

LABOUR FORCE, AUGUST 2022

The number of unemployed in August 2022 continued to decrease to 612.0 thousand persons recording unemployment rate at 3.7 per cent

LABOUR FORCE



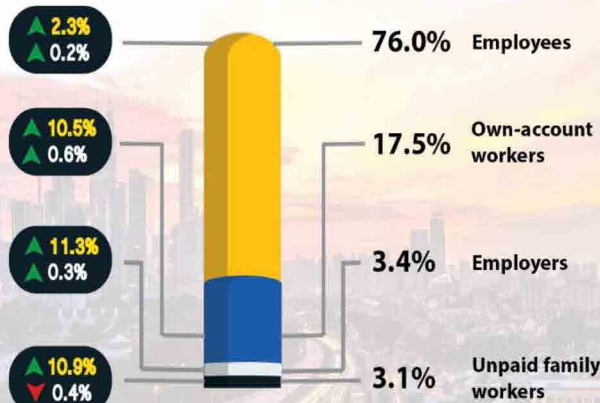
69.7% ▲ 1.3pp
▲ 0.1pp

August's labour force participation rate continued to increase to 69.7 per cent

EMPLOYED PERSON



Employed person by status in employment



The largest share of the total employed persons was in the employee's category with a contribution share of 76.0 per cent

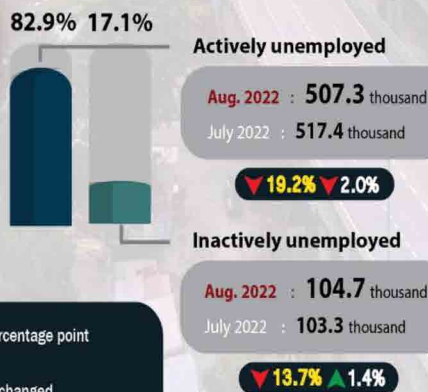
Most of the categories posted a month-on-month increase in August 2022, except for the unpaid family workers

UNEMPLOYMENT



3.7% ▼ 0.9pp
↔ 0.0pp

August's unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7 per cent



OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE



The largest composition of the outside labour force was housework/ family responsibilities



HOUSEWORK/ FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

42.9%



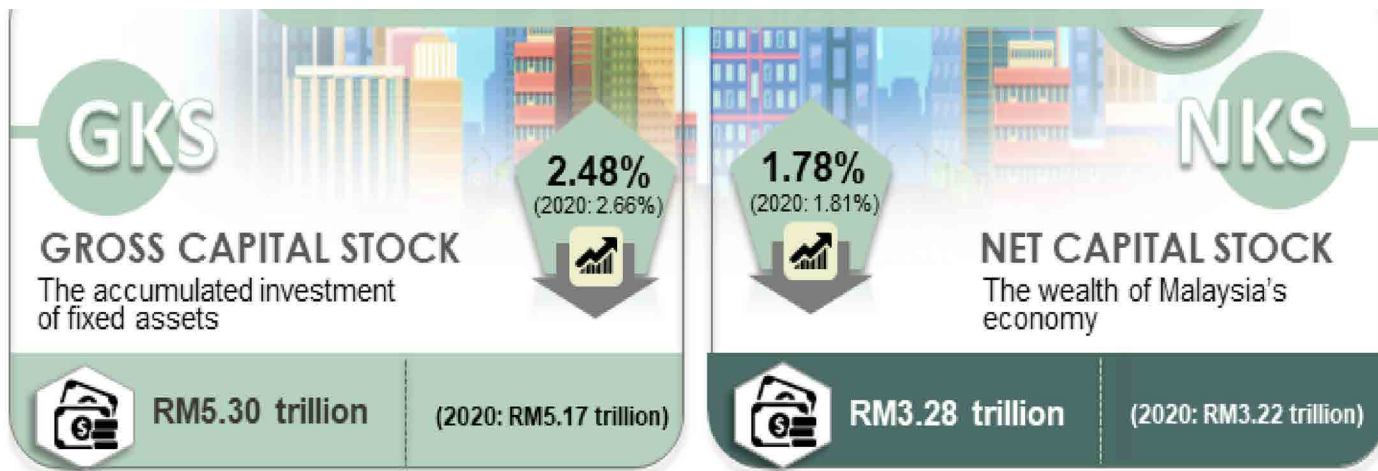
SCHOOLING/ TRAINING

40.4%

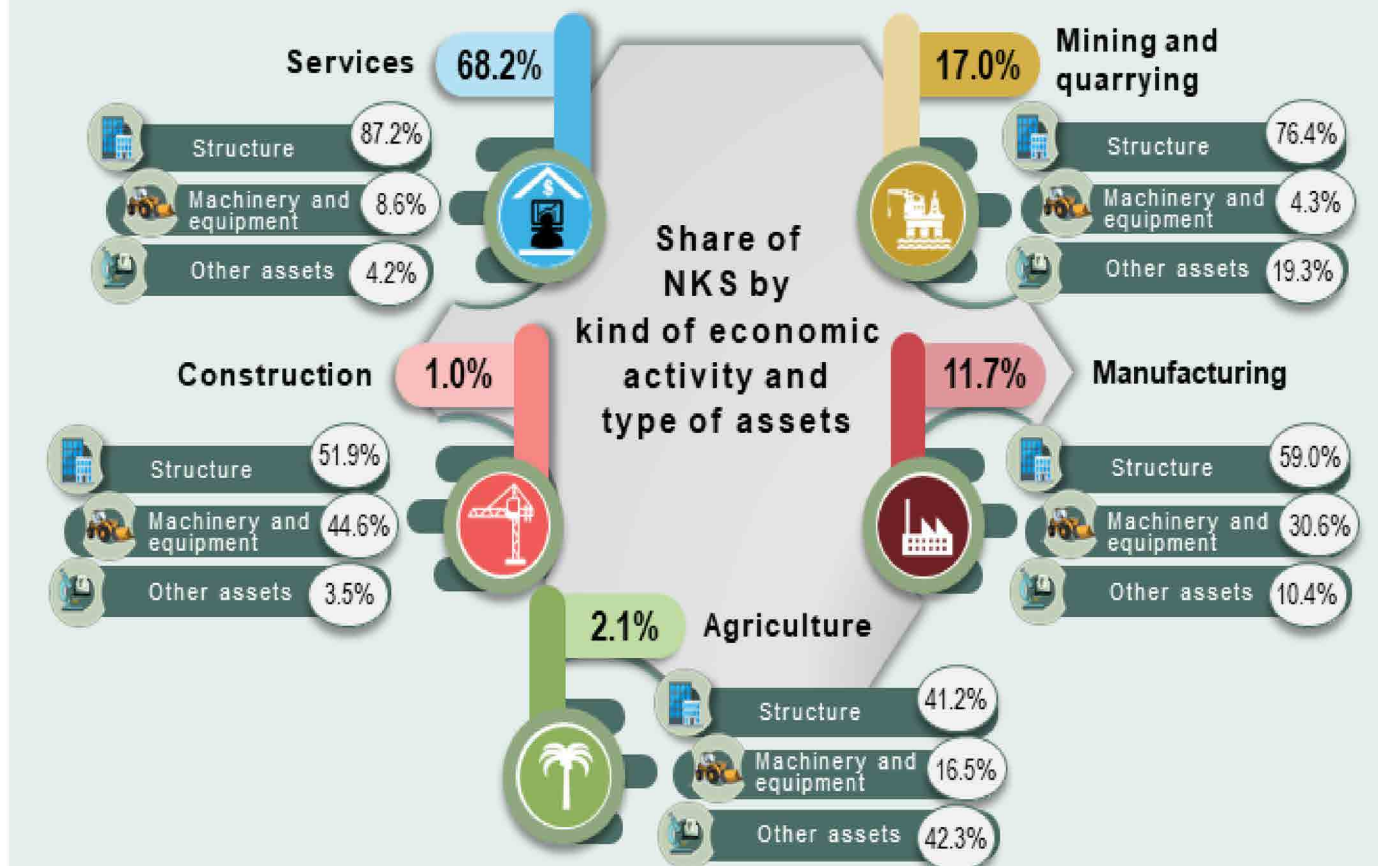
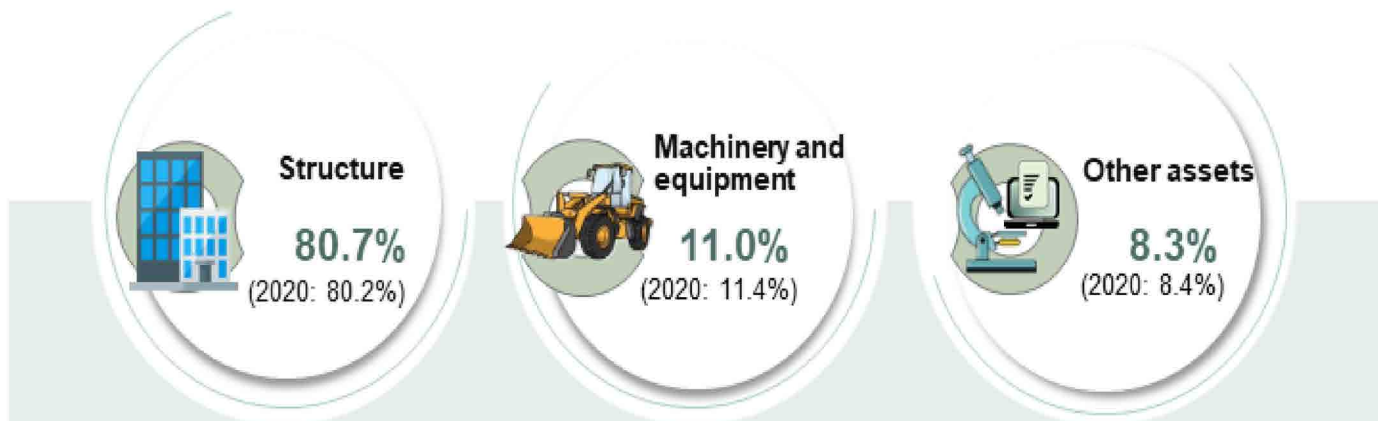
% Percentage change (year-on-year) **pp** Percentage point
% Percentage change (month-on-month) **↔** Unchanged

Source: Labour Force Survey, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

CAPITAL STOCK, 2021



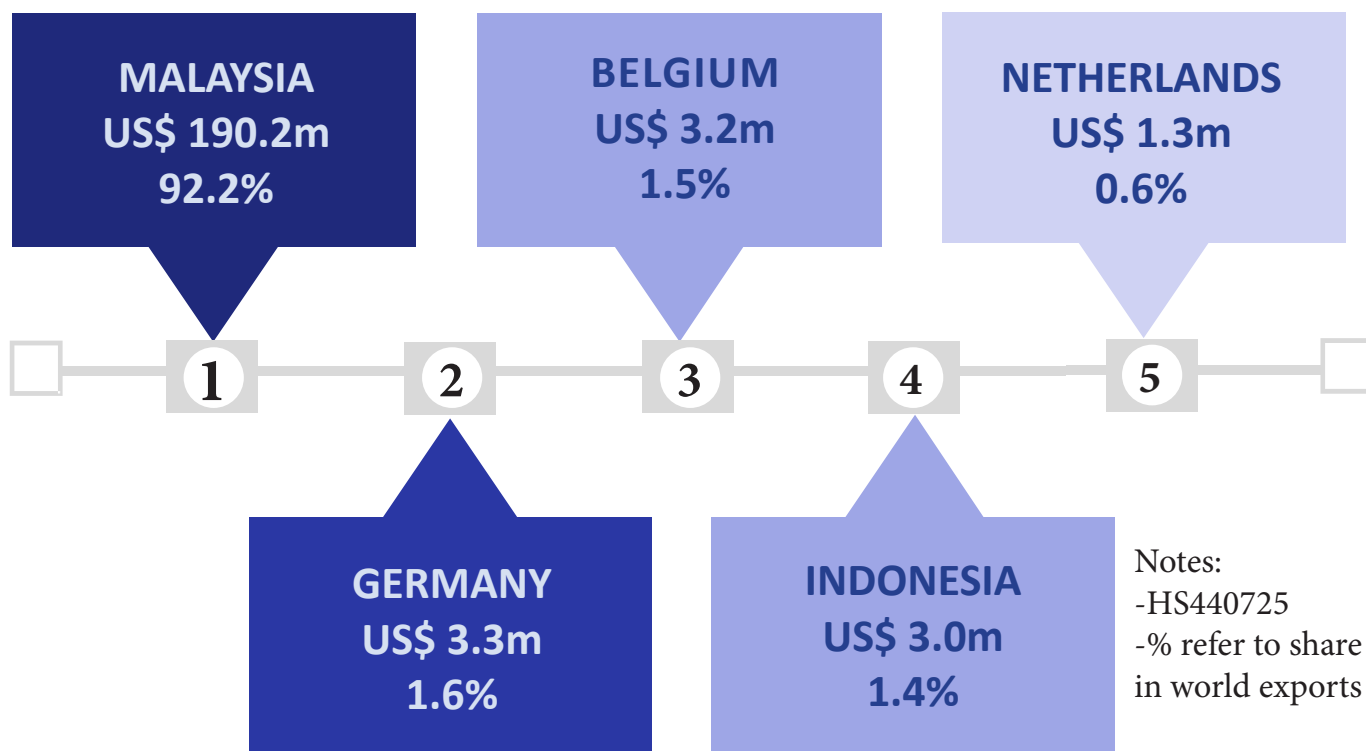
Share of NKS by type of assets



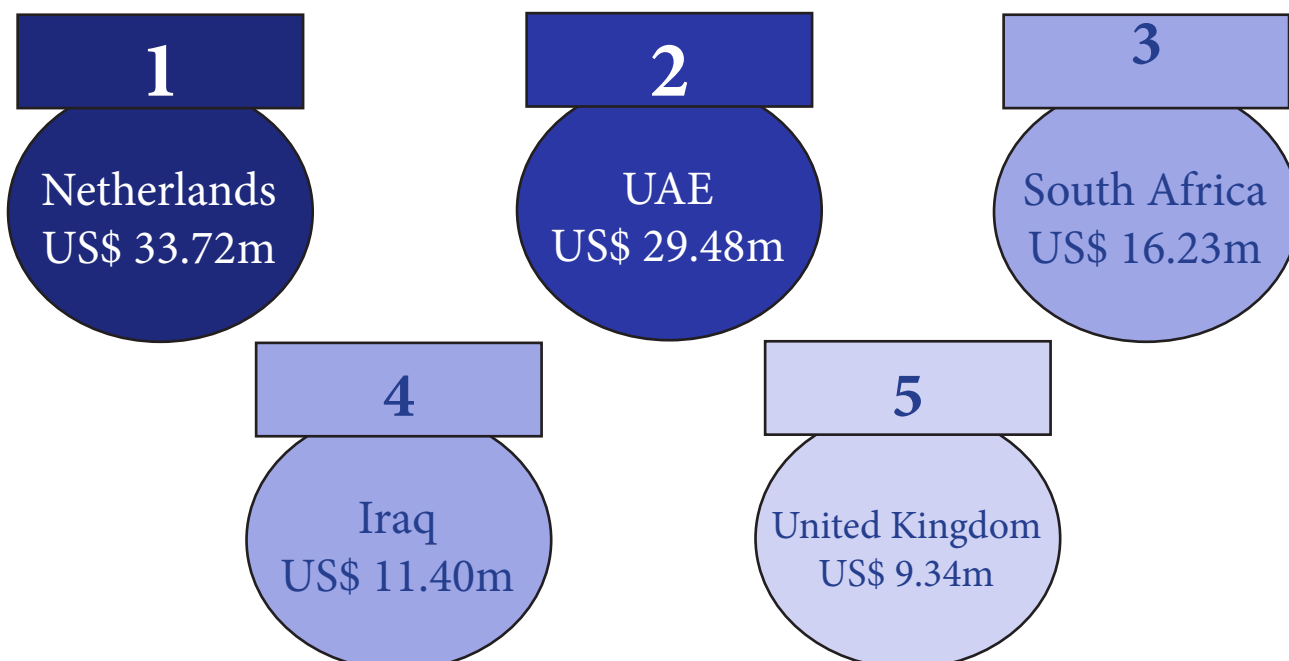
Source : National Accounts Capital Stock Statistics 2021, Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTERS OF DARK RED MERANTI, LIGHT RED MERANTI AND MERANTI BAKAU

In 2021, Malaysia's export of Dark red meranti, light red meranti and meranti bakau, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm recorded US\$ 190.2 million which was 92.2% share to the world exports .



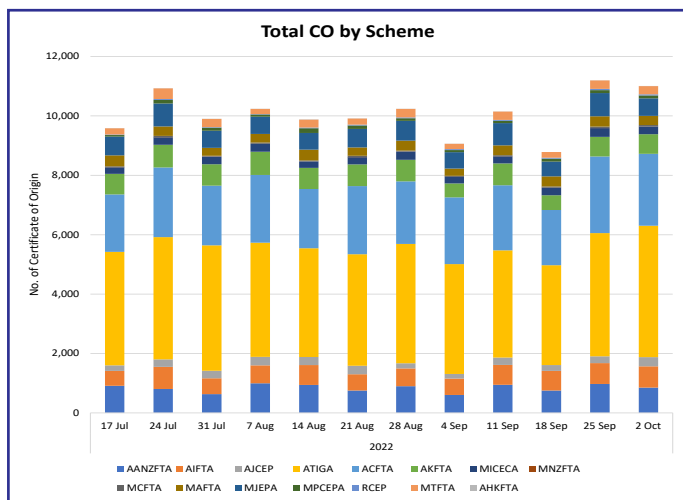
MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS



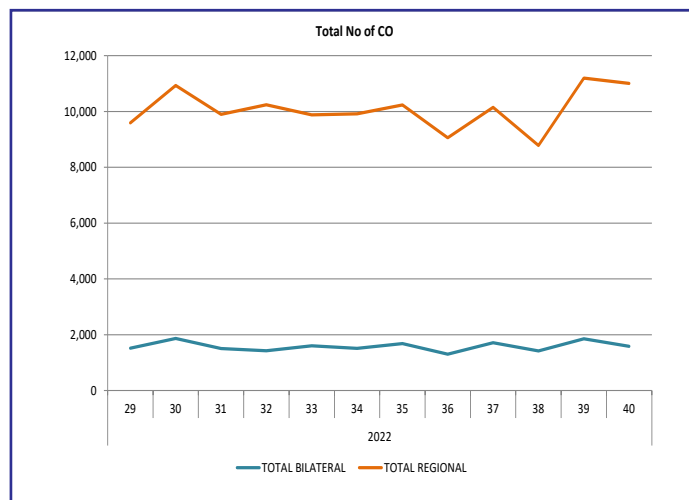
Source: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 2 October 2022 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

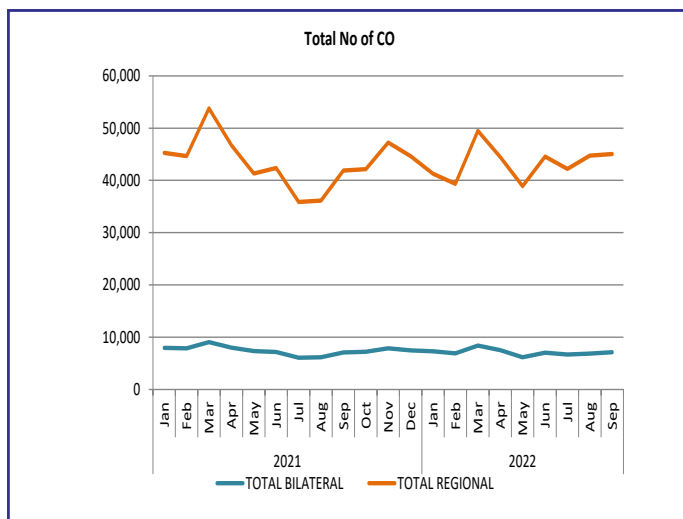
Weekly Total Scheme



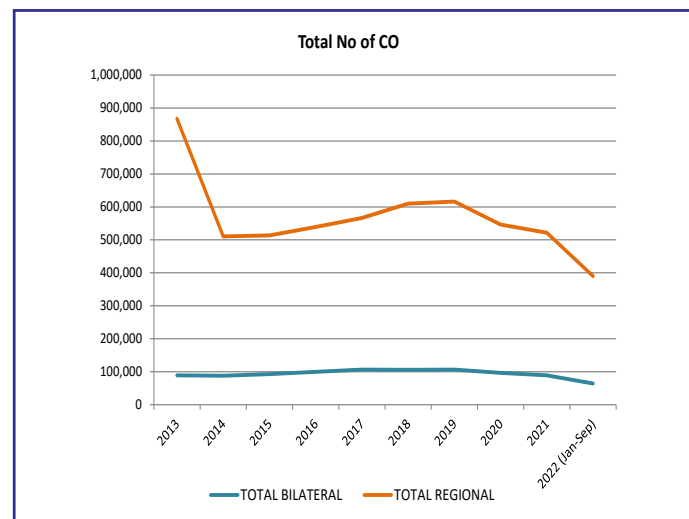
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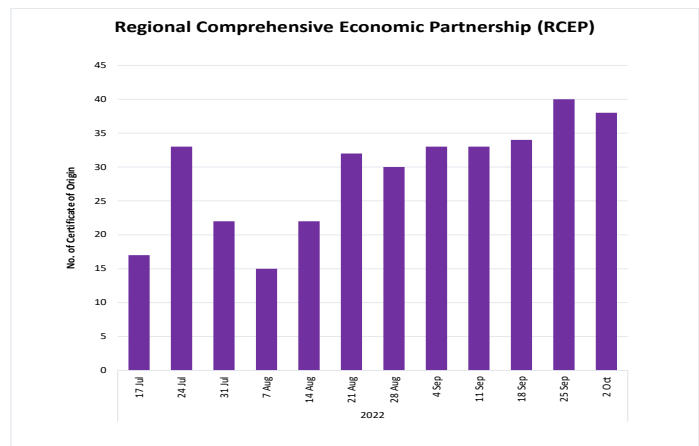
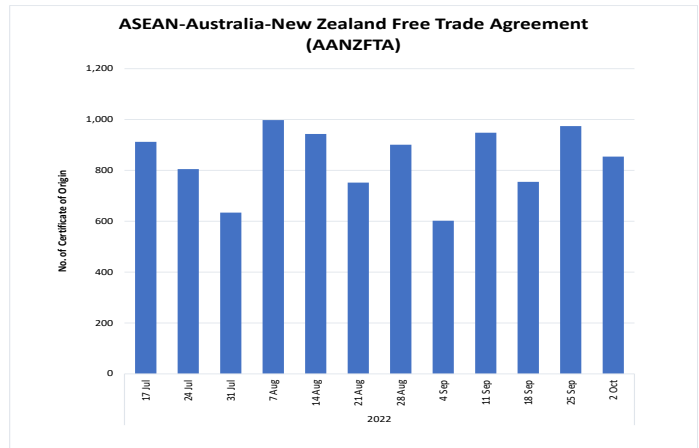
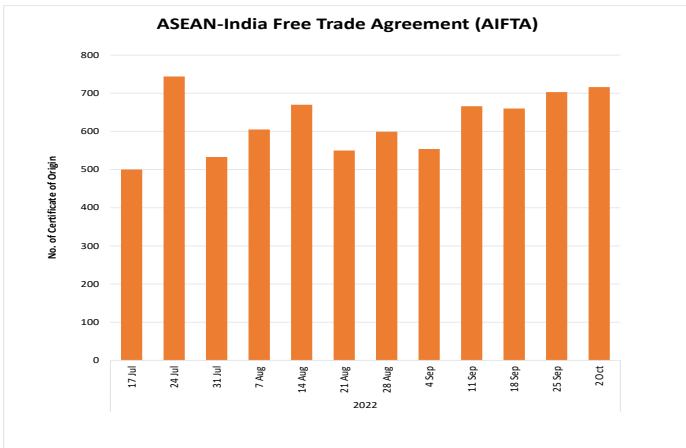
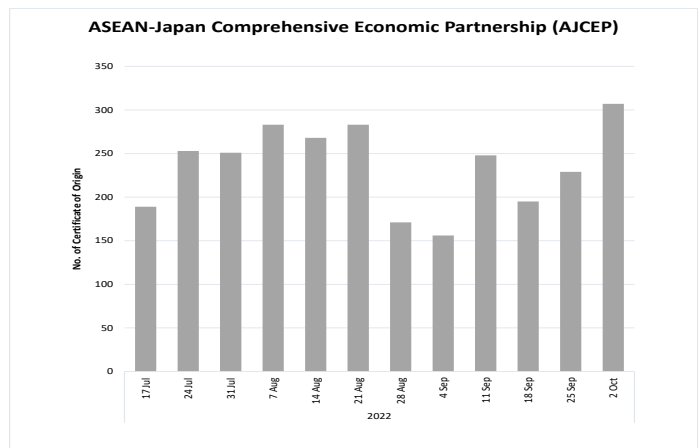
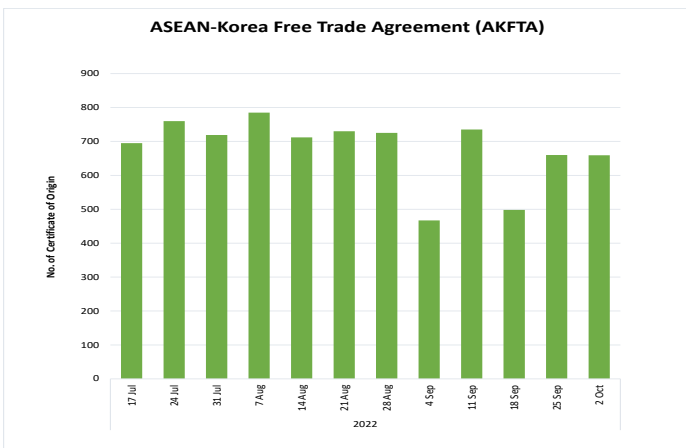


Annually



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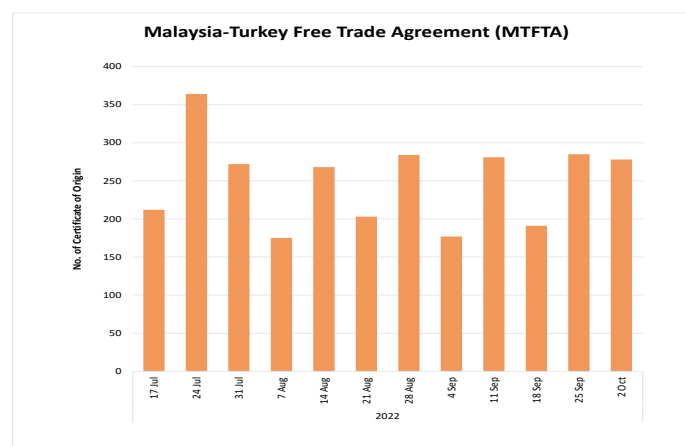
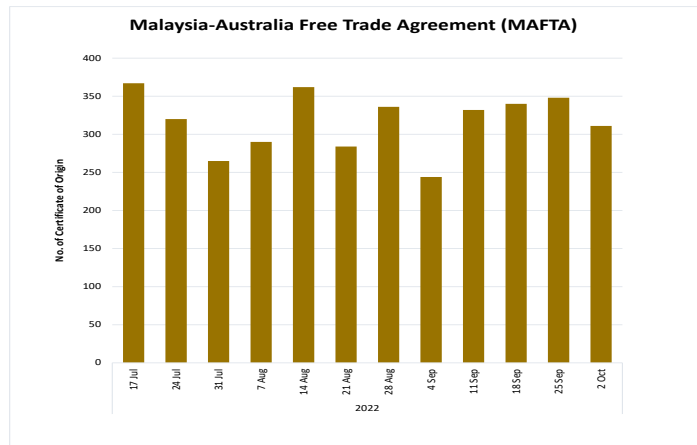
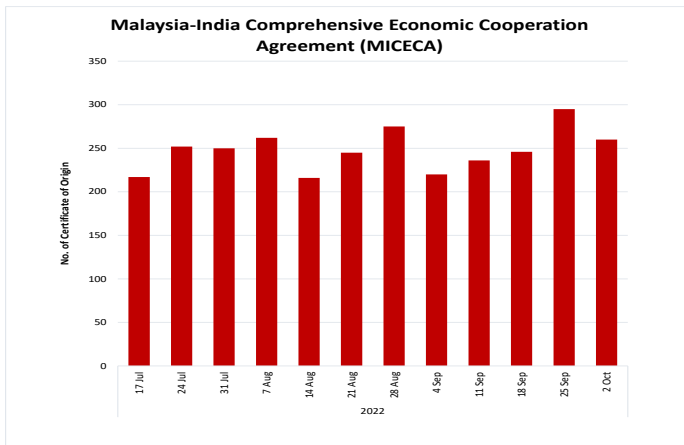
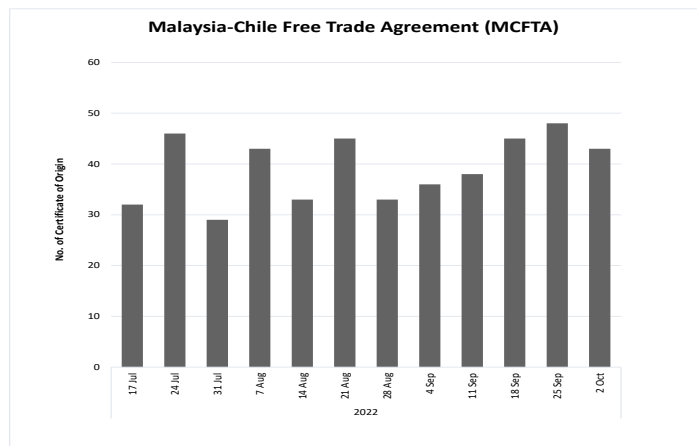
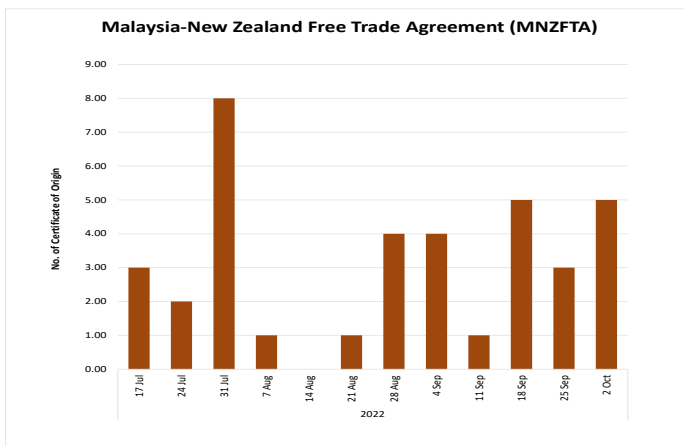
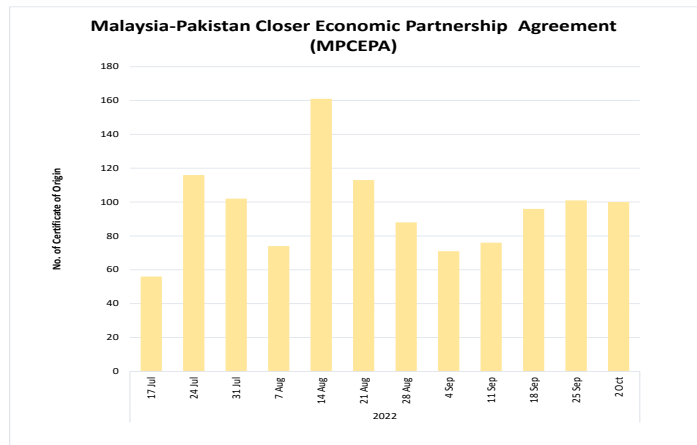
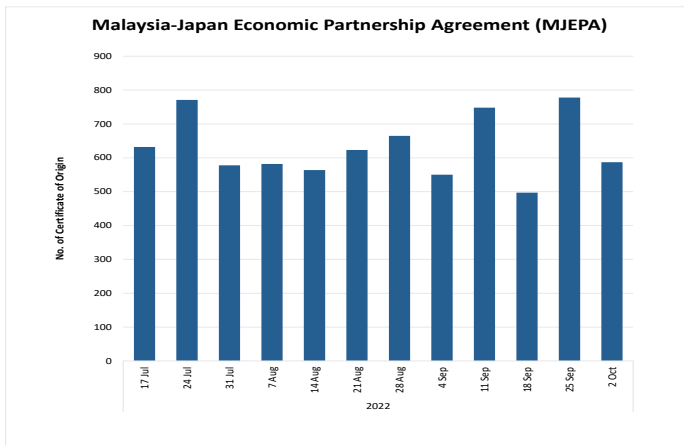
Regional FTA Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) as at 2 October 2022



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Bilateral FTA

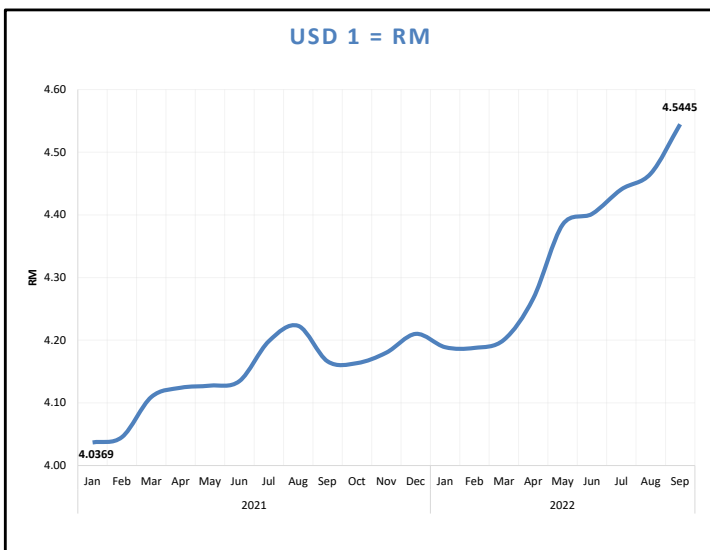
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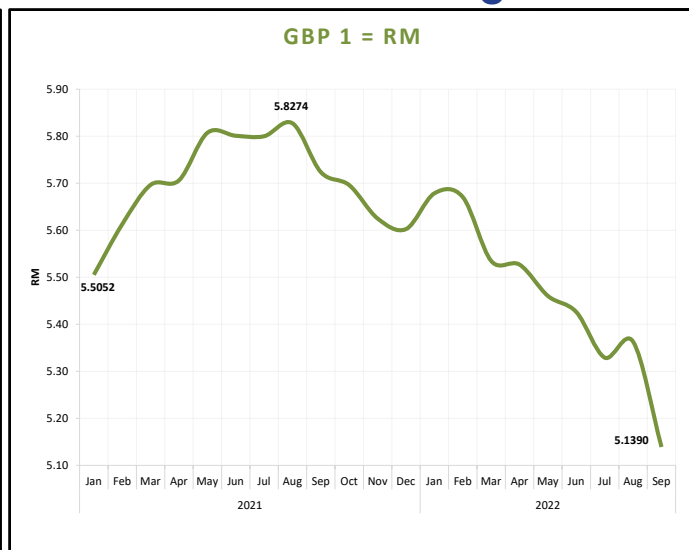
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2021 - September 2022

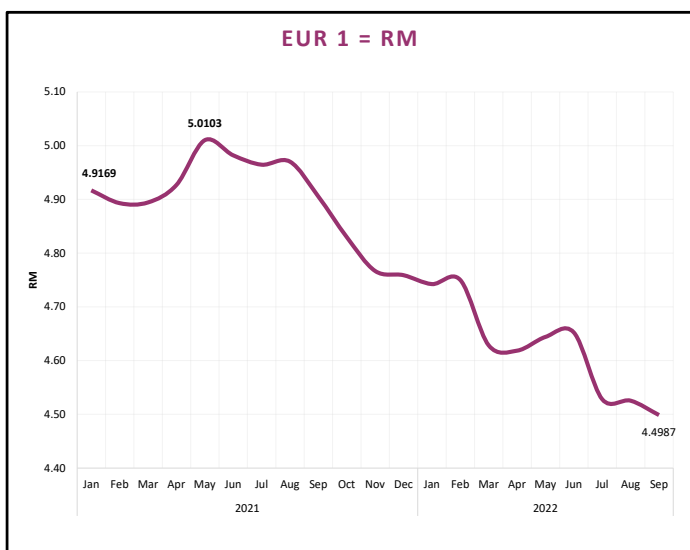
US Dollar



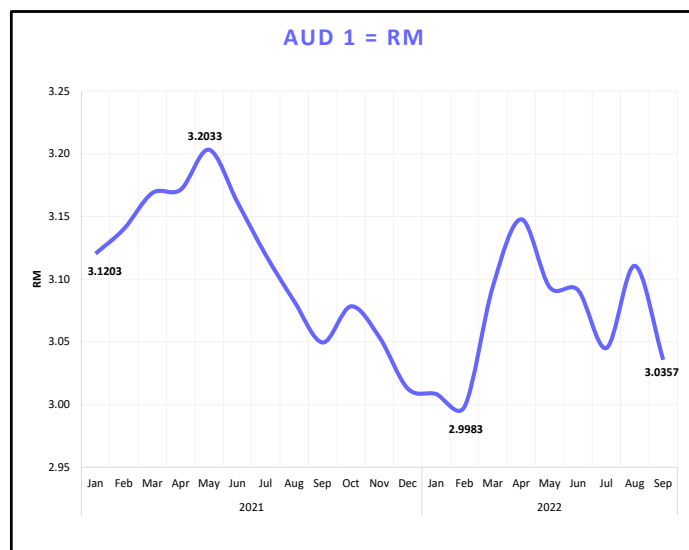
Pound Sterling



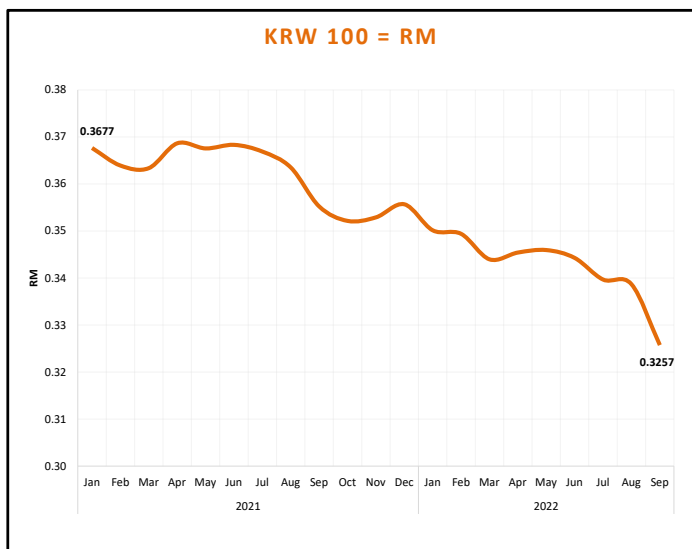
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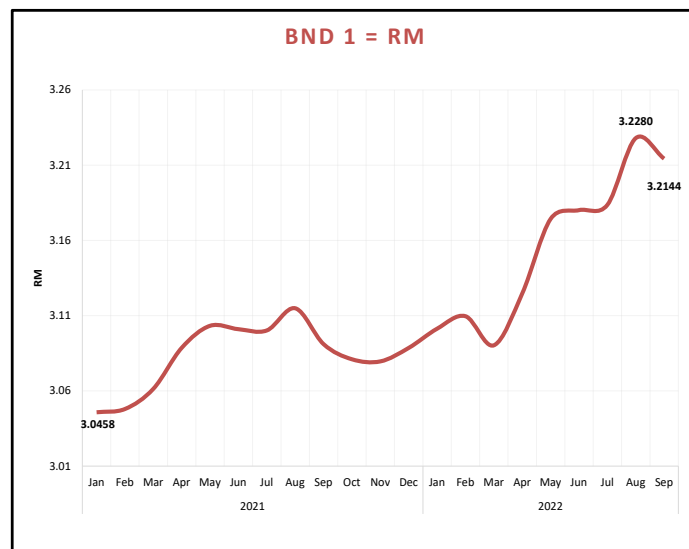
Australian Dollar



South Korean Won



Brunei Dollar



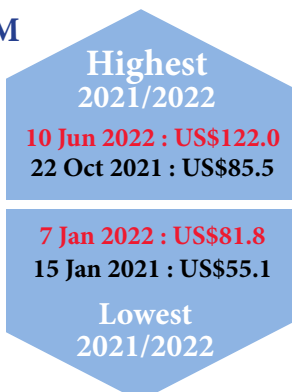
Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▲ **11.3%***
US\$97.9
07 Oct 2022



Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$71.1

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▲ **9.6%***
US\$783.9
07 Oct 2022



Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$1,075.3

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▲ **2.4%***
US\$1,384.5
07 Oct 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$1,689.1

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▲ **2.3%***
US\$1,537.3
07 Oct 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$1,505.9

SUGAR -per lbs-



▲ **5.7%***
US\$18.7
07 Oct 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$17.9

COAL -per MT-



▼ **20.4%***
US\$261.6
07 Oct 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$120.5

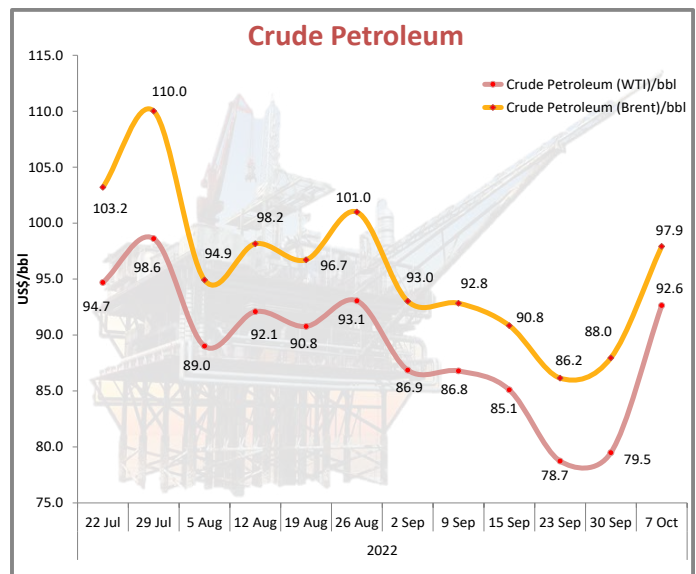
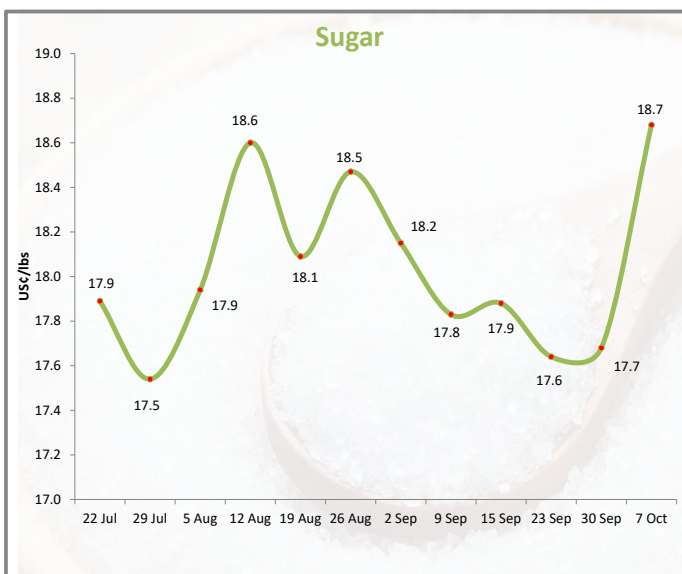
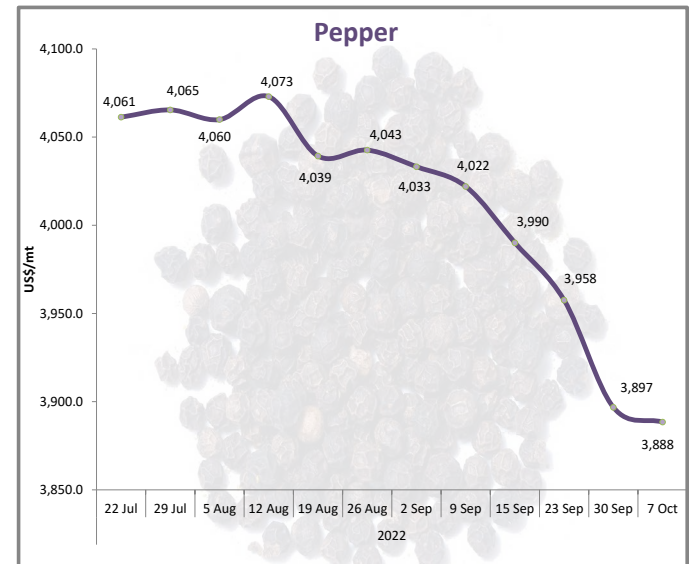
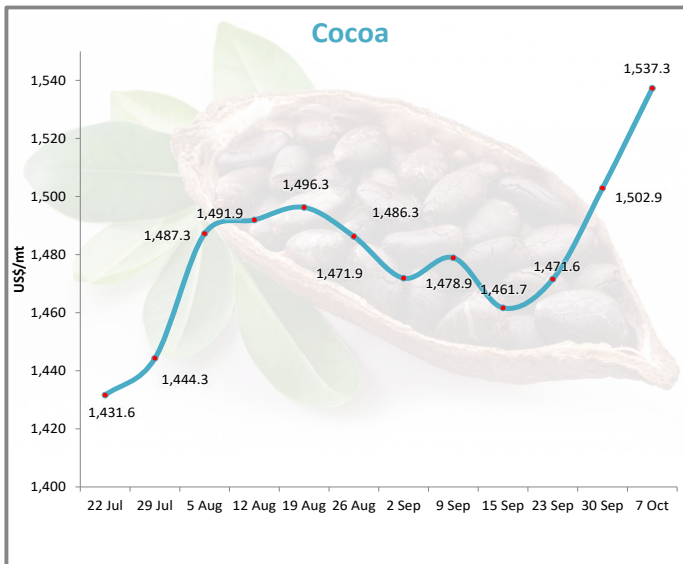
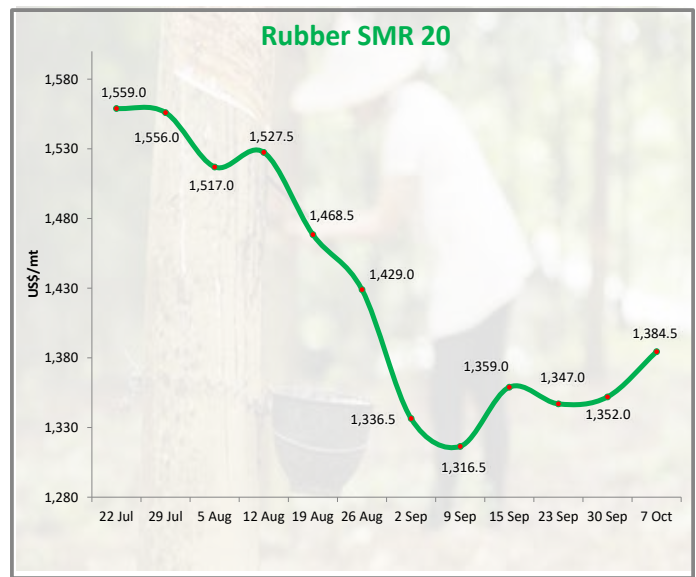
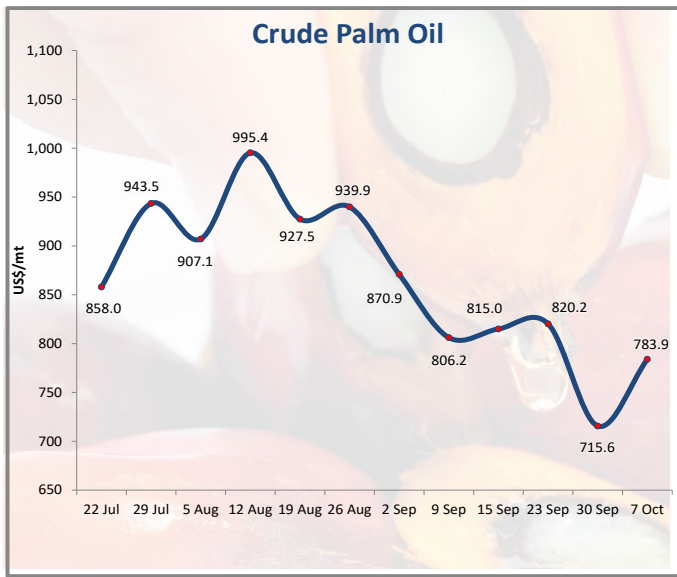
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

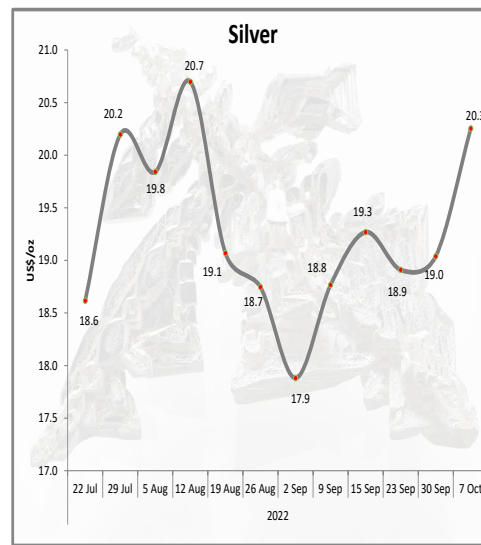
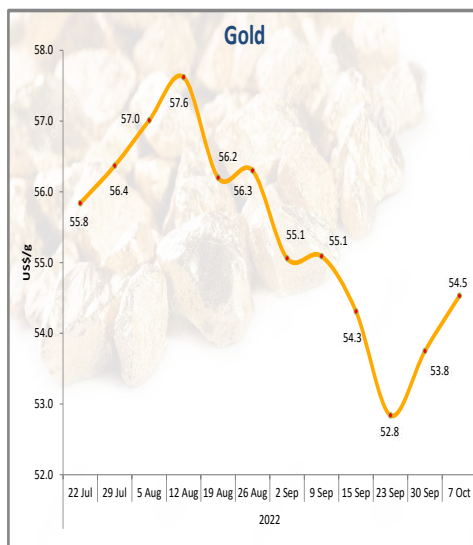
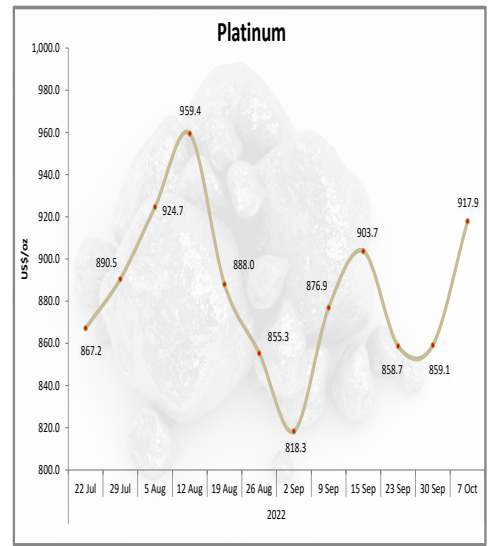
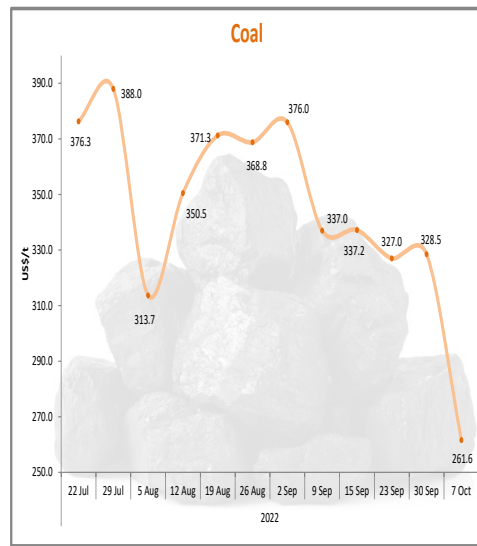
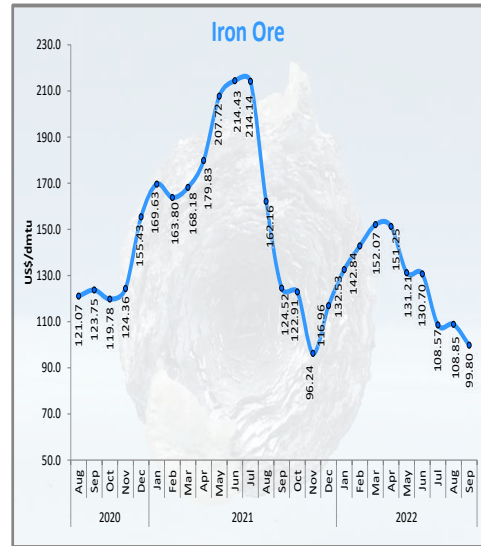
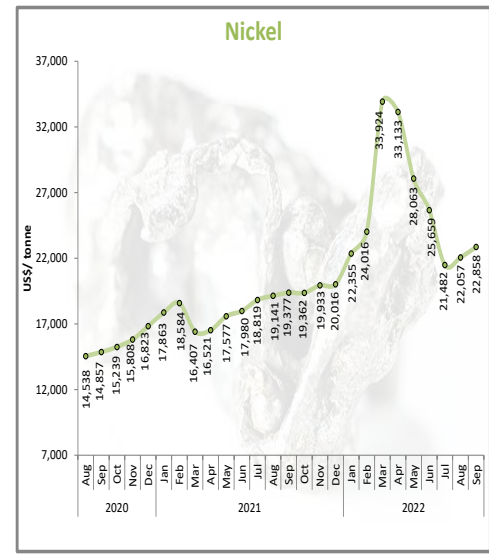
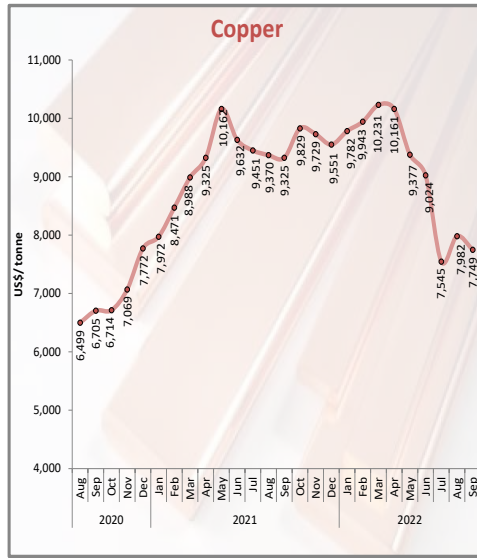
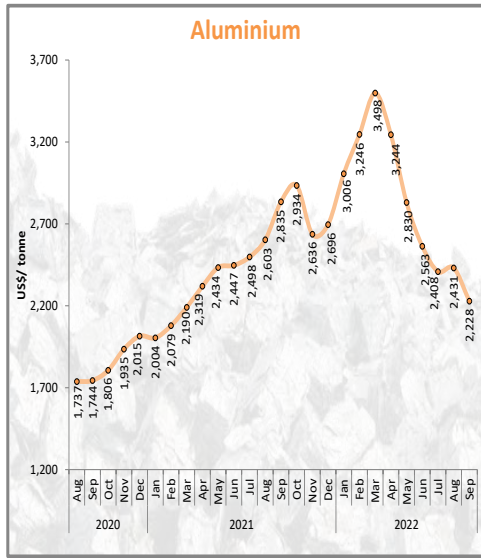
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RCEP

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP)



THE RCEP COVERS:

- 1 Elimination or reduction of import duties
- 2 Promotion, facilitation, protection and investment liberalisation
- 3 Protection of intellectual property rights, facilitation in e-commerce
- 4 Economic and technical cooperation

RCEP CONSISTS OF

- 10 ASEAN member countries
- 5 ASEAN FTA Partner countries

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF RCEP

- 1 Strengthening regional value chain
- 2 User friendly and easy to use
- 3 Modern, comprehensive and high quality

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

RCEP

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement is designed to broaden and deepen ASEAN's engagement with Australia, China, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. The objective of the trade agreement is to establish a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership that will facilitate the expansion of regional trade and investment and contribute to global economic growth and development in the region.



2012

The decision to initiate the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement begins at the 21st ASEAN Summit

2020

The RCEP is officially signed by 10 ASEAN member countries along with five ASEAN FTA partner countries after 31 rounds of formal negotiations

Total Population
2.2 billion

Total GDP US\$24.8 billion
28.9% of the world's GDP

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The RCEP Agreement is created to establish a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership that will facilitate the expansion of regional trade and investment and contribute to global economic growth and development amongst RCEP member countries.

The single regional free trade agreement (FTA) is also intended to strengthen regional value chain for businesses in the region, particularly the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

It is designed to create and support an open, inclusive, and rules-based multilateral trading system, which will in turn create avenues for market and employment opportunities for businesses and people within the region.

The trade agreement will allow businesses in RCEP member countries to gain access to a much wider regional market. Progressive elimination and reduction of customs duties for trade in goods as well as facilitation of export and import of goods among the RCEP countries will serve to enhance inter and intra-regional trade and investment whilst strengthening regional value chains.

To serve as a vital economic tool to spur economic growth in the region. It will also allow more seamless opening of markets whilst creating uninterrupted supply chains within the region. The trade agreement is also intended to help facilitate transparency, information exchange and better compliance for technical regulations and standards amongst RCEP member countries.

KEY FEATURES OF THE RCEP



Trade In Goods

Progressive elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers on substantially all trade in goods including the related chapters of rules of origin, customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures and trade remedies in order to establish a free trade area among the parties.



Trade In Services

Liberalisation of services sectors, including financial services, telecommunications services and movement of natural persons. The RCEP will be comprehensive, of high quality and substantially eliminate restrictions and/or discriminatory measures with respect to trade in services between the RCEP participating countries. Rules and obligations on trade in services under the RCEP will be consistent with the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).



Investment

Promotion, facilitation, protection and liberalisation of investment. The RCEP will aim to create a liberal, facilitative, and competitive investment environment in the region based on these four pillars in order to create an enabling investment environment in the region along with improved investment facilitation provisions as well as investor aftercare.

Economic & Technical Cooperation

The economic and technical cooperation provisions in the RCEP will build upon existing economic cooperation arrangements between ASEAN and ASEAN's FTA partners to narrow the development gaps amongst member countries. Under the RCEP agreement, cooperation activities will also include trade activities such as e-commerce and other areas that would be mutually agreed upon by the RCEP participating countries.



Protection Of Intellectual Property Rights

Aimed at reducing IP-related barriers to trade and investment by promoting economic integration and cooperation in the utilization, protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights amongst RCEP member countries.



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INDUSTRY4WRD RELATED INCENTIVES

Having the right capital flows SMEs to flourish and boost competitiveness have led to four key pillars:

01 | LOANS

Soft Loan Scheme for Automation and Modernisation (SLSAM)

- targets manufacturing sectors
- 4.0% interest rate per annum for SMEs
- www.miti.gov.my/

Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

- targeted sectors: AI, Robotics, Automation etc.
- provides a 2% interest rate subsidy
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Domestic Investment Strategic Fund (DISF)

- 50:50 matching grant to companies adopting Industry 4.0 enabling technologies
- targets manufacturing and services sectors
- www.miti.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.miti.gov.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 300% on the first RM2 million expenditure incurred within 5 years

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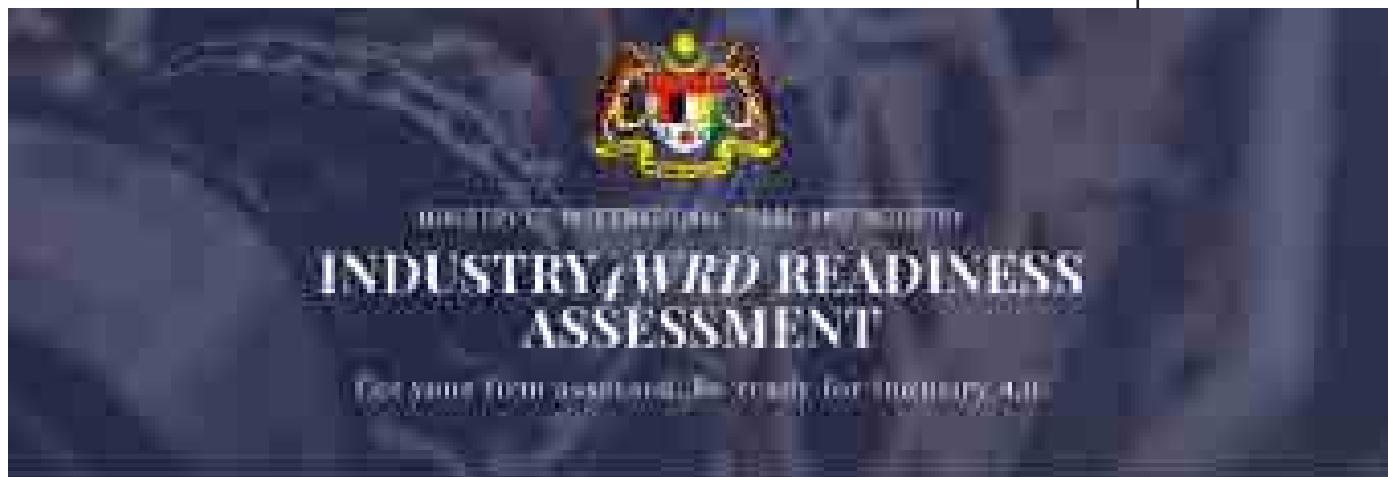
02 | GRANTS

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

*participation in Industry4WRD CA is a prerequisite to apply

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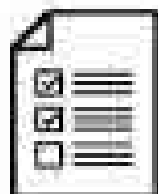
All you need to know about Industry4WRD RA



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)
- ✓ 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.

Incentives for RA

- 500 SMEs will be selected for free assessment.
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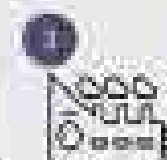
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Evaluation by Committee



Onsite Assessment



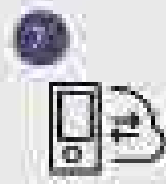
Receive RA Report



Develop Intervention Proposal



Apply for Financial Incentives



Implement the Intervention Plan

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Introduction to
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