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MITI announces RM1.5 billion Greenfield Expansion in Malaysia by Micron Technology



YB Datuk Darell Leiking, Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) announced that Micron Technology, Inc. intends to increase its presence in Malaysia with a greenfield investment to build a Center of Excellence for Solid-state Drive (SSD) Assembly and Test on 29 November 2018. The new project, which includes producing 3D advance storage and memory packages, will raise the country's profile as a preferred location for next generation storage and memory products.

"Micron's expansion in Malaysia supports our strategy to build a scalable, agile and well-positioned global capacity model," said Micron Technology's Backend Operations Senior Vice President Gursharan Singh. "The new greenfield location in Penang for SSD manufacturing will enhance our NAND center of excellence in Southeast Asia, building on our existing presence in Malaysia and Singapore, while ensuring a continued focus on better servicing customers and attracting and retaining the highest-quality talent."

Micron selected Malaysia because of its close vicinity to its Singapore NAND Center of Excellence, which also has a strong team to help accelerate and support the factory ramp up plans. After a preliminary screening of locations in Malaysia, the Micron leadership selected the city of Penang.

"Micron's facility in Penang will strengthen the local electrical and electronics (E&E) ecosystem as it will be integrating with best in class SSD manufacturing automation and Industry 4.0 manufacturing processes. Micron will undertake R&D activities and plans to collaborate with at least three to five local universities. This will contribute towards advancing the skill set of our talent in Malaysia by applying new technologies, industrial skills and professional know-how. Local companies will also be able to tap into opportunities to collaborate with Micron in the areas of robotics, automation, big data and artificial intelligence," said YB MITI Minister.

Micron is expanding globally and Malaysia is its latest investment. Micron expects to break ground in the first half of 2019 with full production within two years. The company expects to grow in Penang with an initial hiring of 1,000 employees and a RM1.5 billion investment within five years.

Micron executives and leaders Mr. Manish Bhatia, Executive Vice President of Micron's Global Operations, Mr. Gursharan Singh, Senior Vice President of Micron's Global Backend Operations, and Mr. Amrinder Sidhu, Director Micron Legal, Singapore, today met with YB Datuk Darell Leiking, Minister of MITI and Dato Azman, CEO of the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) at MITI Headquarters to discuss their growth plans.

In January to September 2018, MIDA approved 37 projects in the E&E industry worth RM10.6 billion. These are expected to create 9,420 job opportunities for the country. The top foreign investors were from The Netherlands, China, US, Japan, Taiwan, Republic of Korea, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Singapore.

Investment from Micron into Malaysia will contribute towards more industry-academia initiatives for research & development in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to spark a passion in the next generation of scientists and engineers. Such activities will encourage the development of manpower capability in Malaysia particularly in applying new technologies, industrial skills and professional know-how.

Ministry of International Trade and Industry
28 November 2018

Deputy Minister Working Visit to Singapore, 28-30 November 2018

Y.B. Dr. Ong Kian Ming, Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry undertook a Working Visit to Singapore from 28 to 30 November 2018. The working visit is part of ongoing initiatives by MITI to strengthen trade and investment ties between Malaysia and Singapore.

Y.B. Deputy Minister meet with H.E. Chan Chun Sing, Minister of Trade and Industry Singapore and H.E. Chee Hong Tat, Singapore Senior Minister of State, to exchange views on the current economic landscape and business opportunities towards strengthening Malaysia-Singapore economic relations.

During the Working Visit, Y.B. Deputy Minister also participated in the “Asia in the World Economy



Roundtable” at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. The Roundtable provides a platform for speakers to share their views on critical contemporary policy issues and economic developments in Asia. In addition, YB Deputy Minister meet with Singapore’s government agencies, business chambers and companies.

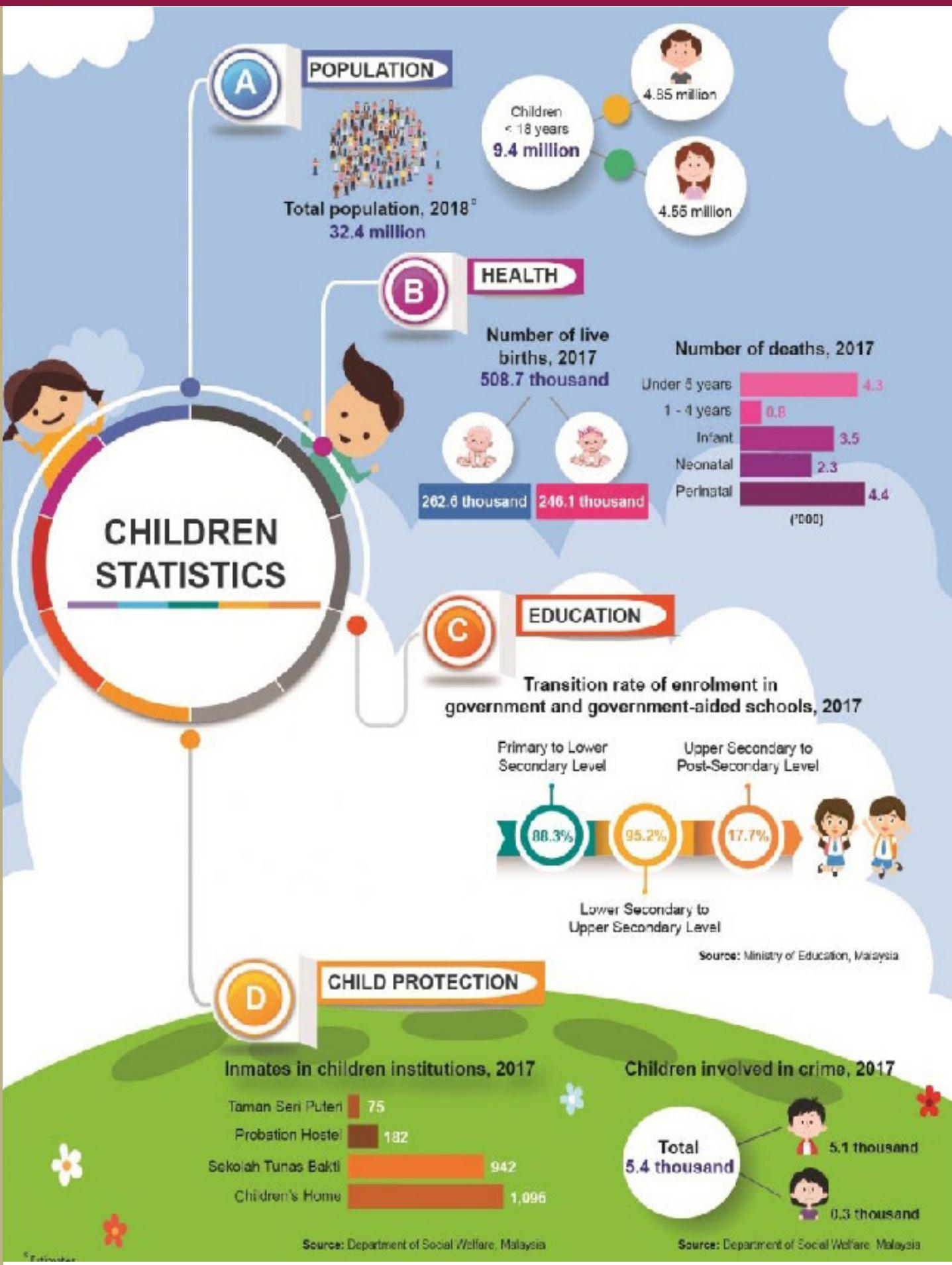
Singapore is Malaysia’s second largest trading partner globally, and the largest trade partner within ASEAN. Malaysia’s trade with Singapore in 2017 reached US\$53.18 billion, representing 12.9% of Malaysia’s total trade. Singapore is also Malaysia’s largest export destination, with US\$31.6 billion, constituting 14.5% of total Malaysian exports in 2017.

On the investment front, Malaysia and Singapore invest substantially in each other; Malaysia received Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) from Singapore totalling RM120.89 billion or 19.4% of total FDI until the third quarter of 2018, making Singapore our largest source of FDI. At the same time, Malaysia invested a total of RM95.20 billion in Singapore, or 19.7% of total Malaysian Direct Investment Abroad (DIA). Most of Singapore’s FDI in Malaysia focused on manufacturing and services, while Malaysian DIA in Singapore focused mainly on services.

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Malaysia Statistics

Children Statistics 2018



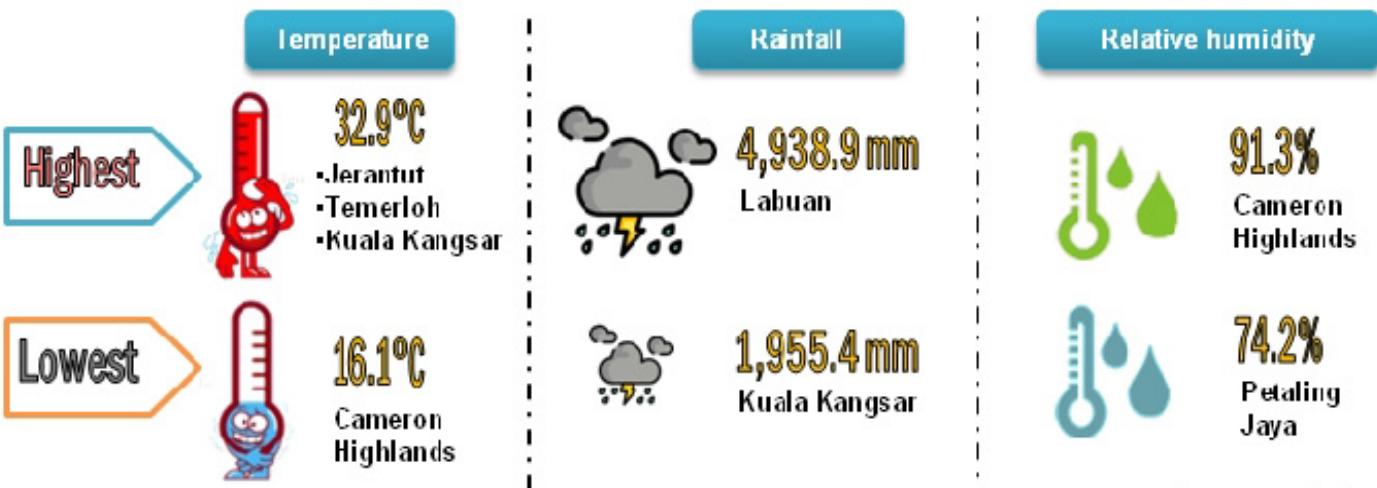
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Compendium of Environment Statistics 2018

COMPONENT 1: ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND QUALITY

2017

Summary of climate statistics at selected meteorological stations, Malaysia



Source: Malaysia Meteorological Department

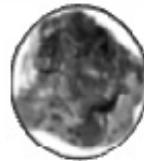
COMPONENT 2: ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND THEIR USE

2017

Selected metallic minerals production, Malaysia



Iron ore
3,919,632 tonnes



Tin-in-concentrates
3,894 tonnes



Raw gold
2,124.2 ('000 grams)

IMPORT

EXPORT

RM3.27 billion

RM3.86 billion

RM1.82 billion

RM0.01 billion

RM0.06 billion

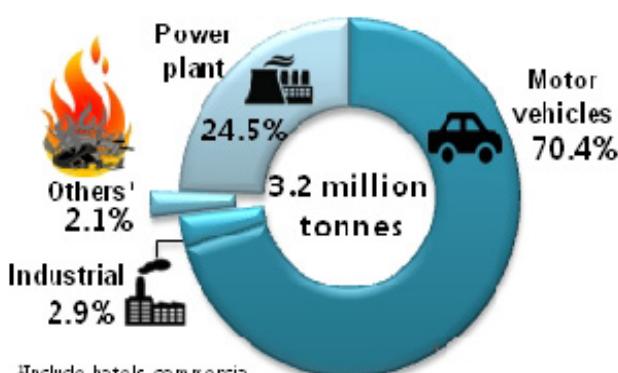
RM0.01 billion

Source: Department of Minerals and Geosciences

COMPONENT 3: RESIDUALS

2017

Percentage emission of pollutants to the atmosphere by source, Malaysia



¹Include hotels, commercial centres, institutions, night markets and open burning activities

Source: Department of Environment

Quantity of scheduled wastes generated, Malaysia



2.02

tonnes (million)

Source: Department of Environment

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Compendium of Environment Statistics 2018

COMPONENT 4: EXTREME EVENTS AND DISASTERS

2017

Number of flood incident reported, Malaysia

498 cases



3 highest states



Selangor **86** cases



Sarawak **64** cases



Pahang **61** cases

Source: Department of Irrigation and Drainage

Number of fire incidents, Malaysia

29,356



Death **165**



Injury **446**



Loss **RM5.2** billion

Source: Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government

COMPONENT 5: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTHS

2017

Mid-year population estimates, Malaysia, 2018^a



32.4 million



Male



Female

16.7 million **15.7** million



Annual population growth rate

1.1%



Number of cases

83,443



Number of deaths

-

Dengue fever

406

Dengue haemorrhagic fever

177

4,114

Malaria

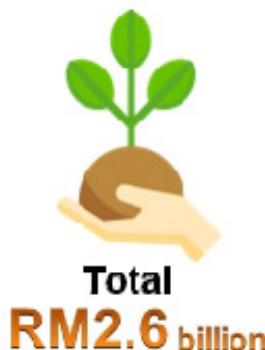
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Source: Ministry of Health Malaysia

COMPONENT 6: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

2015

Percentage of environmental protection expenditure by sector, Malaysia



Manufacturing

73.6%



Services

11.3%



Mining &

quarrying
6.9%



Construction

6.4%



Agriculture, forestry & fishing

1.8%

Note: Based on Economic Census 2010 Environmental Compliance

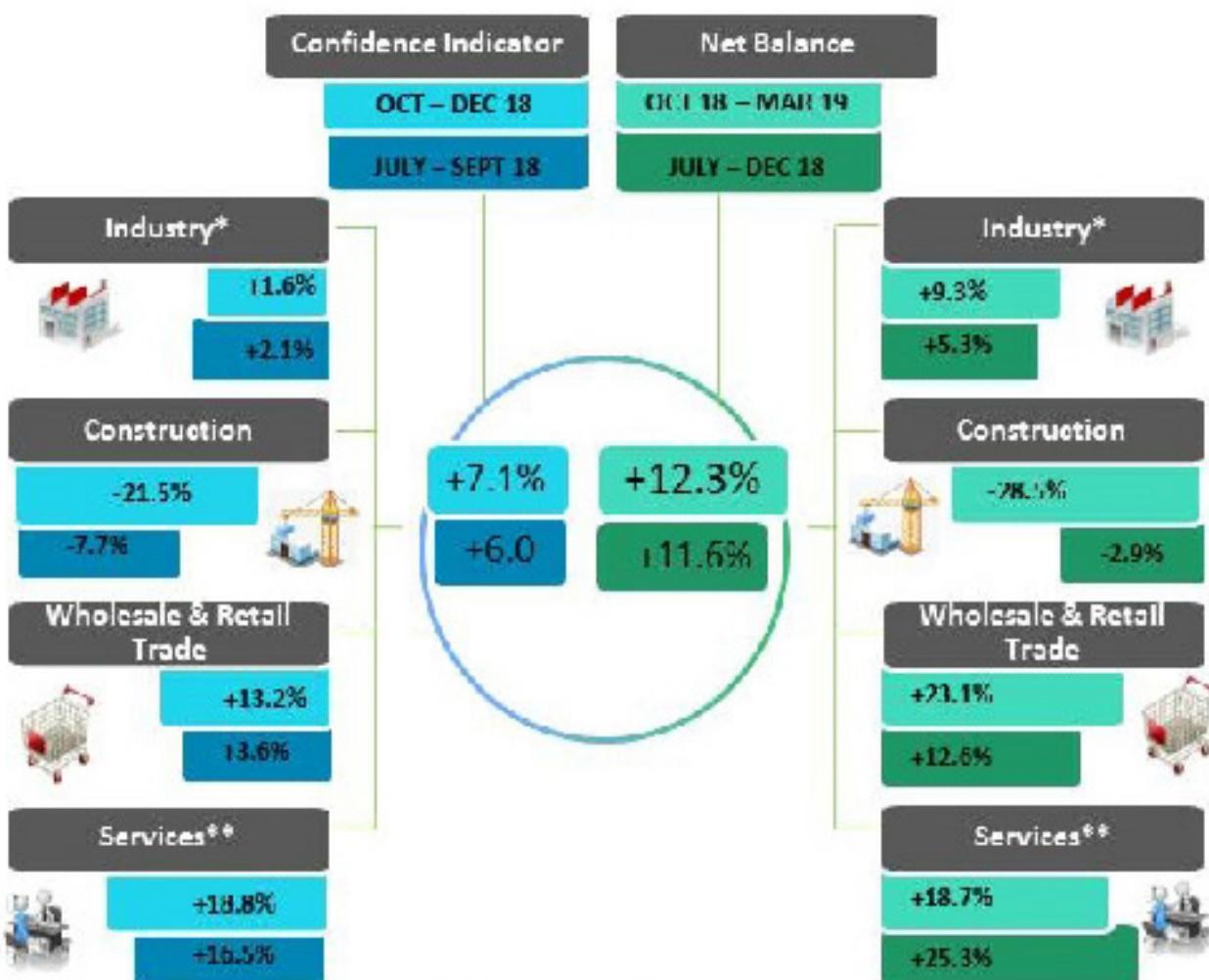
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Business Tendency Statistics, Q4 2018

BUSINESSES ESPECIALLY IN WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE SECTOR
REMAIN OPTIMISTIC FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2018

Business Performance Expectation

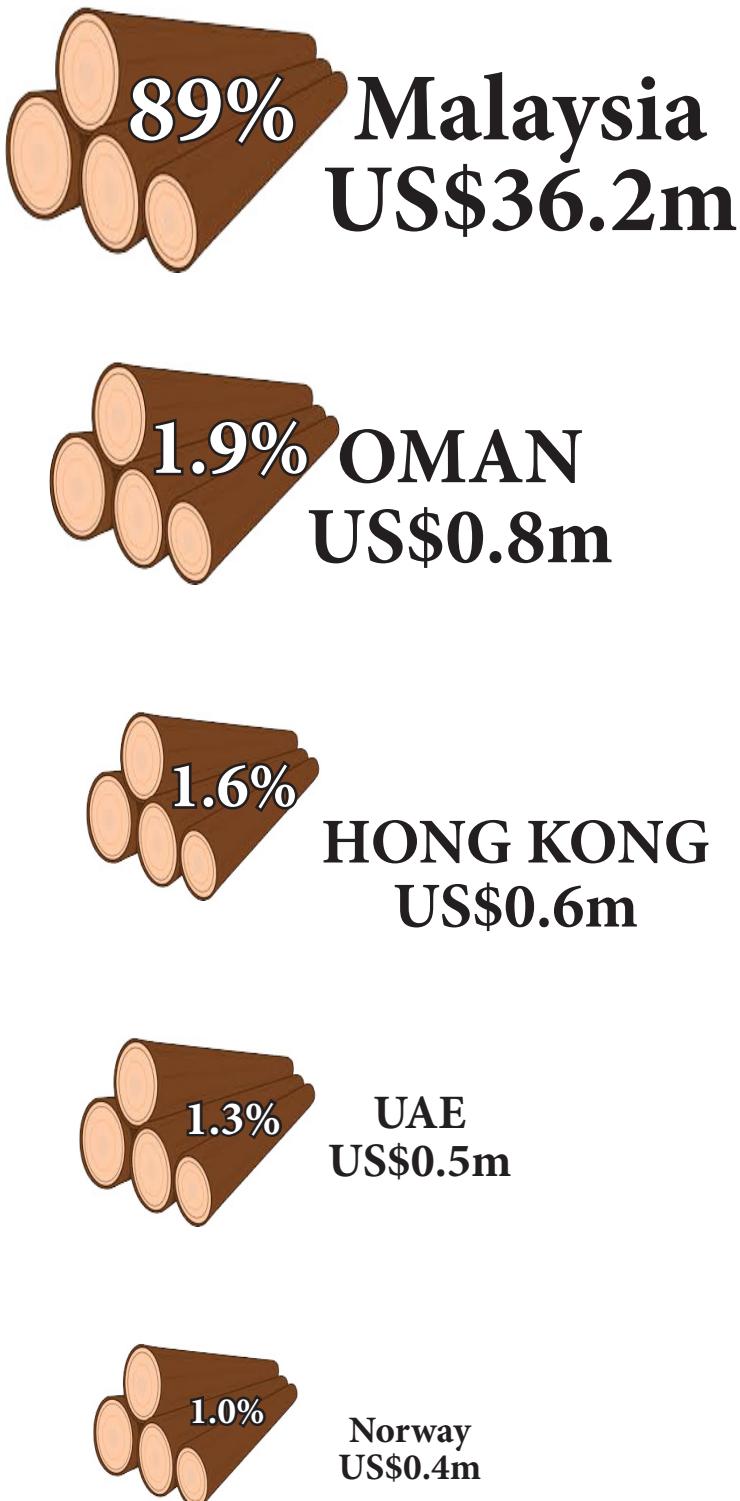
Businesses expect more favourable performance in the fourth quarter of 2018 with confidence indicator of +7.1 per cent as against +6.0 per cent in the previous quarter



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Malaysia was the largest exporter of white lauan, white meranti, white seraya, yellow meranti and alant, sawn or chipped lengthwise,* in 2017

International Statistics



Notes :

- % Share in Malaysia's export
- *Refers to HS 440726

Source: <http://www.trademap.org/Index.aspx>

Malaysia's Top Five Export Destinations

49.2%	THAILAND	US\$17.8m
16.6%	PHILIPPINES	US\$6.0m
8.9%	JAPAN	US\$3.2m
7.4%	PAKISTAN	US\$2.7m
7.1%	CHINESE TAIPEI	US\$2.6m

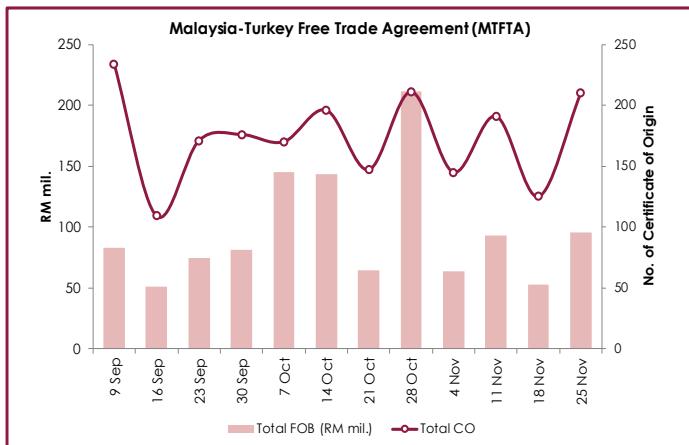
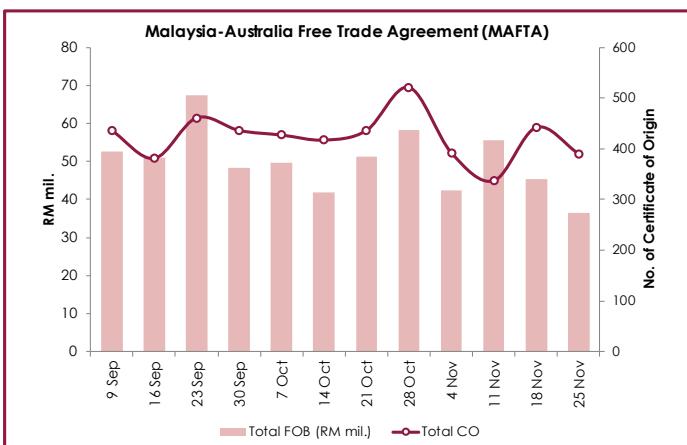
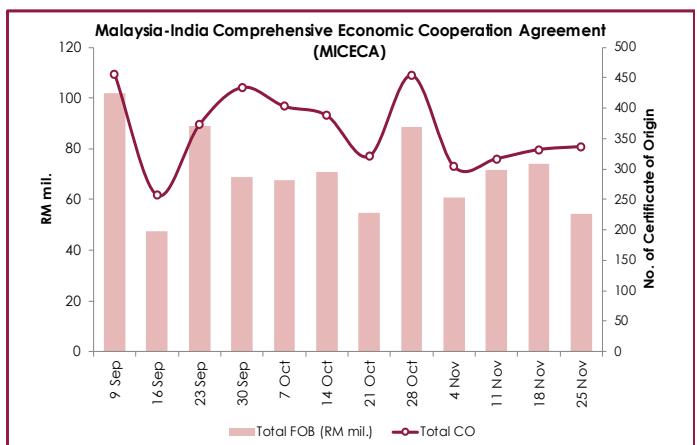
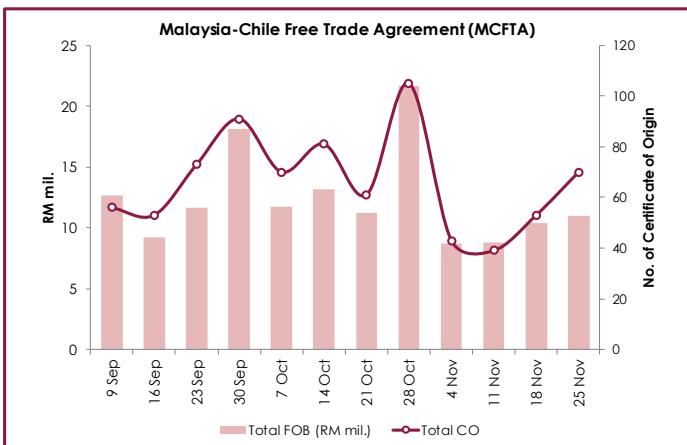
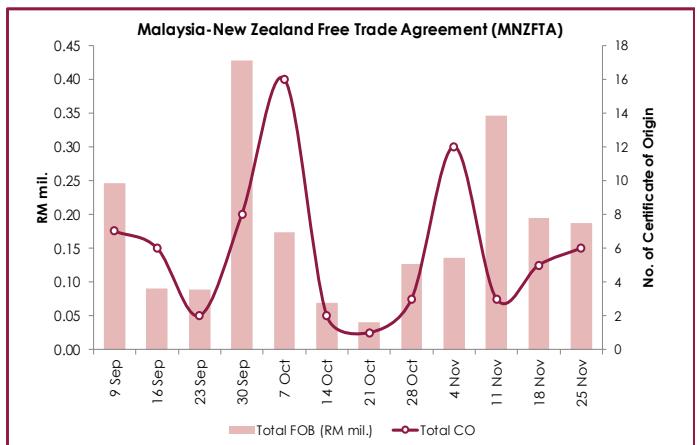
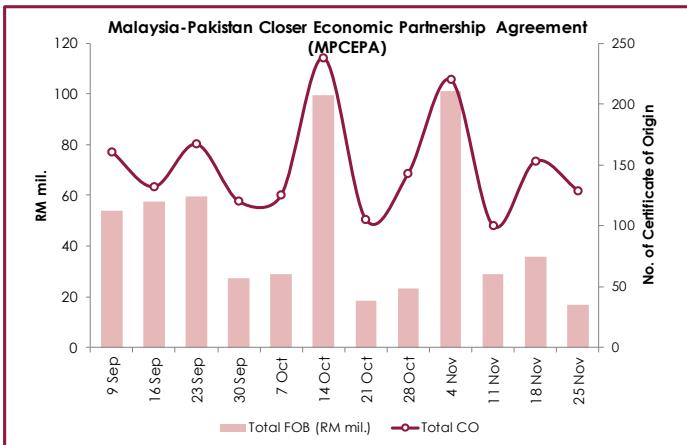
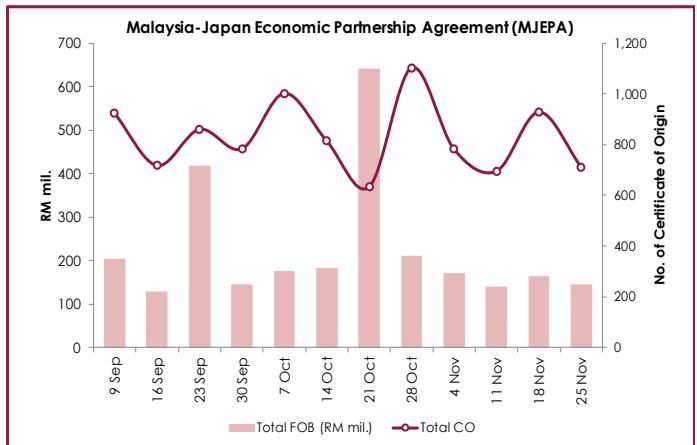
Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)



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

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

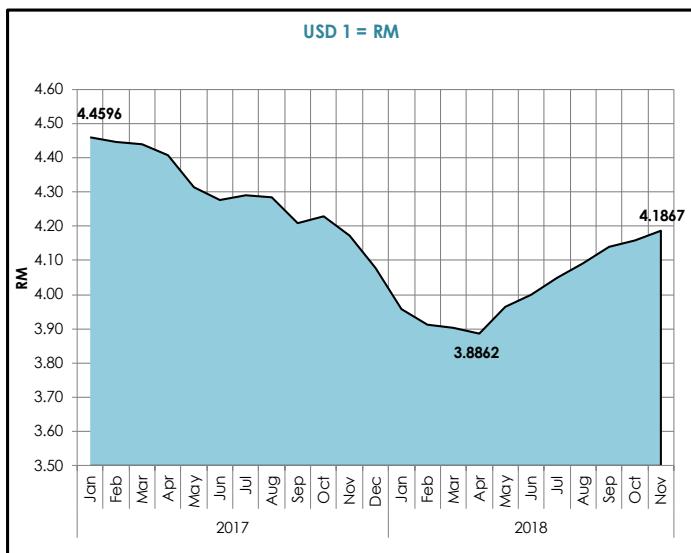
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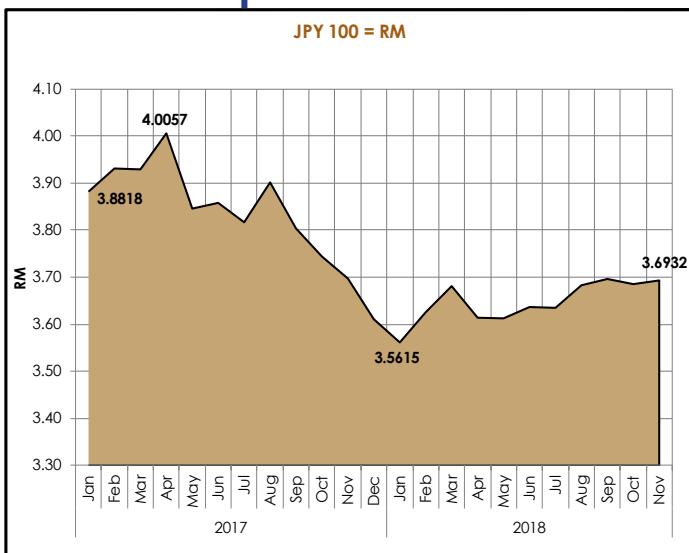
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2017 - November 2018

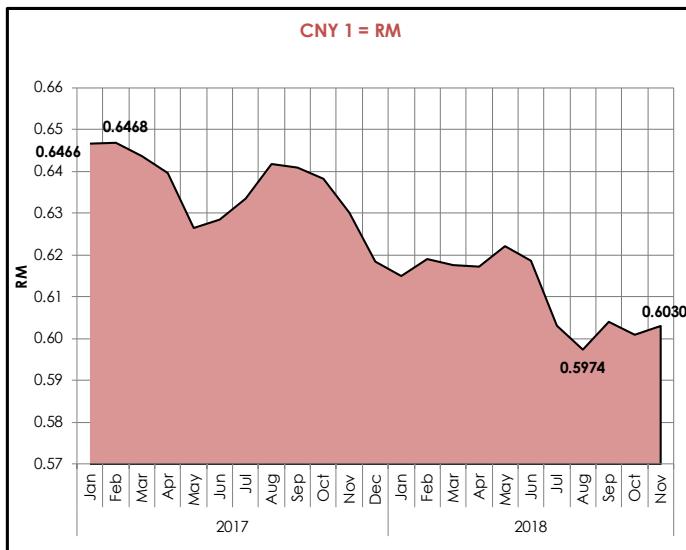
US Dollar



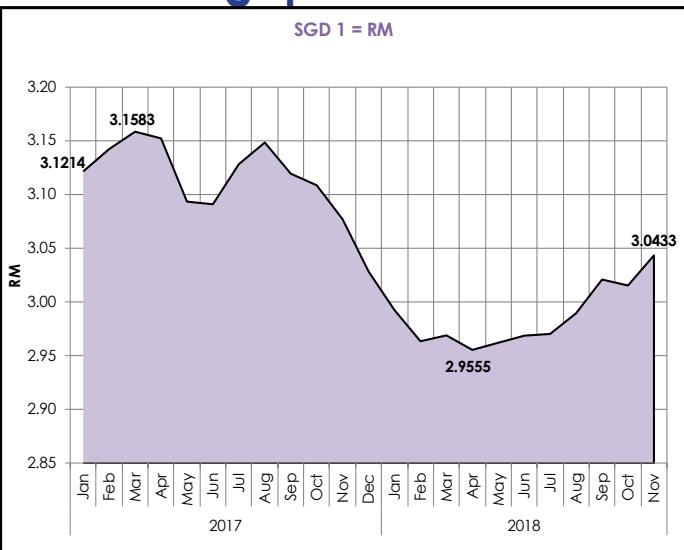
Japanese Yen



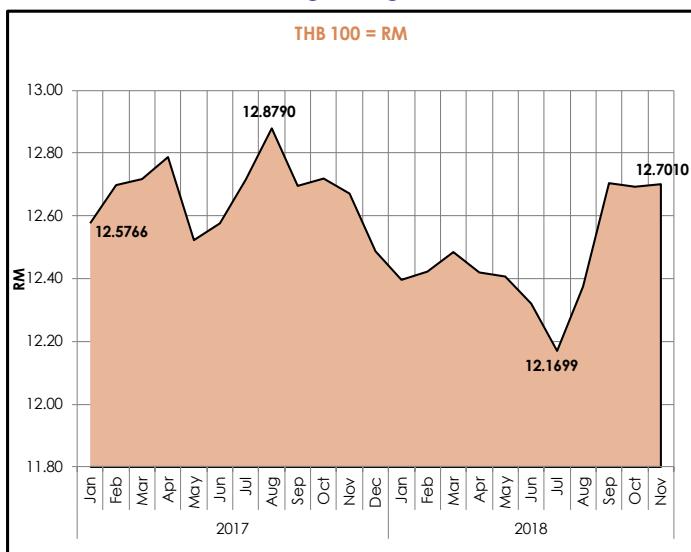
Chinese Yuan



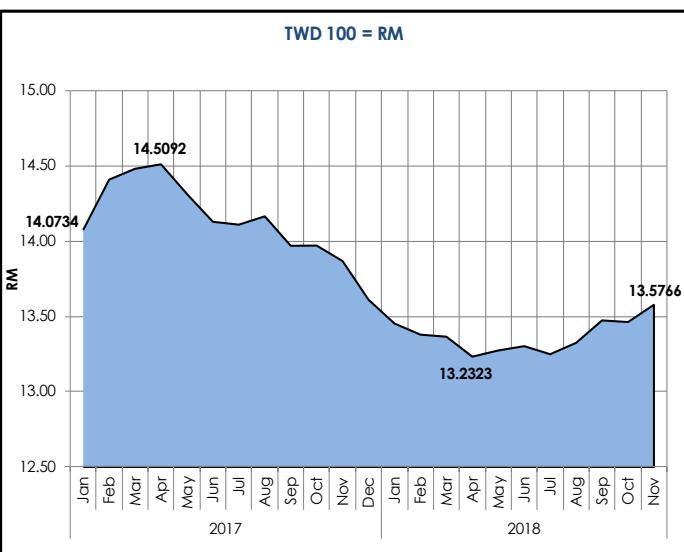
Singapore Dollar



Thai Baht



New Taiwan Dollar

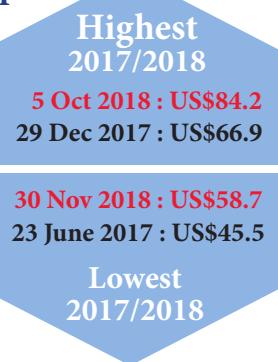


Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

**CRUDE PETROLEUM
(BRENT) -per bbl-**

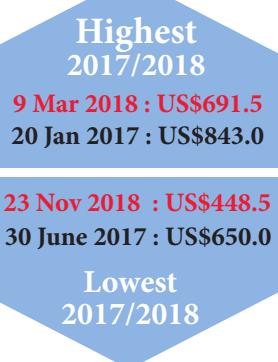

▼ 0.2%*
US\$58.7
30 Nov 2018



Average Price 2017ⁱ : US\$55.0

**CRUDE PALM OIL
-per MT-**


▲ 2.8%*
US\$461.0
30 Nov 2018



Average Price 2017ⁱ : US\$719.7

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-


▲ 2.0%*
US\$1,247.5
30 Nov 2018

Average Price 2017ⁱ : US\$1,646.6

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-


▲ 1.0%*
US\$1,420.7
30 Nov 2018

Average Price 2017ⁱ : US\$1,439.0

SUGAR -per lbs-


▲ 3.0%*
US\$12.8
30 Nov 2018

Average Price 2017ⁱ : US\$15.8

COAL -per MT-


Average Price 2017ⁱ : US\$57.2

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

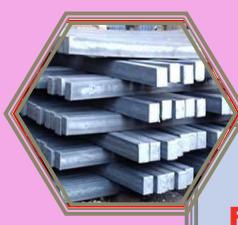

≡ %*
US\$380.0
(high) : **≡ %***
US\$350.0
(low)

30 Nov 2018

Average Price 2017ⁱ : US\$314.5

Domestic Prices

30 Nov 2018



**Billets
(per MT)**
RM2,150– RM2,250



**Steel Bars
(per MT)**
RM2,270– RM2,420

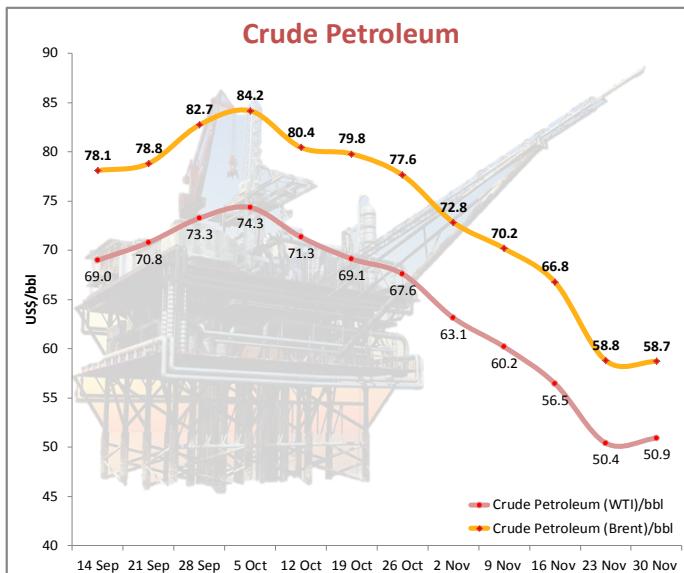
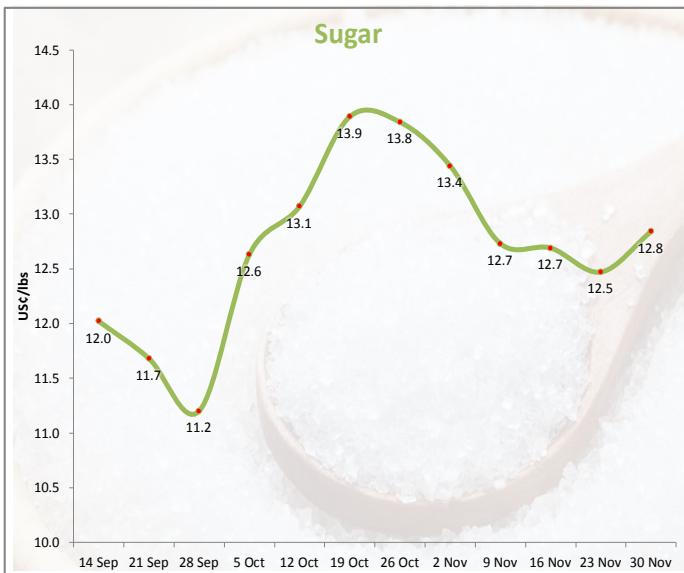
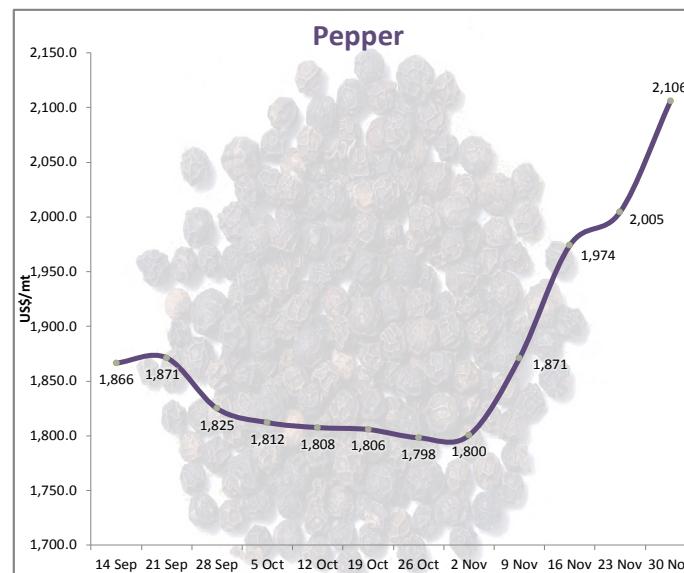
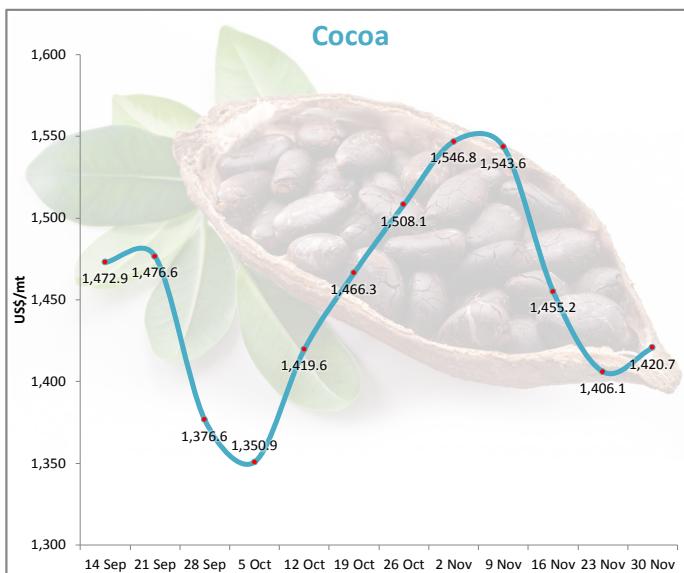
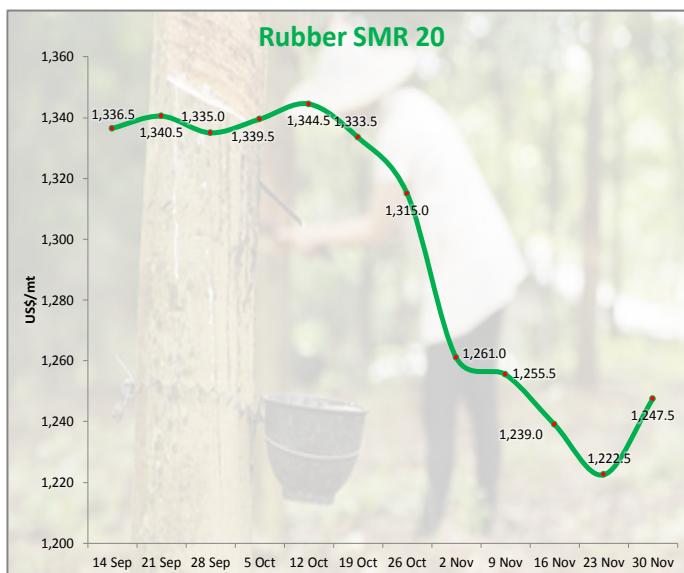
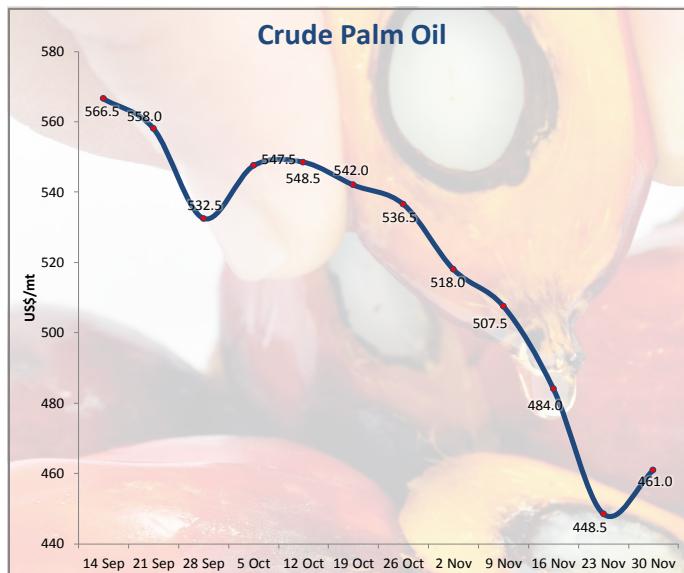
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

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

i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

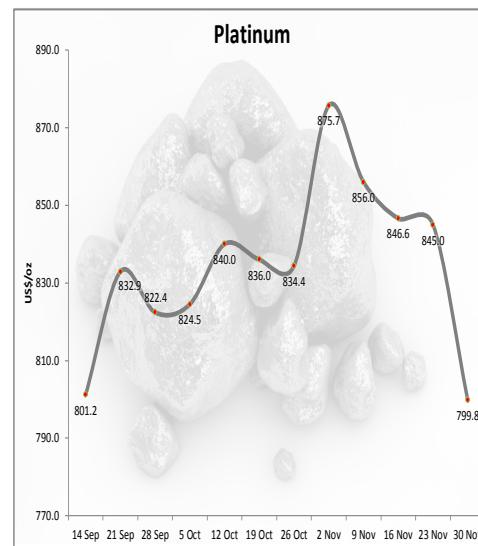
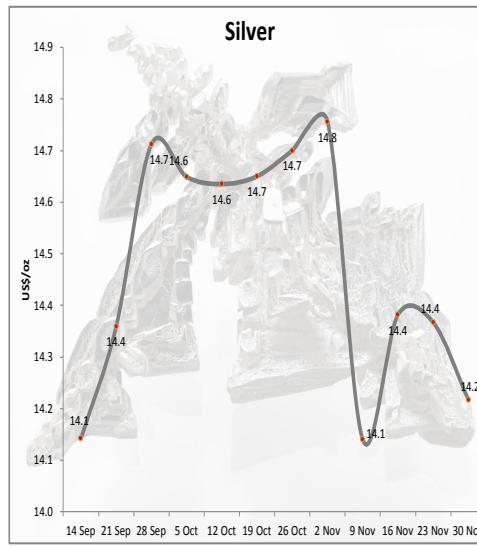
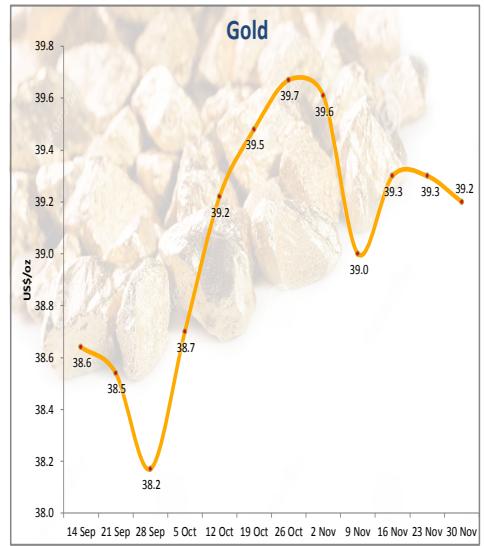
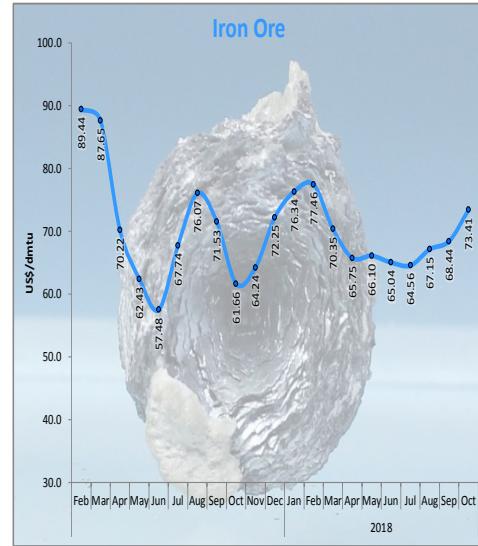
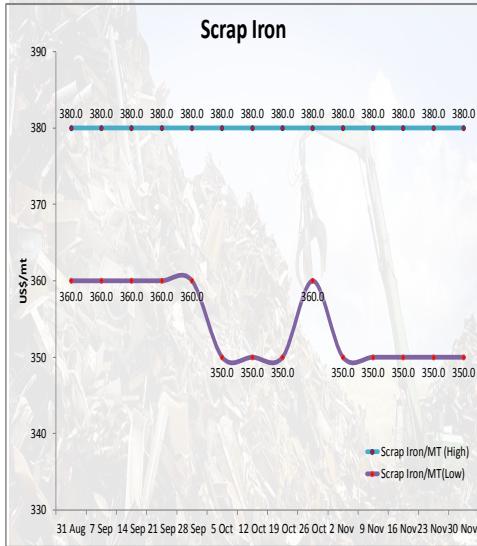
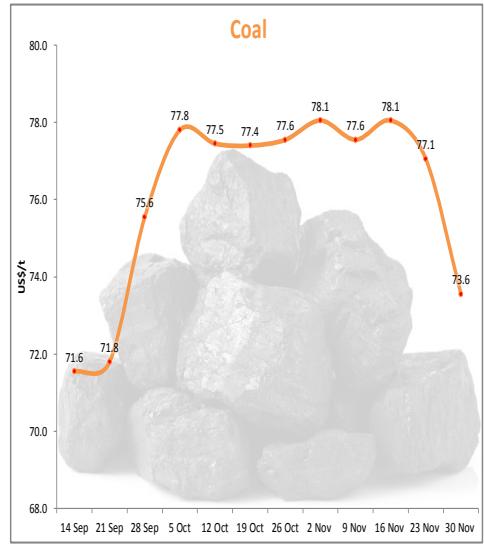
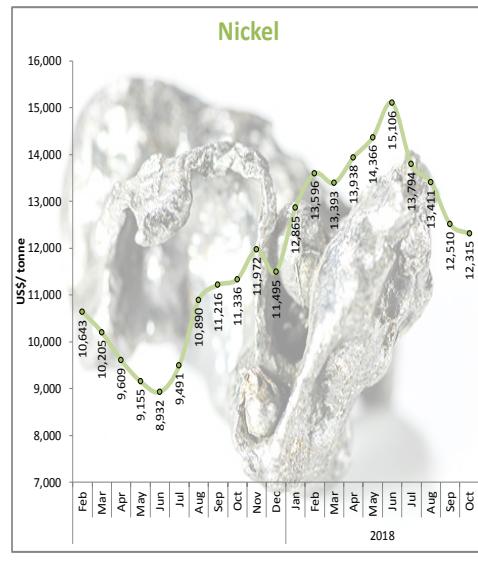
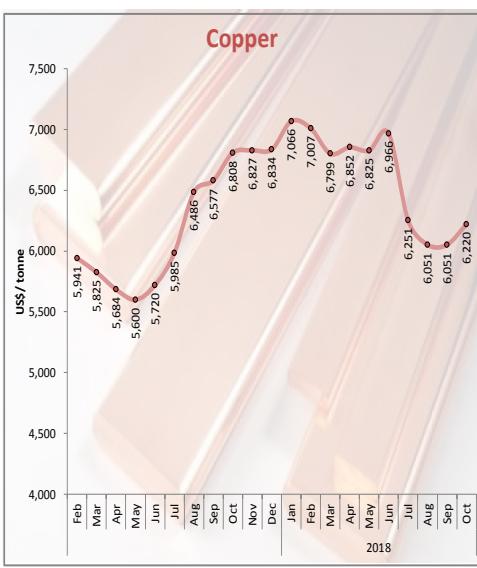
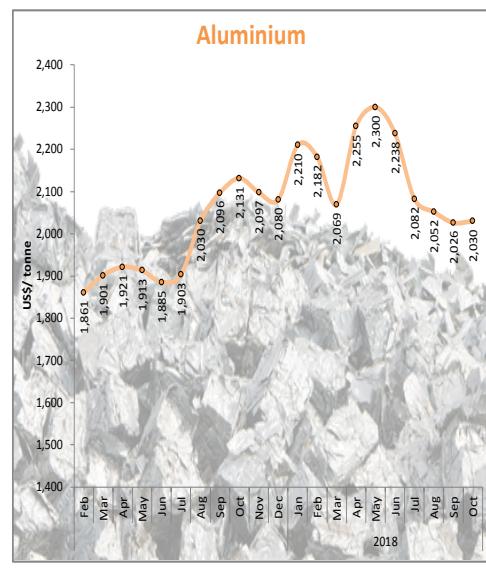
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Commodity Price Trends



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Minister at the New Malaysia's Competitive Future with the American-Malaysian Chamber of Commerce

28 November 2018

MITI PROGRAMMES



Deputy Minister Working Visit to Singapore 29 November 2018

MITI PROGRAMMES



Minister as the panelist of the Reimagining Southeast Asia Forum, 2 December 2018



Deputy Minister at eCommerce Day at MITI 3 December 2018

MITI PROGRAMMES



Minister at MATRADE 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner 3 November 2018

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MITI POCKET TALK

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Introduction on Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCO) application procedures

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Last Session for MITI Pocket Talks 2018

No.	Date	Venue	Topic
1	12-Dec	MITI Sarawak	Introduction to FTA & Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)

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http://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/4761Vintage_English.pdf

NEW GUIDELINE ON APPLICATION FOR CLASSIC AND VINTAGE VEHICLES IMPORT LICENSE (AP)

Please be informed effective 1 July 2018 (Sunday), a new guideline on application for classic and vintage vehicles Import License (AP) will be enforced. All application received by MITI on 1 July 2018 onward will be subjected to the terms and conditions under this new guideline.

For more information, kindly click the following links:

http://www.miti.gov.my/miti/resources/Approve%20Permit/AP%20Announcement/Lampiran_GP_Classic_and_Vintage_English.pdf

Issuance of APEC Business Travel Card is temporarily suspended

Immigration Department of Malaysia has issued a notice that due to unavoidable circumstances, the issuance of APEC Business Travel Card is temporarily suspended and ABTC card will not be printed for approved applicants until further notice.

Kindly refer:

<http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/resources-and-archives/announcement/1784-notice-of-apec-card-production-suspended-time.html>

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8 DEC 2018
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Ground Floor, MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre
9am - 1pm, 8 December 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

9am, MATRADE HALL
Launch and Welcoming Remarks by Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Datuk Darell Leiking

11.15am, MATRADE HALL
M.E.T @ YOUTH EXPORT DAY by Wanderlust+Co, Joachim Jegaraj, IX Telekom Sdn. Bhd. and Doluvo Sdn. Bhd.

For more information, kindly click the following links:
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JOB VACANCY (CONTRACT POST) 2018 AT MITI HEADQUARTERS

- ▶ HEAD OF RESEARCH GRADE 54 (OPEN POST)
- ▶ RESEARCHER GRADE 52 (OPEN POST)

Closing Date : 7 December 2018 (Friday) before 5.00 pm

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