

MITI Minister's Participation in World Economic Forum 2020 and WTO Informal Ministerial Gathering 25 January 2020, Davos-Klosters, Switzerland



YB Datuk Darell Leiking is currently in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland representing Malaysia at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2020, taking place from 21 – 24 January 2020.

“Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World” is this year’s central theme of the WEF Annual Meeting.

The Minister met with Mr. Justin Wood, the Head of the Asia Pacific Region and Member of the Executive Committee of WEF in which they discussed opportunities and collaboration that WEF could offer to Malaysia, including support to Malaysia as the host of APEC 2020.

On 21 January 2020, the Minister had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Shtayyeh, Prime Minister of Palestine, focusing on bilateral trade and investment issues concerning both countries. The Prime Minister of Palestine and the Minister also spoke on the Pilgrimage Tourism which Palestine has interest to offer to all believers of faiths.

WEF also provided an opportunity for the Minister to meet his counterparts, H.E. Guy Parmelin, Minister of Economic Affairs of Switzerland, H.E. Ruhsar Pekcan, Minister of Trade, Turkey, H.E. Rodrigo Yañez Vice Minister of Trade, Chile, H.E. Yoo Myung-Hee, Trade Minister of Republic of Korea Venue and H.E. Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Trade of South Africa. Bilateral trade issues including strengthening bilateral trade between Malaysia and both countries were at the centre of their discussions.

The Minister also met with several key representatives from multinational companies such as ABB Ltd, Dassault Systemes, DP World, Standard Chartered, Novartis Oncology, Tyson Food, AIRBUS, FESTO AG, Jumeirah Group and Yidu Cloud where they exchanged views on ways to strengthen existing business and investments as well as exploring further opportunities in Malaysia.

As a speaker during the 4th Belt & Road Davos Forum, The Minister reiterated Malaysia’s strong commitment to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and emphasised the important role of the Belt and Road Initiative in enhancing cooperation and prosperity of all countries involved, particularly in the region.

YB Minister was under international media spotlight where he had interview sessions with CNBC and Bloomberg Asia. During his interview with CNBC, he spoke about Malaysia's views and positions amidst

the trade conflict between China and the United States, Malaysia's trade relations with China, progress of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), Malaysia's relationship with India and key challenges in realising trade through closer cooperation among nations. He assured Bloomberg Asia that he was confident that China would continue to buy Malaysia's palm oil and expressed his confidence in Malaysia's strong trade relationship with India.

On 24 January 2020, YB Minister also attended the Informal World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial Gathering that was held on the sidelines of WEF 2020. The WTO Ministers were invited to address key priorities for the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) scheduled for June 2020, including WTO reforms, and also the agenda on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Malaysia expressed her commitments to fair and equitable multilateral trading system and generating shared prosperity for all its Members.

WEF, an independent international organisation for public-private cooperation was established five (5) decades ago with a mission to improve the economic state of the world. The annual meeting, generally held in January, gathers the world's top business leaders, politicians, academicians and leaders of the society to discuss major global issues affecting the world's economy and to brainstorm suggestions and plans to address those challenges. An estimated of more than 2,500 participants including approximately 300 Head of States/Governments and government representatives and 1,500 global corporate leaders attended the event.

Ministry of International Trade and Industry
25 January 2020

Final Determination of an Anti-Dumping Investigation Concerning Imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar Originating or Exported From The Republic of Singapore and the Republic of Turkey

On 26 April 2019, the Government of Malaysia initiated an anti-dumping investigation based on a petition filed by the Malaysia Steel Association representing domestic producers of steel concrete reinforcing bar (subject merchandise) in accordance with the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Regulation 1994. The petitioner alleged that subject merchandise originating or exported from the Republic of Singapore (Singapore) and the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) are being imported into Malaysia at a price lower than the selling price in their respective domestic markets, causing material injury to the domestic industry in Malaysia producing the like product.

The Government of Malaysia has concluded the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Singapore and Turkey and decided to impose final affirmative anti-dumping duties as follows:

<u>Republic of Singapore</u>		<u>Republic of Turkey</u>	
Natsteel Holdings Pte Ltd	4.97%	Colakoglu Metalurji A.S.	Nil
Others	17.65%	Diler Iron and Steel Co. Inc.	3.62
		Others	20.09%

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department will enforce the collection of anti-dumping duties on imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from the alleged countries and this measure will be effective for five (5) years, from 22 January 2020 to 21 January 2025.

With the imposition of anti-dumping duties on imports of subject merchandise from the alleged countries, it is expected that the issue of unfair trade practices will be addressed. Interested parties, such as local producers, importers, foreign producers/exporters and associations related to the investigation can have access to the non-confidential version of the public report on the Final Determination by submitting a written request to:

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Ministry of International Trade and Industry
22 January 2020

Consumer Price Index (CPI) 2019 (2010=100)

CPI increased 0.7%
from 120.7 to 121.5
in 2019

552 products
in the basket

CPI by consumer products categories



Durable Goods
97.9, ▼0.2%



Semi-durable Goods
95.4, ▼1.9%



Non-durable Goods
123.0, ▼0.7%



Services
125.6, ▲2.0%

CPI for main groups



Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels
121.3, ▲1.9%



Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages
133.1, ▲1.7%



Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
167.8, ▲1.5%



Education
119.7, ▲1.4%



Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance
116.4, ▲1.4%



Restaurants & Hotels
131.8, ▲1.2%



Recreation Services & Culture
111.8, ▲0.7%



Health
122.7, ▲0.7%



Communication
96.4, ▲0.4%



Miscellaneous Goods & Services
113.0, ▲0.4%



Clothing & Footwear
94.3, ▼2.0%



Transport
114.0, ▼1.9%

21,800 outlets
from
137 price
collection
locations

17,000 retail outlets
in states of
Peninsular Malaysia
from **97** locations



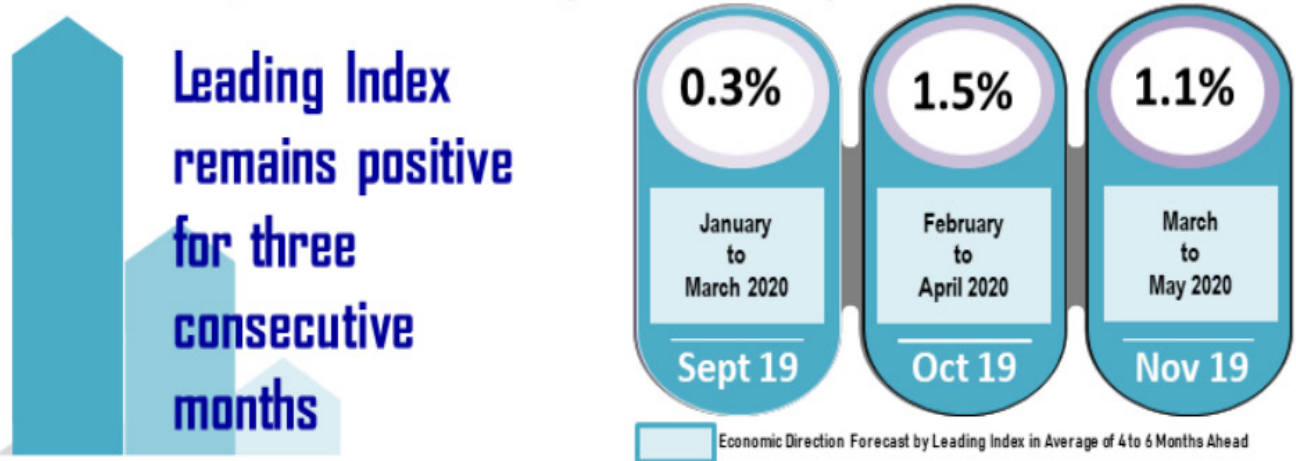
2,500 outlets
in **Sabah** from
21 locations



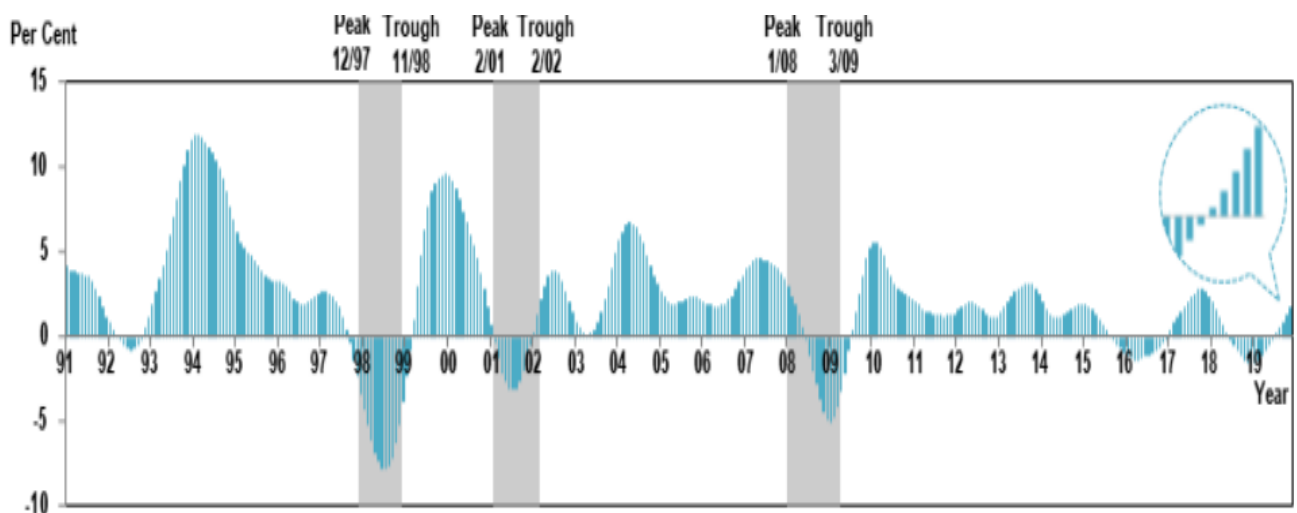
2,300 outlets
in **Sarawak** from
19 locations

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

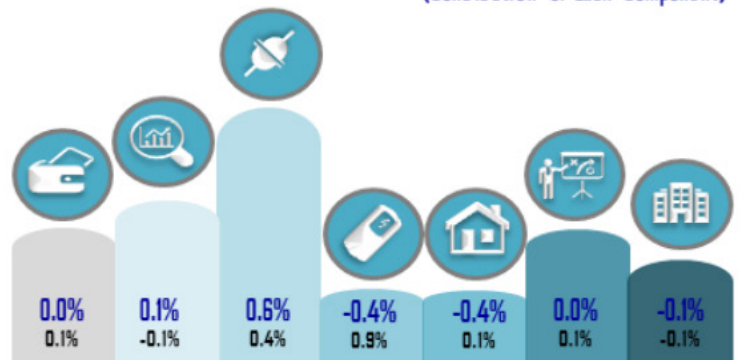
Leading Index, November 2019



Annual growth rate of Leading Index (smoothed) and business cycle (grey shaded area), Jan-Nov 2019



Month on Month Percentage Change by Leading Index
-0.2% | 1.4%
 (Contribution of Each Component)



Note: November 2019
October 2019

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Cluster 4: Environment & Natural Resources

Goal 6: Clean Water & Sanitation**Goal 7: Affordable & Clean Energy****Goal 12: Responsible Consumption & Productivity****Goal 13: Climate Action****Goal 14: Life Below Water****Goal 15: Life on Land**

Goal 13: Take urgent action to
combat climate change and its
impacts



SUMMARY FINDING

Indicator 13.1.1:

Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population

The number of deaths attributed by disasters per 100,000 population increased by 26 persons to 31 persons in 2017 as compared to 2016 (5 persons). Affected persons attributed by disaster also increased to 177,862 persons in 2017 as compared to 40,090 persons in 2016.

Table 13.1:

Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters, 2016 and 2017

	Deaths	Missing persons	Affected persons
2016	5	0	40,090
2017	31	4	177,862

Source: National Disaster Management Agency, Malaysia

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

In 2017, Kelantan recorded the highest number of affected persons, 61,647 persons followed by Terengganu (34,966 persons) and Johor (17,533 persons). Meanwhile, W.P. Labuan stated the lowest number of the affected persons with 131 persons and no affected person attributed to disasters in W.P. Putrajaya.

Table 13.2:

Number of directly affected persons attributed to disasters, 2017

State	No. of persons
Johor	17,533
Kedah	13,157
Kelantan	61,647
Melaka	1,792
Negeri Sembilan	319
Pahang	15,969
Perak	3,663
Perlis	3,397
Pulau Pinang	12,631
Sabah	9,881
Sarawak	892
Selangor	1,446
Terengganu	34,966
W.P. Kuala Lumpur	438
W.P. Labuan	131
W.P. Putrajaya	-

Source: National Disaster Management Agency, Malaysia

**APEC 2020
MALAYSIA**

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CONCEPT AND THEME OF APEC 2020

**SHARED
PROSPERITY****THE FUTURE****HUMAN/
PEOPLE/
SOCIETY**

THEME

OPTIMISING HUMAN POTENTIAL
TOWARDS A FUTURE OF SHARED
PROSPERITY

Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry



Be part of something BIG?

Come and join us, be a volunteer for APEC 2020!

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<https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/5657?mid=626>



LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY INDEX (LSCI)



SHIPPING CONTINUES TO BUOY GLOBAL TRADE

- UNCTAD's latest LSCI data shows that maritime transport is going full steam ahead and continuing to support global trade. However, growth in maritime shipments decelerated in 2018, reflecting downside pressures on demand as well as supply-side disruptions.

LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY: TOP 10 COUNTRIES, IN 2019



Check out LSCI country scores at: <http://stats.unctad.org/LSCI>

World largest exports of Looped pile fabrics,
knitted or crocheted (excluding of cotton
or man-made fibres)*



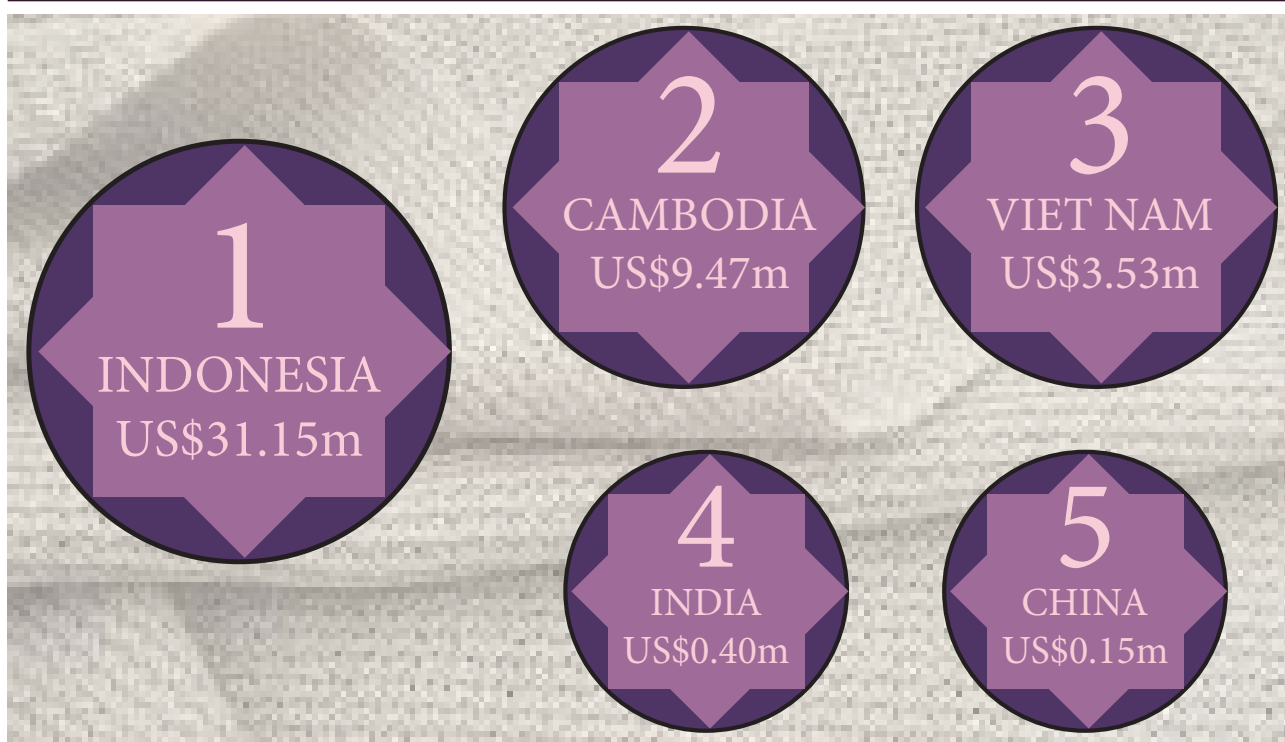
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-% refer to share in world exports

In 2018, Malaysia's export of Looped pile fabrics, knitted or crocheted (excluding of cotton or man-made fibres) recorded US\$44.8 million with 42.9%

Top Five Malaysia Export Destinations



Sources: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>



GLOSSARY

Source: <http://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/glossary>

Kleptocracy:

Corrupt, thieving government, in which the politicians and bureaucrats in charge use the powers of the state to feather their own nests.

Less Than Full Reciprocity:

Principle which requires developed countries to undertake higher reduction compared to developing countries.

Leaders:

Term used for heads of APEC member economies participating in the annual Informal Sessions of the APEC Economic Leaders' Meetings (AELM). Terminology is in accordance with the common principle of APEC which refers to APEC participants as member economies, instead of sovereign nations.

Long Products:

Long products include hot rolled bar, cold rolled or drawn bar, rebar, railway rails, wire, rope (stranded wire), woven cloth of steel wire, shapes (sections) such as U, I, or H sections, and may also include ingots from continuous casting, including blooms and billets. Fabricated structural units, such bridge sections are also classed as long products. Long products find general use in construction industries, and in capital goods sectors.

Material Handling Equipment:

Machines for movement, handling, storage and retrieval of materials such as cranes, conveyance equipment, auto/storage/retrieval systems and material handling equipment for manufacturing processes.

Moratorium:

The moratorium on new membership, effective through 2010, was agreed between APEC Leaders in 1997 in order to give APEC a period in which to lay firm foundations for the future given the considerable number of members (21).

Minamata Convention:

A global treaty to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury.

Labour Force:

Refers to those who, during the reference week, are in the 15 - 64 years age group (in completed years at last birthday) and who are either employed or unemployed.

Lipstick Effect:

A theory that states that during periods of recession or economic downturn, consumers will eschew purchases of big-ticket luxury items and seek material solace in smaller indulgences, such as premium lipstick instead of fur coat.

Main Carriage:

- Domestic: subsequent transportation beyond pre-carriage
- International: transportation from the point of departure on the seller's side to the arrival point on the buyer's side

Mark-up Approach:

Addition of a certain number of percentage points to the applied rate of the unbound tariff line in order to establish the base rate. Current proposal is for mark-up of 30.

Member Economies:

A term used for an official member of APEC. Members taking part in APEC activities do so as economic entities rather than as sovereign states. Currently, APEC comprises 21 member economies: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; the Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States; and Viet Nam.

Lead Shepard:

The head of a working group under the Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation (SCE) of APEC, within some SCE fora this position is called Chair. This is to differentiate with Convenor, who is the Chair of a forum under the Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI).

Machine Tools:

Metalworking machinery consists of metal cutting and metal forming/shaping machinery.

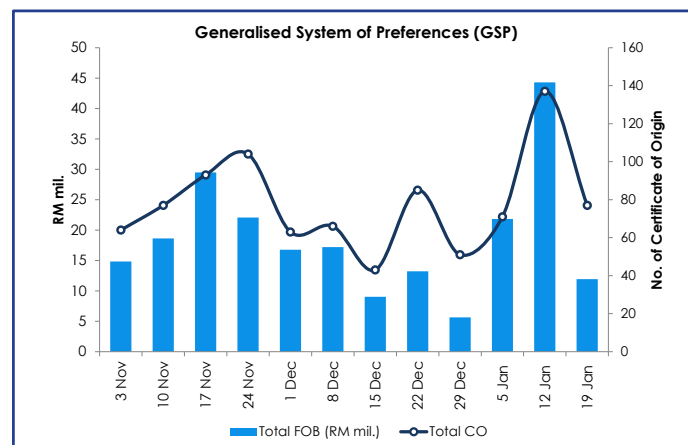
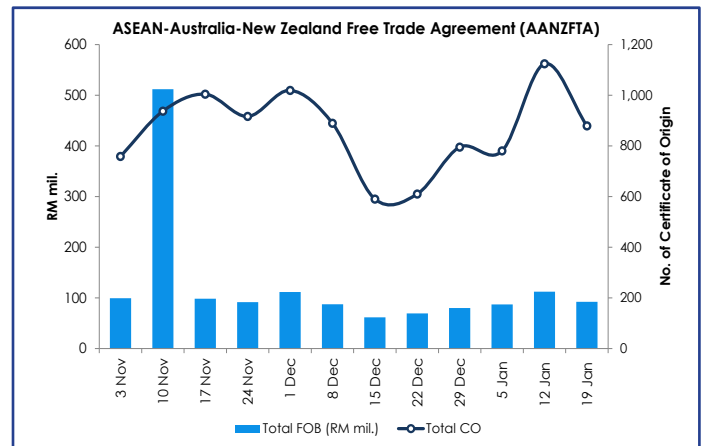
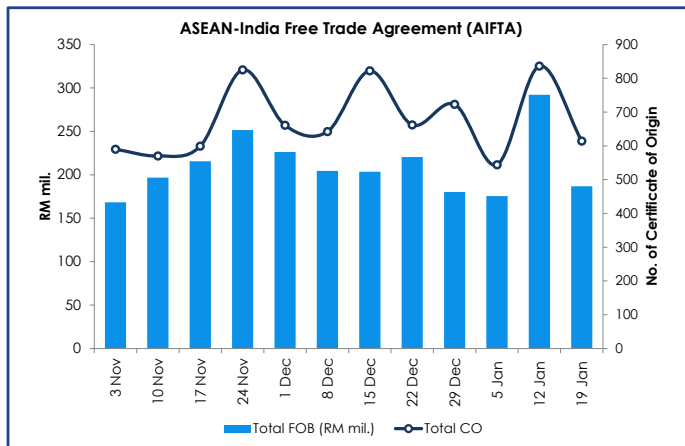
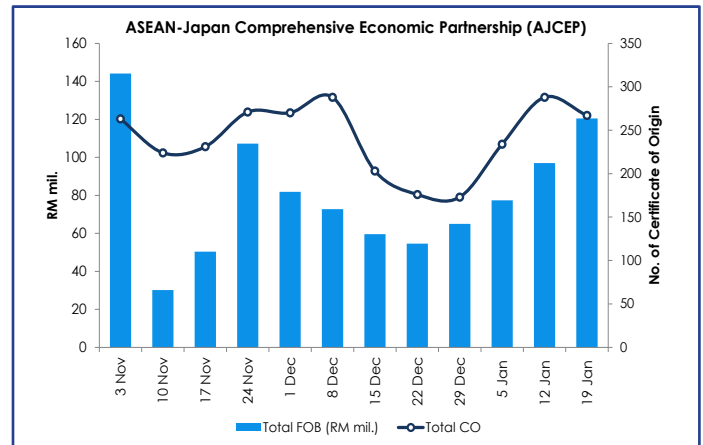
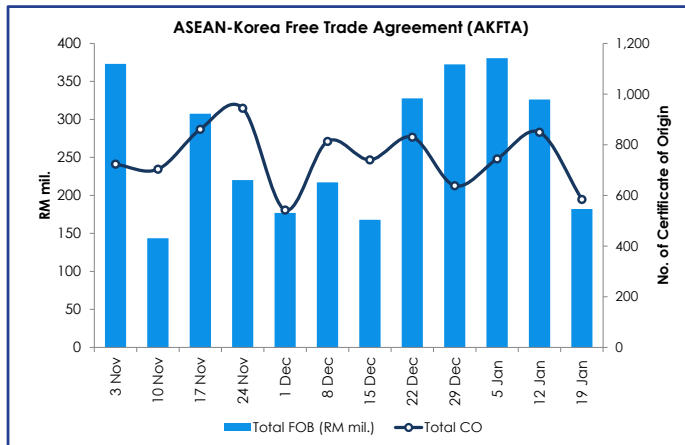
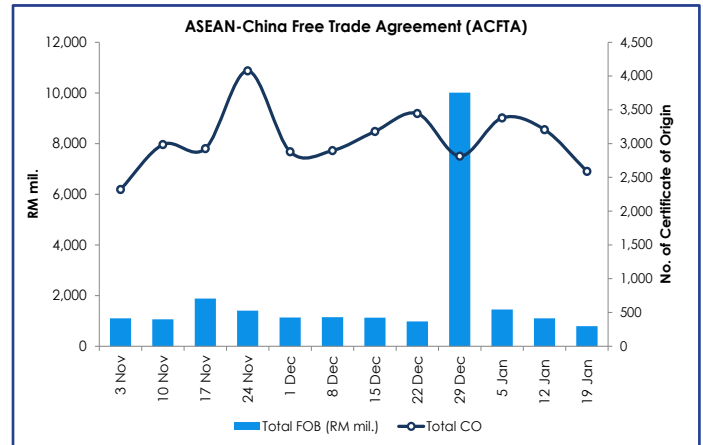
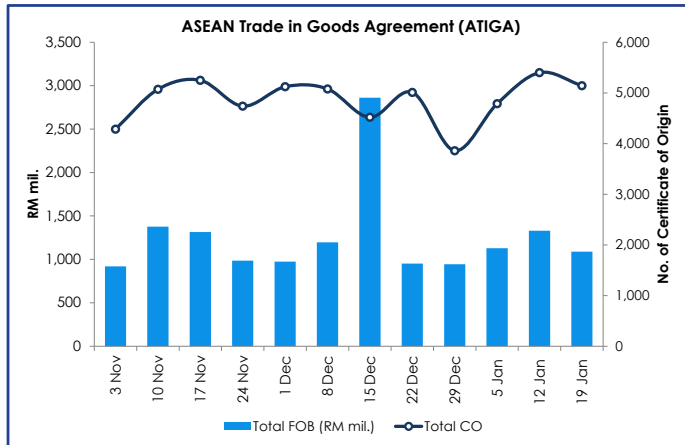
Marine-restricted:

Exclusion List- Terms that only apply to carriage by vessel

Market Access:

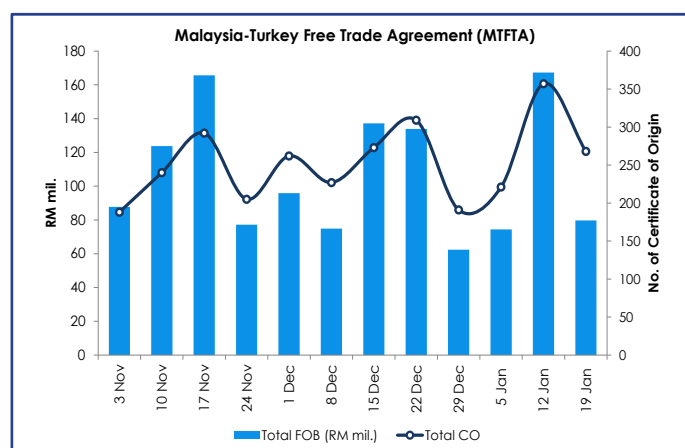
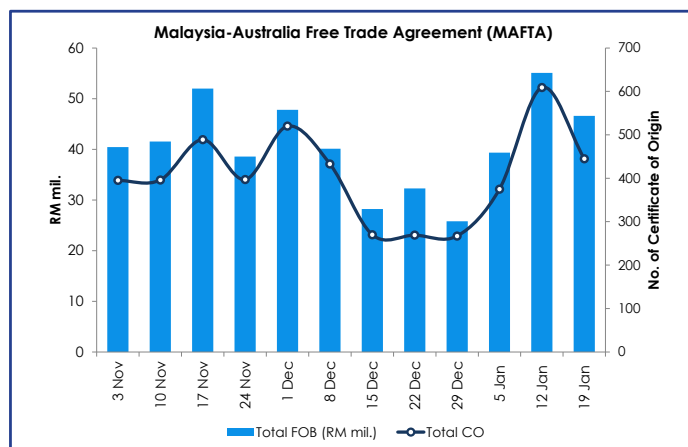
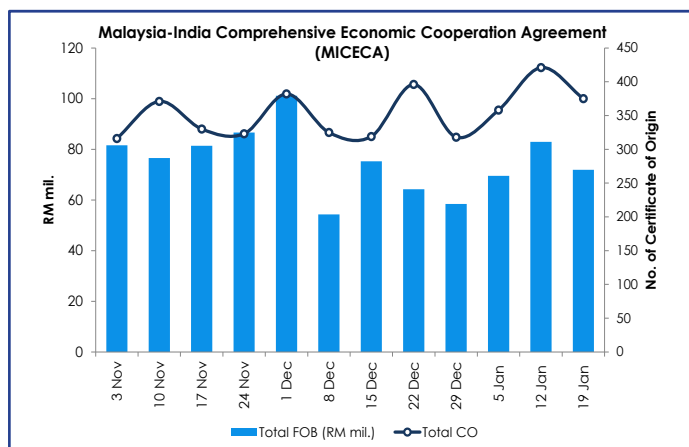
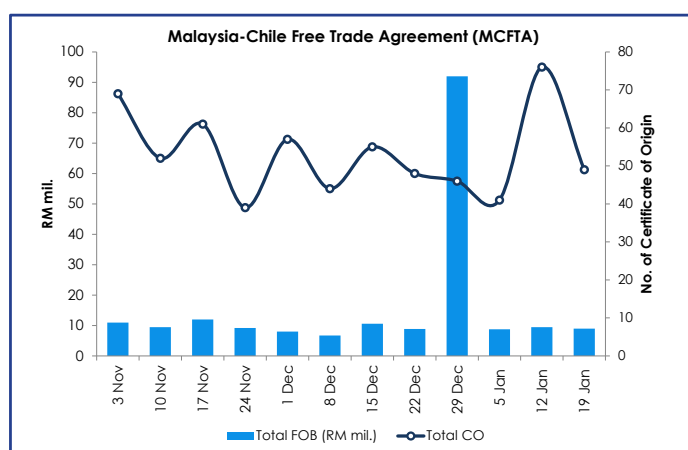
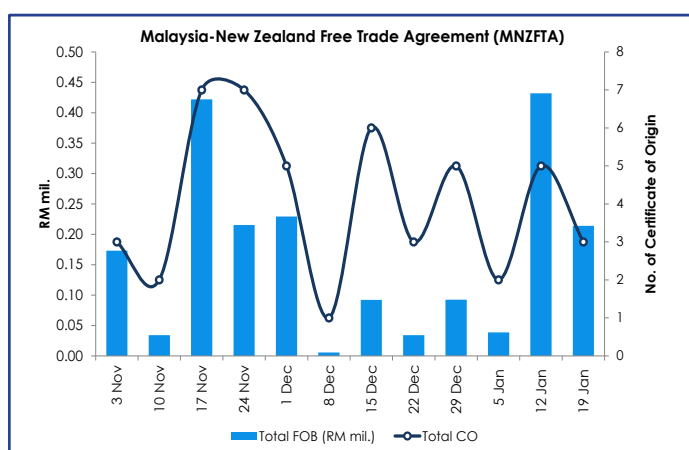
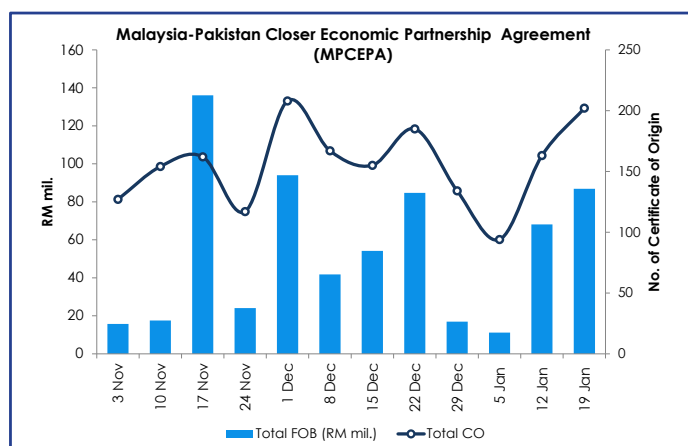
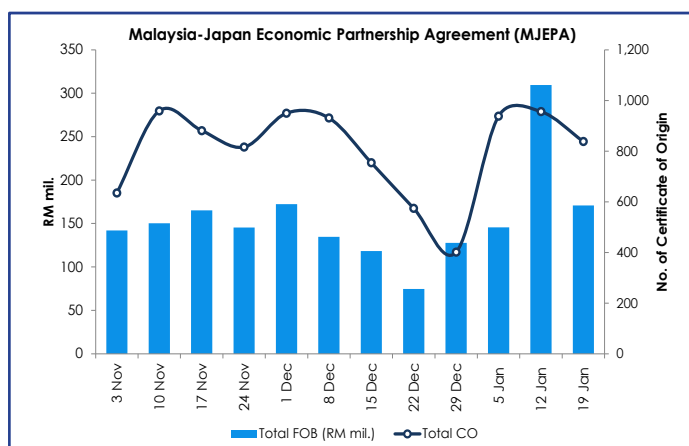
Market access for goods in the WTO means the conditions, tariff and non-tariff measures, agreed by members for the entry of specific goods into their markets.

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)



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

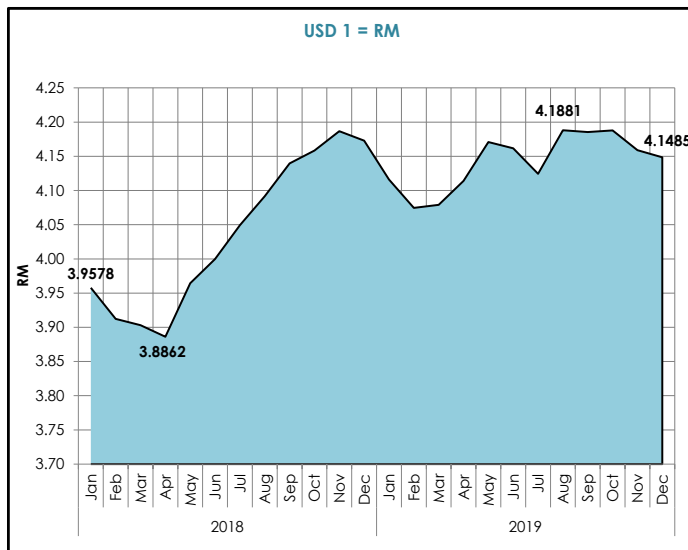
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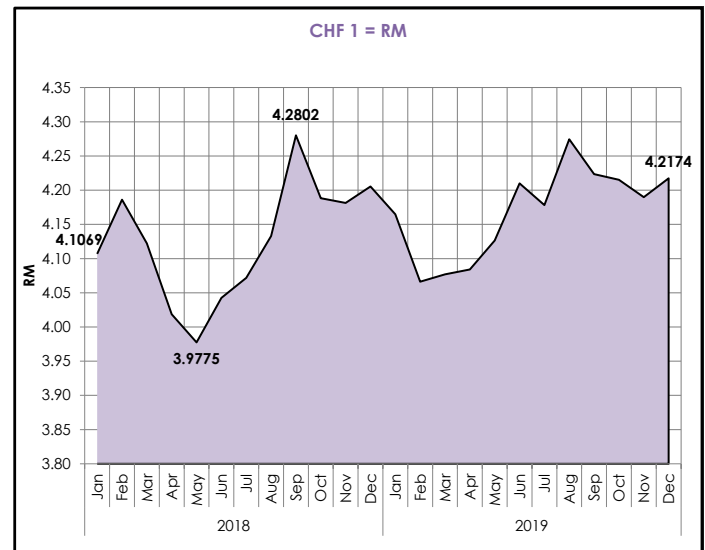
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2018 - December 2019

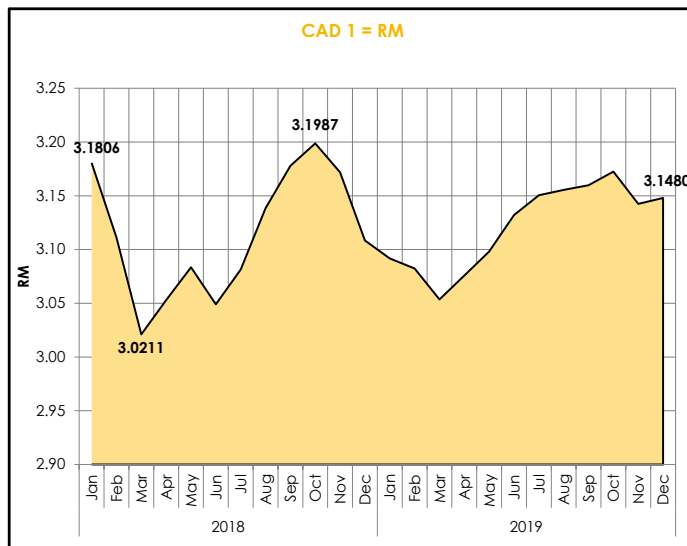
US Dollar



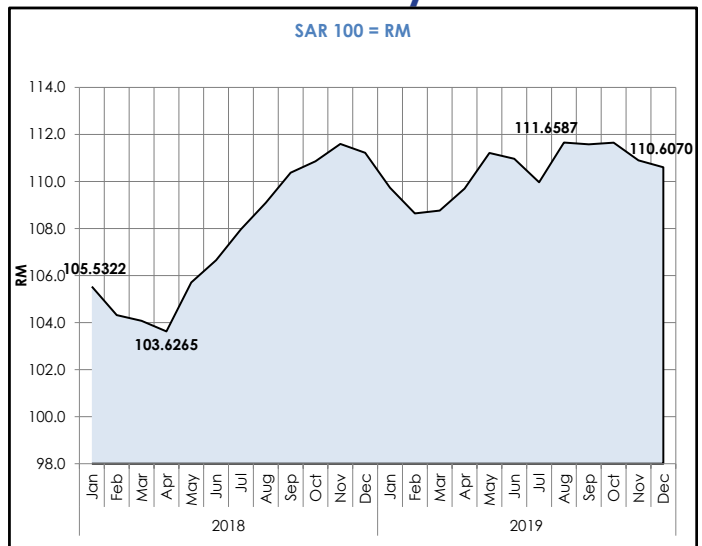
Swiss Franc



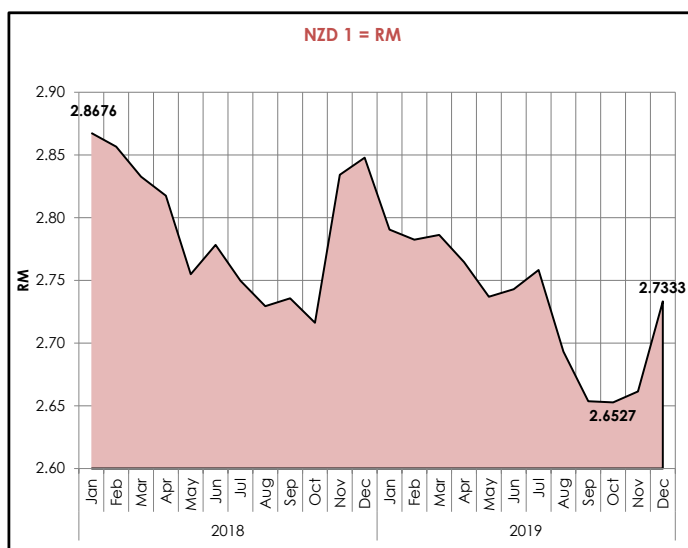
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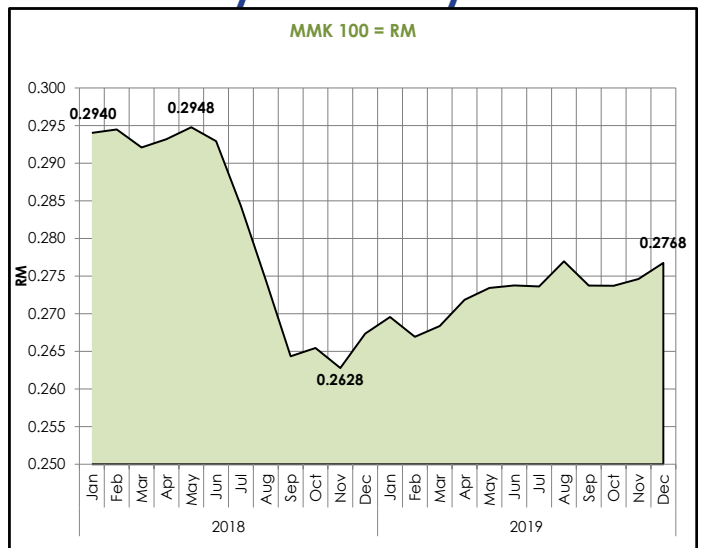
Saudi Riyal



New Zealand Dollar



Myanmar Kyat



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



6.4%*

US\$60.7

24 January 2020

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$64.2

Highest
2019/2020

03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6

17 May 2019 : US\$72.2

24 Jan 2020 : US\$60.7

09 Aug 2019 : US\$54.5

Lowest
2019/2020

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



0.4%*

US\$734.2

24 January 2020

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$557.1

Highest
2019/2020

10 Jan 2020 : US\$761.9

27 Dec 2019 : US\$794.5

17 Jan 2020 : US\$731.4

26 Jul 2019 : US\$488.5

Lowest
2019/2020

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



3.5%*

US\$1,470.5

24 January
2020

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$1,414.6

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



2.7%*

US\$1,826.8

24 January
2020

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$1,592.4

SUGAR -per lbs-



0.4%*

US\$14.4

24 January
2020

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$12.4

COAL -per MT-



0%*

US\$45.6

24 January 2020

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$56.5

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



0%*

US\$300.0

(high)

24 January 2020

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$316.9 (high)

Average Price 2019ⁱ: US\$291.6 (low)

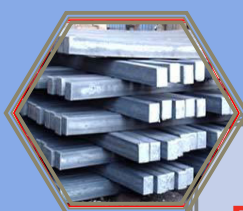
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US\$280.0

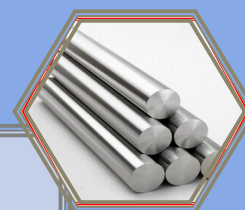
(low)

Domestic Prices

24 January 2020



**Billets
(per MT)
RM1,750 - RM1,850**



**Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,100 - RM2,250**

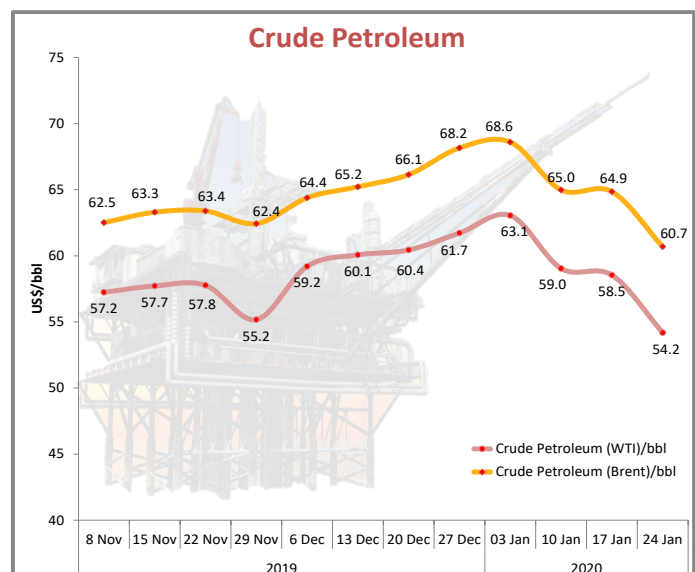
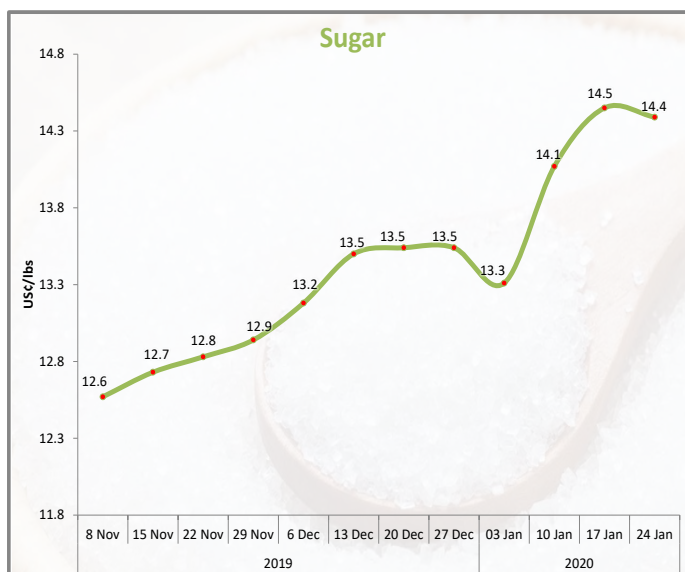
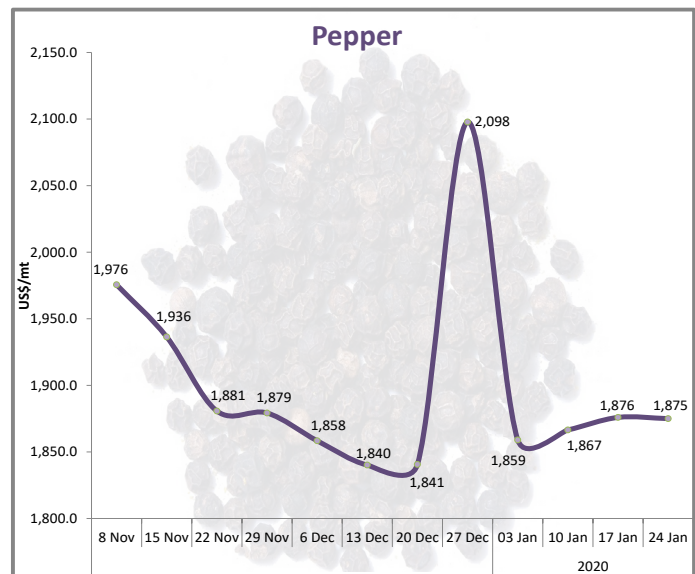
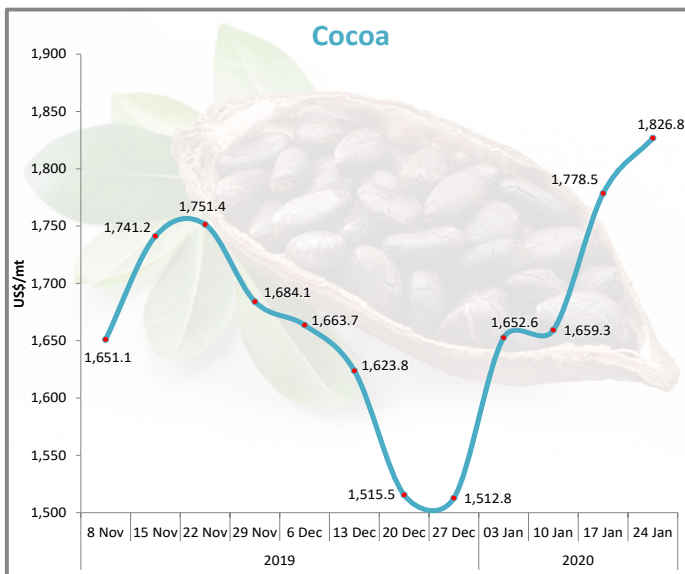
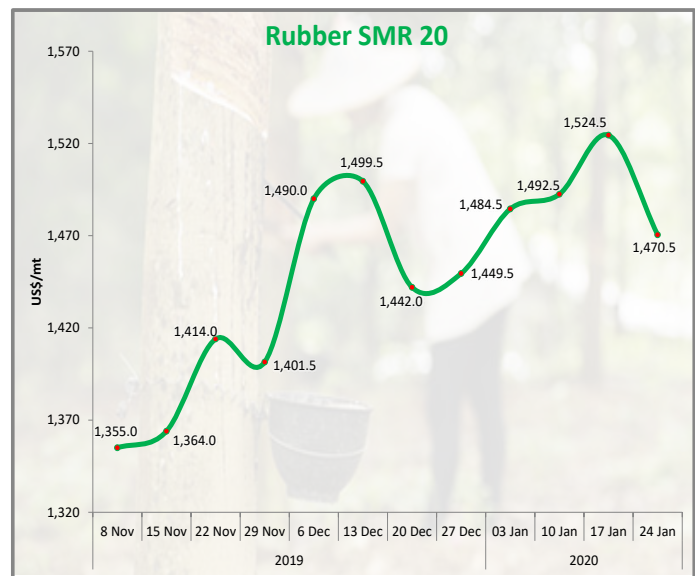
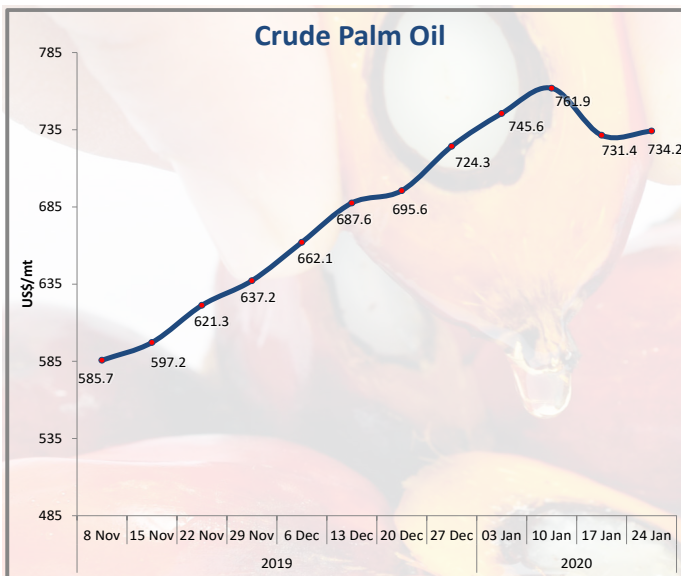
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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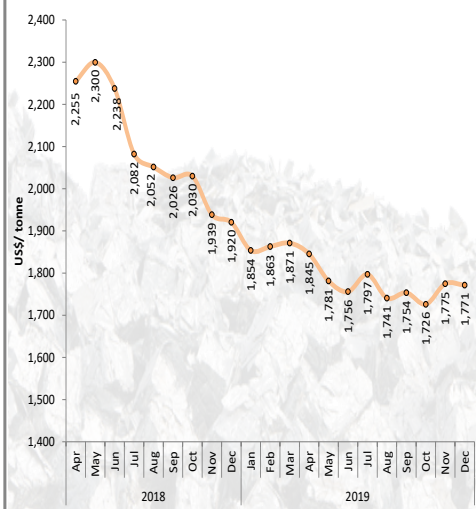
Commodity Price Trends



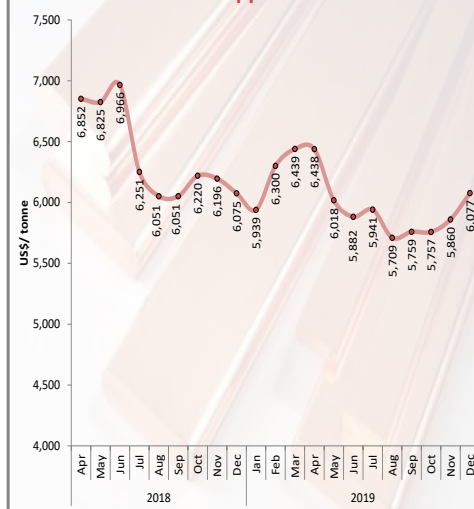
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Commodity Price Trends

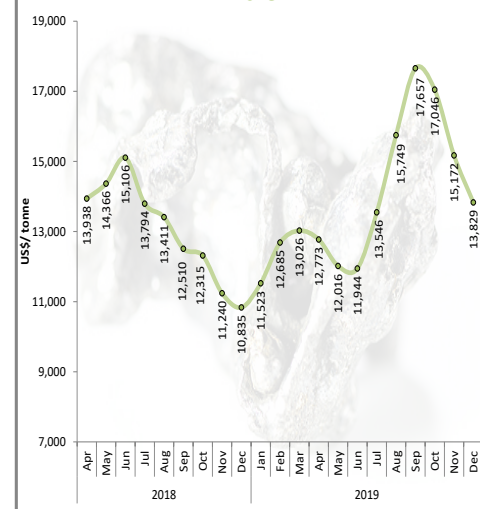
Aluminium



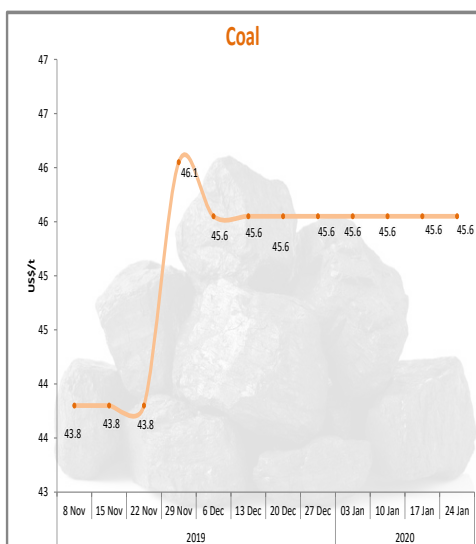
Copper



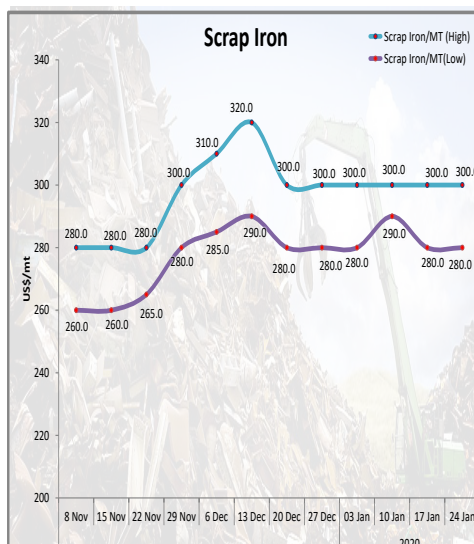
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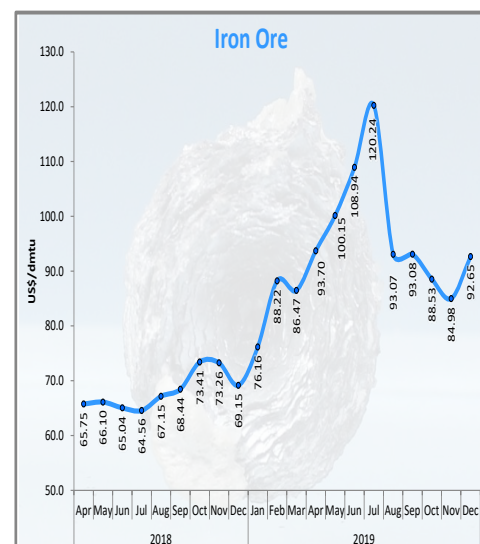
Coal



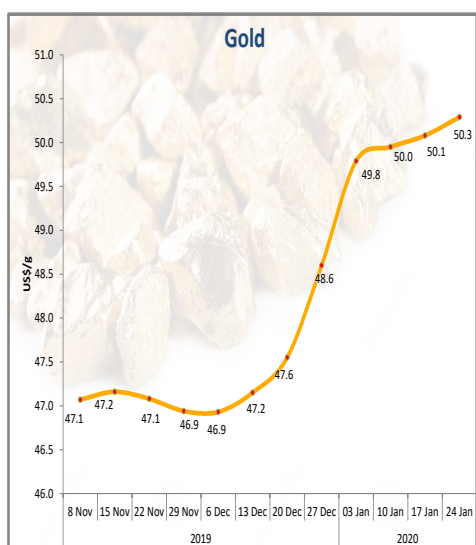
Scrap Iron



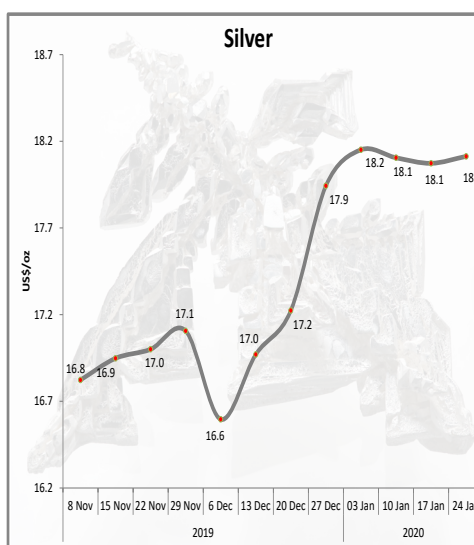
Iron Ore



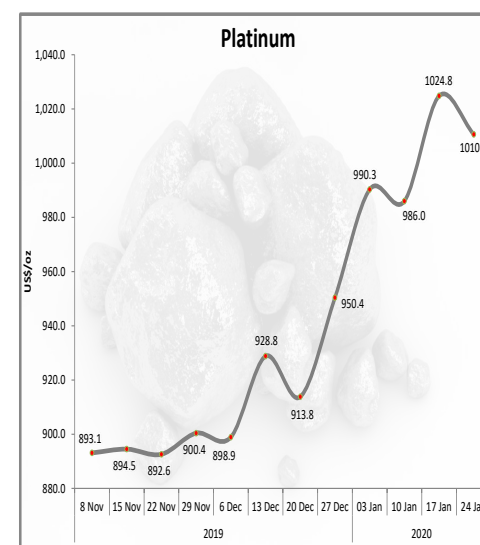
Gold



Silver



Platinum



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INDUSTRY4WRD RELATED INCENTIVES

Having the extra capital allows SMEs to flourish and prosper. Find the suitable fund for your company.

01 | LOANS

Soft Loan Scheme for Automation and Modernisation (SLSAM)

- targets manufacturing sectors
- 4.0% interest rate per annum for SMEs
- www.midf.com.my

Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

- targeted sectors: AI, Robotics, Automation etc.
- provides a 2% interest rate subsidy
- www.bpmb.com.my

Coming Soon!

1. Intervention Fund*
 - 70:30 matching grant up to RM500,000.
2. Industry4WRD DISF*
 - 60:40 matching grant

*participation in Industry4WRD RA is a prerequisite to apply

Domestic Investment Strategic Fund (DISF)

- 50:50 matching grant to companies adopting Industry 4.0 enabling technologies
- targets manufacturing and services sectors
- www.mida.gov.my

02 | GRANTS

Digital Transformation Acceleration Program (DTAP) Pilot Grant

- 1:1 matching grant
- targets large corporate and mid-tier companies in Malaysia
- assists companies to tap on the expertise of Digital Transformation Labs (DTL)
- www.mdec.my

Automation Capital Allowance (Automation CA)



For Labour Intensive Industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM4 million expenditure incurred within 5 years

For other industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM2 million expenditure incurred within 5 years
- www.mida.gov.my

For more information, kindly click the following links:

https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD?mid=559#tab_547_2202



MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY4WRD READINESS ASSESSMENT

Get your firm assessed. Be ready for Industry 4.0.

All you need to know about Industry4WRD RA



What is it?

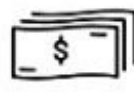
Trained assessors will help you to understand your readiness for Industry 4.0 and make recommendations on where to start your transformation.

Who is eligible?



- ✓ Manufacturing and its related services sector
- ✓ Incorporated under the Companies Act (1965/2016)/ Registration of Business Act (1956)
- ✓ Hold a valid license
- ✓ In operation for more than 3 years

What are the benefits?



To identify areas of improvement in terms of people, process and technology.



Receive comprehensive readiness report.



Be entitled to apply for financial incentives.



Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

Incentives for RA

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



Enquiries

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- RA: industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my



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Readiness Assessment



Apply online at www.miti.gov.my/industry4wrd



Evaluation by Committees



Onsite Assessment



Receive RA Report

Business Intervention



Develop Intervention Proposal



Apply for Financial Incentives



Implement the Intervention Plan

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All you need to know...

Industry4WRD

NEXT AWARD CYCLE



ANUGERAH KECEMERLANGAN INDUSTRI (AKI) 2019/2020

NOMINATIONS OPENING SOON

For more information, kindly click the following links:
<https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/aki?mid=535>



CALLING INTERESTED APPLICANTS TO APPLY FOR GRANT
 UNDER RMK-11 HIGH VALUE ADDED COMPLEX PRODUCT
 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (PDP) AND MARKET
 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MDP)

For more information, kindly click the following links:
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**APPROVED PERMIT (AP) APPLICATION
 OF PERSONAL VEHICLES**

Effective 1st August 2019, Approved Permit (AP) applications for the
 importation of personal vehicles must be made through the ePermit System.



For more information, kindly click the following links:
<https://bit.ly/2MyIPFt>

MITI POCKET TALK

A SERIES OF SESSION FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Information on the benefits of
Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and current updates

Introduction on **Preferential
 Certificates of Origin (PCO)**
 application procedures



Enjoy **LOWER Tariffs**
 on Imports

Gain **COMPETITIVE
 EDGE** by utilising
 the FTAs



When?

Once
a month

Where?

MITI Tower Kuala Lumpur
or
MITI Regional Offices

Fees?

Free of Charge
with light
refreshments

For more information, please contact the Secretariat



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Tentative Schedule for MITI Pocket Talks 2020

Date	Venue	Topic
14 February	MITI HQ	Introduction to FTAs Introduction to Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)
11 March	MITI Perak	
8 April	MITI HQ	
10 June	MITI Johor	
24 June	MITI HQ	
15 July	MITI Penang	
12 August	MITI HQ	
2 September	MITI Kelantan	
14 October	MITI HQ	
4 November	MITI Pahang	

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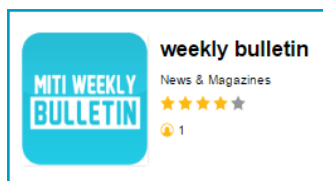


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