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Media Release

MALAYSIA THE MOST ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS AMONGST EMERGING SOUTHEAST ASIA COUNTRIES

Building on the success of attracting more than RM220 billion approved investments in 2021 for manufacturing and services sectors under the purview of MIDA, Malaysia outpaced its Emerging Southeast Asia peers and topped as the most attractive country in the region for foreign investments in the 2022 Milken Institute Global Opportunity Index (GIO) released yesterday.

This is a further testament to the Government's resolve, commitment and proactiveness in developing sound policies and effciently and constantly driving domestic reforms which has ultimately elevated Malaysia's position as a preferred investment destination, no doubt signifying the strong confdence of foreign investors in our agile business ecosystem and vibrant economy.

According to the report, "The best-performing country among the region's largest economies is Malaysia. It uniformly scores above the average rating for EMDE countries in all 14 of the subcategories." The index also reported that Malaysia secured its top spot due to its strong performance across all categories measured, namely, having a strong economic performance, offering highly qualifed workforce and being frmly integrated with the global economy.

This clearly underscores the success of MITI's massive efforts in implementing policies that ensure the readiness of talent and the protection as well as creation of jobs for the economy. Aggressively seeking out opportunities particularly in new growth areas, driving greater collaborations with the industries on upskilling and reskilling initiatives and drawing more strategic investments into the country will remain MITI's focus in securing Malaysia's position as the most attractive foreign investment destination.

It is indeed noteworthy that the report draws attention to Malaysia having taken steps to relax restrictions and enact policies in capitalising

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on its trade developments, thus helping us claim frst-place ranking in this year's Index. These measures serve as an impetus to lead the nation to increased innovation, job creation, and global competitiveness.

This has been echoed with our commitment in strengthening institutional frameworks and deepening regional integration through mega Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement and the soon-to-be ratifed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacifc (CPTPP).

MITI will continue efforts to drive Malaysia's robust and sustainable growth underpinned by an open economy, with business-friendly and pragmatic policies that foster an attractive and conducive investment climate.

Link to Report:

https://milkeninstitute.org/sites/default/fles/2022-01/global%20opp%20indexFINAL.pdf

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Senior Minister
Minister of International Trade and Industry
28 January 2022

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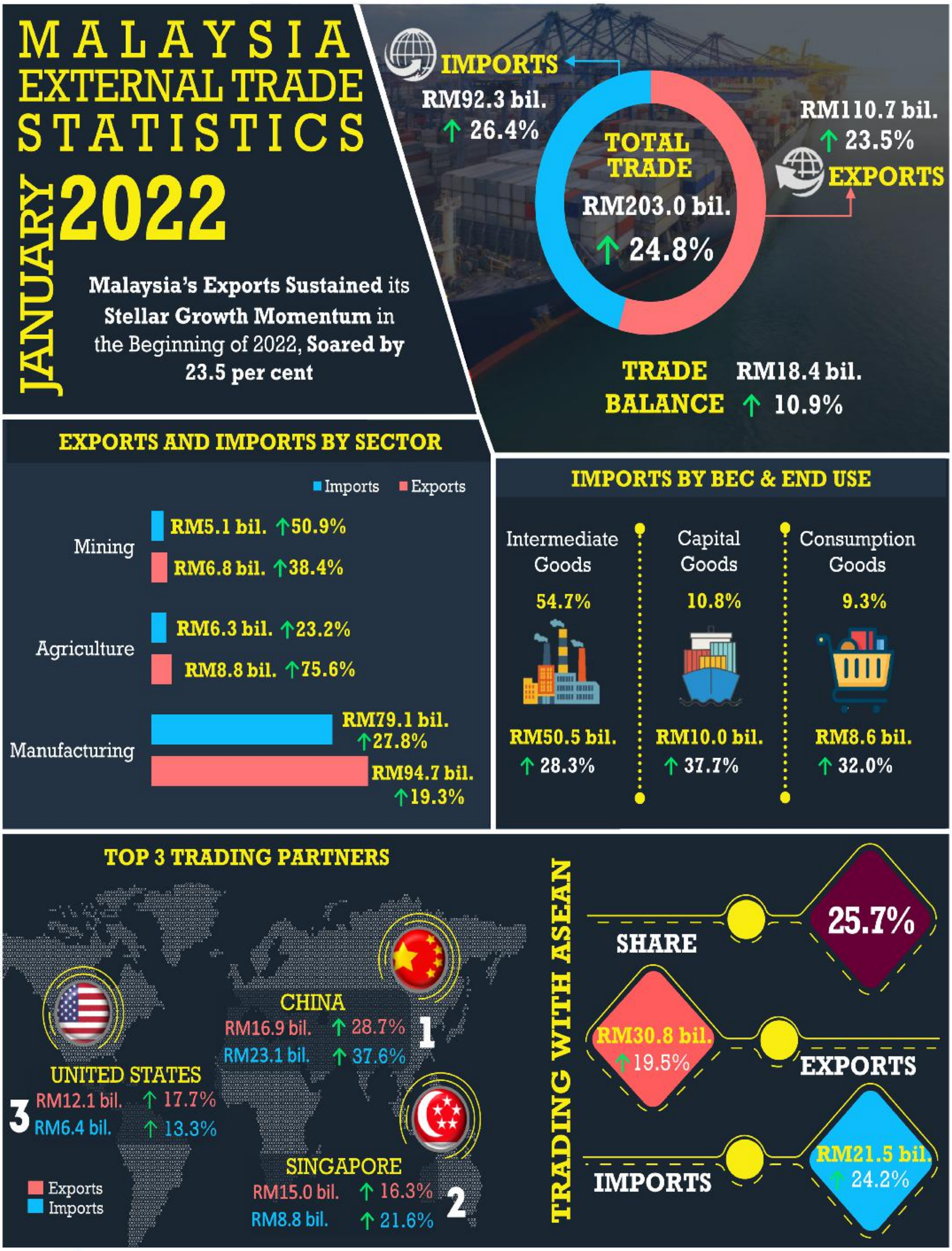
EXTERNAL TRADE, JAN 2022



Note: 1. ↑↓ All changes are based on year-on-year (y-o-y) comparison
2. The January 2022 data is preliminary and subject to revision in later issues.
3. This report can be accessed through the web portal of the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (http://www.dosm.gov.my) under section: Latest Release

Source : Monthly External Trade Statistics, January 2022

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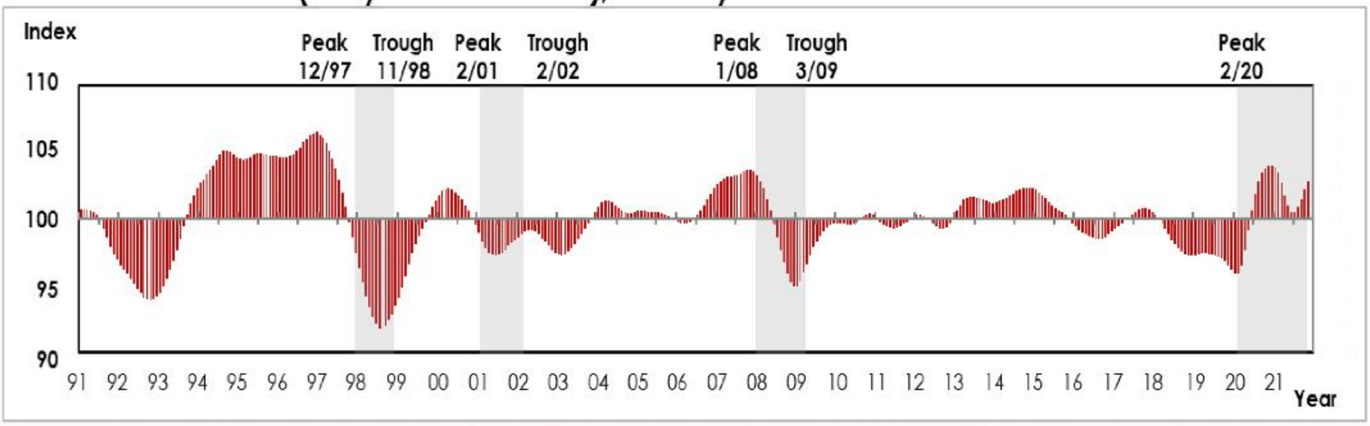
LEADING INDEX, DEC 2021

THE LEADING INDEX IN DECEMBER 2021 ASCENDED TO 2.1 PER CENT, INDICATING A MORE SANGUINE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN THE MONTHS AHEAD DESPITE THE SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES

	Sept. 21	Oct. 21	Nov. 21	Dec. 21
Leading Index (2015=100)	110.5 points	109.5 points	111.2 points	111.5 points
Annual Change (%)	0.6 per cent	0.3 per cent	1.6 per cent	2.1 per cent

Note: Economic direction forecast by Leading Index in average of 4 to 6 months ahead

Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle (Grey Shaded Areas), January 1991 to December 2021



December 21: 0.3%

November 21: 1.6%

Leading Index, Month-on-Month (%)

Contribution of Each Component to the Percentage Change in the Leading Index from the Previous Month

Component	December 21	November 21
Real Money Supply, M1	-0.8%	0.6%
Bursa Malaysia Industrial Index	-0.1%	-0.1%
Real Imports of Semi Conductors	0.7%	0.2%
Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals	-0.1%	-0.3%
Number of Housing Units Approved	0.2%	0.7%
Expected Sales Value, Manufacturing	-0.1%	0.2%
Number of New Companies Registered	0.5%	0.3%

Source: Malaysian Economic Indicators - Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes, December 2021

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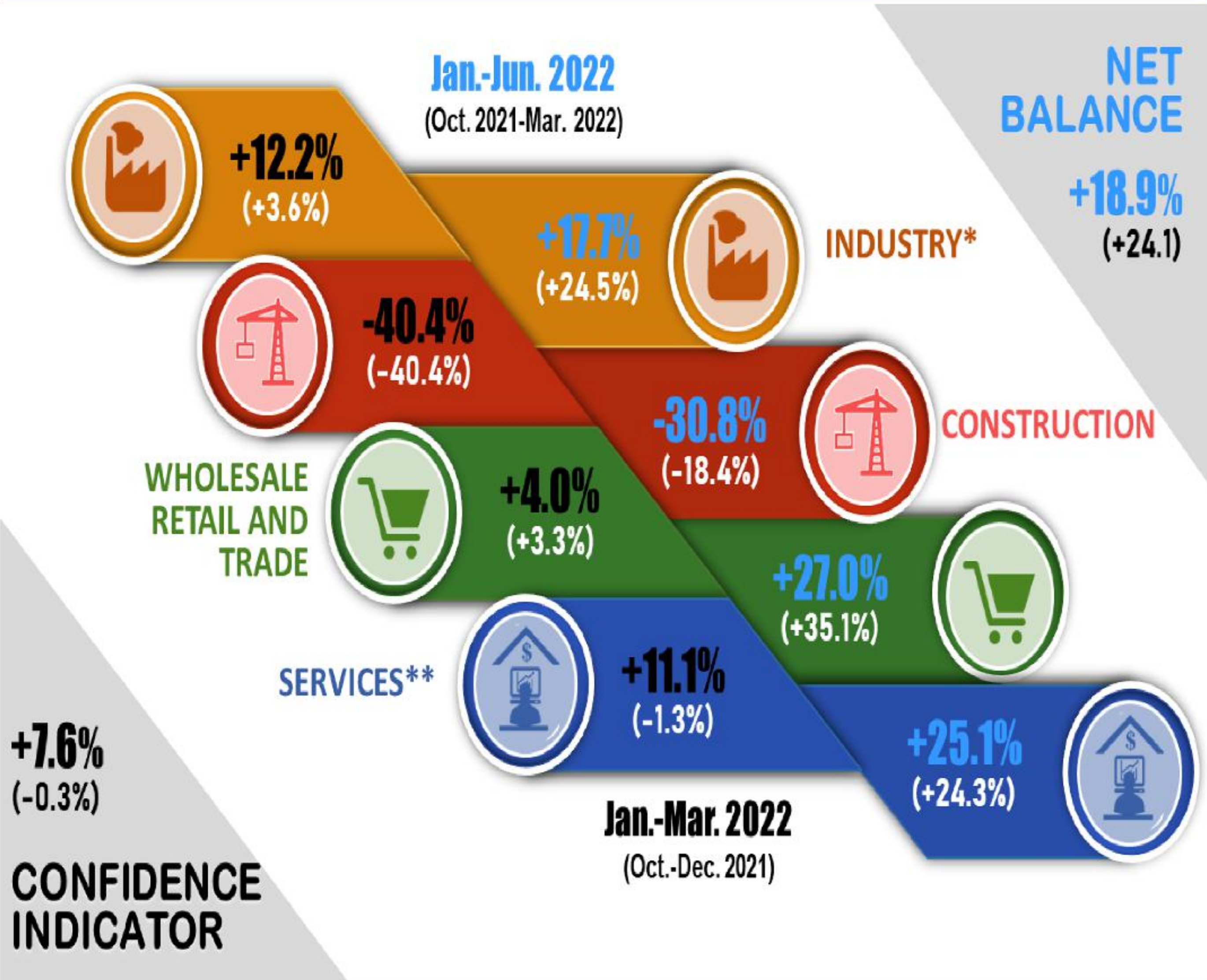
BUSINESS TENDENCY STATISTICS, Q1 2022

BUSINESS SENTIMENT IN MALAYSIA REBOUNDS TO A POSITIVE TRAJECTORY FIRST-EVER SINCE THE PREVIOUS NINE QUARTERS, REGISTERING A CONFIDENCE INDICATOR OF +7.6 PER CENT FROM -0.3 PER CENT IN THE LAST QUARTER



* Agriculture, Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity & Water

** Accommodations, Transportation & Storage, Communication, Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Information Technology & Communication, Food & Beverage, Administrative & Support Services, Professional, Health, Education and Other Services

Source: Business Tendency Statistics, First Quarter 2022
Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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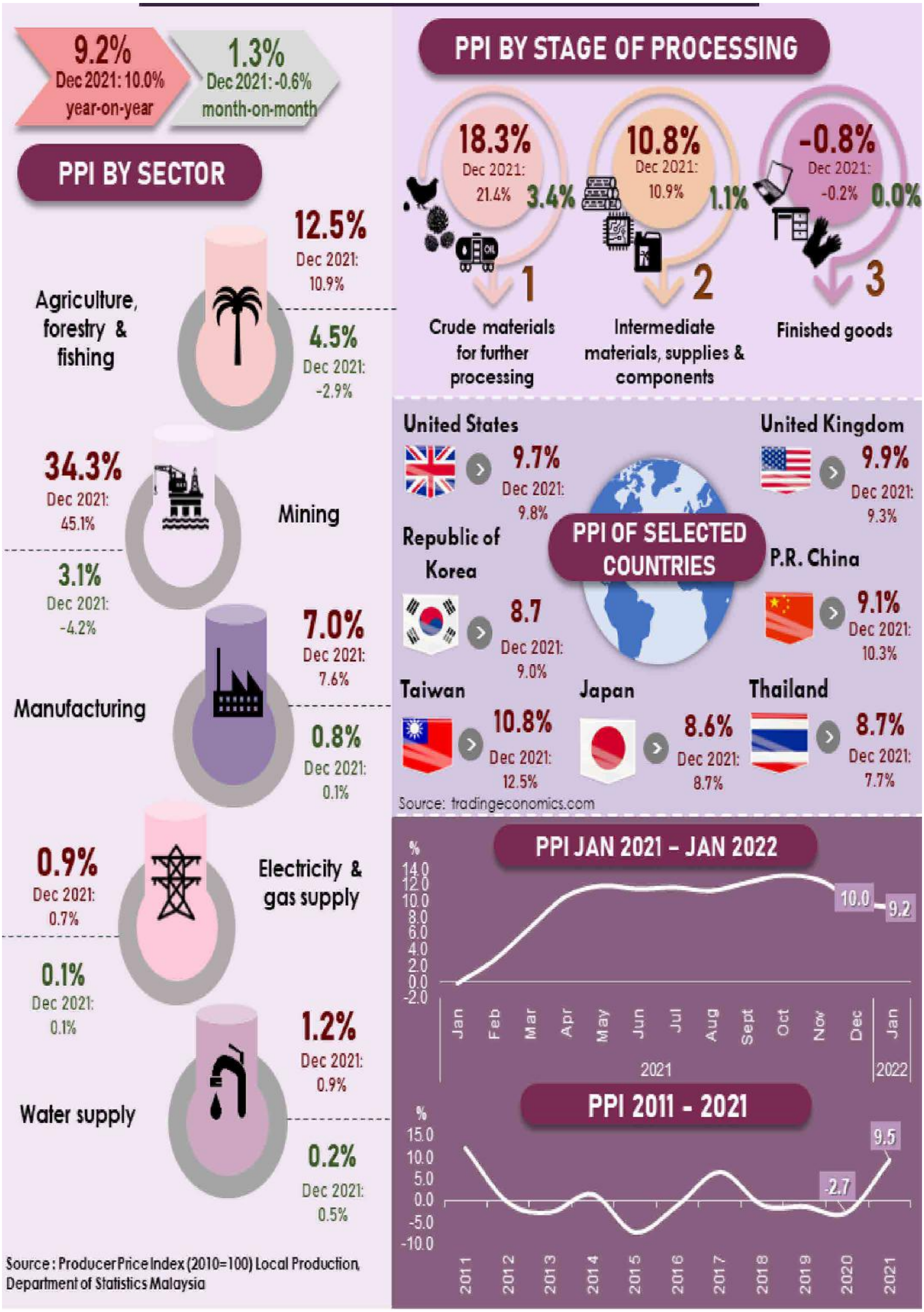
PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI), JAN 2022



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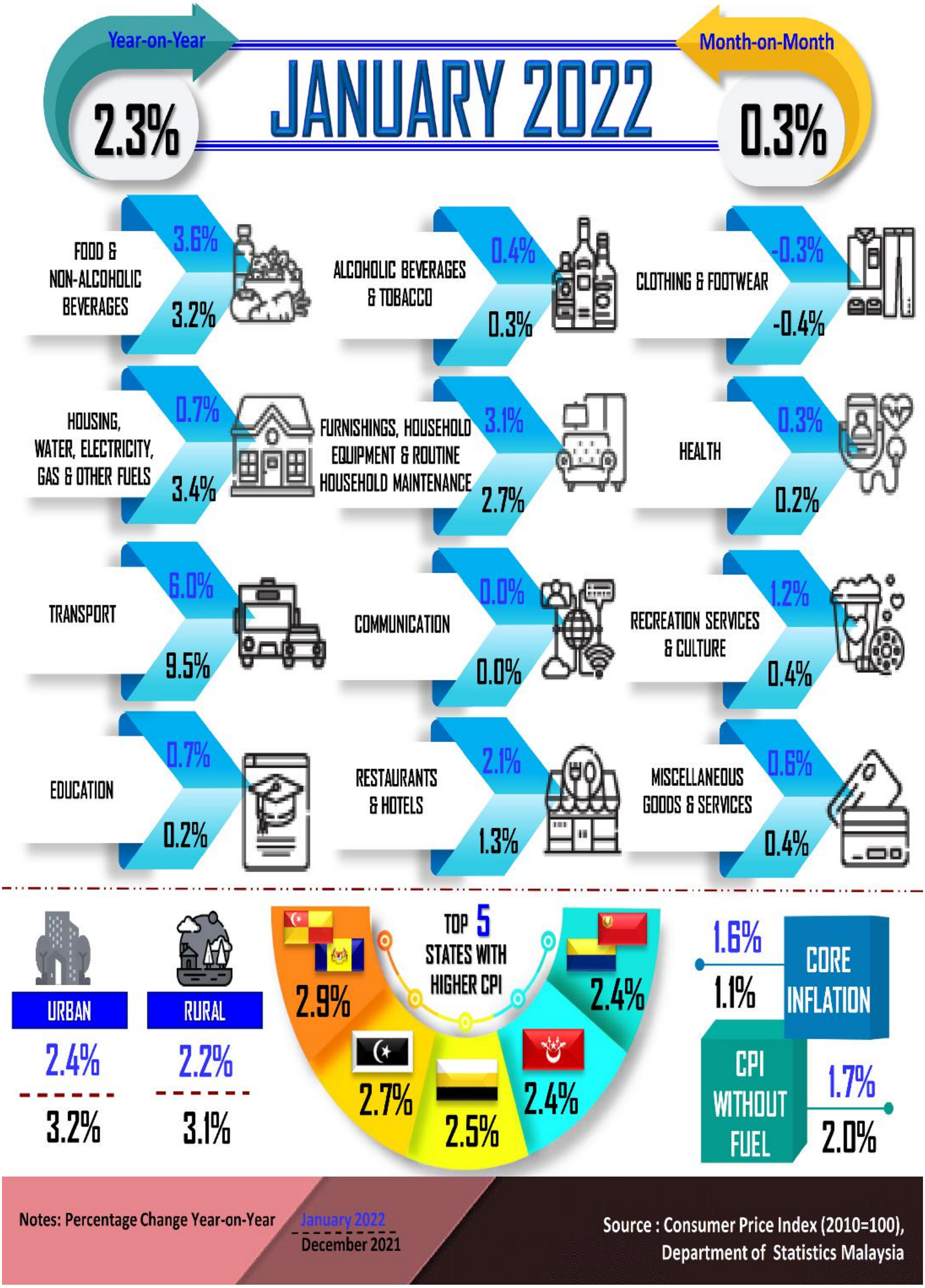
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), JAN 2022



SECOND LARGEST EXPORTERS IN THE WORLD OF COMPOUNDS, INORGANIC OR ORGANIC, OF RARE-EARTH METALS, OF YTTRIUM OR OF SCANDIUM OR OF MIXTURES OF THESE METALS (EXCLUDING CERIUM)

In 2020, Malaysia's export of Compounds, inorganic or organic, of rare-earth metals, of yttrium or of scandium or of mixtures of these metals (excluding cerium) recorded US$ 238.9 million which was 21.1% share of the world exports.

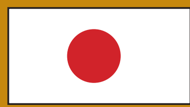
1

P.R.CHINA
US$ 246.8m
21.8%

2

MALAYSIA
US$ 238.9m
21.1%

3



JAPAN
US$ 130.6m
11.6%

4

USA
US$ 114.6m
10.1%

5

FINLAND
US$ 57.6m
5.1%

Notes:
-*HS284690
-% refer to share in world exports

MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS

1
Japan
US$ 80.74m

2
P.R.China
US$ 61.29m

3
Viet Nam
US$ 56.61m

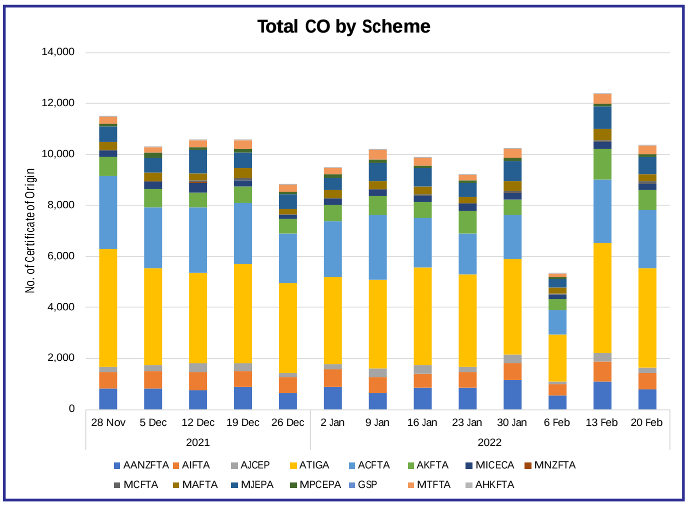
4
ailand
US$ 26.09m

5
France
US$ 5.93m

Source: https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx

Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 20 February 2022
Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

Weekly Total Scheme



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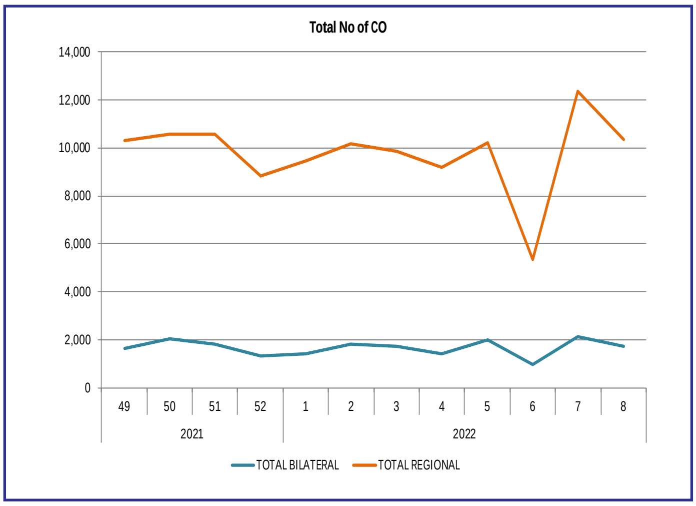

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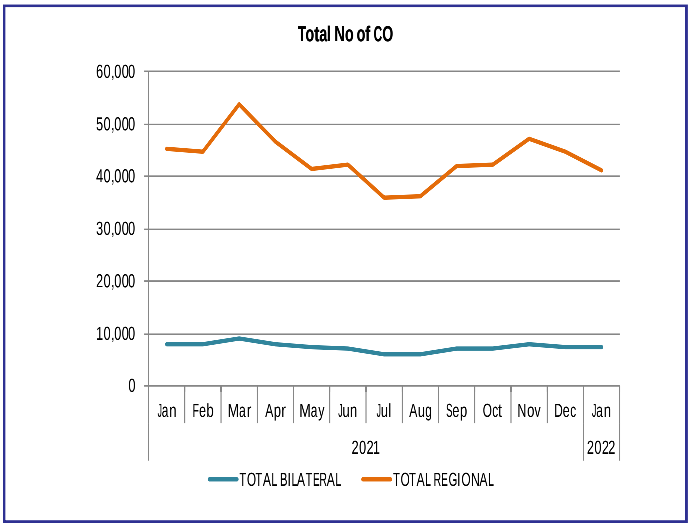
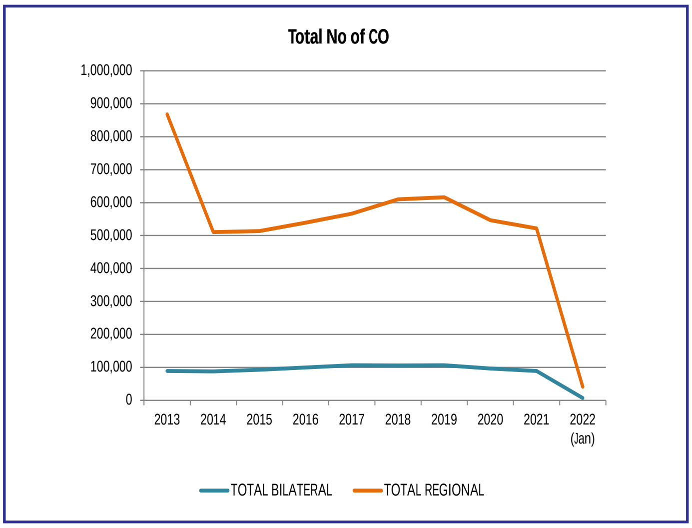


Annually



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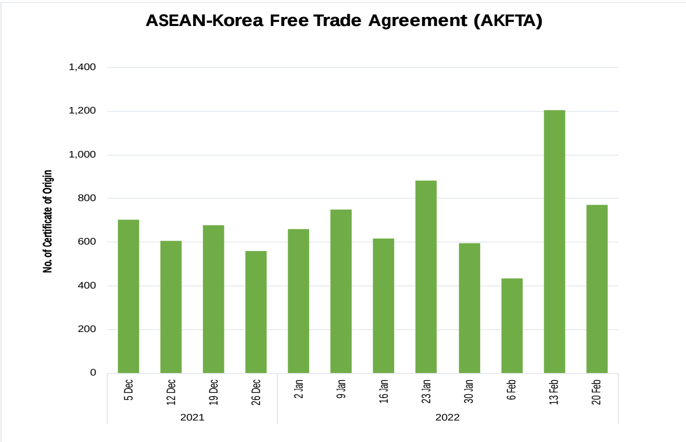
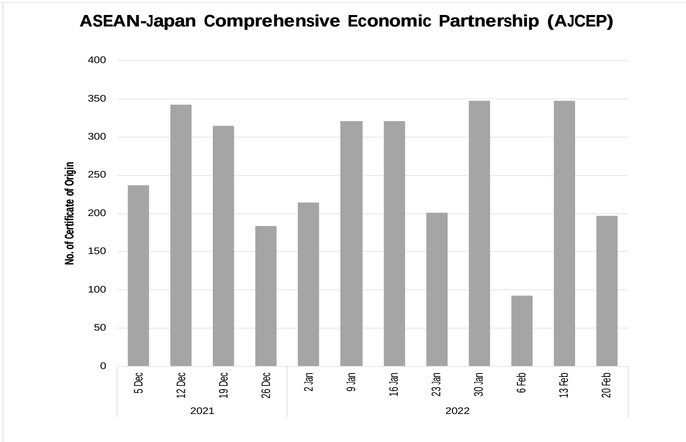
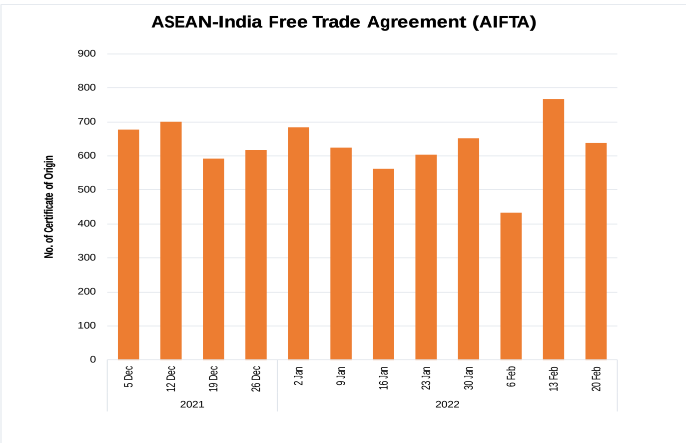
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Regional FTA
Number of Preferential Certifcates of Origin (PCOs)as at 20 February 2022







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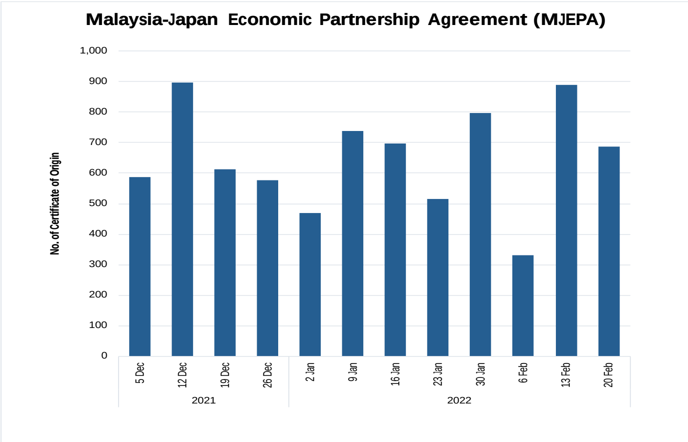
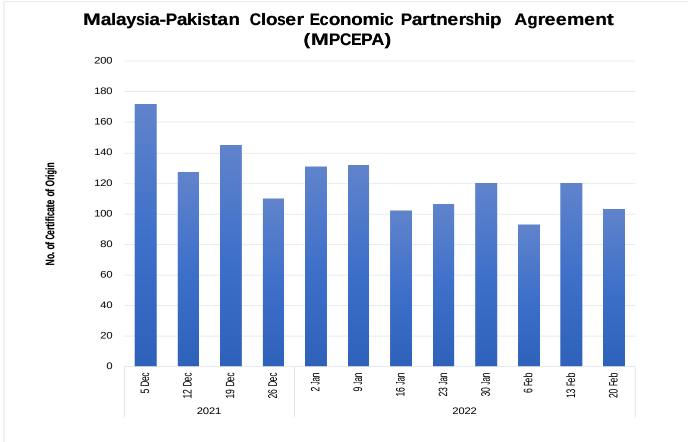
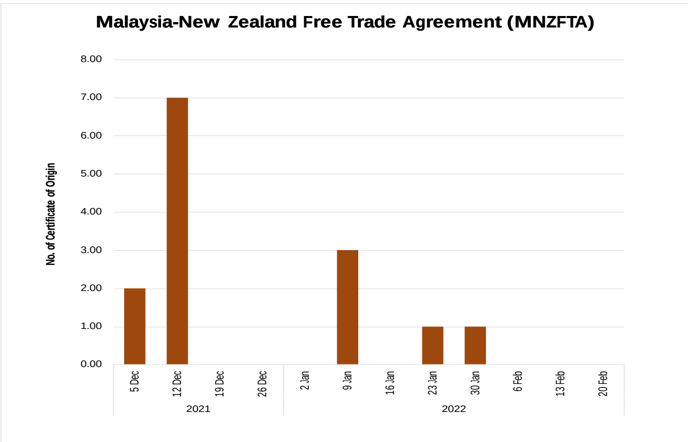
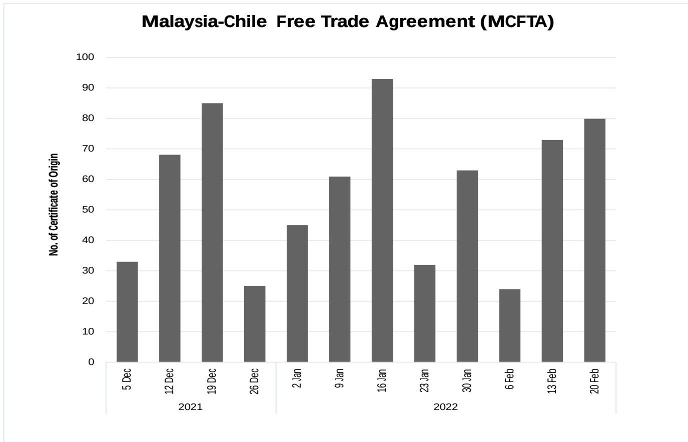
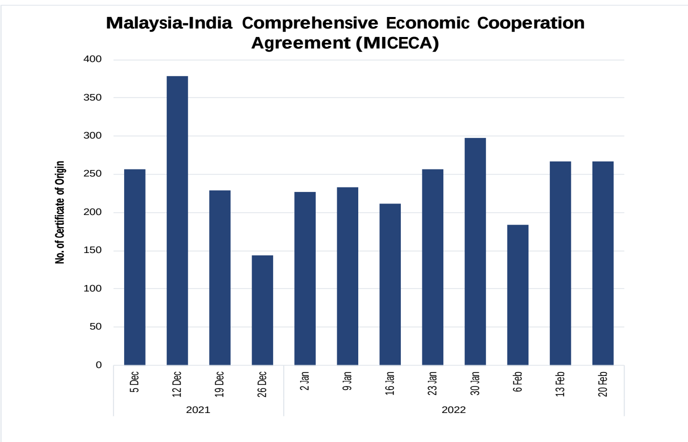
Bilateral FTA
Number of Preferential Certifcates of Origin (PCOs) as at 20 February 2022

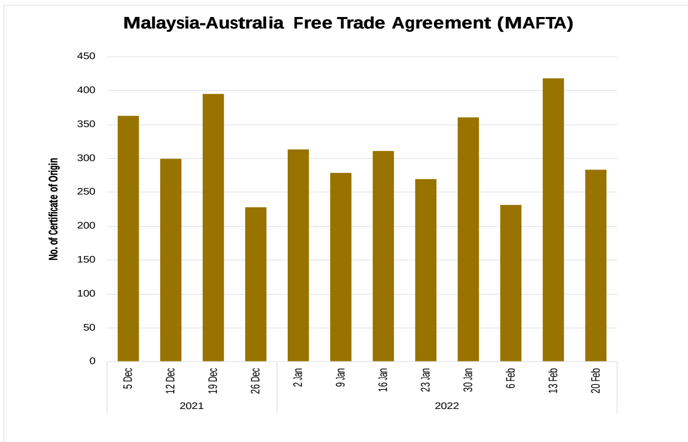


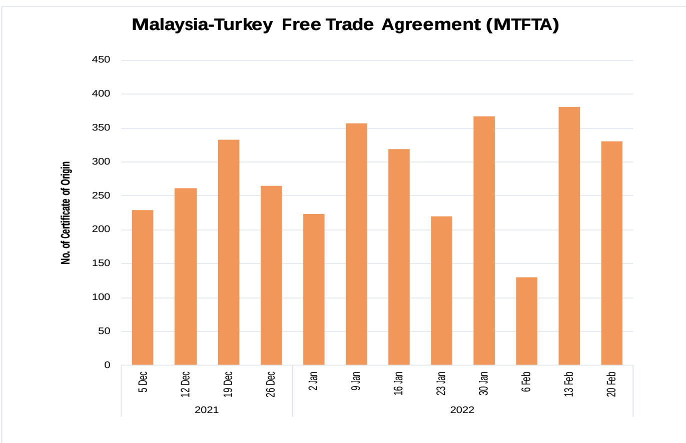












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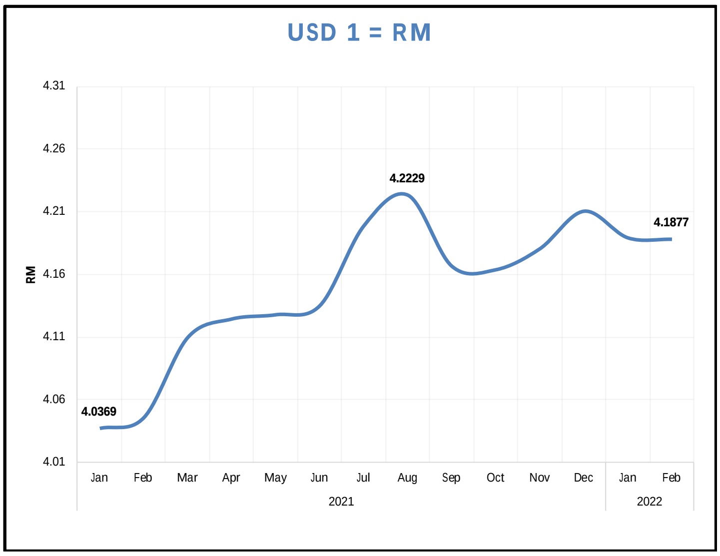
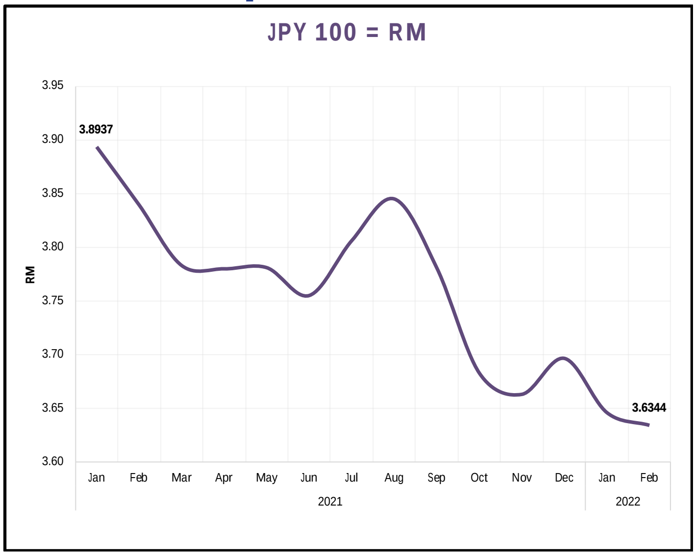
Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2021 - February 2022

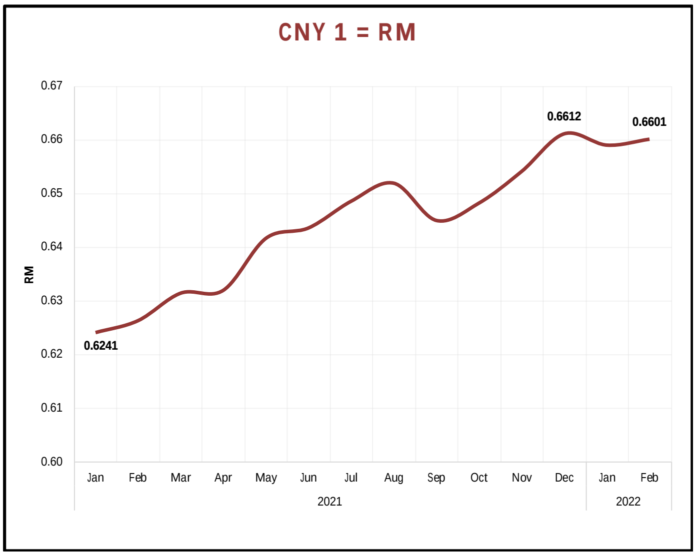
US Dollar



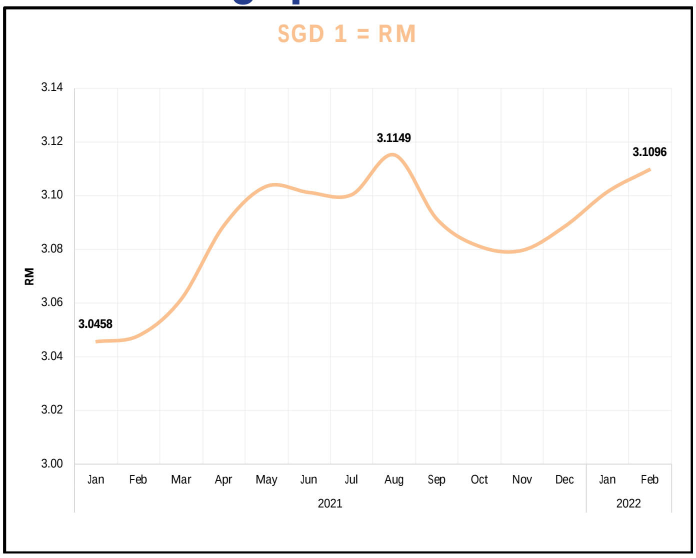
Japanese Yen



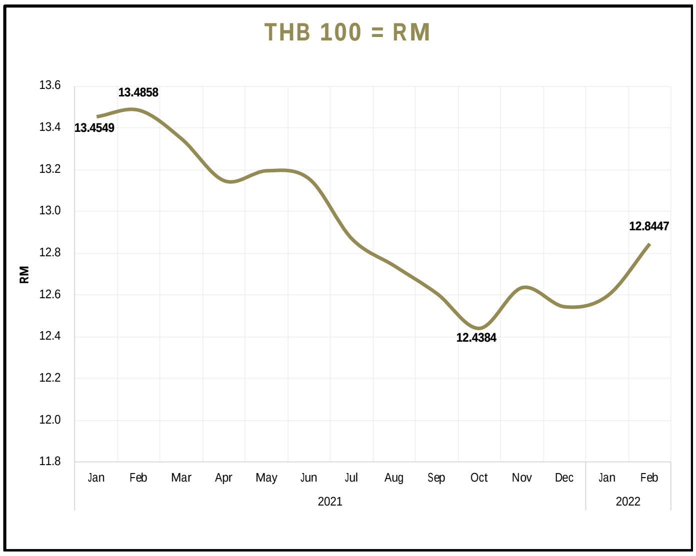
Chinese Yuan



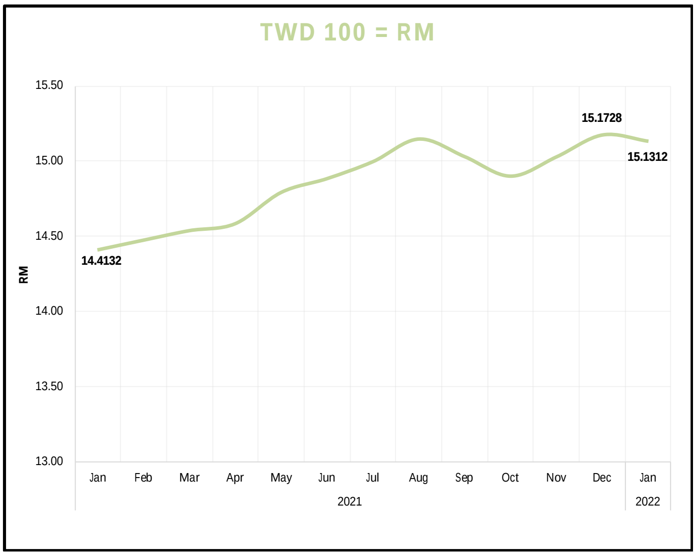
Singapore Dollar



Thai Baht



New Taiwan Dollar



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-

▲ 4.7%*
US$97.9
25 Feb 2022

Highest 2021/2022
25 Feb 2022 : US$97.9
22 Oct 2021 : US$85.5

Lowest 2021/2022
7 Jan 2022 : US$81.8
15 Jan 2021 : US$55.1

Average Price 2021 i : US$71.1

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-

▲ 12.1%*
US$1,614.8
25 Feb 2022

Highest 2021/2022
25 Feb 2022 : US$1,614.8
29 Oct 2021 : US$1,302.0

Lowest 2021/2022
14 Jan 2022 : US$1,267.7
18 Jun 2021 : US$844.6

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,075.3

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-

▲ 0.8%*
US$1,817.5
25 Feb 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,689.1

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-

▼ 1.8%*
US$1,602.0
25 Feb 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$1,505.9

SUGAR -per lbs-

▼ 0.1%*
US$17.6
25 Feb 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$17.9

COAL -per MT-

▲ 4.8%*
US$193.0
25 Feb 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$120.5

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

= %*
US$480.0
(high)

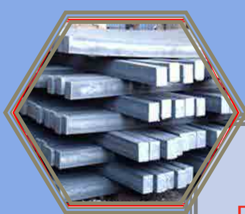
= %*
US$462.0
(low)

25 Feb 2022

Average Price 2021 i : US$486.4 (high)
Average Price 2021 i : US$468.1 (low)

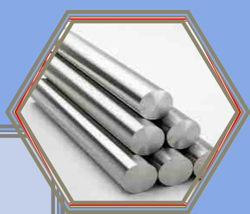
Domestic Prices

25 Feb 2022



Billets
(per MT)
RM2,600- RM2,700

Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,950 – RM3,100



Notes: All gures 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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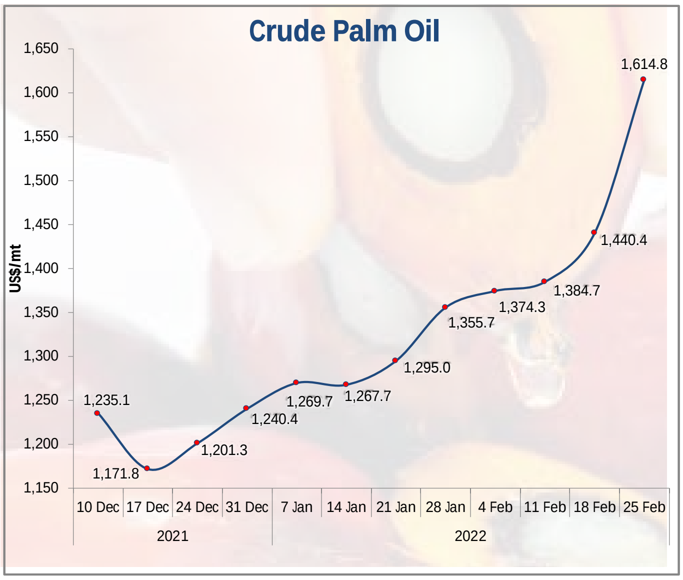
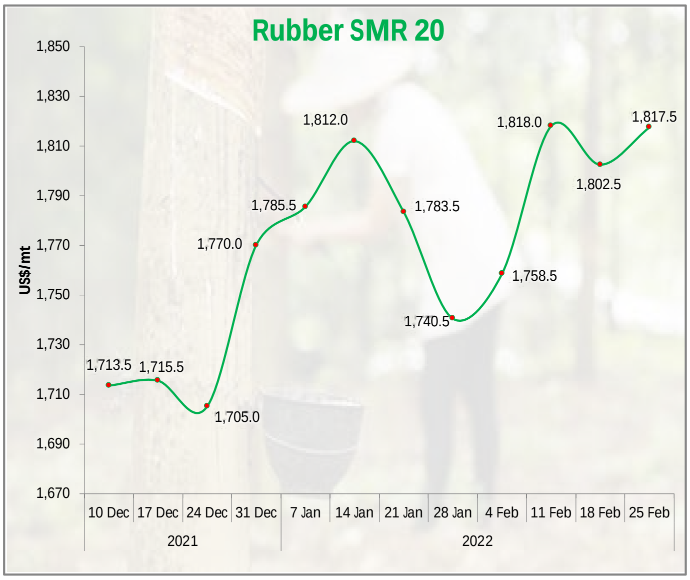
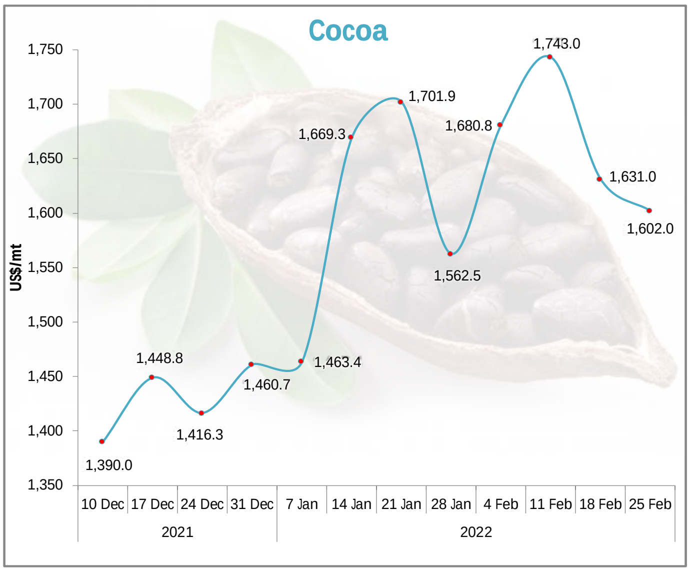
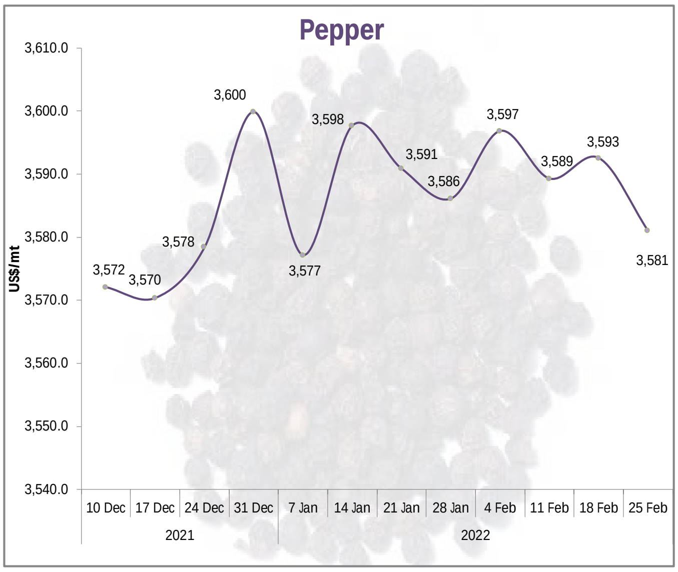
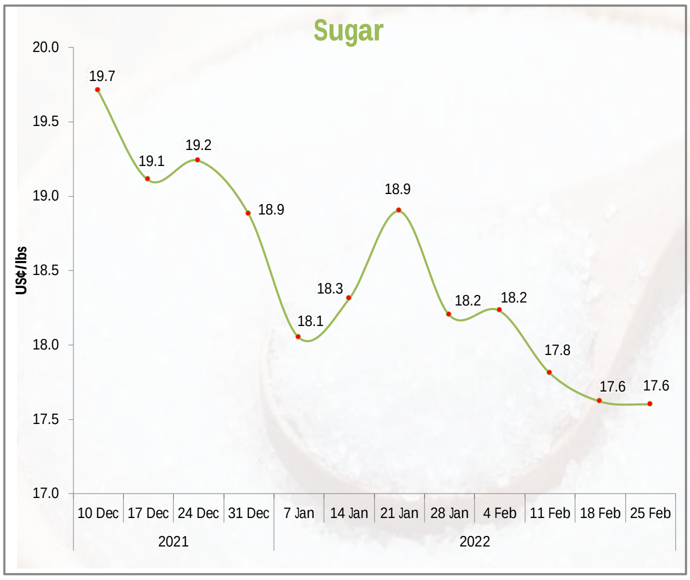
Commodity Price Trends

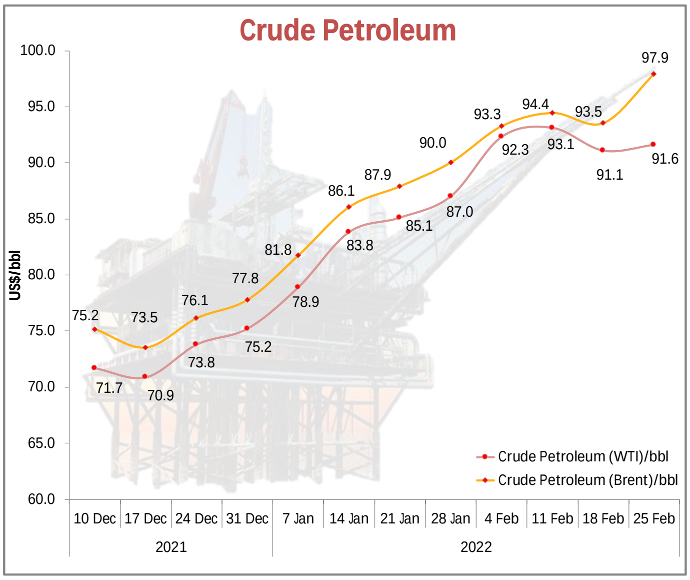












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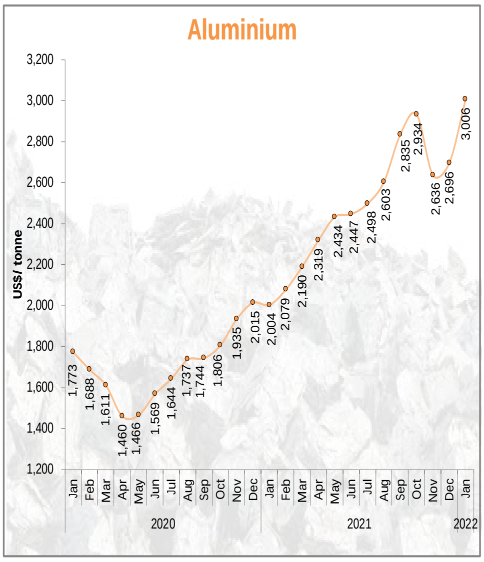

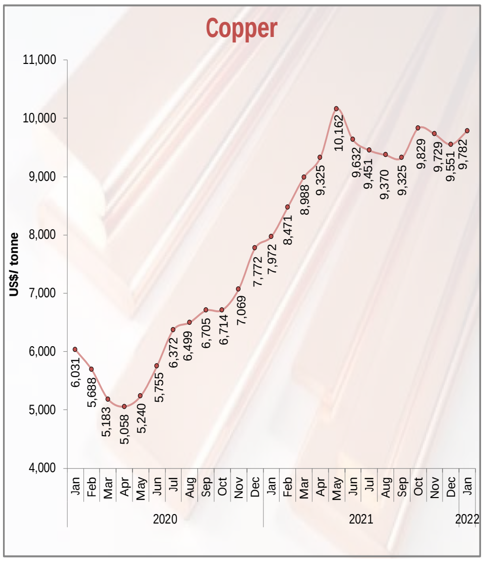

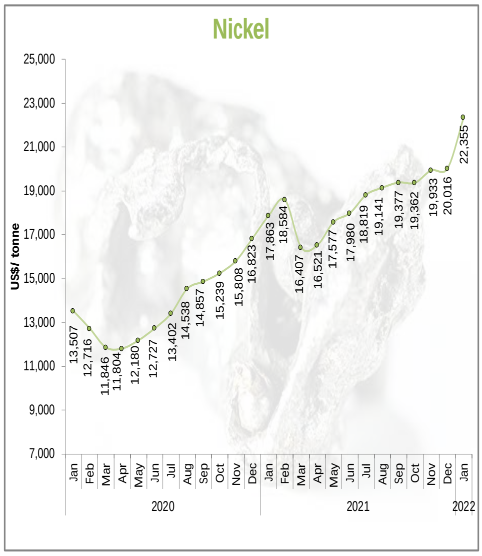

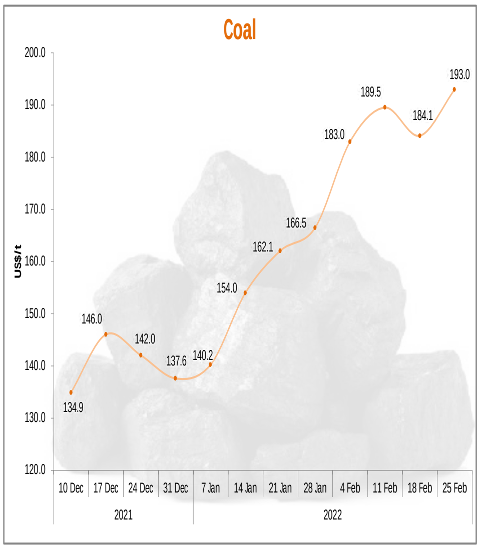

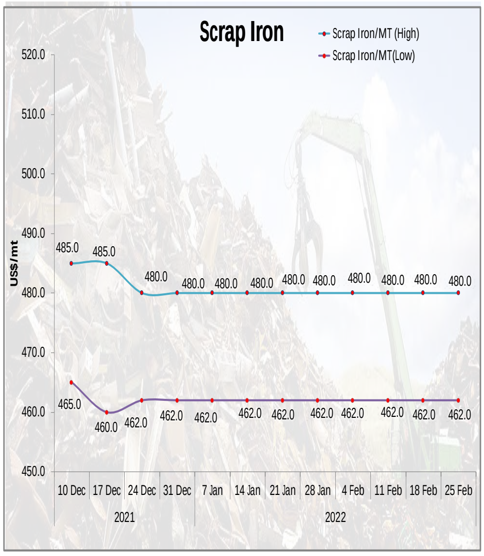

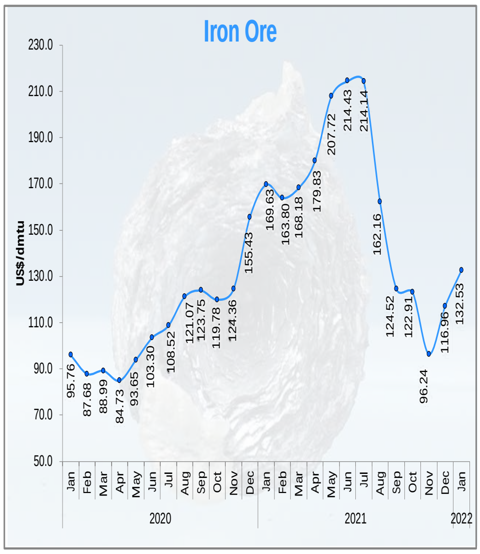

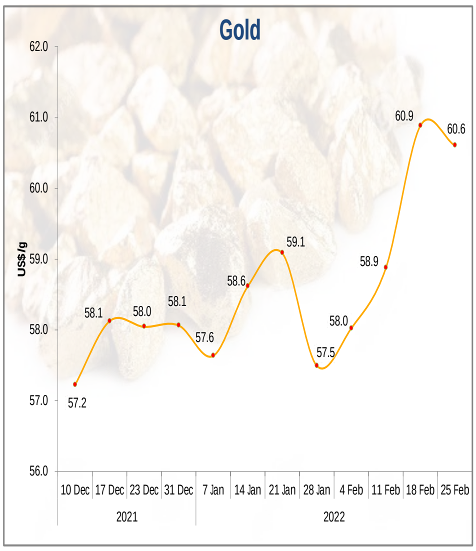

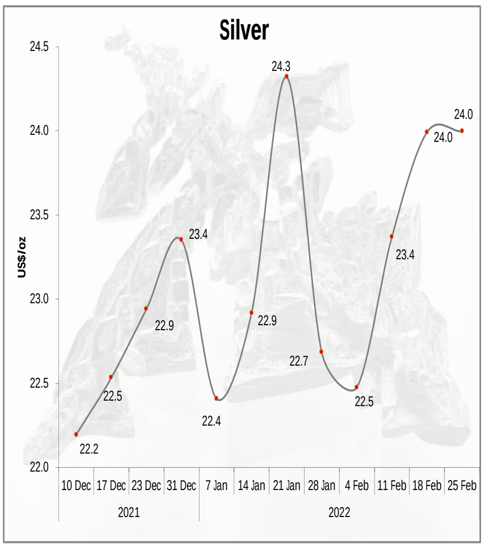

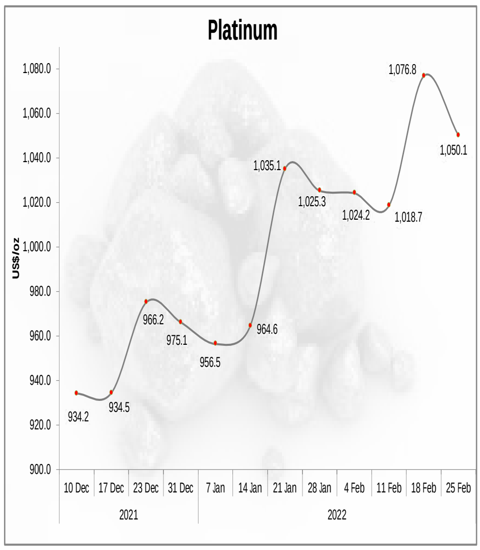

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Industry4WRD

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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**

02 GRANTS

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

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

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VTL-LAND

(VACCINATED TRAVEL LANE)

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REQUIREMENTS FOR MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE VTL-LAND TRAVELLERS

Requirement	TO ENTER MALAYSIA	TO ENTER SINGAPORE
Digital Vaccination Certificate Download MySejahtera app or Singapore Trace Together app	✓	✓
Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) via url https://go.gov.sg/vtl-portal (only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)	✗	✓
Register at www.mysafetravel.gov.my (Singapore to Malaysia)	✓	✗
Print Vaccination Certificate with QR code	✓	✓
Print Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) (only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)	✗	✓
Purchase bus ticket(s) on www.causewaylink.com.my www.transtar.travel	✓	✓
Take professionally administered ART/PCR Test 2 days before departure	✓	✓
On-arrival RTK Test at Larkin Sentral Bus Terminal	✓	✗
Submit SG Arrival Card (SGAC) under Foreign Visitors	✗	✓
Electronic Health Declaration Card (eHDC) via MySejahtera	✓	✗

Note : Travellers are advised to have adequate travel / medical insurance coverage for COVID-19 related medical treatment and hospitalisation costs, if required.

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VTL-LAND TRAVELLER'S JOURNEY

1 Pre-Departure

Prepare these softcopies:
1) Digital vaccination certificate
2) Vaccinated Travel Pass
(only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)

Download MySejahtera app or Singapore Trace Together app

2 Register at www.mysafetravel.gov.my (Singapore to Malaysia) or https://go.gov.sg/vtl-portal (Malaysia to Singapore

3 Print Vaccination Certificate with QR code, Vaccinated Travel Pass (for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore), Travel/Medical insurance is required too

4 Purchase bus ticket(s) via www.causewaylink.com.my or www.transtar.travel

5 Take RTK or ART / PCR Test 48 hours before departure

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

VTL-LAND

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VTL-LAND TRAVELLER'S JOURNEY

6 On departure day arrive at least 1 hour earlier at boarding points

7 At Departure Points

Ensure these documents are in-hand:

- Proof of VTL-Land Registration for travellers entering Malaysia
- Proof of Vaccinated Travel Pass (only for long-term pass holder travelling from Malaysia to Singapore)
- RTK or ART / PCR Test results
- Vaccination Certificate
- Passport
- Travel/Medical Insurance
- Bus Ticket

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- For Malaysians, please submit the SG Arrival Card (SGAC) under Foreign Visitors
- For Singapore Citizens, please submit electronic Health Declaration Card (eHDC) under Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents & Long-Term Pass Holders, and upload your vaccination certificate QR code during the submission if you were vaccinated overseas

9 Upon-Arrival

- For travellers arriving at the Larkin Sentral Bus Terminal, proceed to do the On-Arrival Test
- Present all documentations at the immigration for clearance

10 Post-Arrival

Check traveller's status on MySejahtera app or Singapore Trace Together app

Bagi sebarang pertanyaan/aduan berkaitan operasi sektor ekonomi, sila hubungi talian hotline MITI seperti di atas.

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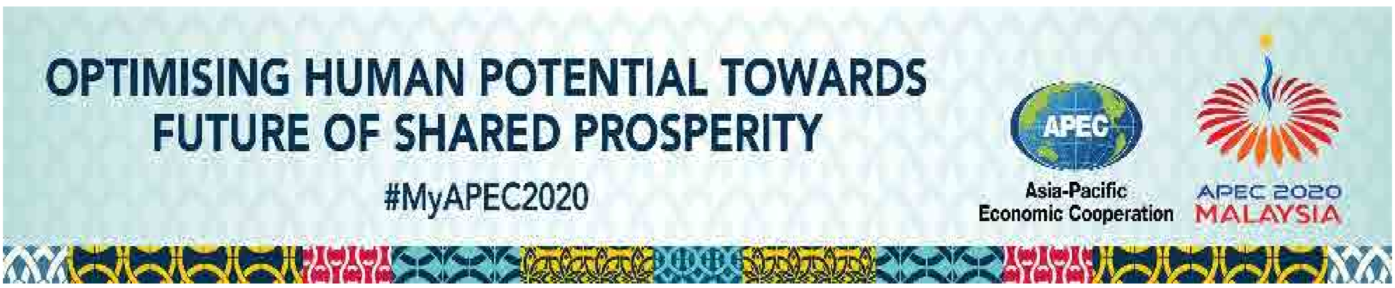

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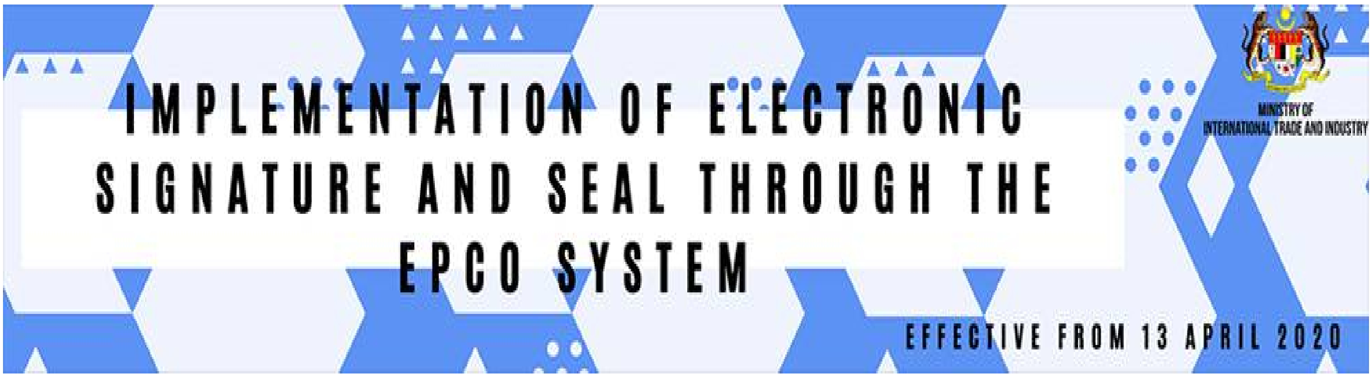

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