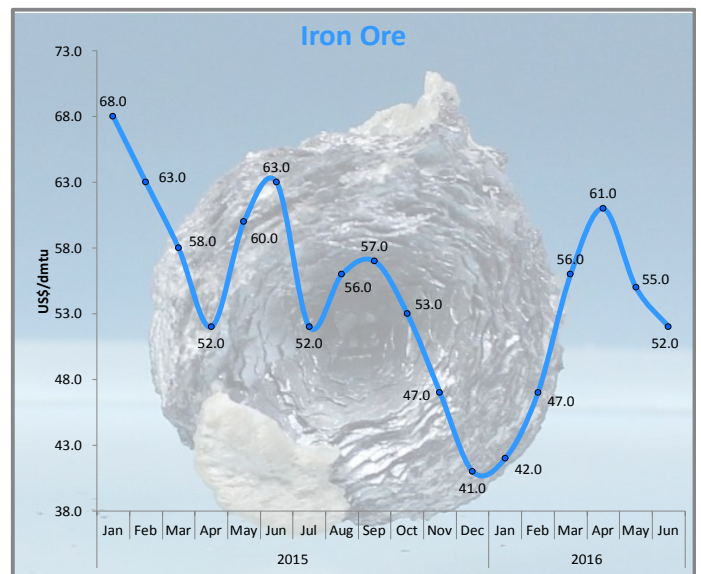
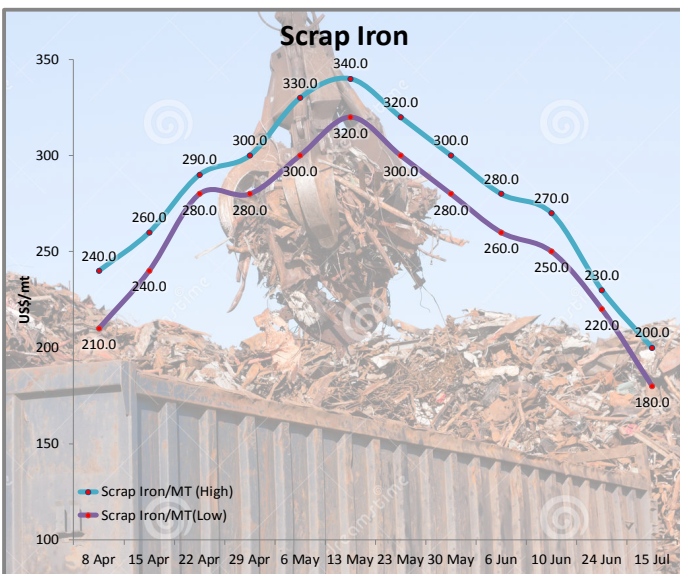
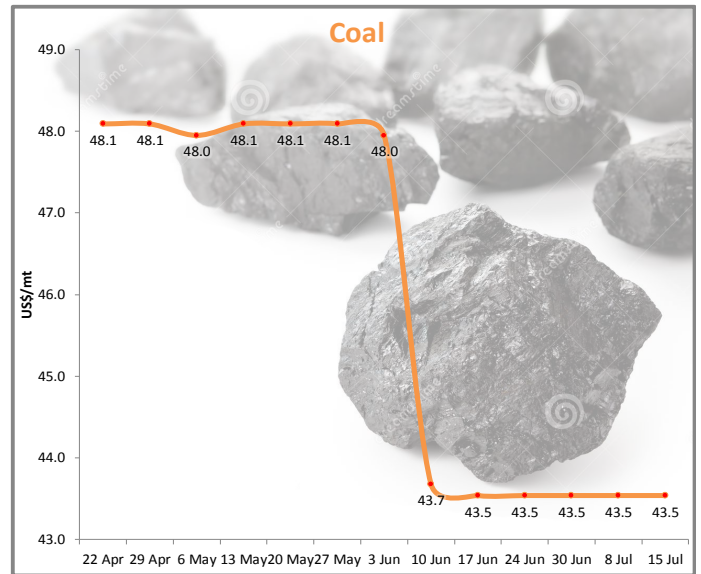
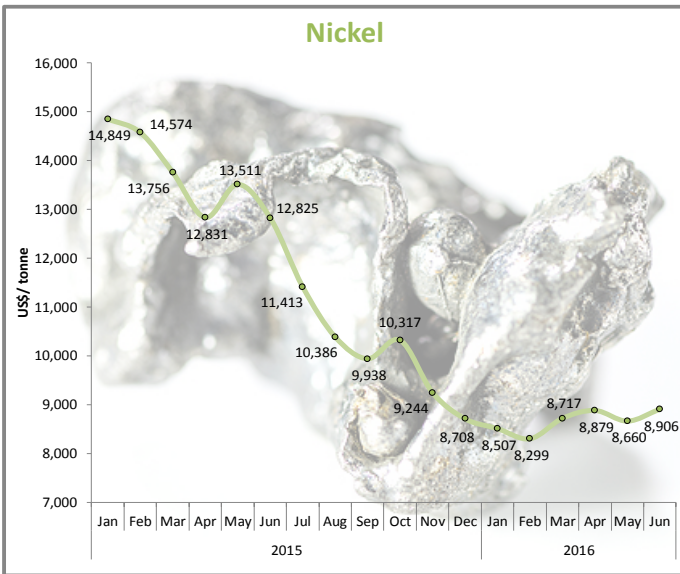
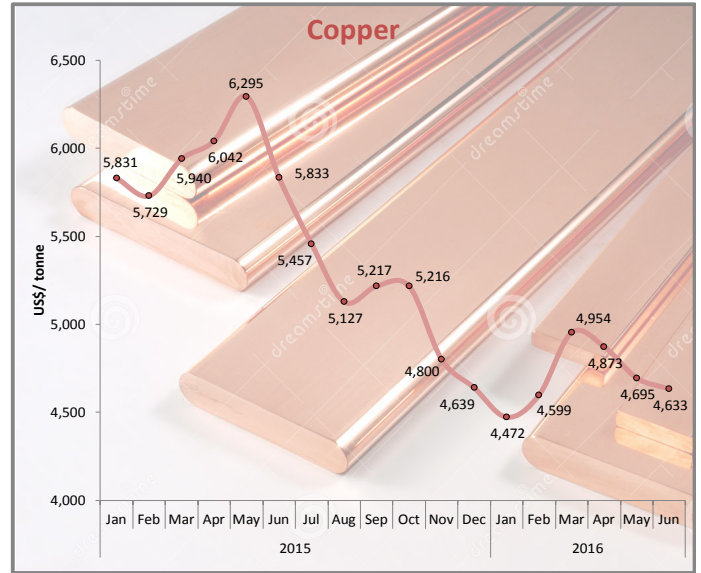
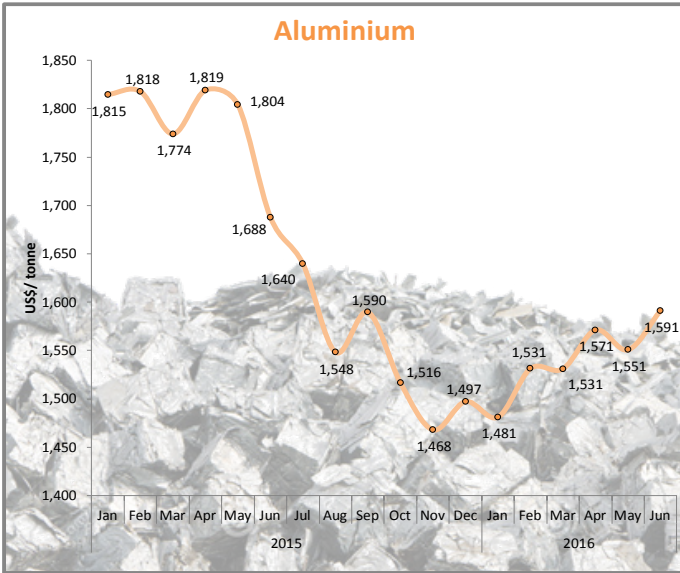
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Commodity Price Trends



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Success Story



Profile

AUO SunPower Sdn. Bhd. is a joint venture between Sunpower Corporation, a Silicon Valley based manufacturer of high-efficiency solar cells, solar panels and solar systems and AUO, a Taiwan-based entity. AUO Sunpower designs, manufactures and delivers the most powerful solar cells in the world, providing green, renewable energy solutions in virtually every sector of the economy, worldwide. Its export market comprises of USA, Europe and Asia, where some of the highest solar panel users in the world are based. This project will create about 4,000 high technology manufacturing and engineering jobs as well as support the future growth of small and medium industries and businesses within the supply chain of this sector.

Based in Melaka and with an investment of RM2.2 billion, AUO SunPower is expected to generate more than 1,400 megawatts annually of high-efficiency solar cells when completed in 2013. Its plant in Alor Gajah has been in operation since October 2010 with a 60 percent capacity and will produce 400 million high-efficiency solar cells annually on full capacity. Recognised by the International Energy Agency for its energy efficient design, it is one of the biggest and greenest factories in the world. This facility is a component of an EPP within the Electronics & Electrical NKEA to grow solar wafer and cell producers in Malaysia as part of the ETP.



Achievement

AUO SunPower Sdn Bhd also achieved green milestone of its sustainability roadmap by being the first company in Melaka state to achieve 100% status of scheduled waste recycling. The achievement of 100% Recycling of Scheduled Waste is in line with AUO SunPower's waste management hierarchy based on 'cradle to cradle' principle. The company recently made its maiden delivery of calcium fluoride sludge to Coprocem Services Malaysia Sdn Bhd (a Lafarge company specializing in Industrial Ecology) as an alternative raw material.



2015-2016 have been successful period for AUO SunPower Sdn Bhd as they clinched several prestigious awards. Firstly, AUO SunPower has won the Best Employer Brand Award 2016 at an event held at the Pullman Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 11 April 2016, cementing the status as one of the most reputable multinational employers' in the Photovoltaic Solar Cells industry in the region. Next, the company received The Brand Laureate BestBrands Corporate Branding Awards 2015 – 2016 by the Asia Pacific Branding Foundation (APBF). The president, Mr. HK Koay on their success recipe said, "Corporate branding is not only essential for company's sustainability, but it also approves the good practices we have done internally. In receiving the BrandLaureate Awards 2015-2016 (Green Corporate Branding Category), we are in the right path in advocating a greener future through our technology and company's culture. I believe in the immense potential of our people in bringing AUO SunPower to a new height and I hope the success of AUSP today will open up more opportunities for us in the future".



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Announcement

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANSION OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT (ITA2)

Malaysia has completed all its domestic processes on the reduction and elimination of tariffs on a total of 201 high-technology ICT products in line with the Information Technology Agreement (ITA2) concluded at the 10th World Trade Organisation Ministerial Conference (MC10) on 17 December 2015. The new rules came into effect on July 1, 2016.

The 201 high-technology ICT products include new generation multi-component integrated circuits (MCOs), touch screens, GPS navigation equipment, portable interactive electronic education devices, video game consoles, and medical equipment, such as magnetic resonance imaging products and ultra-sonic scanning apparatus.

Malaysia's commitment for the 201 products covers 410 affected tariff lines (9 digit). Of the 410 lines, 351 lines (86%) are already at zero duty (nil import duty). The remaining 59 tariff lines have current applied duties ranging from 5% to 30% which will be progressively removed.

A total of 24 WTO members, including Malaysia, participated in ITA2. Other members include major IT producing countries and regions such as China, the United States, the European Union, Japan, South Korea and Singapore and Thailand from ASEAN. All 24 Members have agreed and are committed towards eliminating the WTO bound rates for 201 products, based on the agreed staging periods namely, immediate elimination, 3-year staging, 5-year staging and 7-year staging.

Malaysia's Involvement in the earlier ITA1 had helped the country's ICT industry increase exports nearly three-fold from USD21.7 billion in 1996 to USD60.5 billion in 2010, averaging 8% annual growth. Malaysia was ranked 8th out of 30 leading exporters and 9th out of 30 leading importers of ICT products in 2010. With this further liberalisation under ITA2, Malaysia's ICT industry will have easier access to a wider market globally for its products.

The ITA Expansion commitments will provide market opportunities for more than 600 local producers to boost their exports to participating countries. Malaysian producers of ICT products will also benefit from the lowering of production costs in terms of the import of cheaper parts and components, thereby improving the competitiveness of Malaysia's exports.

Further information on the list of tariff lines of the affected products where the reduction of applied duties taken place in year 2016 can be obtained via the following URL:

- i) [http://www.federalgazette.agc.gov.my/outputp/pua_20160630_P.U.\(A\)190.pdf](http://www.federalgazette.agc.gov.my/outputp/pua_20160630_P.U.(A)190.pdf); and
- ii) [http://www.federalgazette.agc.gov.my/outputp/pua_20160630_P.U.%20\(A\)%20189.pdf](http://www.federalgazette.agc.gov.my/outputp/pua_20160630_P.U.%20(A)%20189.pdf)

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Announcement

MITI Portal Survey 2016

The Information Management Division of the Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) is currently conducting a survey to identify if our existing Portal (www.miti.gov.my) meets your expectations in terms of:

- contents (accurate and up-to-date information);
- design (interactive and attractive); and
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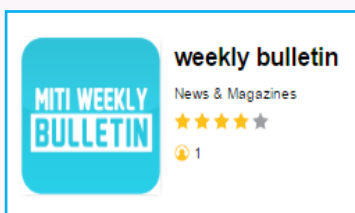
2. There are 15 questions in this survey and it should not take you more than 5 minutes to complete it. You may choose to answer the survey in English or Bahasa Melayu. Alternatively, you could also give us your comments via our “Your Views Matter” website. This survey is open until 31 July 2016.

3. Please be assured that the information provided will be used solely for the purpose of this survey. Your feedback is important for us to enhance the Portal and serve you better.

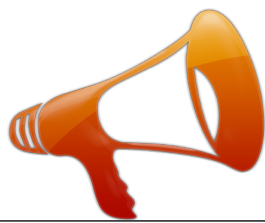
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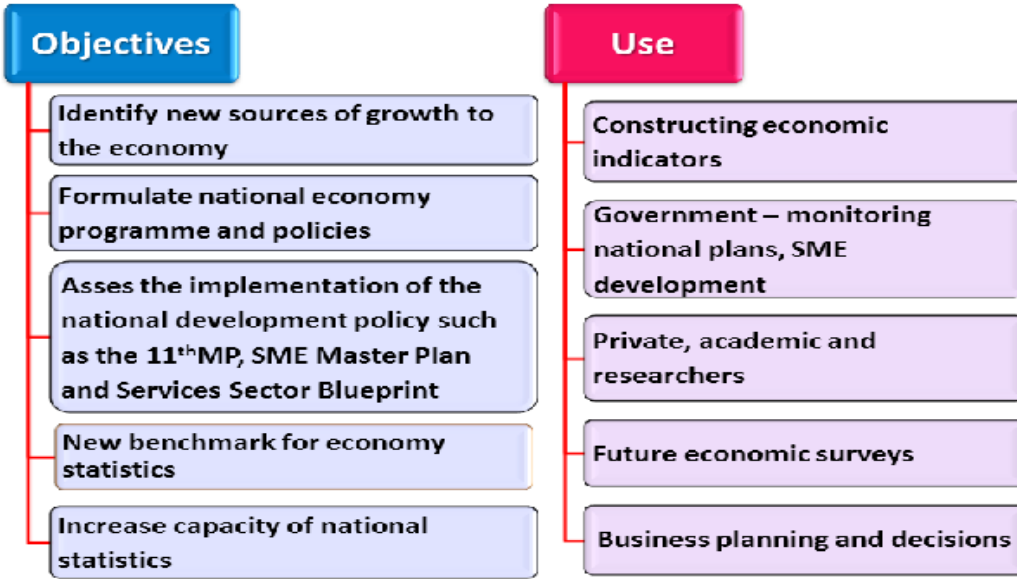


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Announcement

ECONOMIC CENSUS 2016
Better Data for a Better Future



Benefits of Economic Census

Entrepreneurs, Companies & Business	Industry Associations & Chamber of Commerce	Government	To Update Economic Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify industrial structure and product trends To monitor changing patterns and growth trends for future investment To make business planning and decisions To gauge their business performance To compare their business operations to industry norms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand more about industrial structure; To share information about the industry with their members; To assist business in marketing and investment planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify new sources of growth to the economy; To formulate national economy programmes; and To assess the implementation of the national development policy such as The Economic Transformation Programme, Eleventh Malaysia Plan and Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Masterplan 2012 -2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebasing of indices i.e. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Index of Industrial; Compilation of Supply & Use Table (SUT), Input-Output Table (I-O), Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), Information & Communication Technology Satellite Account and System of Environmental – Economic Accounting (SEEA); Development of SME's profile.

The Road Not Taken

ROBERT FROST, 1874 - 1963

*“Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.”*



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Conveys its Deepest Condolences
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15 July 2016



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