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ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS TO MEET VIRTUALLY WITH FOCUS ON EXPEDITING REGIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY EFFORTS

After their initial meeting in March this year under the Chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam, the Economic Ministers of ASEAN will reconvene through the virtual 53rd ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Meeting from 8-15 September 2021 to push for quicker implementation of the initiatives under the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF).

Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, will continue to lead the Malaysian delegation at the AEM Meeting.

Some of the initiatives to be deliberated include the signing and ratification of several Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) including the signing of the ASEAN MRA on Building and Construction Materials and ratification of the ASEAN MRA on Type Approval of Automotive Products. The progress of ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement is also expected to be deliberated.

Along with these, emphasis will also be given to the progress of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Implementation of Non-Tariff Measures on Essential Goods signed in November 2020 by the Ministers.

In March this year, the AEM concurred that expeditious ratification and entry-into-force of ASEAN Economic Agreements could fast track the economic recovery of the region.

To this end, the Ministers had tasked the Senior Economic Officials to develop a set of guidelines in collaboration with legal experts, on appropriate and reasonable provisions that could be used to expedite the entry-into-force of future economic agreements. The Ministers are expected to be further briefed on the progress of this task at this meeting.

Another anticipated focus area at this AEM Meeting is on the digital transformation in ASEAN where the Ministers are expected to endorse the Bandar Seri Begawan Roadmap: An ASEAN Digital Transformation Agenda to Accelerate ASEAN's Economic Recovery and Digital Economy Integration.

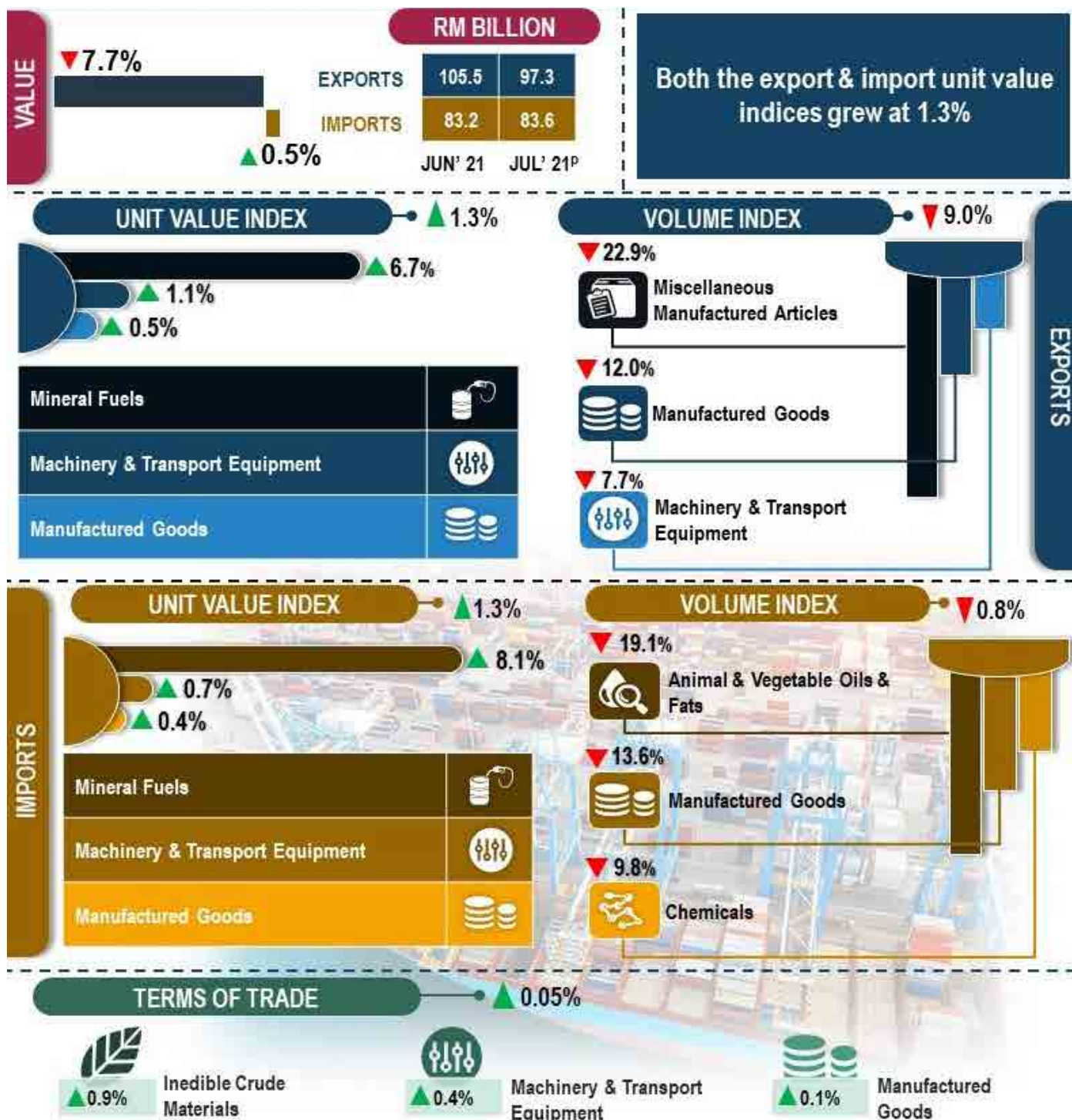
The Ministers are also scheduled to undertake consultations with ASEAN Dialogue Partners – the United States, India, China, the European Union, Russia, Republic of Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland and Hong Kong China to continue with their collaborative work beyond the ASEAN region. They will welcome the United Kingdom for the first consultation session, after the country's conferment as ASEAN's newest Dialogue Partner in August this year.

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TRADE INDICES, JULY 2021

The export volume index recorded a decline of 9.0 per cent in July 2021, in line with the deterioration in Malaysia's export value as compared with the previous month. The decline was reflected by the decreases in the index of miscellaneous manufactured articles (-22.9%), manufactured goods (-12.0%) and machinery & transport equipment (-7.7%). On the other hand, the export unit value index showed different trend with a rise of 1.3 per cent in July 2021, which was contributed by the increases in the index of mineral fuels (+6.7%), machinery & transport equipment (+1.1%) and manufactured goods (+0.5%).

The import unit value index grew 1.3 per cent in July 2021 as compared with the previous month, which in accordance with the growth in Malaysia's import value. The increment was driven by the growths in the index of mineral fuels (+8.1%), machinery & transport equipment (+0.7%) and manufactured goods (+0.4%). Import volume index declined 0.8 per cent in July 2021 as compared to the preceding month, attributed to the decreases in the index of animal & vegetable oils & fats (-19.1%), manufactured goods (-13.6%) and chemicals (-9.8%).

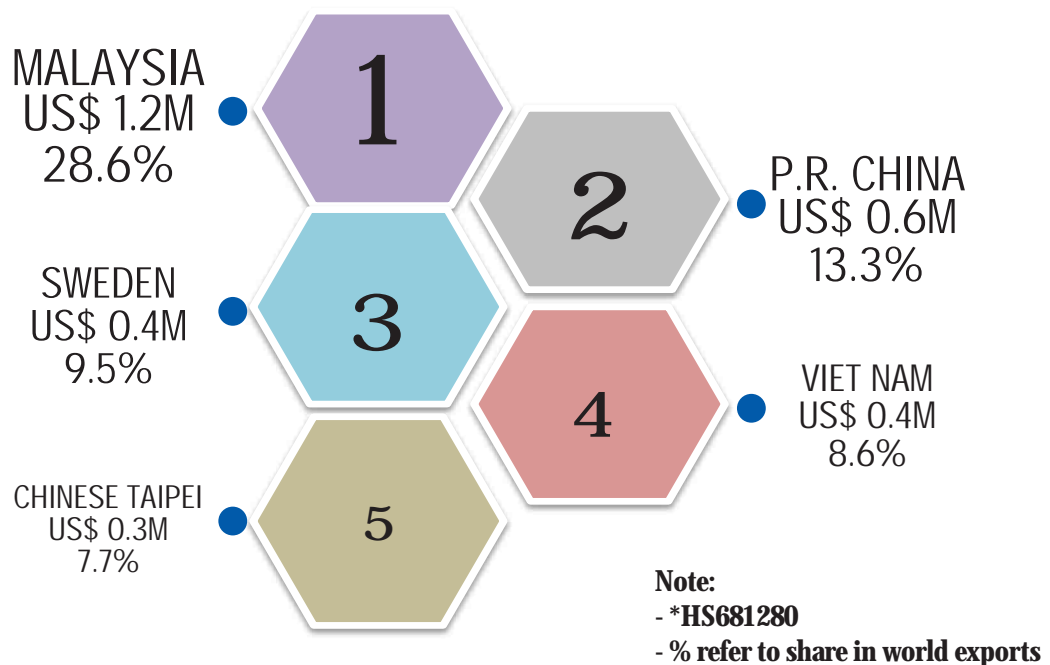


All changes are based on month-on-month comparison.

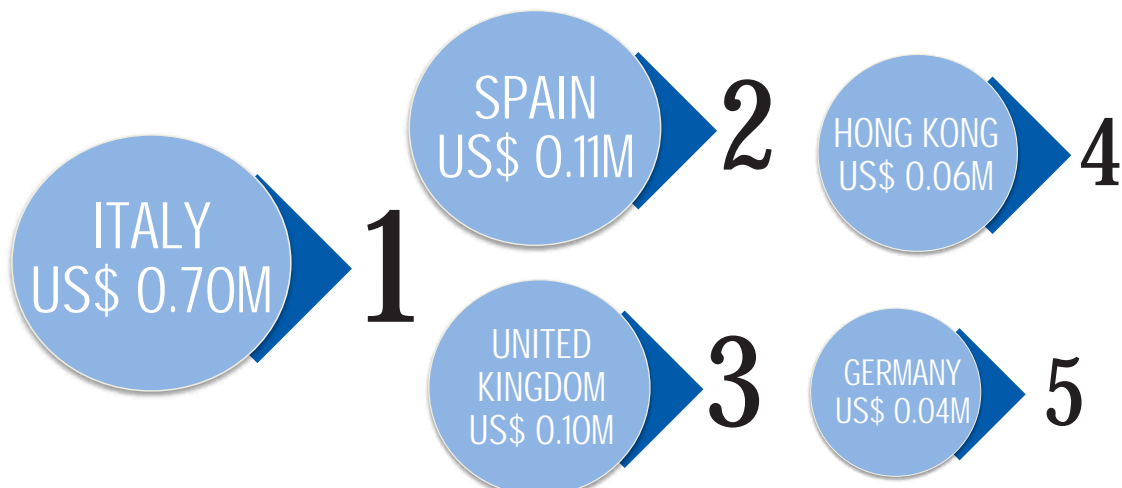
External Trade Indices, July 2021

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF FABRICATED CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS FIBRES; MIXTURES WITH A BASIS OF CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS OR WITH A BASIS OF CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS AND MAGNESIUM CARBONATE; ARTICLES OF SUCH MIXTURES OR OF CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS, E.G., THREAD, WOVEN FABRIC, CLOTHING, HEADGEAR, FOOTWEAR, GASKETS, WHETHER OR NOT REINFORCED (EXCLUDING FRICTION MATERIAL WITH A BASIS OF CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS, AND ARTICLES OF CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS-CEMENT)

In 2020, Malaysia's export of Fabricated crocidolite asbestos fibres; mixtures with a basis of crocidolite asbestos or with a basis of crocidolite asbestos and magnesium carbonate; articles of such mixtures or of crocidolite asbestos, e.g., thread, woven fabric, clothing, headgear, footwear, gaskets, whether or not reinforced (excluding friction material with a basis of crocidolite asbestos, and articles of crocidolite asbestos-cement) recorded US\$ 1.2 million which was 28.6% share of the world exports.



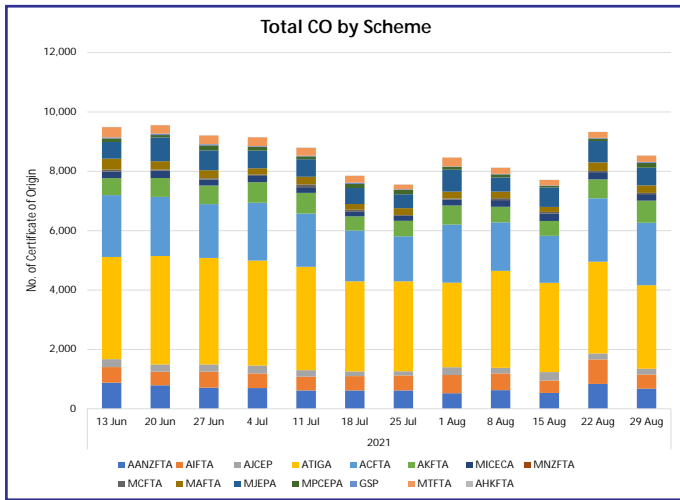
MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS



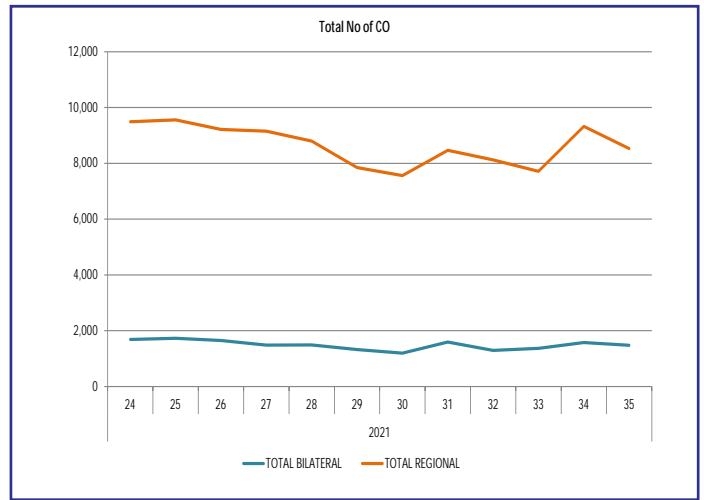
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Number of PCO as at 29 August 2021 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

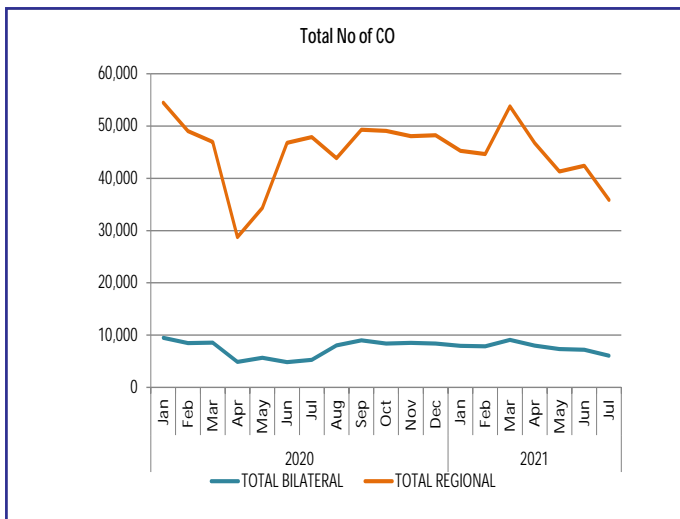
Weekly Total Scheme



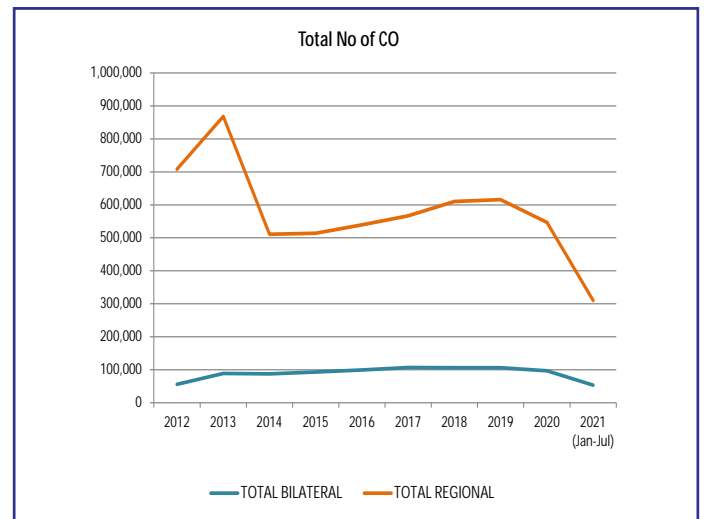
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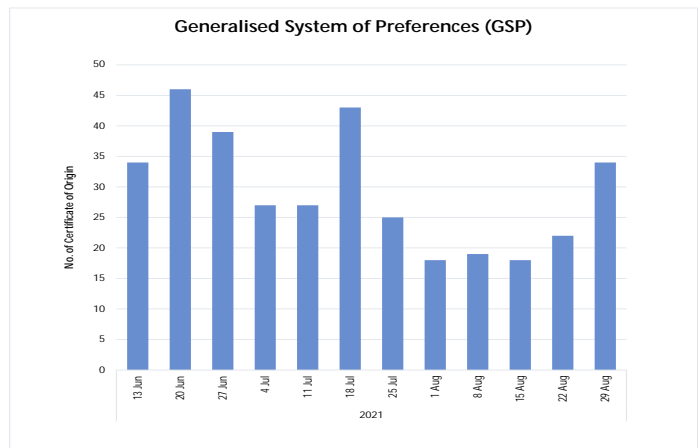
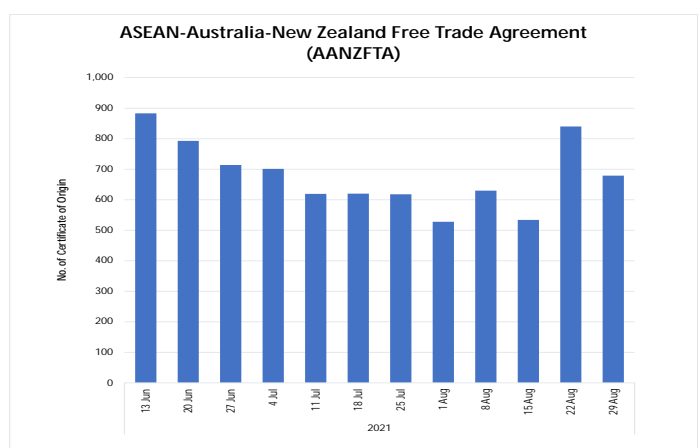
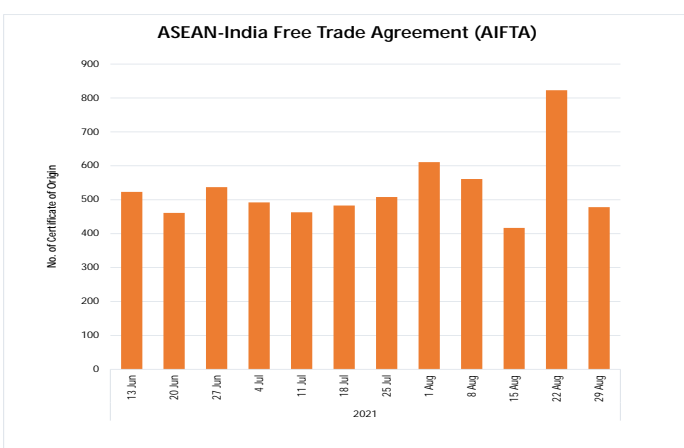
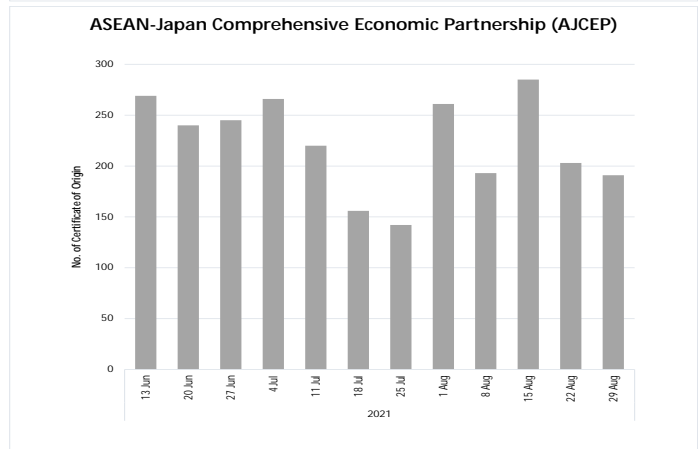
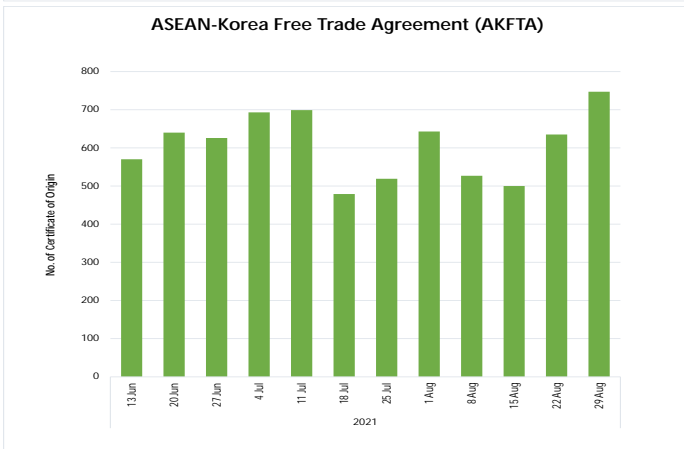
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Note: *Provisional Data
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Regional FTA

Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) as at 29 August 2021

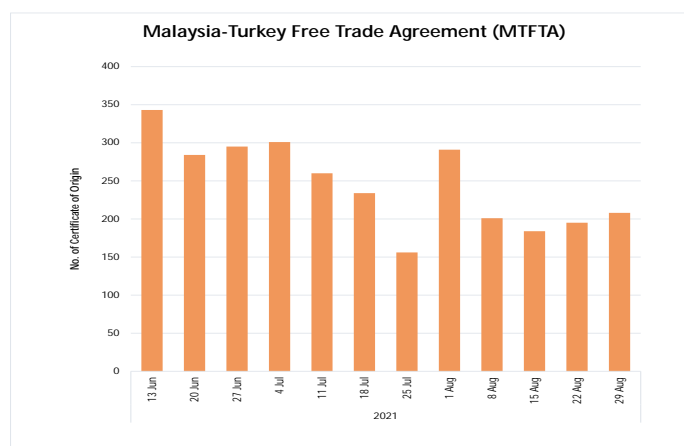
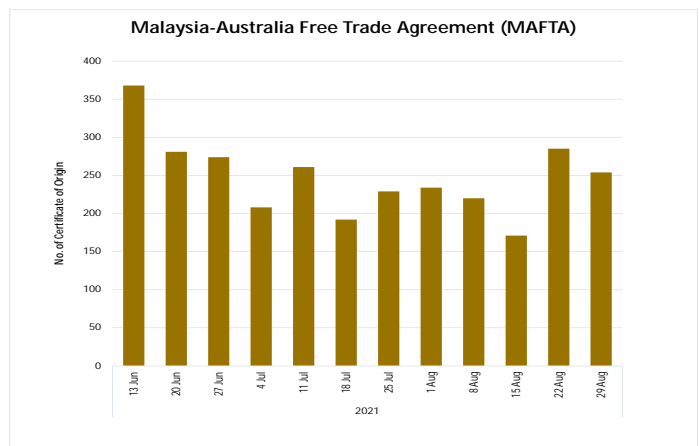
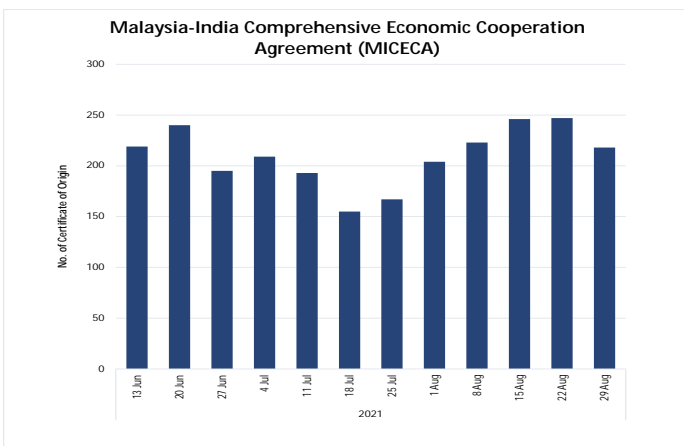
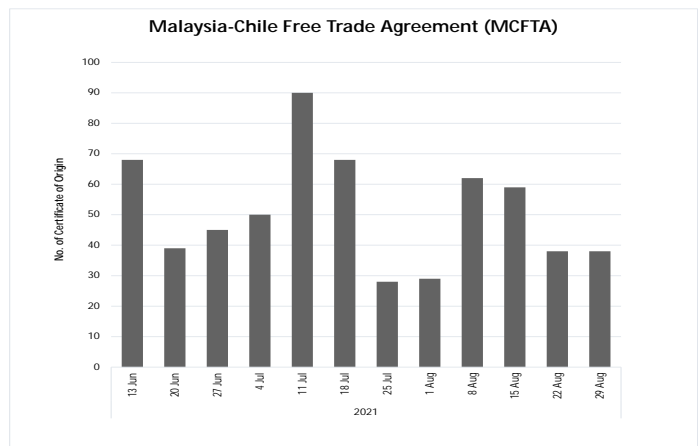
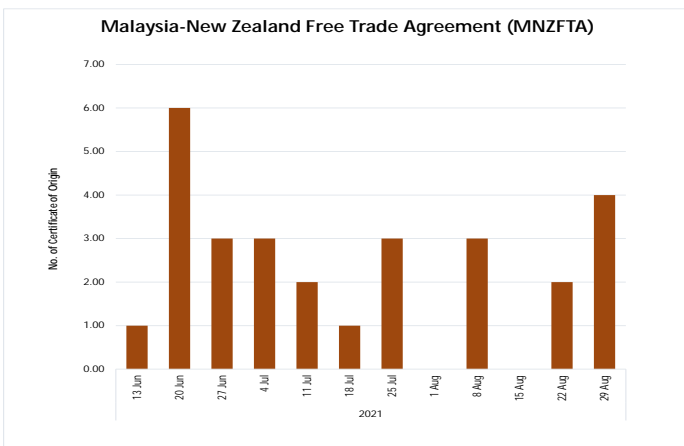
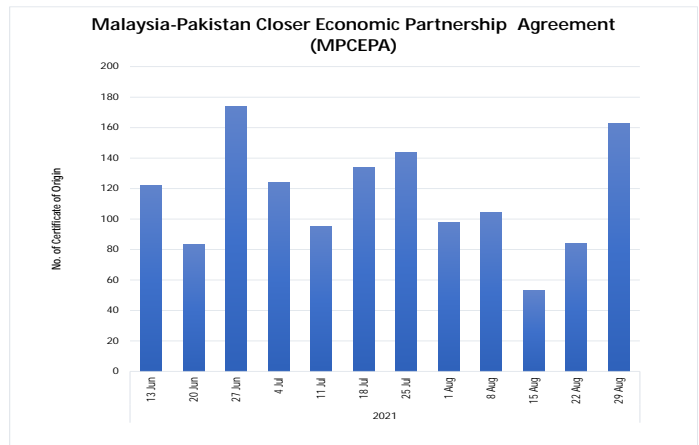
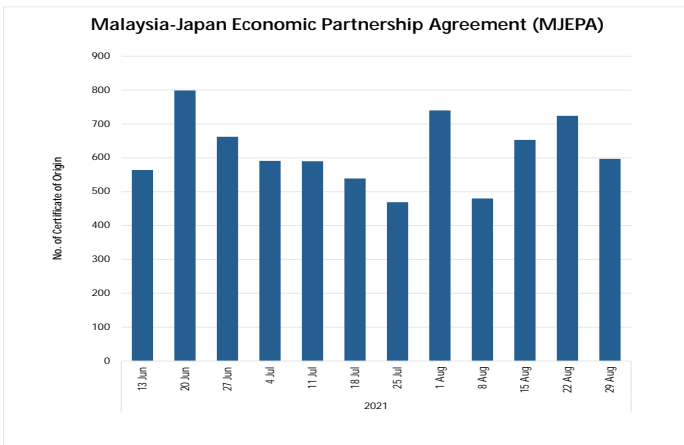


Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

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Bilateral FTA

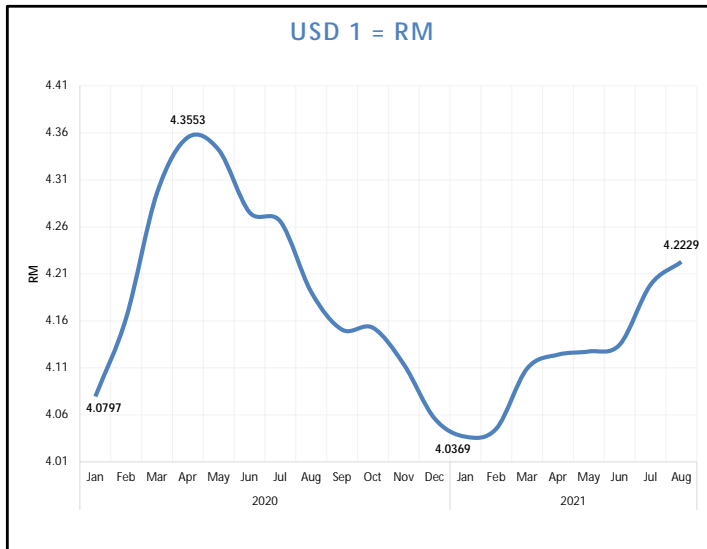
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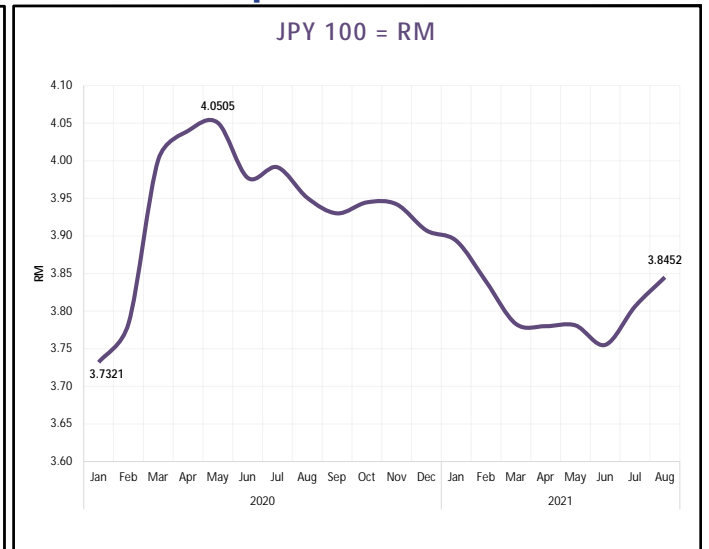
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2020 - August 2021

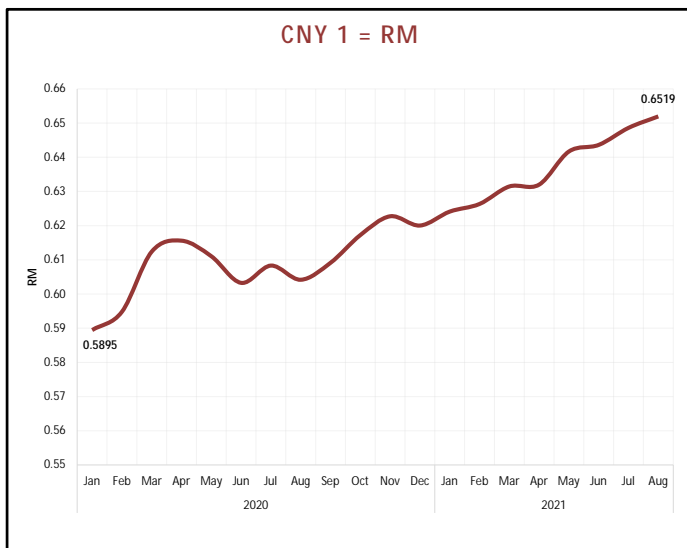
US Dollar



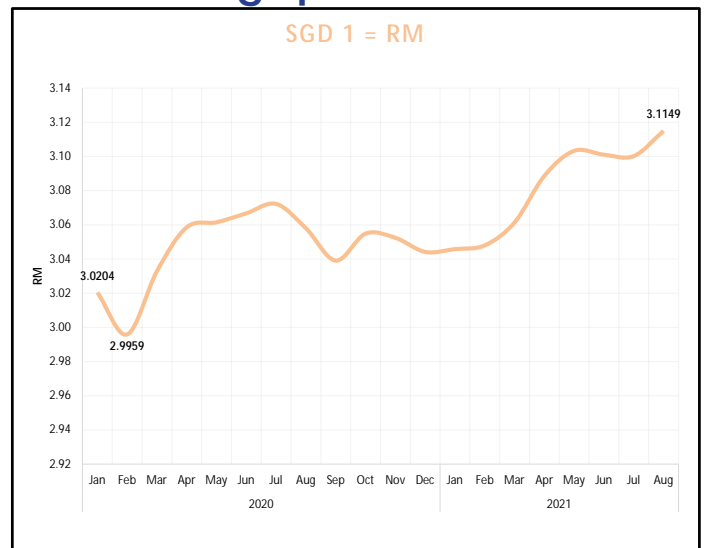
Japanese Yen



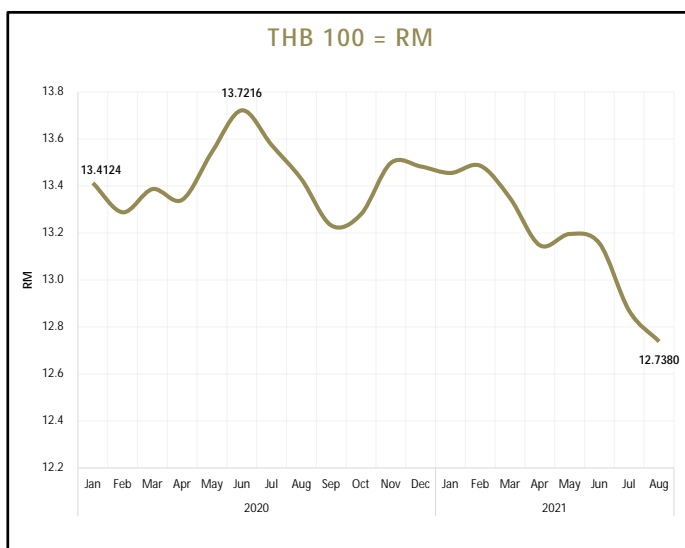
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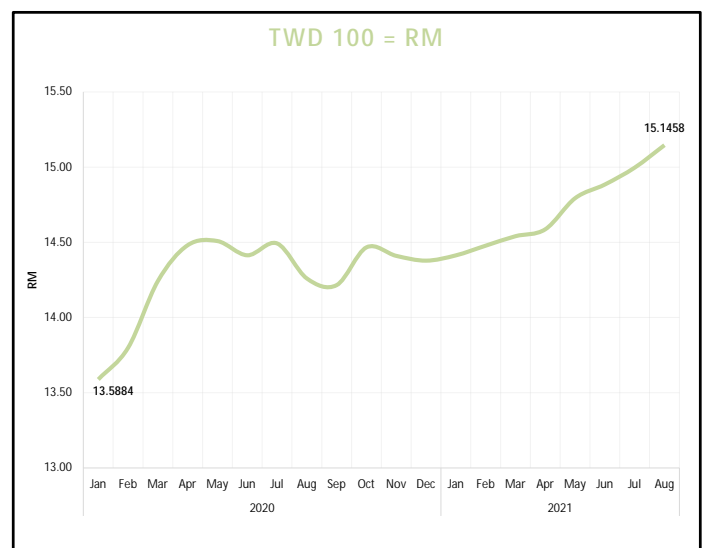
Singapore Dollar



Thai Baht



New Taiwan Dollar



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼ **0.1%***
US\$72.6
3 Sep 2021

Highest
 2020/2021
30 Jul 2021 : US\$76.3
03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6

15 Jan 2021 : US\$55.1
24 Apr 2020 : US\$21.4

Lowest
 2020/2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$43.5

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▲ **0.1%***
US\$1,091.7
3 Sep 2021

Highest
 2020/2021
7 May 2021 : US\$1,156.0
24 Dec 2020 : US\$944.2

18 Jun 2021 : US\$844.6
8 May 2020 : US\$473.0

Lowest
 2020/2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$668.3

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ **0.6%***
US\$1,635.5
3 Sep 2021

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▲ **1.4%***
US\$1,643.4
3 Sep 2021

SUGAR -per lbs-

▼ **2.1%***
US\$19.6
3 Sep 2021



Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,333.4

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,576.6

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$12.9

COAL -per MT-



▲ **10.9%***
US\$165.2
3 Sep 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$47.7

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



⊖ **%***
US\$450.0
 (high)

⊖ **%***
US\$450.0
 (low)

3 Sep 2021

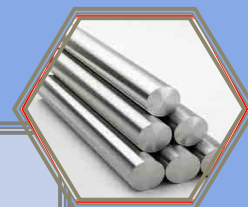
Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$307.9 (high)
 Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$284.7 (low)

Domestic Prices

3 Sep 2021



Billets
 (per MT)
 RM2,700- RM2,900

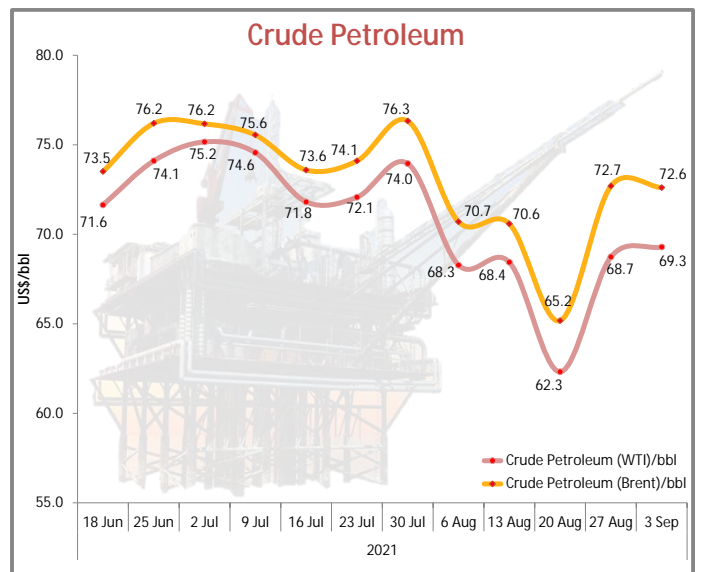
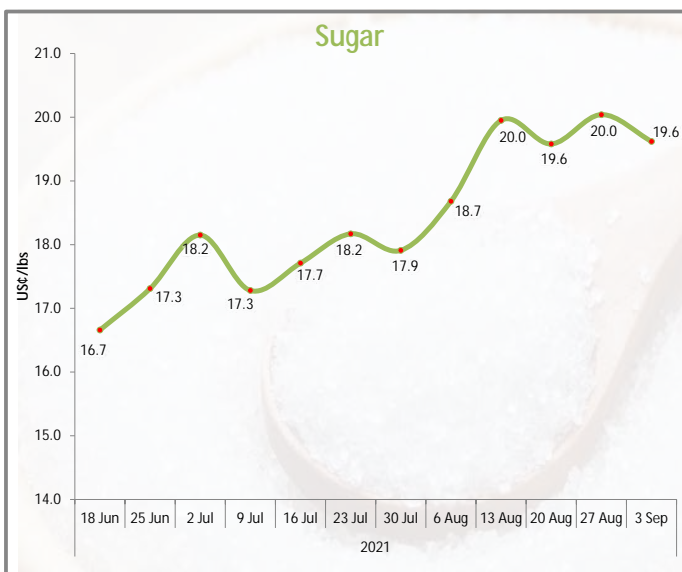
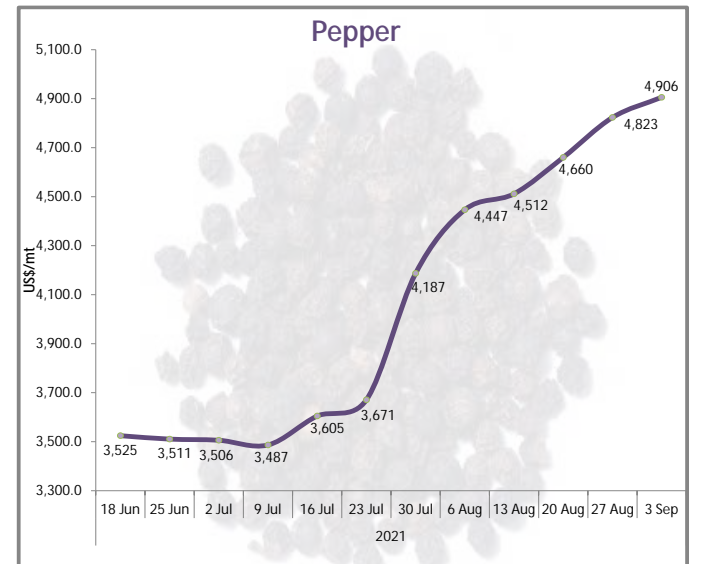
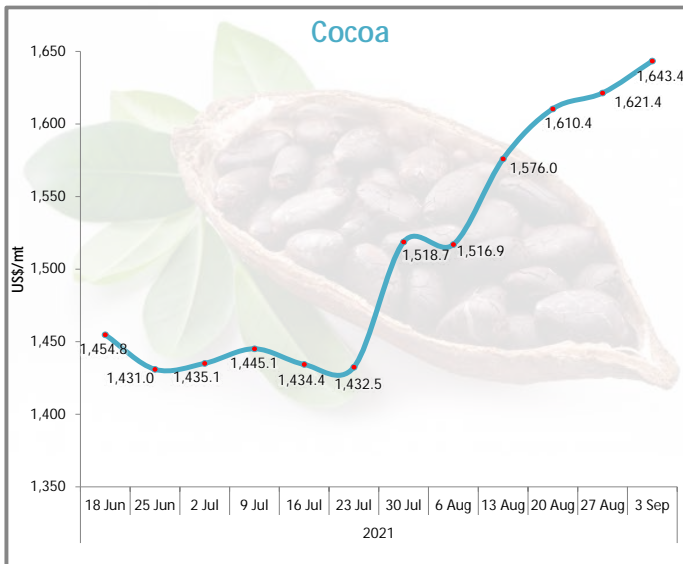
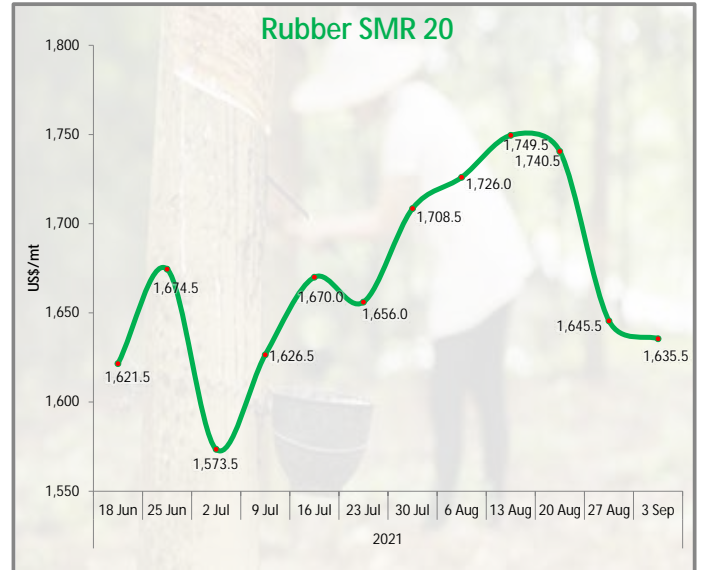
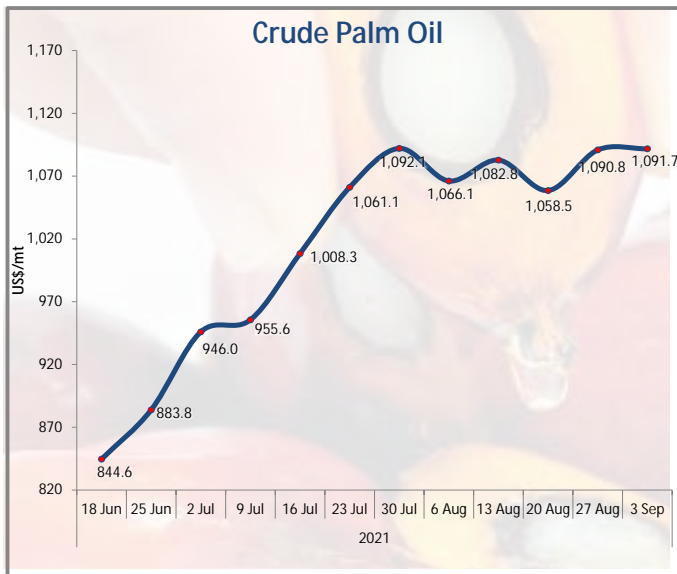


Steel Bars
 (per MT)
 RM3,100 - RM3,250

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

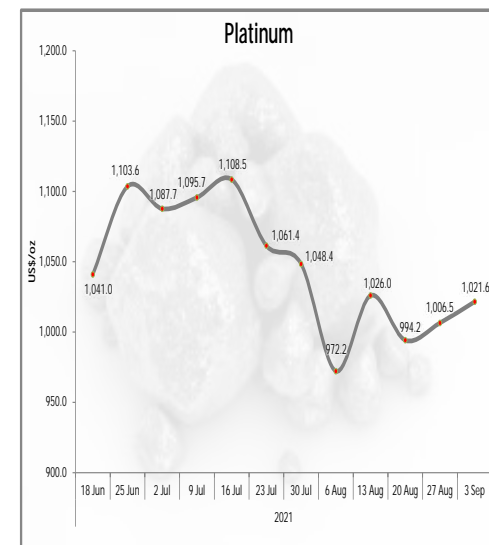
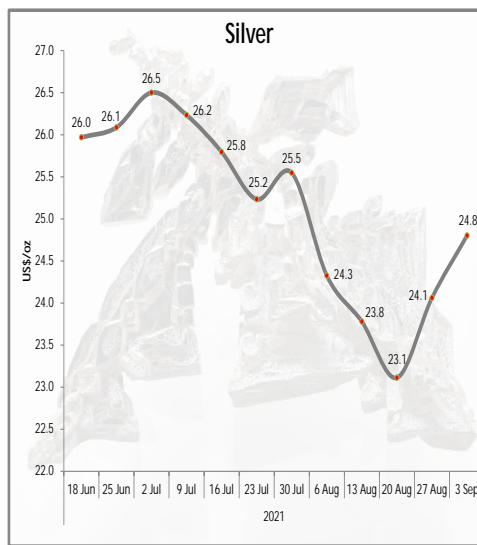
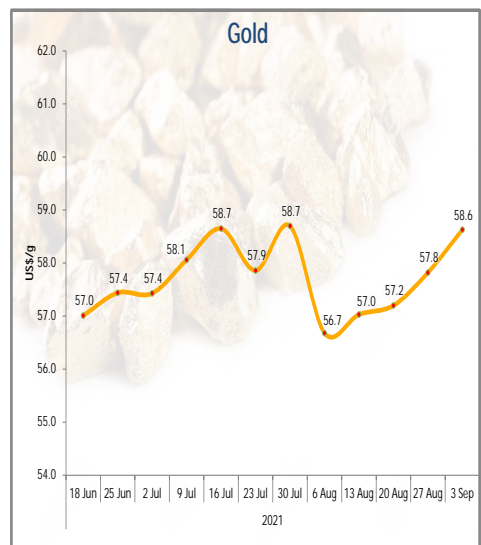
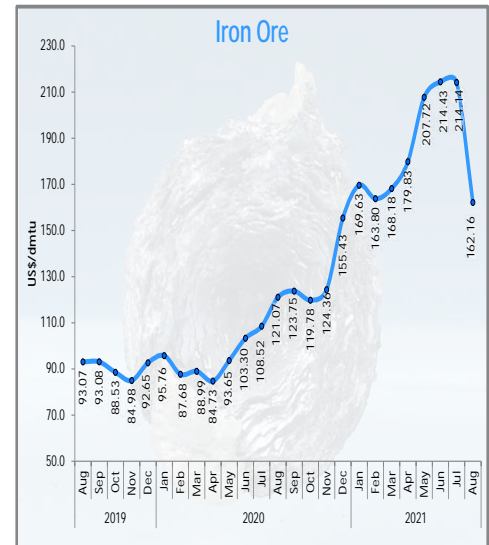
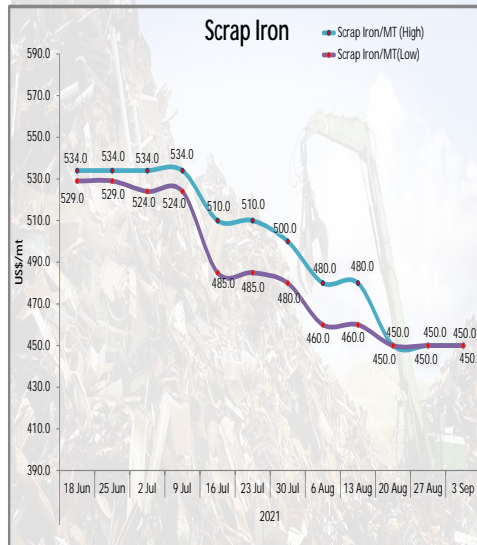
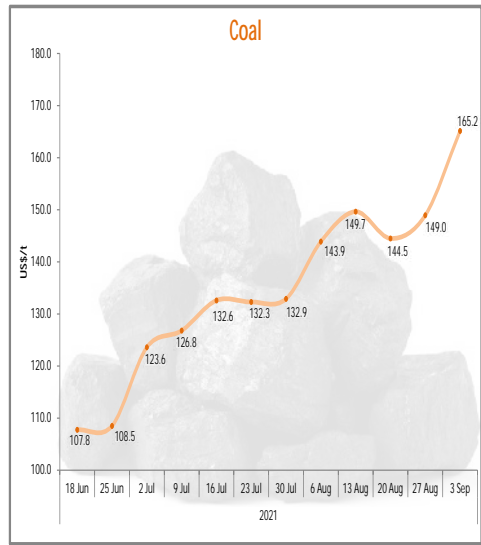
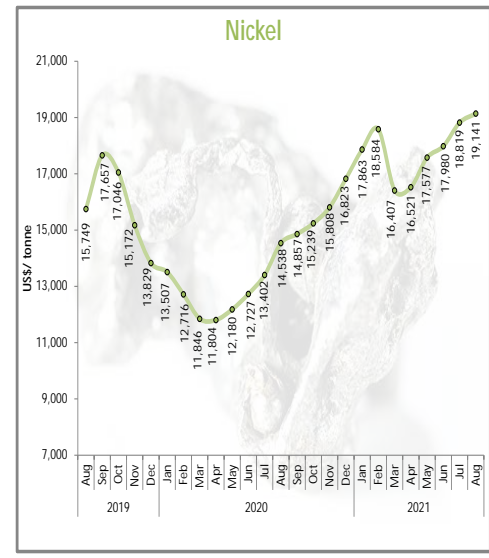
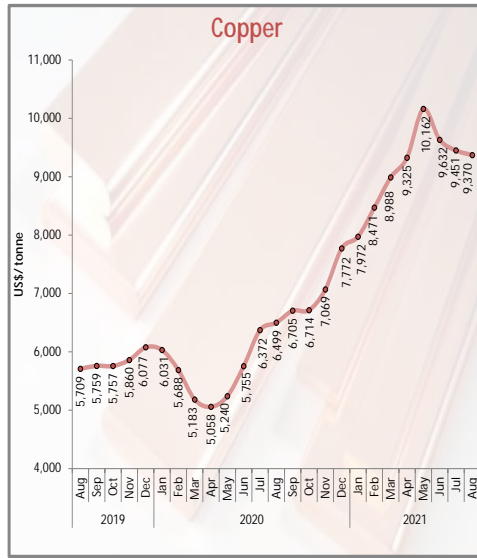
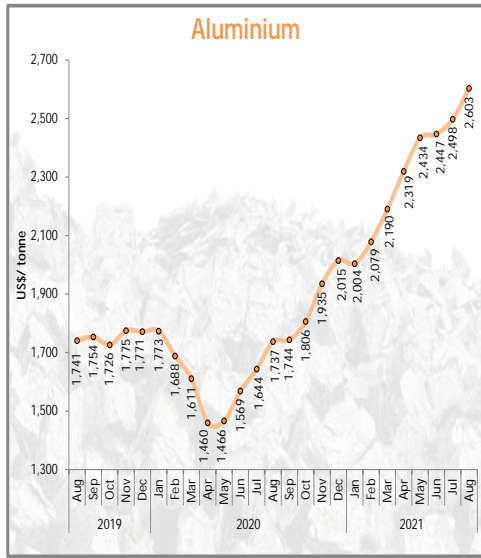
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Commodity Price Trends



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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
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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
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INDUSTRY4WRD READINESS ASSESSMENT

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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)
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Be entitled to apply for financial incentives.

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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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NATIONAL RECOVERY PLAN (PPN)

1. PPN MEDIA RELEASE

2. ALL THE CONTACTS YOU NEED



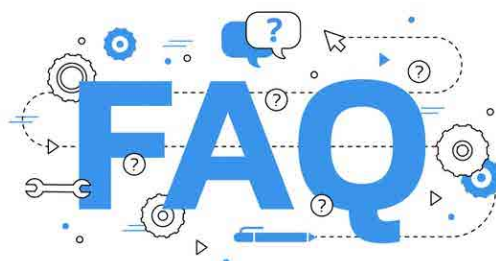
3. REGISTRATION FOR BUSINESS OPERATION



4. PPN SOPs



5. FAQ & ENQUIRY



DOING BUSINESS @ COVID

ANNOUNCEMENT


**LATEST DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE
MANUFACTURING SECTOR:**


- i** Manufacturing companies that are **not listed as essential services**

**ALLOWED
TO OPERATE**

 based on the
**rate of fully
vaccinated workers**

Phase 1 and 2 of NRP areas

- ii** Manufacturing companies **listed as essential services**

**ALLOWED
TO INCREASE
CAPACITY**

 based on the
**rate of fully
vaccinated workers**

Phase 1, 2 and 3 of NRP areas

 Effective
16 August 2021
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ANNOUNCEMENT



Operations in the
Manufacturing Sector
are determined based
on the employee
vaccination rate:

- i** **40% - 59%** employees fully vaccinated:
**Allowed to operate at 60% capacity in
Phase 1 and 2;**
- ii** **60% - 79%** employees fully vaccinated:
**Allowed to operate at 80% capacity in
Phase 1 and 2; and**
- iii** **80% - 100%** employees fully vaccinated:
**Allowed to operate at 100% capacity in
Phase 1 and 2.**

 Effective
16 August 2021
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Companies in the
manufacturing and
construction sector are
required to **declare the
rate of their fully
vaccinated employees**
in the **(CIMS) 3.0 system**
(notification.miti.gov.my)



Upon declaration,
the company may
directly download
the latest
approval letter to
operate.



Note:
Verification of the employee vaccination rates will be done through the **COVID-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF)** under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). Periodic verification visits will also be carried out by enforcement personnel on manufacturing companies.

16 August 2021
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Adakah MITI meluluskan semua permohonan syarikat sepanjang PKP 3.0?

Tidak.

MITI **hanya** memproses dan meluluskan permohonan bagi **sektor pembuatan.**

13 Jun 2021

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Siapa yang meluluskan permohonan syarikat-syarikat yang bukan di dalam sektor pembuatan?

Terdapat **18 Kementerian dan Agensi lain** yang diberi akses kepada CIMS untuk menguruskan permohonan sektor masing-masing.

13 Jun 2021

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Bagaimana saya nak tahu sektor bagi perniagaan saya serta Kementerian yang perlu saya hubungi?

Kami telah menyediakan satu **direktori lengkap** dengan **senarai sektor mengikut Kementerian dan Agensi** serta nombor untuk dihubungi. Direktori boleh dimuat turun di **www.miti.gov.my**

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

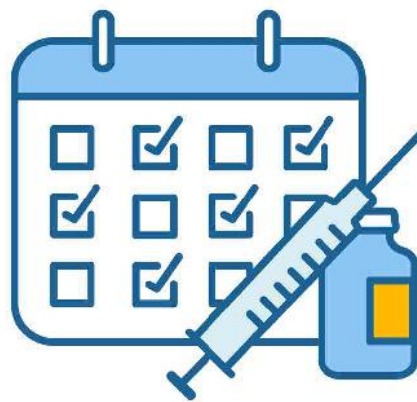
PIKAS

(PROGRAM IMMUNISASI KERJASAMA AWAM DAN SWASTA)

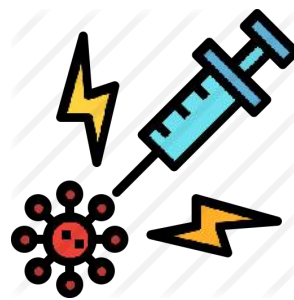
1. PIKAS MEDIA RELEASE

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

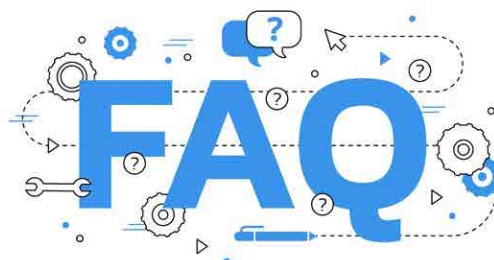
3. REGISTRATION



4. LIST OF PIKAS PPV



5. FAQ



PIKAS

(PROGRAM IMMUNISASI KERJASAMA AWAM DAN SWASTA)

UNDERSTANDING MODEL 1 & MODEL 2 OF PIKAS

| ELEMENT | MODEL 1 (Common Use PPV) | MODEL 2 (On-site PPV) |
|------------------------|---|--|
| PPV venue: | Companies send their employees for vaccination at the nearest PPV to the company's location. | Companies set up PPV at their own facility. Companies are allowed to identify suitable facilities for the PPV. The COVID-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF, MOSTI) will arrange for the site to be inspected and to advise the company accordingly. |
| Cost borne by company: | Vaccines are free. Companies are required to bear in full the administration costs for its workers. | Vaccines are free. Companies must formalise the agreement with PIKAS PPV venue operator and to submit the signed agreement to the venue operator prior to the first vaccination date. |
| PPV payment: | The payment to PPV is governed by the contract entered into between the participating company and the PPV operator. | Full payment to the PIKAS PPV venue operator has to be made at least five working days before the vaccination date. |
| Number of Employees: | As per the registered numbers of employees. | A company, or collectively with other companies, will need to have at least 1,000 workers. |

22 June 2021

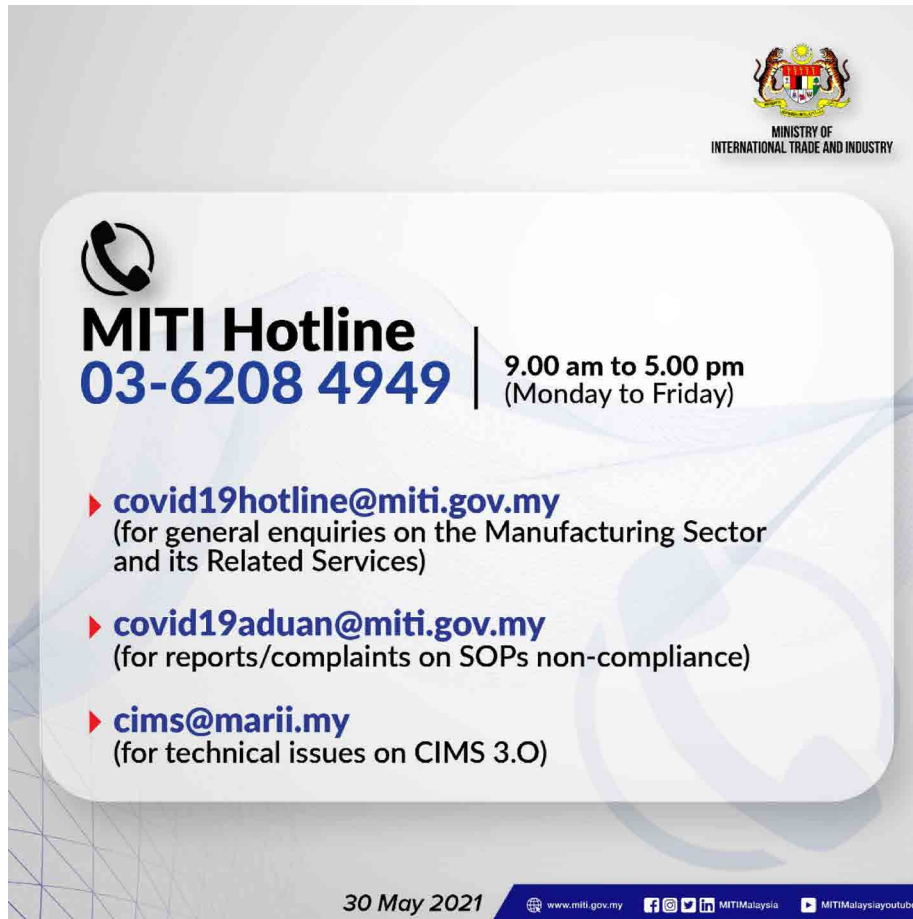
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| No. | Item | PPV | On-site |
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| ① | Vaccine | Free | Free |
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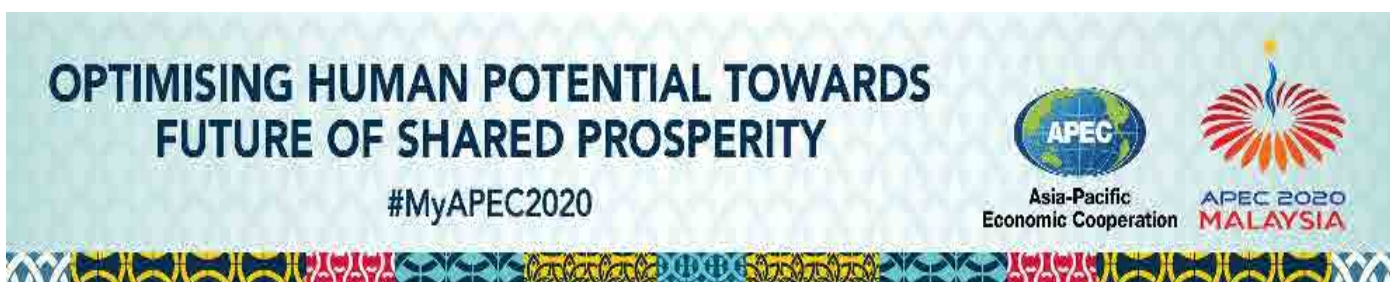
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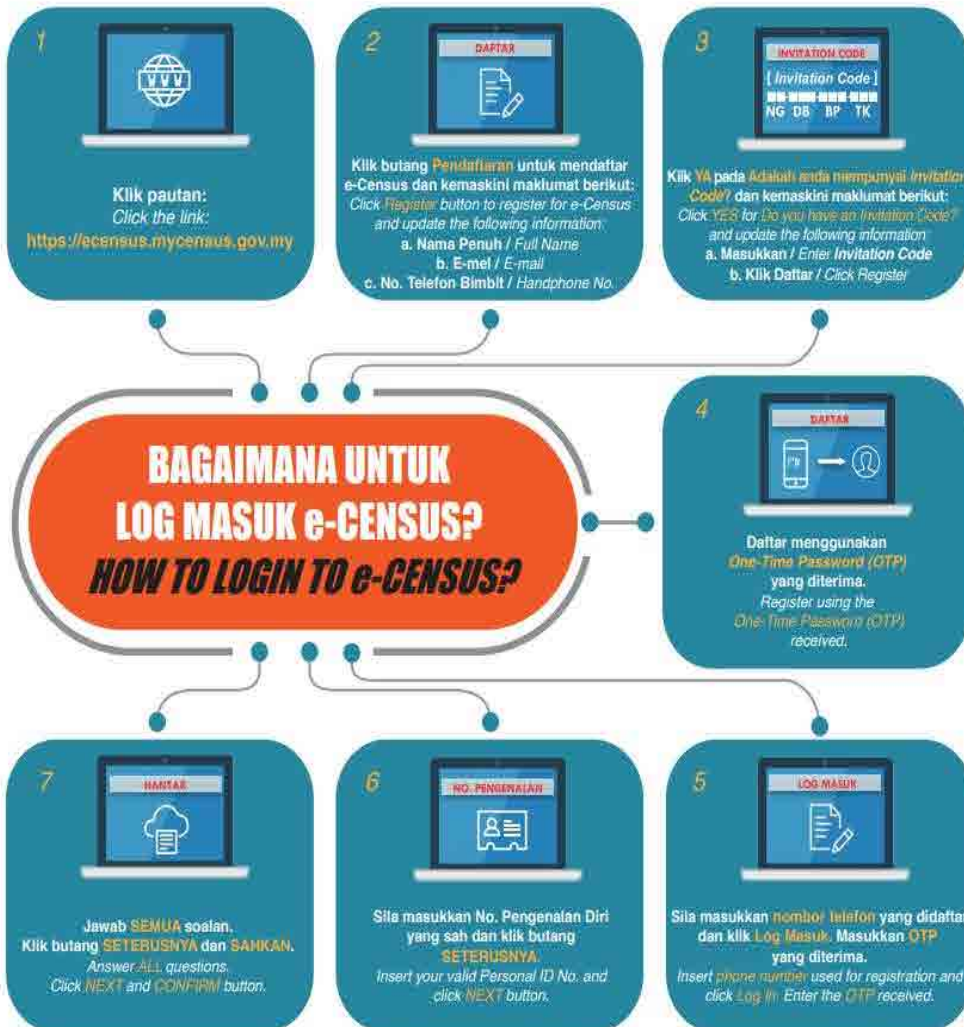
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