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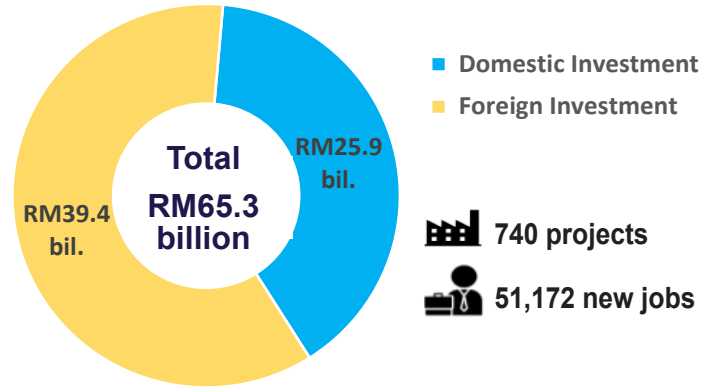
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### APPROVED INVESTMENTS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR JANUARY- SEPTEMBER 2020

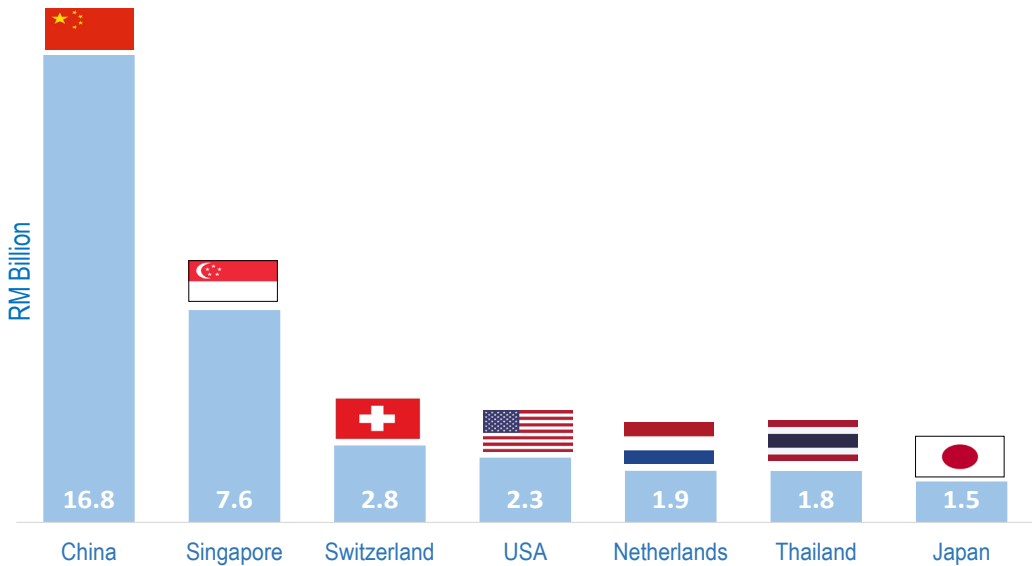
Malaysia recorded RM65.3 billion worth of approved investments in the manufacturing sector for the first nine months of this year, an increase of 16.6 per cent compared with RM56 billion in the same period last year.

Compared with the corresponding period last year, domestic direct investment (DDI) in the manufacturing sector saw a leap of 45.5 per cent to RM25.9 billion during this period while the value of approved foreign direct investments (FDI) increased by 3.2 per cent to RM39.4 billion.

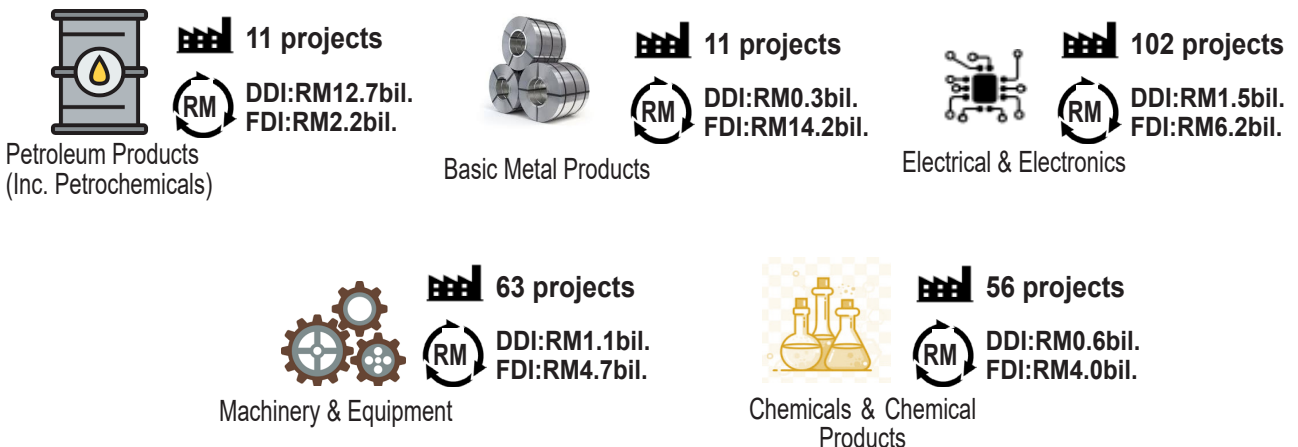


#### MAJOR SOURCES OF FDI

The leading sources of FDI for the nine-month period were China, Singapore, Switzerland, the United States, the Netherlands, Thailand and Japan.



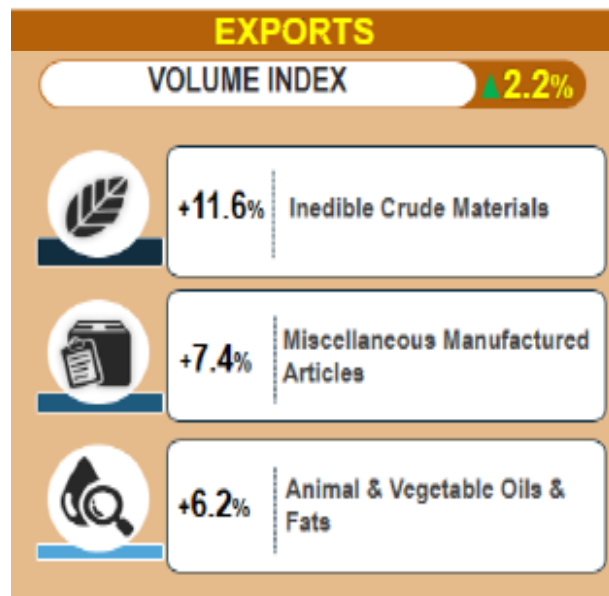
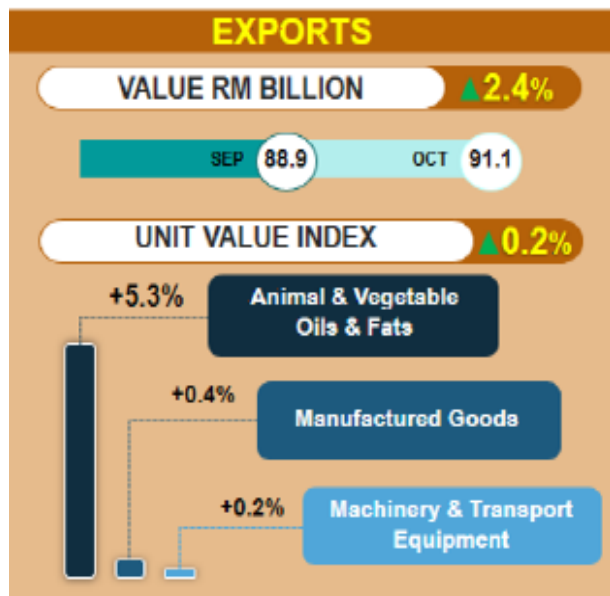
#### MANUFACTURING PROJECTS APPROVED BY TOP FIVE MAJOR INDUSTRY



## MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, OCTOBER 2020

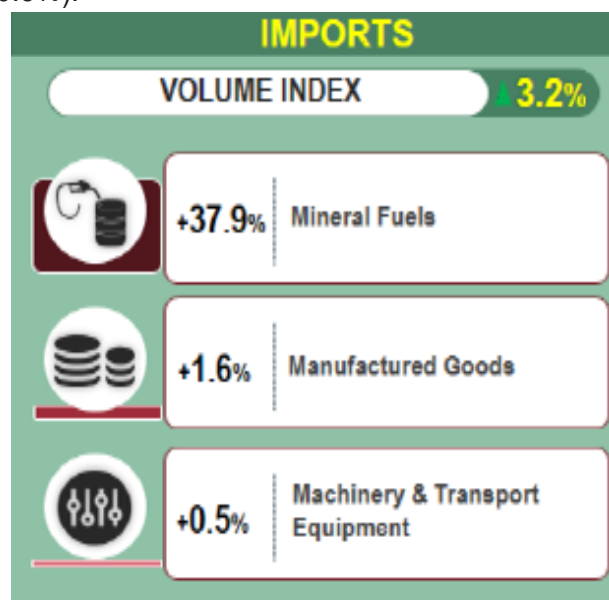
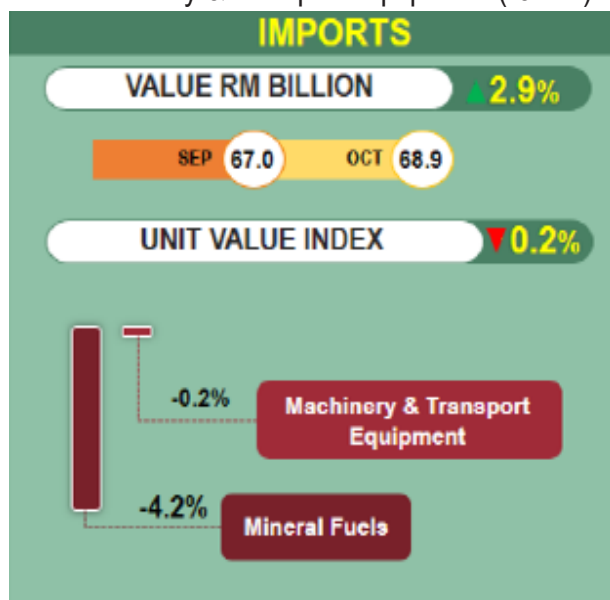
In October 2020, the import unit value index slipped from 112.6 points to 112.4 points, decreased 0.2% compared with the previous month. The deterioration was due to the decreases in the index of mineral fuels (-4.2%) and machinery & transport equipment (-0.2%).

The export volume index also showed an increase of 2.2% from 151.3 points to 154.6 points which was contributed by the rise in the index of inedible crude materials (+11.6%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (+7.4%) and animal & vegetable oils & fats (+6.2%).



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The import volume index grew 3.2% to 139.4 points as against 135.2 points in September 2020. The growth was contributed by the increases in the index of mineral fuels (+37.9%), manufactured goods (+1.6%) and machinery & transport equipment (+0.5%).



### Terms of trade

Malaysia's terms of trade showed a growth of 0.4% month-on-month from 98.1 points to 98.5 points in October 2020. On a year-on-year basis, Malaysia's terms of trade remained negative at 0.5% from 99.1 points



Note:

Percentage refers to the change in Month-on-Month (MoM)

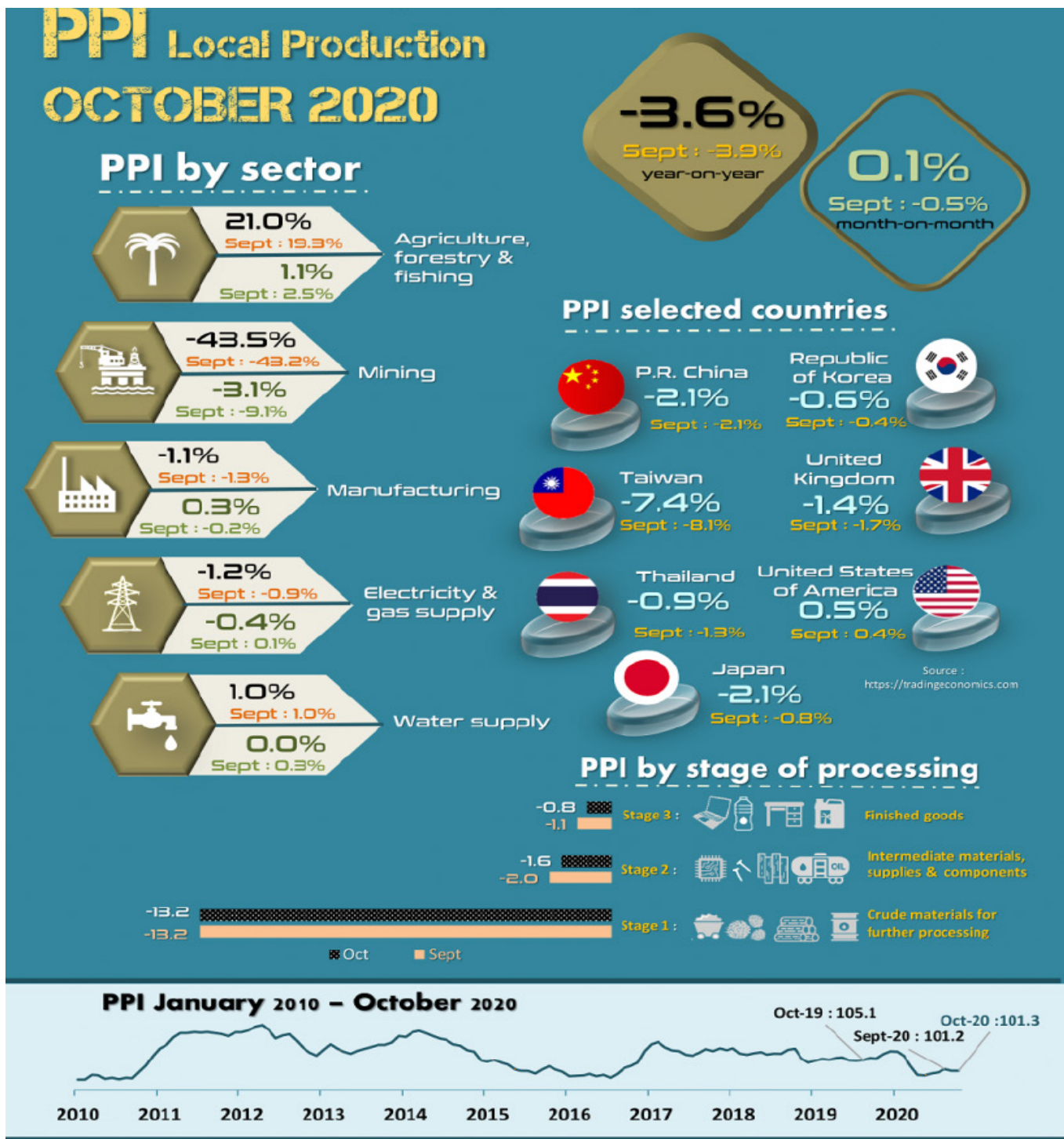
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# PRODUCER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA OCTOBER 2020

The Producer Price Index (PPI) local production decreased 3.6 per cent in October 2020 to 101.3 as against 105.1 in the same month of the preceding year. The decrease in the overall index was driven by the index of Mining (-43.5%), Electricity & gas supply (-1.2%), and Manufacturing (-1.1%). In contrast, the index of Agriculture, forestry & fishing and Water supply increased 21.0 per cent and 1.0 per cent respectively.

On a monthly basis, the PPI local production registered a marginal increase of 0.1 per cent in October 2020. The marginal increase was attributed by the incline in the index of Agriculture, forestry & fishing 1.1 per cent and Manufacturing 0.3 per cent. Meanwhile, the index of Mining and Electricity & gas supply slipped to negative 3.1 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively. Water supply remained unchanged.

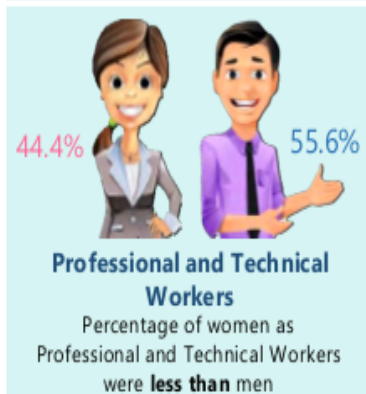
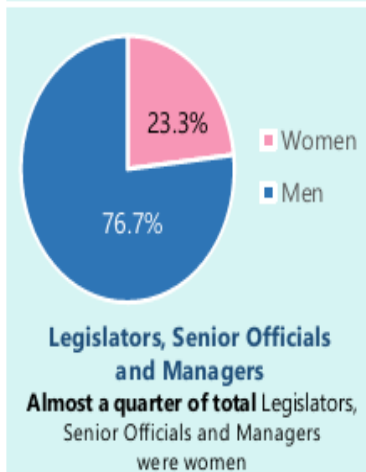
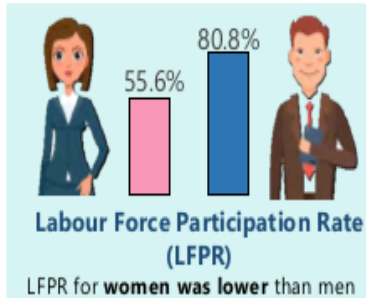


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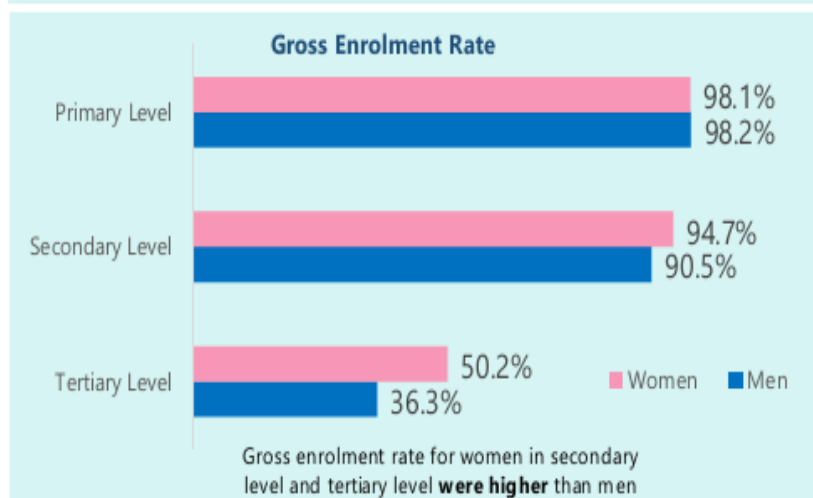
# STATISTICS ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN SELECTED DOMAINS, MALAYSIA 2020

## Malaysia Gender Gap Index (MGGI) 2019= **0.709**

### Economic Participation and Opportunity **0.717**



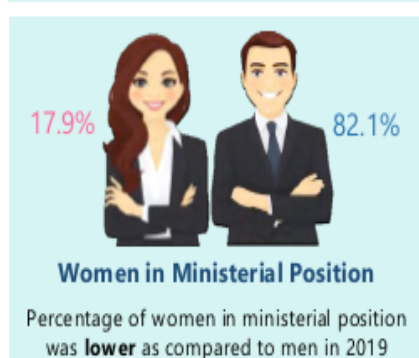
### Educational Attainment **1.053**



### Health and Survival **0.958**



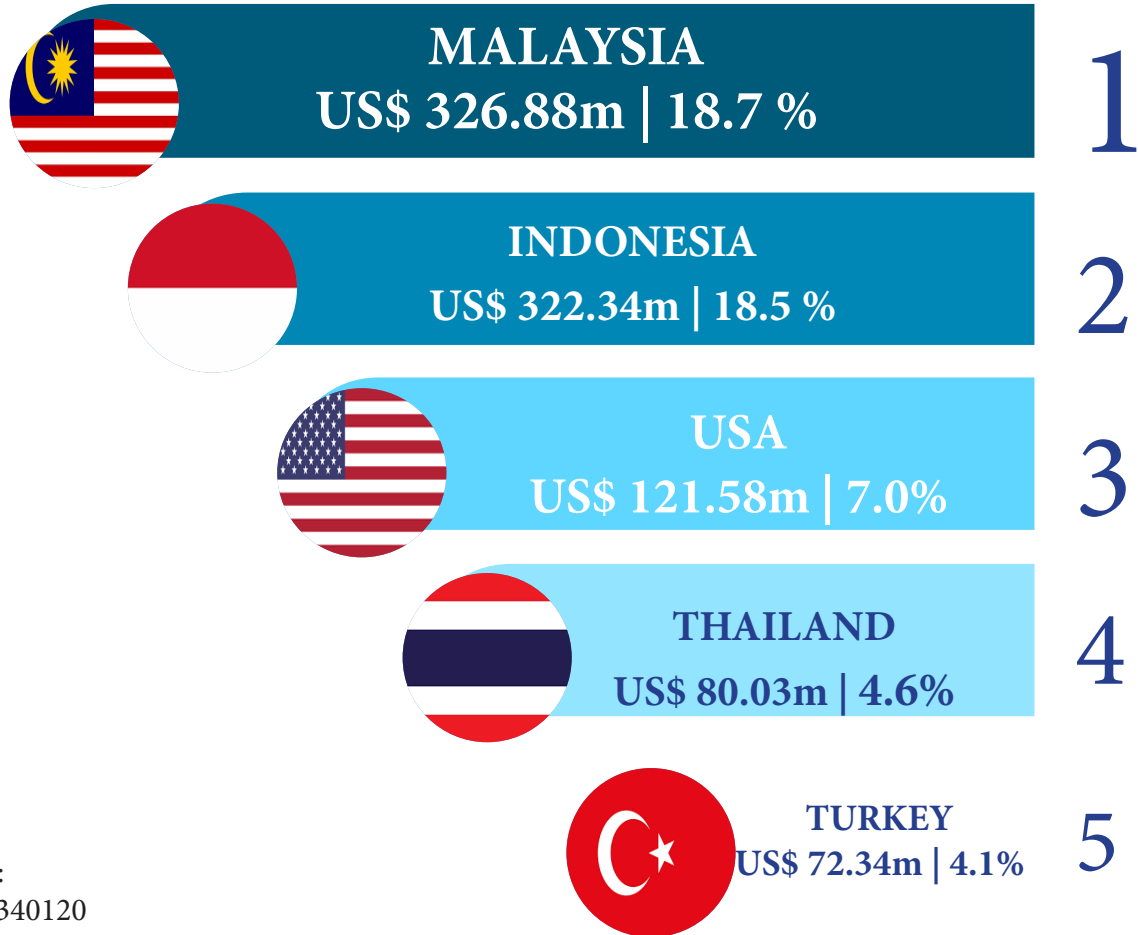
### Political Empowerment **0.108**



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

## WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF SOAP IN THE FORM OF FLAKES, GRANULES, POWDER, PASTE OR IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION

In 2019, Malaysia's export of soap in the form of flakes, granules, powder, paste or in aqueous solution recorded US\$ 326.88 Million which was 18.7 % share of the world exports.

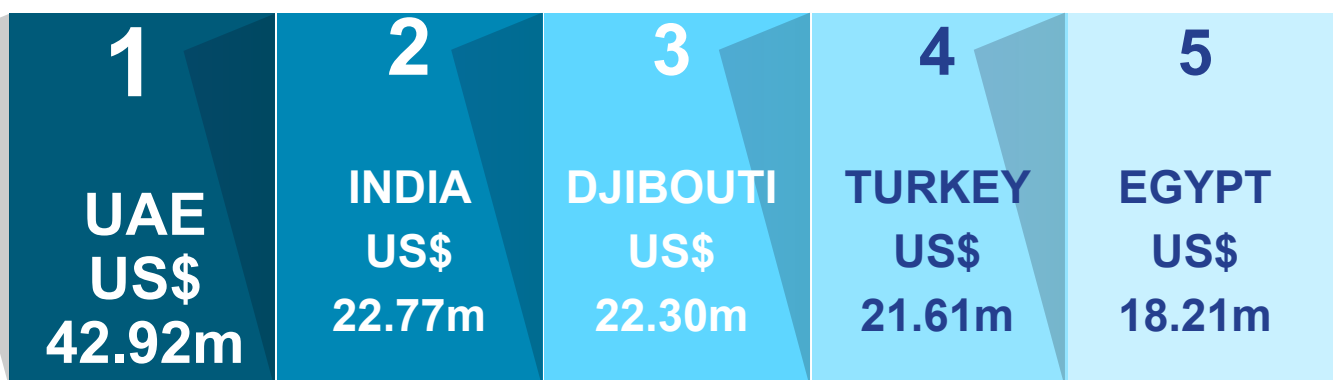


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-% refer to share in world exports

## TOP FIVE MALAYSIA'S EXPORT DESTINATIONS

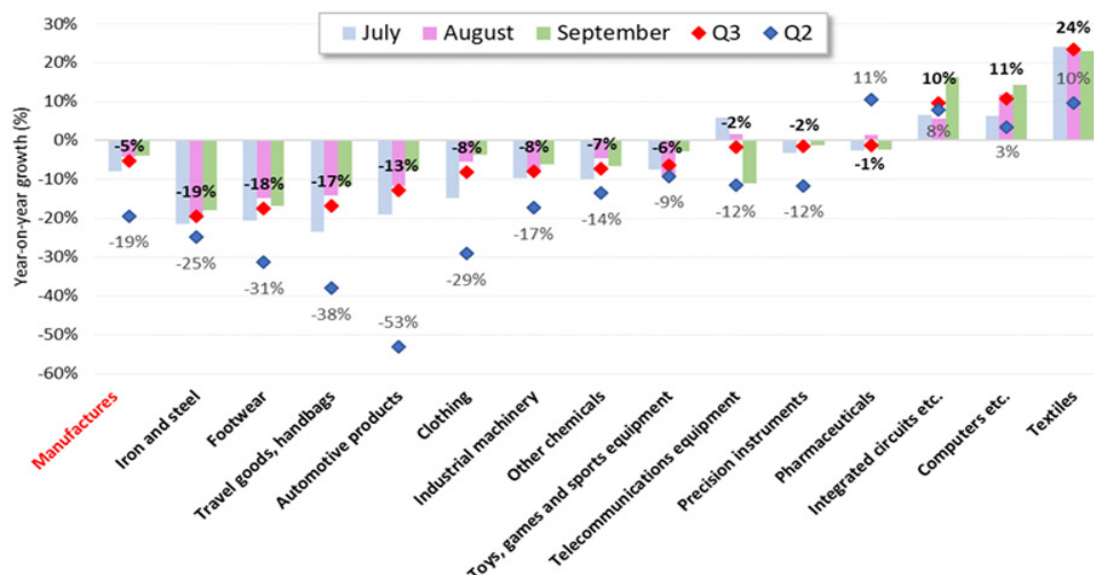


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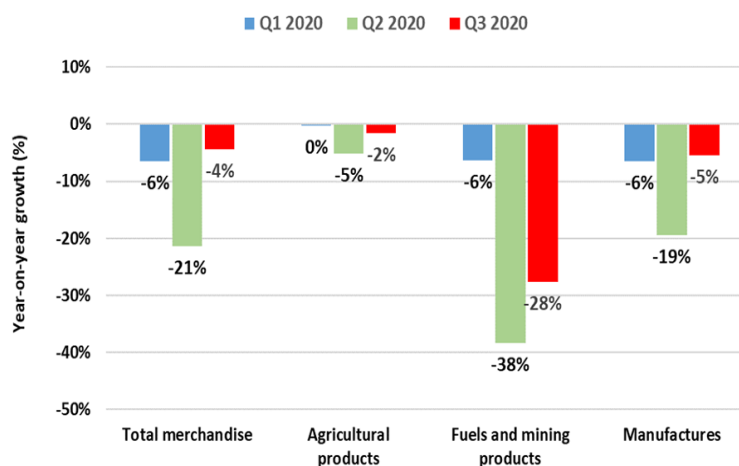
## ELECTRONICS AND AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS LIFT GLOBAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN Q3, SERVICES LAG BEHIND

Trade in manufactured goods was down 5% year-on-year in the quarter from July to September, much closer to pre-pandemic trade levels than the second quarter's 19% shortfall. Computers and electronic components saw double-digit trade growth, as did shipments of textiles, which were boosted by demand for face masks

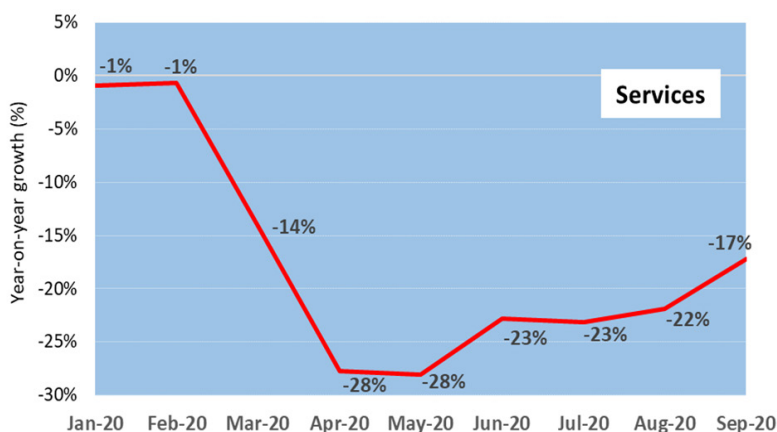


Source: WTO estimates.

Total merchandise trade — which includes fuel and agricultural products as well as manufactured products — in the period from January to September was down 11% year-on-year.



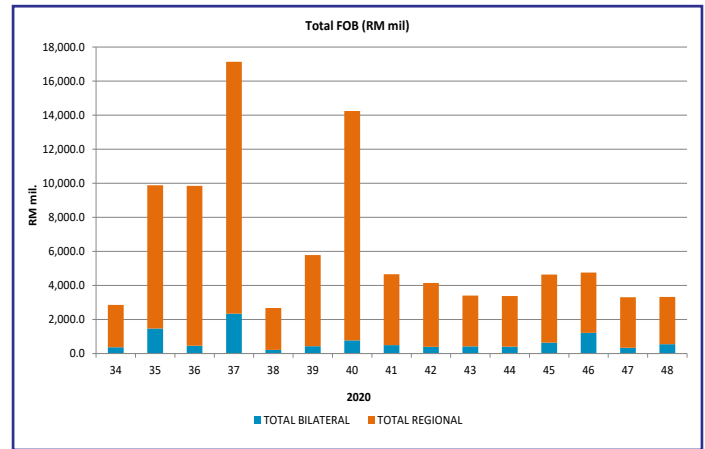
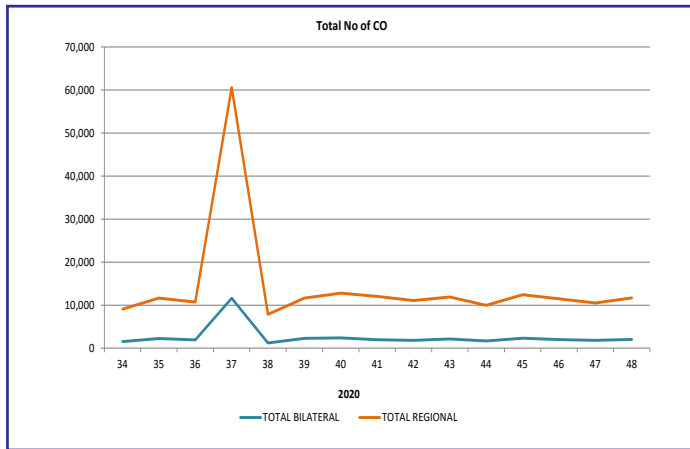
### Trade in services



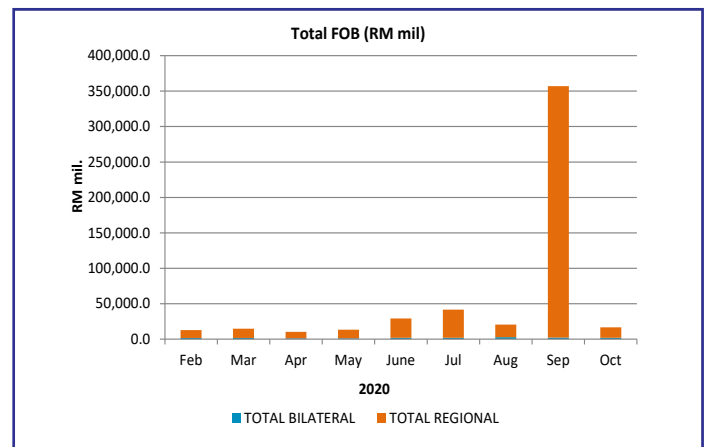
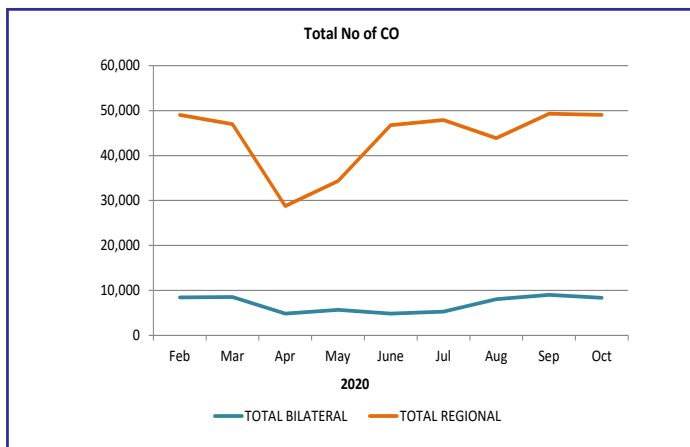
Services trade remained depressed, down 17% year-on-year in September after registering declines of 23% in July and 22% in August compared to the same months in the previous year. These estimates are based on preliminary statistics of 39 economies representing more than two-thirds of global services trade. Figures for the third quarter, which will cover a larger pool of economies, are expected to be released in late January.

# Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 29 November 2020 Weekly / Monthly / Annually

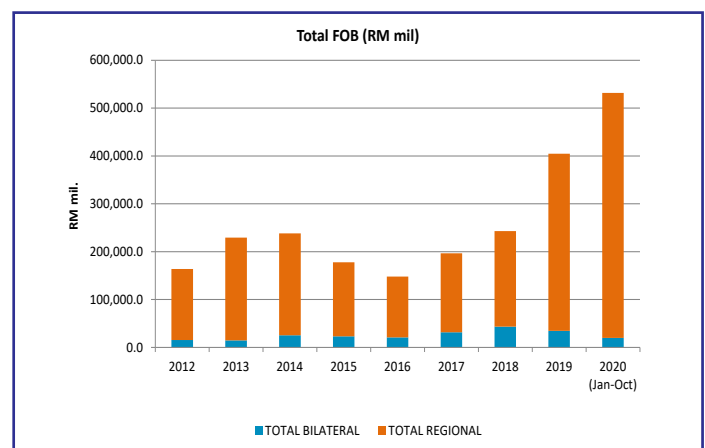
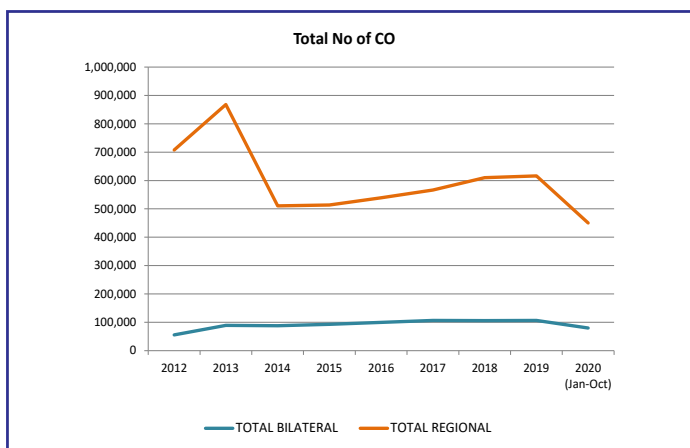
## Weekly



## Monthly

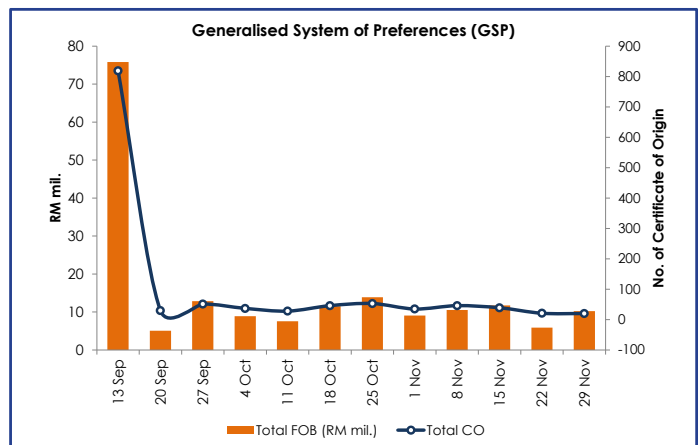
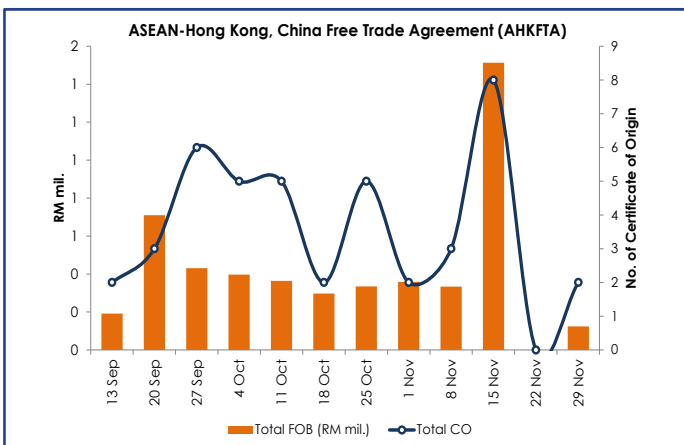
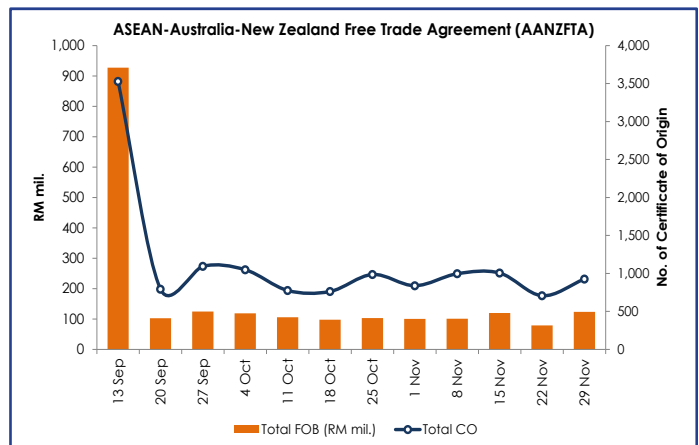
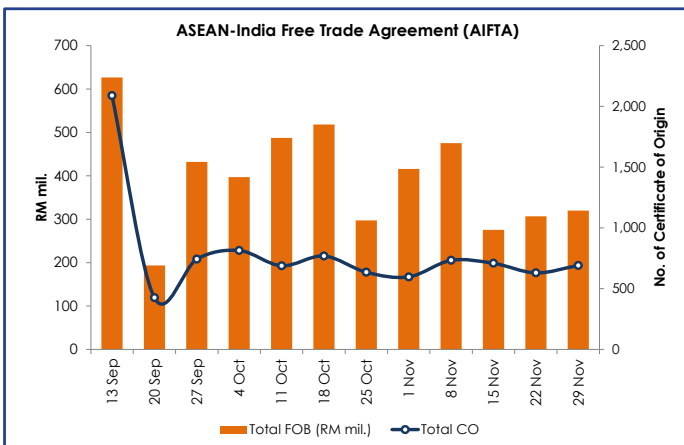
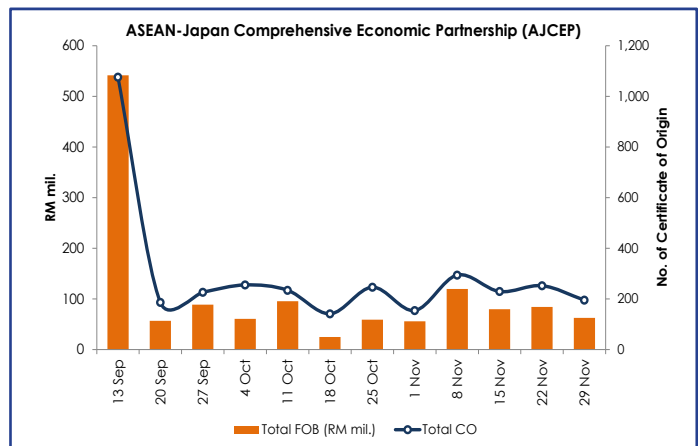
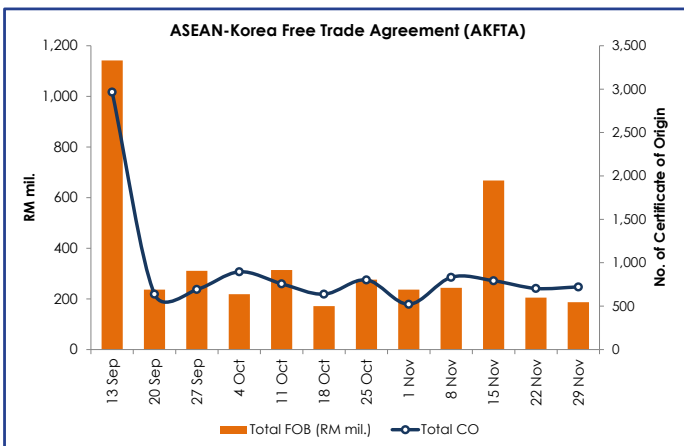
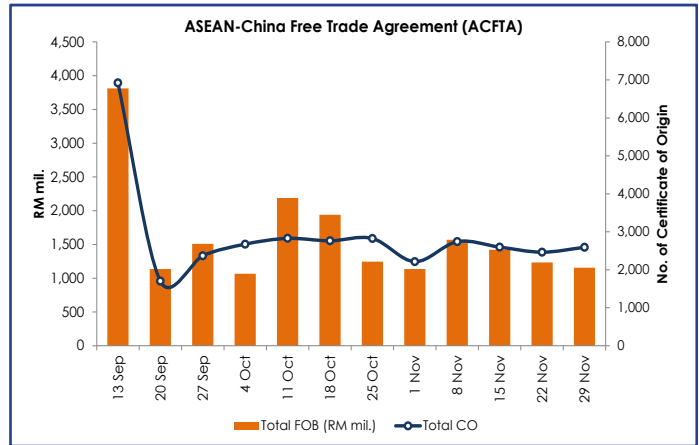
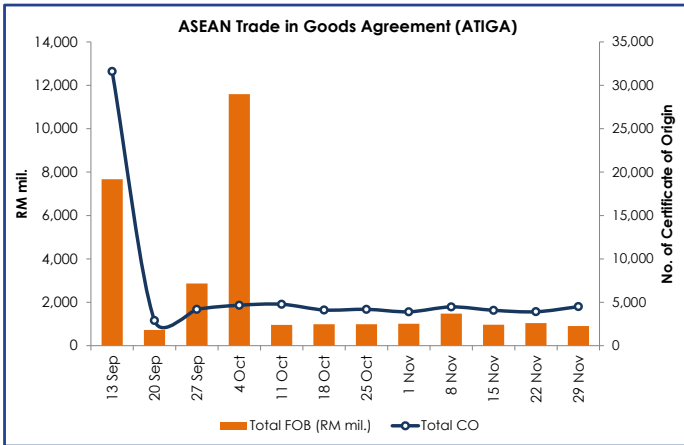


## Annually



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Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

# Regional FTA Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)



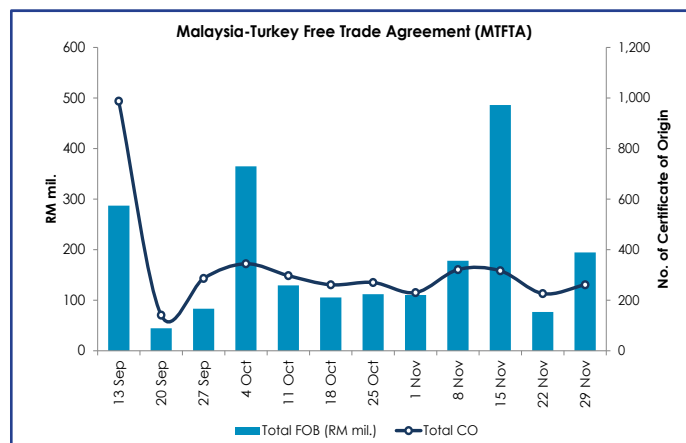
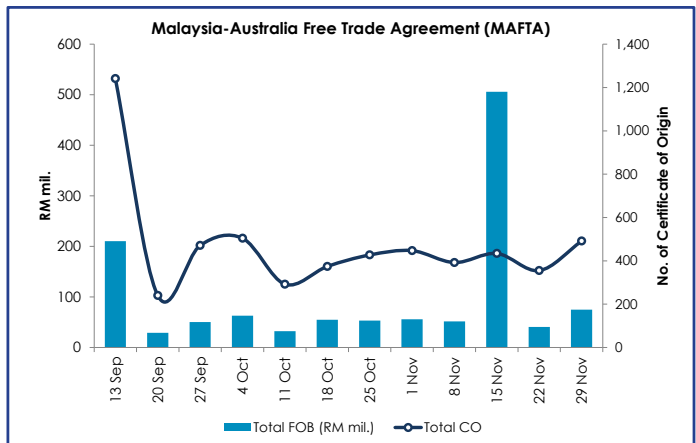
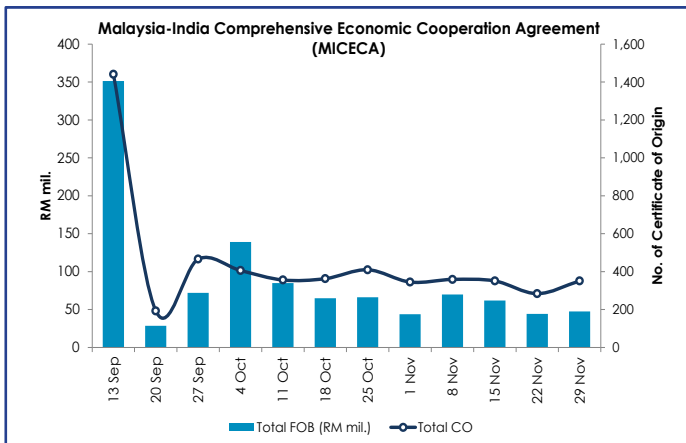
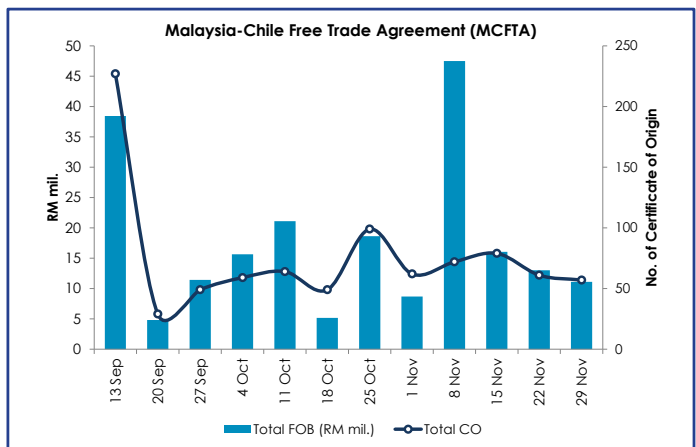
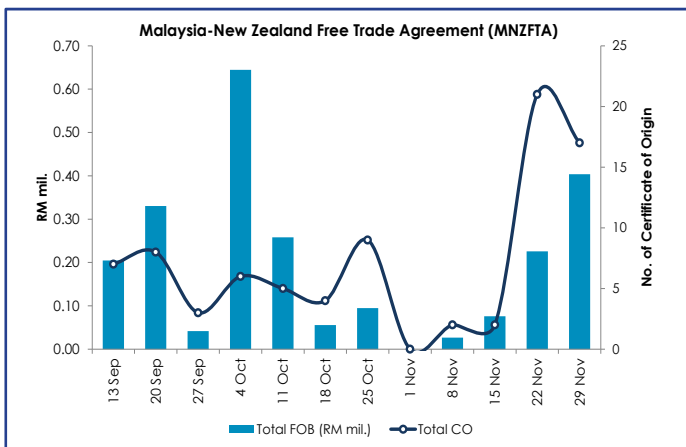
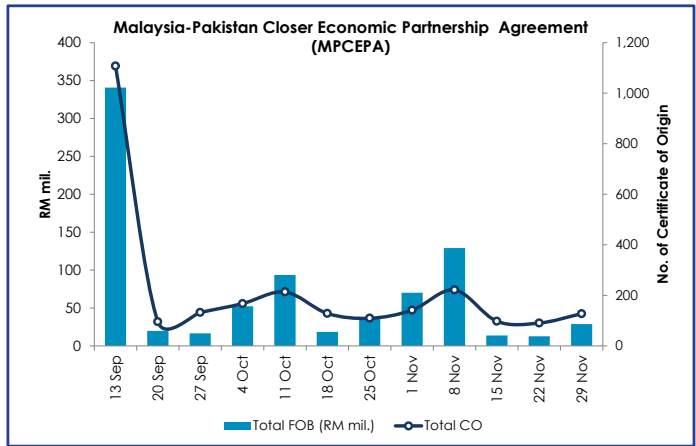
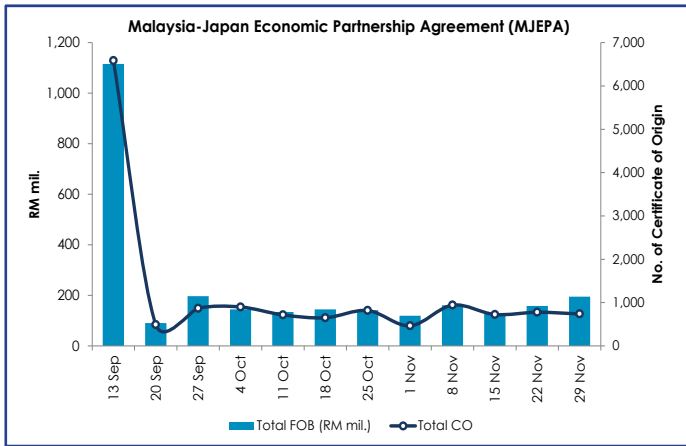
Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

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Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia



# Bilateral FTA Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

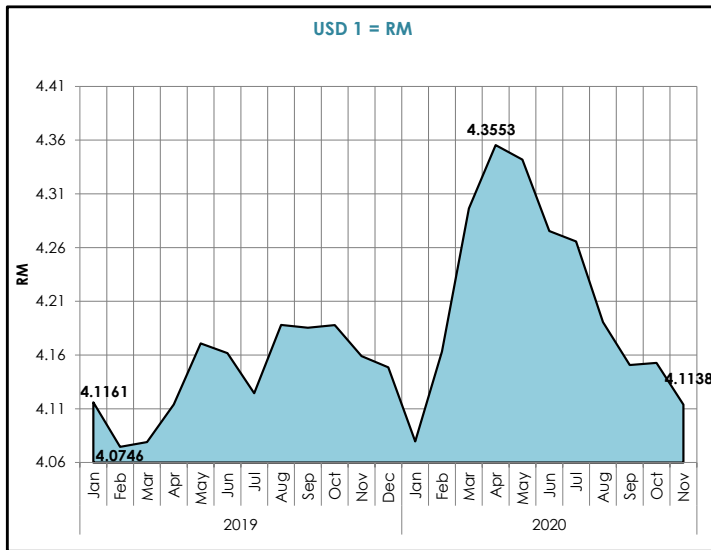


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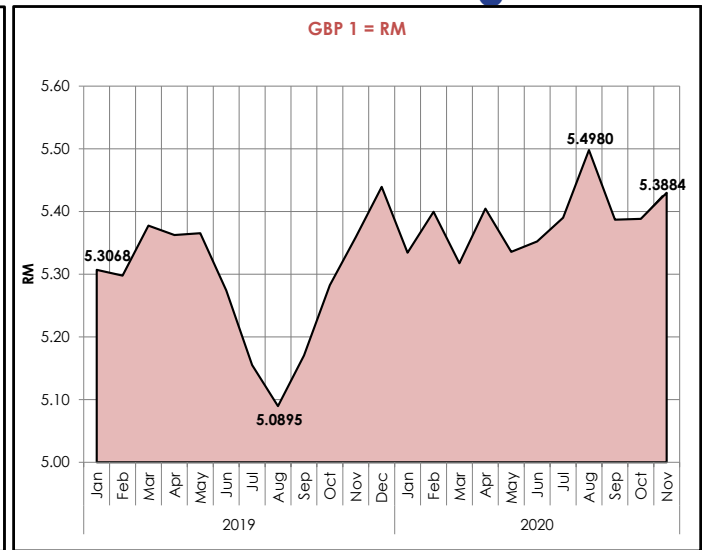
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# Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2019 - November 2020

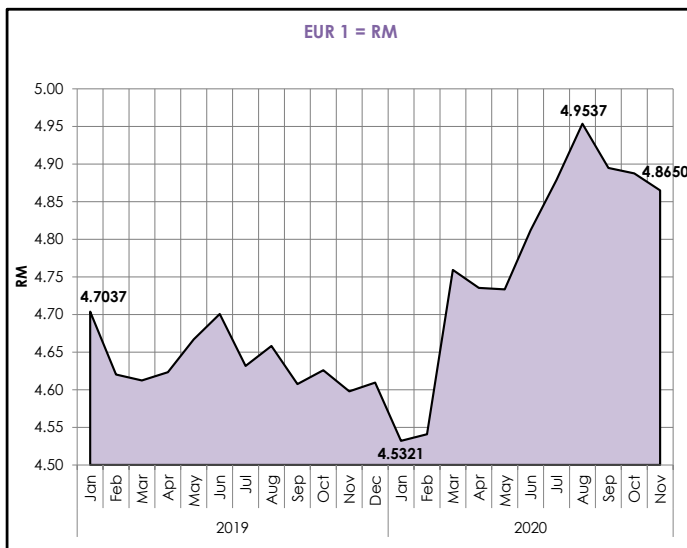
## US Dollar



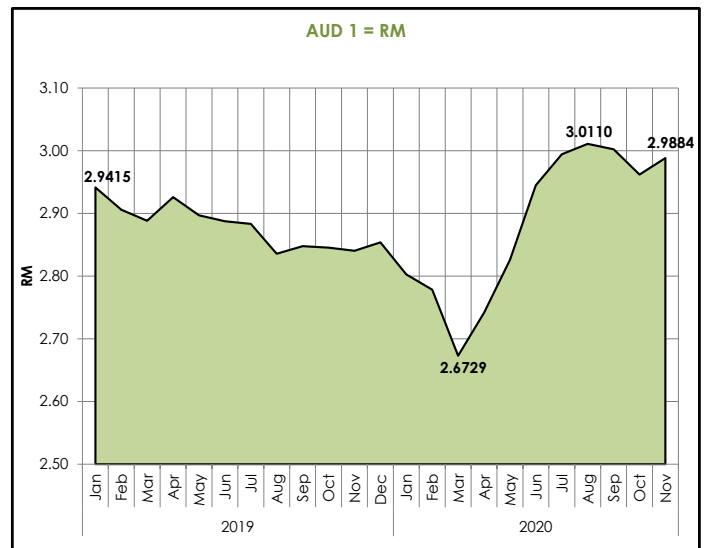
## Pound Sterling



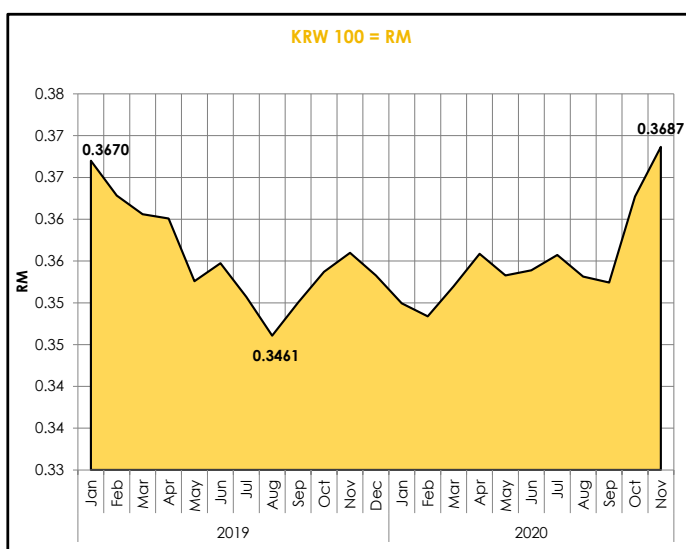
## Euro



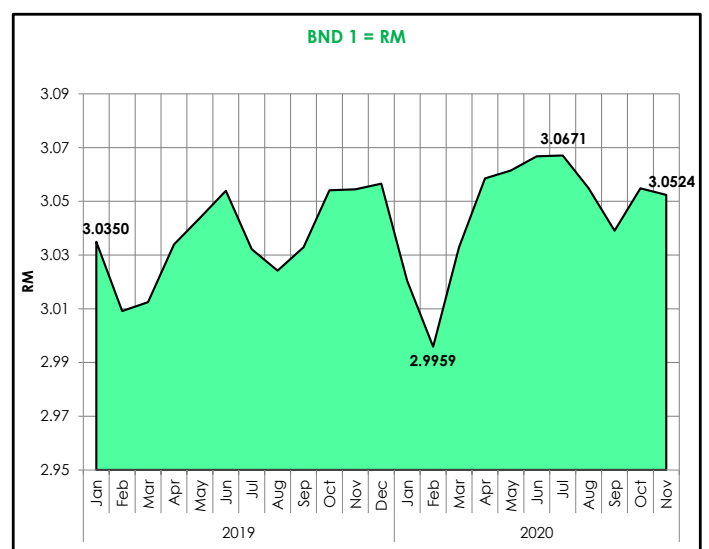
## Australian Dollar



## South Korean Won



## Brunei Dollar



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

# Commodity Prices

## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▲ 2.2%\*  
US\$49.3  
04 Dec 2020

Highest  
2019/2020

03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6  
17 May 2019 : US\$72.2

24 Apr 2020 : US\$21.4  
09 Aug 2019 : US\$54.5

Lowest  
2019/2020

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$64.2

## CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▲ 5.0%\*  
US\$886.1  
04 Dec 2020

Highest  
2019/2020

04 Dec 2020 : US\$886.1  
27 Dec 2019 : US\$794.5

8 May 2020 : US\$473.0  
26 Jul 2019 : US\$488.5

Lowest  
2019/2020

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$557.1

## RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ 2.8%\*  
US\$1,615.5  
04 Dec 2020

## COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ 7.3%\*  
US\$1,513.3  
04 Dec 2020

## SUGAR -per lbs-

▼ 2.6%\*  
US\$14.4  
04 Dec 2020



Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,414.6

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,592.4

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$12.4

## COAL -per MT-



⊖ %\*  
US\$50.8  
04 Dec 2020

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$56.5

## SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



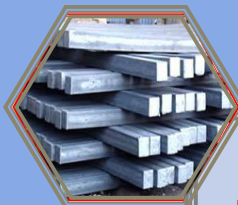
⊖ %\* : ⊖ %\*  
US\$360.0 : US\$330.0  
(high) : (low)  
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Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$316.9 (high)

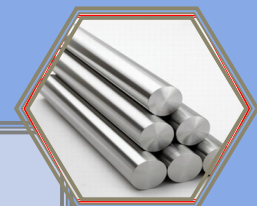
Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$291.6 (low)

## Domestic Prices

04 Dec 2020



**Billets**  
(per MT)  
RM1,980- RM2,020



**Steel Bars**  
(per MT)  
RM2,100 – RM2,200

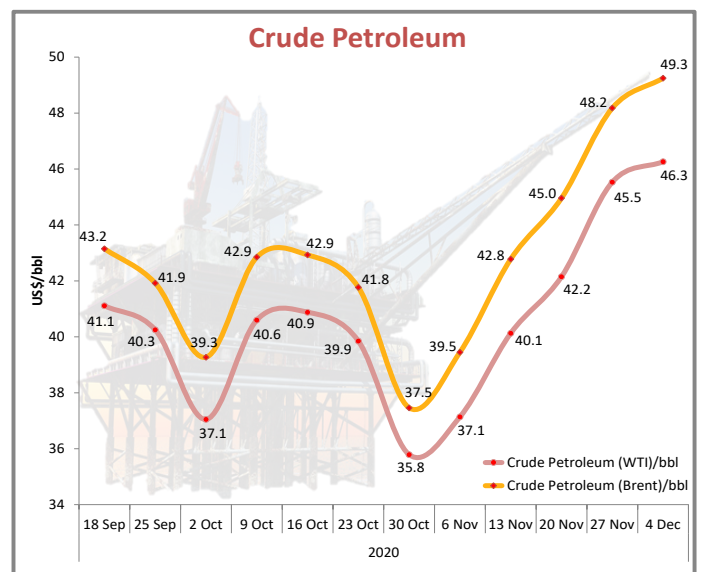
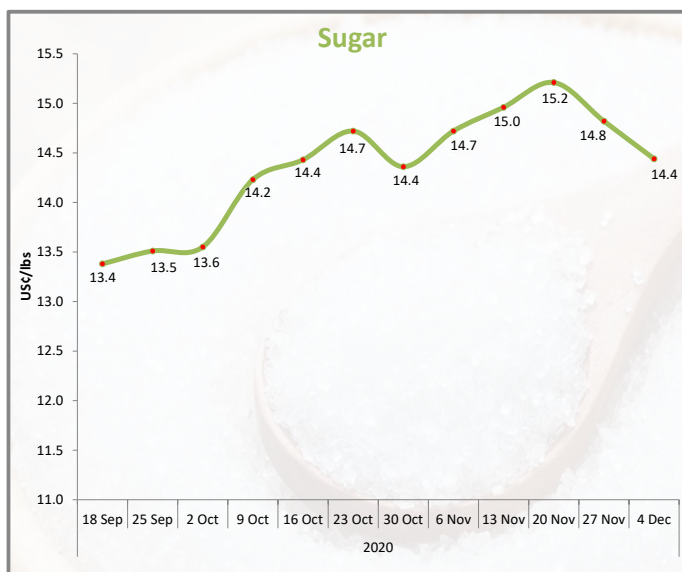
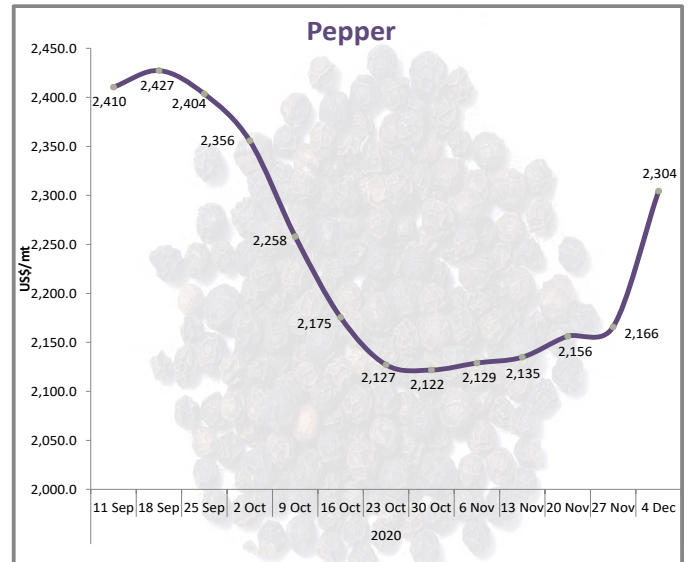
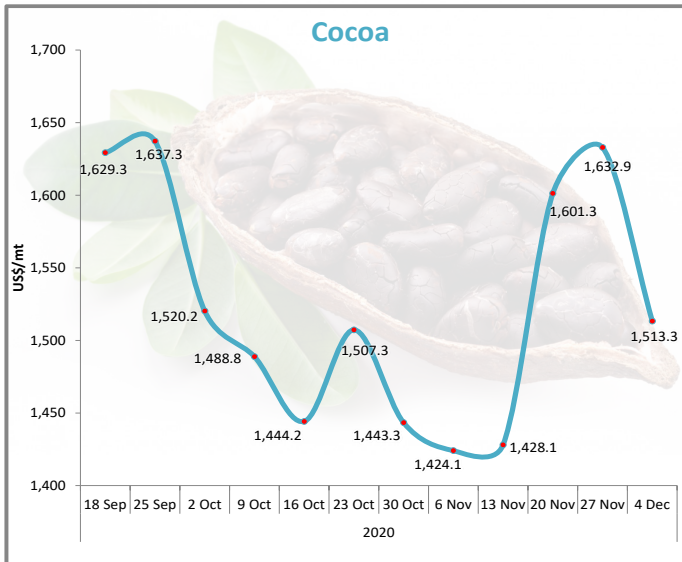
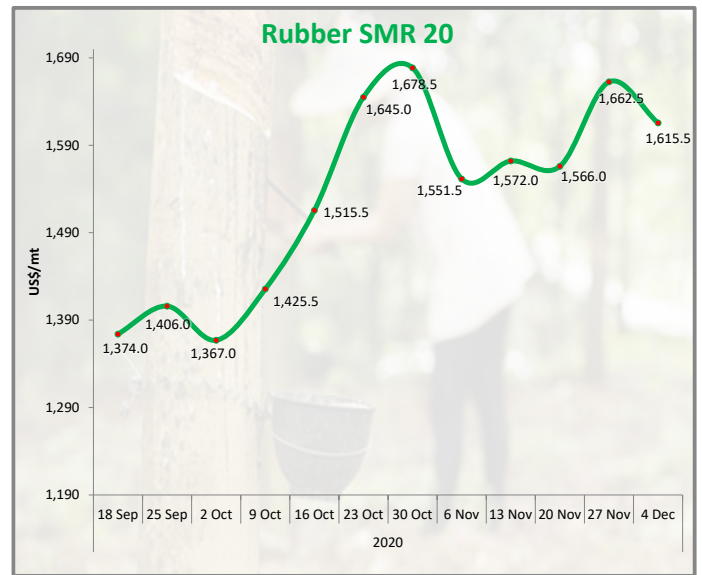
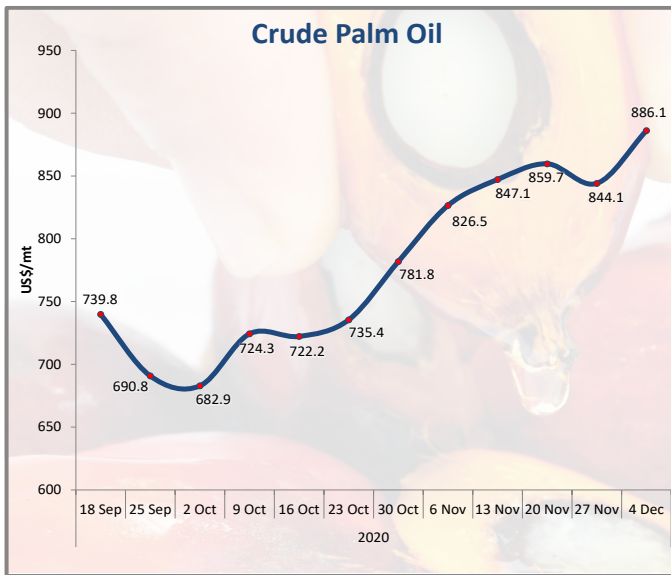
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\* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

<sup>i</sup> Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

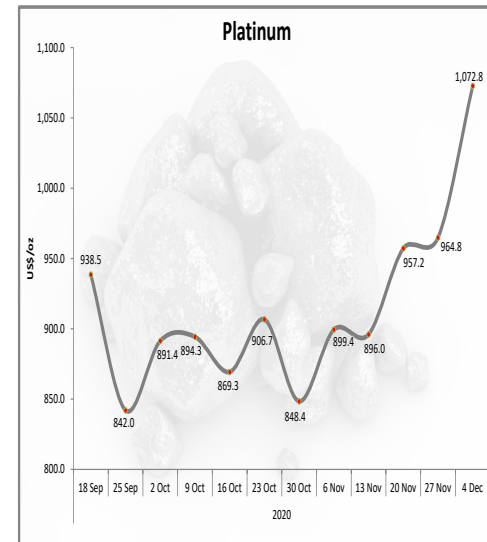
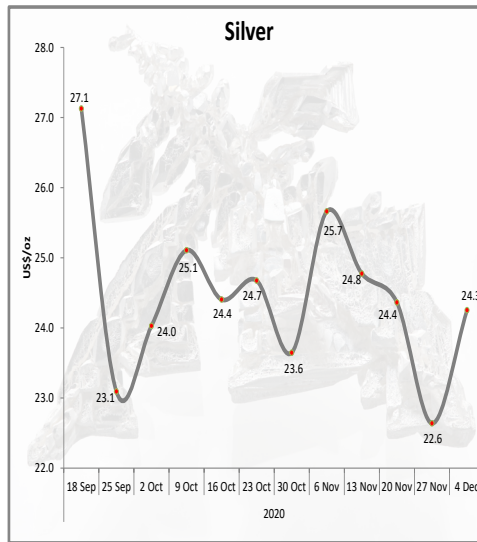
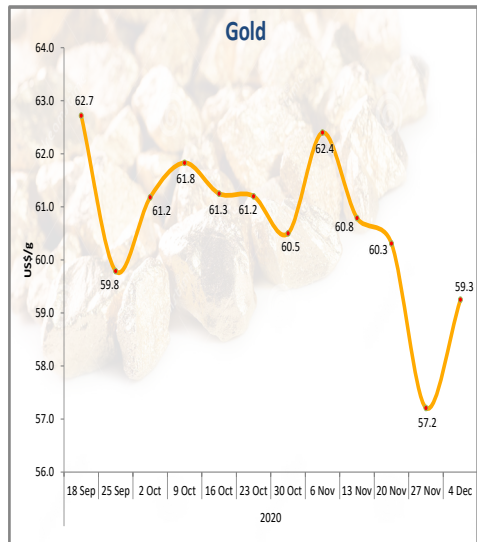
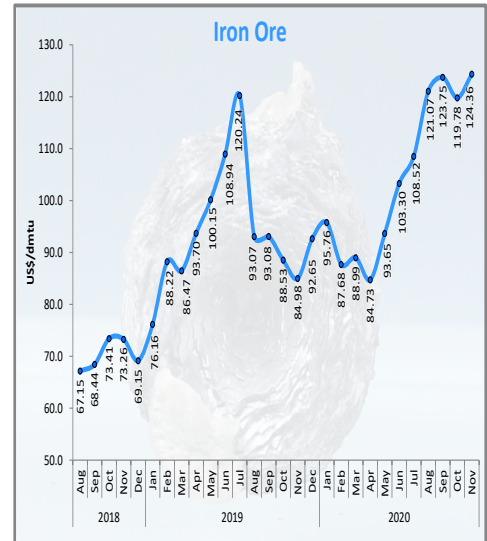
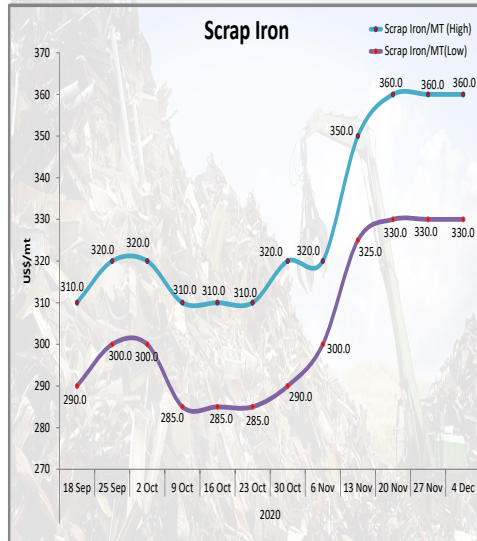
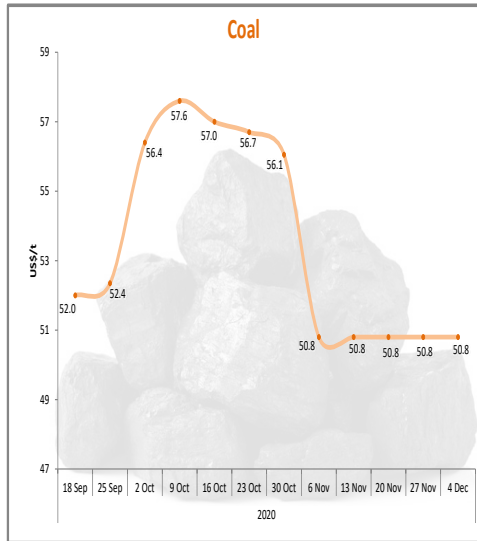
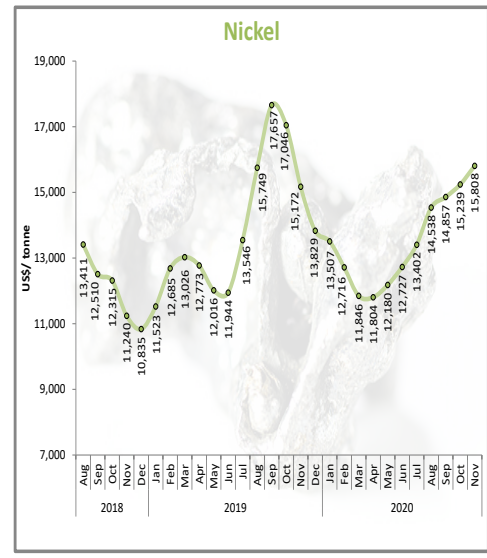
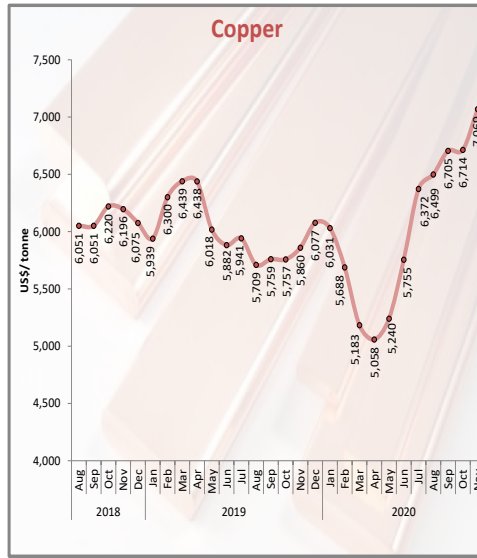
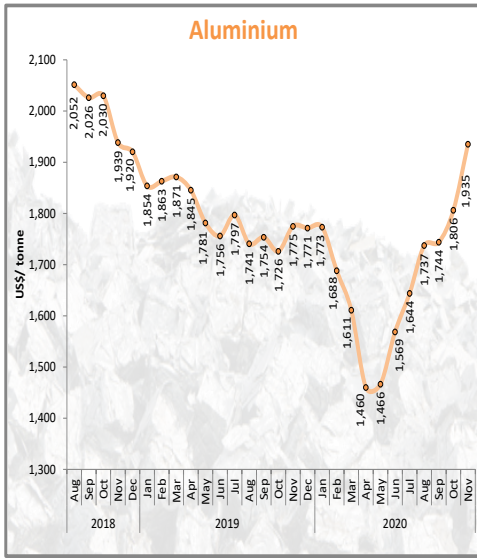
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# Commodity Price Trends



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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mida.gov.my)

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[https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD?mid=559#tab\\_547\\_2202](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

- General: [i4.0@miti.gov.my](mailto:i4.0@miti.gov.my)
- RA: [industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my](mailto:industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my)



Readiness Assessment



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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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## Get connected with businesses from all around the APEC region through #MyAPEC2020 virtual exhibition

1 September - 31 December 2020  
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We are doing things differently in today's world. MITI, through our agency, MATRADE HQ, is organising a virtual exhibition, the first-of-its-kind in Malaysia, called #MyAPEC2020 Exhibition, in conjunction with Malaysia hosting the @APEC 2020. The virtual exhibition, scheduled for Sept 1 to Dec 31, will showcase products and services from Malaysia and other APEC - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation member economies. The virtual exhibition is a great platform for APEC economies to expand their outreach and can be accessed through [myapec2020.matrade.gov.my](http://myapec2020.matrade.gov.my) or the APEC portal and Matrade website.



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**WORK FROM HOME (WFH) INSTRUCTIONS ARE STILL APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE EXTENDED CMCO PERIOD**

The WFH instructions announced earlier is still applicable to all office management and supervisory roles. Should this group of workers are required to be present at the office, only 10% of them are allowed to do so starting from 10.00am - 2.00pm for 3 days a week.

#STAYCALM #BARISANHADAPANEKONOMI

21 Oktober 2020

**Dasar Bekerja Dari Rumah (BDR) @ Work From Home (WFH)**

**Wajib bagi kakitangan pengurusan dan penyeliaan di kawasan yang sedang menjalani PKPB**

**bermula 22 Oktober 2020**

21 Oktober 2020

Pekerja daripada kumpulan pengurusan dan penyeliaan yang boleh hadir ke pejabat jika perlu:

**KAPASITI 10 PERATUS SAHAJA DARIPADA SKOP TUGAS DI BAWAH**

- Perakaunan
- Perundangan
- Kewangan
- Perancangan
- Pentadbiran
- ICT

**Had berada di pejabat 4 jam sahaja**  
10.00 pagi - 2.00 petang (3 hari bekerja dalam seminggu)

21 Oktober 2020

**Contoh situasi amalan Bekerja Dari Rumah (BDR)**

Syarikat A terlibat dalam industri pembuatan. Syarikat ini mempunyai:

- ▶ 1000 pekerja operasi
- ▶ 100 pekerja kumpulan pengurusan dan penyeliaan pejabat.

**Siapa perlu BDR?**

1000 pekerja operasi boleh bekerja seperti biasa dan tidak perlu BDR

10 peratus atau 10 orang daripada kumpulan pengurusan dan penyeliaan pejabat boleh datang bekerja.

21 Oktober 2020

**Aplikasi yang boleh membantu anda kekal produktif walau bekerja dari rumah.**

21 Oktober 2020

**Aplikasi persidangan video seperti Zoom, Google Meets dan Microsoft Teams.**

21 Oktober 2020



**Simpan dokumen dan fail di laman web seperti Dropbox, Google Drive dan Microsoft Teams.**




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**8 business operation areas that SMEs could apply digital solutions**




-  **Electronic Point of Sale System**
-  **Human Resource Management**
-  **Customer Relationship Management System**
-  **Procurement System**




-  **Enterprise Resource Planning/Tax Accounting**
-  **Digital Marketing/Sales**
-  **e-Commerce**
-  **Remote Working**




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A SERIES OF SESSION FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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

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

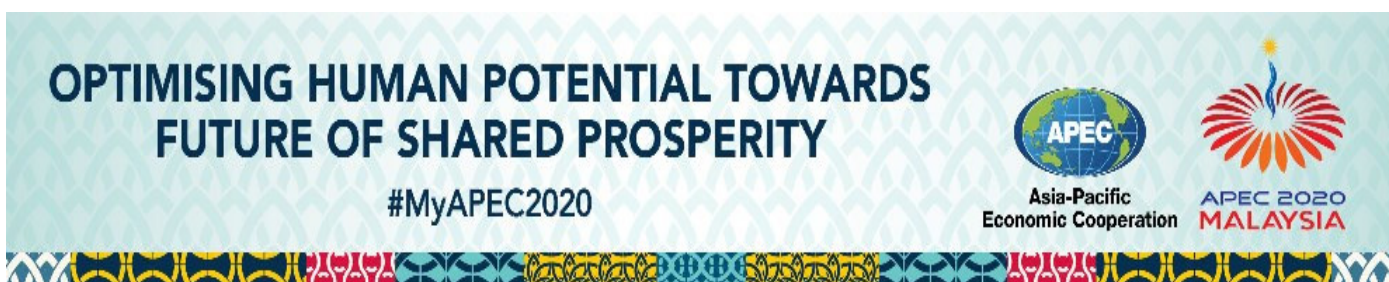
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SIGNATURE AND SEAL THROUGH THE  
EPCO SYSTEM**

EFFECTIVE FROM 13 APRIL 2020

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**HOW COMPANY CAN CHECK  
THE STATUS OF ATIGA E-FORM D TRANSACTIONS  
IN THE ELECTRONIC PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (EPCO) SYSTEM**

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Klik pautan:  
Click the link:  
<https://ecensus.mycensus.gov.my>

2

Klik butang **Pendaftaran** untuk mendaftar e-Census dan kemaskini maklumat berikut:  
Click **Register** button to register for e-Census and update the following information:  
a. Nama Penuh / Full Name  
b. E-mel / E-mail  
c. No. Telefon Bimbit / Handphone No.

3

Klik **YA** pada Adakah anda mempunyai **Invitation Code?** dan kemaskini maklumat berikut:  
Click **YES** for **Do you have an Invitation Code?** and update the following information:  
a. Masukkan / Enter Invitation Code  
b. Klik **Daftar** / Click **Register**

**BAGAIMANA UNTUK LOG MASUK e-CENSUS?**  
**HOW TO LOGIN TO e-CENSUS?**

4

Daftar menggunakan **One-Time Password (OTP)** yang diterima.  
Register using the **One-Time Password (OTP)** received.

7

Jawab **SEMUA** soalan.  
Klik butang **SETERUSNYA** dan **SAHKAN**.  
Answer **ALL** questions.  
Click **NEXT** and **CONFIRM** button.

6

Sila masukkan No. Pengenalan Diri yang sah dan klik butang **SETERUSNYA**.  
Insert your valid Personal ID No. and click **NEXT** button.

5

Sila masukkan **nombor telefon** yang didaftarkan dan klik **Log Masuk**. Masukkan **OTP** yang diterima.  
Insert **phone number** used for registration and click **Log In**. Enter the **OTP** received.

Sebarang pertanyaan atau maklum balas, sila hubungi pegawai berikut:  
Any question(s) or feedback, please contact the following officer:

Pembanci / Enumerator:

No. Telefon Pembanci / Enumerator Contact No.:

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**YOUR DATA IS OUR FUTURE**



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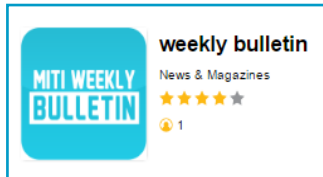
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1-800-88-7720

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