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Malaysia's 2014 Trade Surplus Registers Double-Digit Growth



Malaysia's 2014 trade surplus registered double-digit growth of 16.6 per cent, a remarkable achievement when compared with the negative scenario in 2012 and 2013, says Minister of International Trade and Industry, Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed today.

"The growth impetus in exports resulted in a trade surplus of RM83.11 billion, representing Malaysia's achievement of 17 consecutive years of trade surplus," he told reporters at the unveiling of "Malaysia's Trade Performance 2014", here today.

He said exports in 2014 rose by 6.4 per cent or RM46.14 billion to RM766.13 billion, surpassing the forecast export growth of six per cent in the 2014/2015 Economic Report.

Mustapa noted that the country's imports increased by 5.3 per cent or RM34.32 billion to RM683.02 billion. Malaysia's total trade expanded by 5.9 per cent to reach RM1.45 trillion in 2014 compared with RM1.37 trillion in 2013. He said the continued uptrend was supported by stronger than expected export growth.

He said major trading partners that contributed to the growth in trade were Asean countries, which grew by RM14.54 billion or 3.9 per cent. It was followed by the European Union (+ RM8.35 billion or 6.2 per cent), the United States (+ RM8.01 billion or 7.4 per cent) and Australia (+RM7.48 billion or 16.4 per cent).

Other increases were Hong Kong (RM6.05 billion or 14.5 per cent), Taiwan(RM5.94 billion or 11.2 per cent) and followed by China (RM4.54 billion or 2.2 per cent). "Expansion in exports was spurred by higher demand for manufactured products, in particular electrical and electronic (E&E) products and steady demand for commodities," Mustapa said.

He added that with the exception of export commodities such as palm oil and rubber, other exports to China continued to be sustained."Higher exports were recorded for E&E products (+RM2.81

billion), petroleum products (+RM685.2 million), transport equipment (+RM242.6 million) and optical and scientific equipment (+RM299.5 million).

"There was also greater demand in emerging markets such as countries in Africa, Central Asia and South Asia," Mustapa said.He also said there were 16 markets which registered higher exports of over RM1 billion.

They were Singapore, the United States, India, Hong Kong, Australia, Japan, Taiwan, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Korea, Kenya, Germany, Norway, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Vietnam. These countries accounted for 64.7 per cent of Malaysia's total exports.

On the other hand, trade with the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) countries registered a growth of 3.9 per cent to RM906.6 billion, with exports expanding 4.7 per cent to RM491.35 billion and imports growing at 2.9 per cent to RM415.25 billion.

Trade, Exports Expected To Grow Between 2, 3 Per Cent In 2015 - Mustapa

grow between two and three per cent next year, says International Trade and Industry Minister Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed.

Mustapa said the modest growth projection was due to the drop in world growth anticipated from 3.8 per cent to 3.5 per cent."We also face uncertainties created by fluctuations in oil prices and other commodities as well as mixed impact on sectors by the fluctuating exchange rate of the ringgit.

"However, we believe there will be recovery in the oil prices and there are pluses and minuses of the current ringgit performance to our exports," he said at a briefing on "Malaysia's Trade Performance 2014" here Thursday.

Meanwhile, he said, the ministry would accelerate exports programme through digital platforms such as 'MyExport & Trade2Media', 'eTrade' and Malaysia External

Malaysia's trade and exports are expected to Trade Development Corp (Matrade)'s portal. On the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), Mustapa said the negotiations are ongoing.

> "We have reviewed TPPA progress recently and some technical issues are not too difficult to be sorted out but some numbers of political issues need to be cleared," he said. On Malaysia and Indonesia's commitment to increase bilateral trade to US\$30 billion for 2015, he said both countries were committed to achieve the desired figure.

> On another development, Mustapa said, Matrade would organise 116 export-promotion programmes to 46 countries."Matrade will be involved in organising events to attract local companies to promote their products and services overseas.

> "They will co-organise the Malaysia International Halal Showcase, Intrade Malaysia and Malaysian International Furniture Fair and also hold international events such as Arab Health, Semicon West, Kuala Lumpur International Aerospace Business Convention and Gulf Food and Big 5," he said.

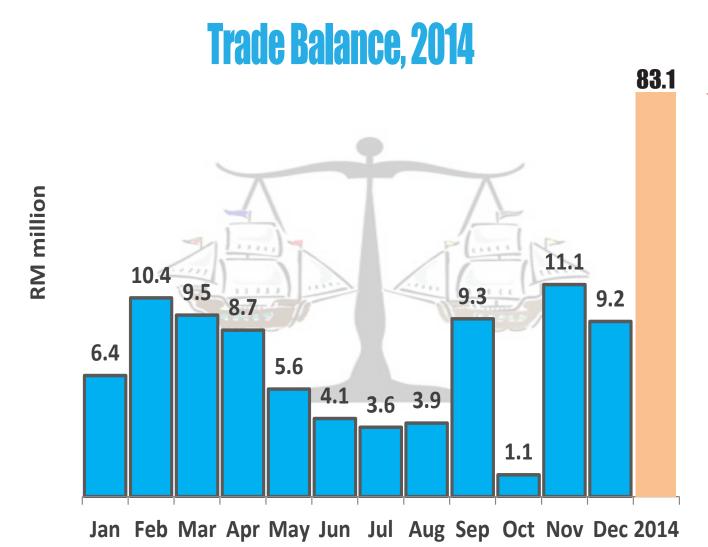
> > Source: BERNAMA, 06 February 2015



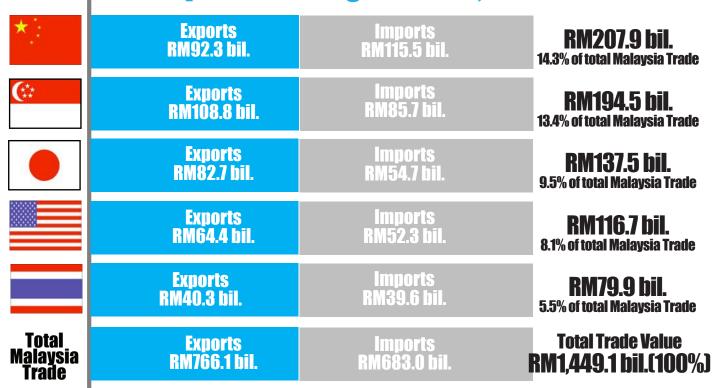
MALAYSIA External Trade, 2014

| | Dec 2014 | Nov 2014 | 2014 | 2013 | Change % (m-on-m) | Change % (y-on-y) | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| RM MILLION | | | | | | | |
| Exports | 67,692.4 | 63,727.3 | 766,128.5 | 719,992.4 | 6.2 | 6.4 | |
| Imports | 58,499.1 | 52,600.4 | 683,016.3 | 648,694.9 | 11.2 | 5.3 | |
| Total Trade | 126,191.5 | 116,327.7 | 1,449,144.8 | 1,368,687.3 | 8.5 | 5.9 | |

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

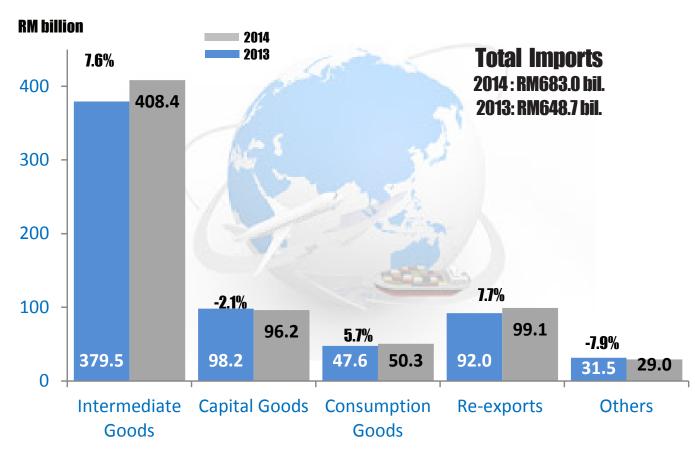


Top Five Trading Partners, 2014



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Imports by Broad Economic Categories, 2014



Note: Change % (Y-o-Y)
Others include Dual Goods, Goods nes and Transaction below RM5,000
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Major Export Products, 2014/2013

2014

2013



Electrical and Electronics ↑ 8.1%

RM256.1 bil.

RM237.0 bil.



Petroleum Products ↑ 2.9%

RM70.4 bil.

RM68.4 bil.



LNG ↑7.9%

RM64.3bil.

RM59.6 bil.



Chemicals & Chemical Products

1 8.5%

RM51.5 bil.

RM47.5 bil.



RM47.0 bil.

2.3% RM45.9 bil.

Palm Oil

Major Import Products, 2014/2013



Electrical and Electronics

RM190.8 bil.

RM179.6 bil.



Petroleum Products ↑ 8.7%

RM80.0bil.

RM73.7bil.



Chemicals & Chemical Products

11.2%

RM62.1 bil.

RM55.9 bil.



Machinery,appliances & parts
↑4.6%

RM57.1bil.

RM54.6 bil.



RM41.7 bil.

RM40.7 bil.



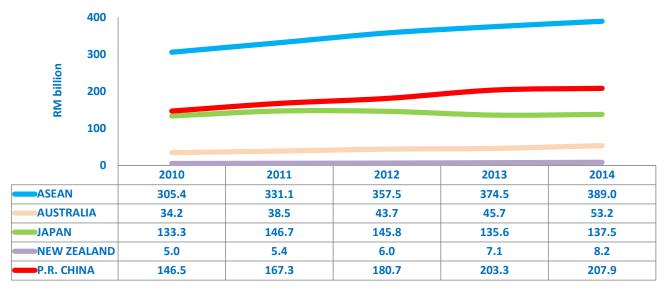
Export to Selected FTA Partners, 2010-2014



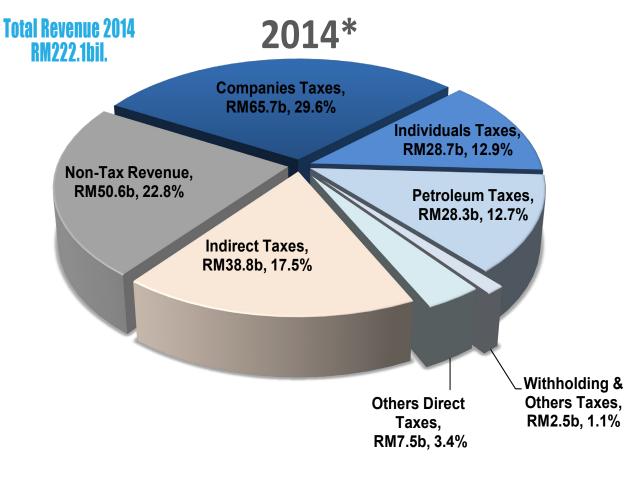
Import From Selected FTA Partners, 2010-2014

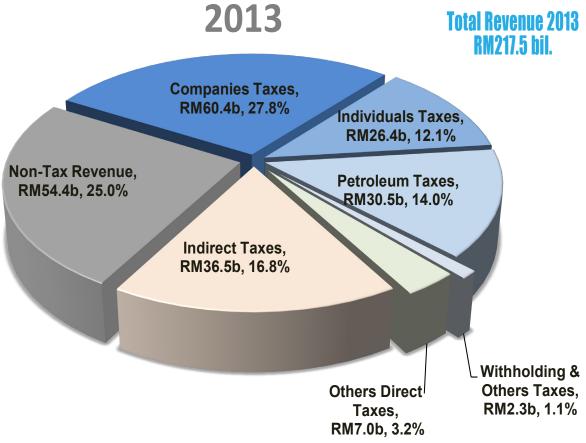


Total Trade with Selected FTA Partners, 2010-2014



Federal Government Revenue

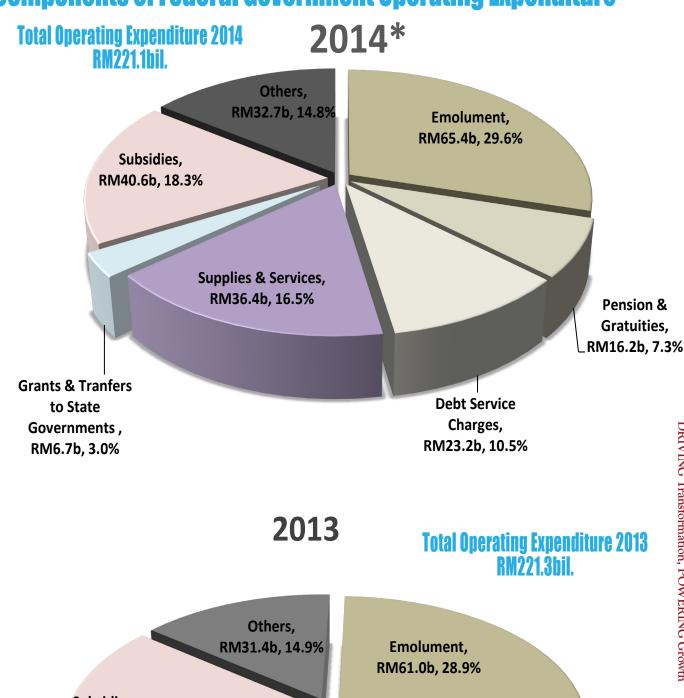


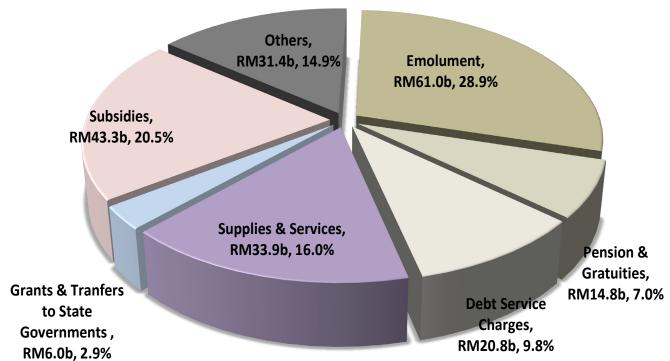


Note: * Estimate by Ministry of Finance, Malaysia

Indirect Taxes includes Export duties, Import Duties, Excise duties, Sales Tax, Services Tax, Goods and Services Tax and others Source: http://www.treasury.gov.my/pdf/percukaian/penerbitan/buku_anggaran_hasil_kerajaan_persekutu-

Components of Federal Government Operating Expenditure





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Thailand

Bangkok

Gulf of Thailand

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"ASEAN and You?

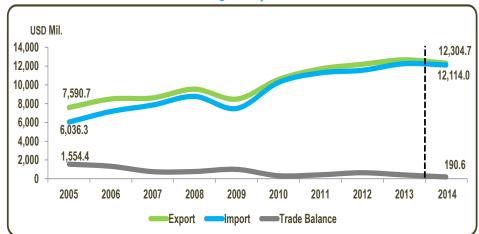
Thailand Key Economic Indicators

Area

513,120 km2, 198,115 sq mi **Population**

Total Population 67,222,972 2014 estimate







National Account

GDP Growth Rate 0.6% (Q2 2014)



External Trade

(Q4 2014) Exports: US\$ 57,517.8 mil. Imports: US\$ 55,977.0 mil. Total Trade: US\$ 113,494.8 mil.



Net Foreign Direct Investment US\$ 3,928.8 mil.



Inflation Rate -0.41% (Jan 2015)



Labour

Unemployment Rate 0.6% (Dec 2014)

MITI's ASEAN Portal can be access via http://www.miti.gov.my/cms/aec2015.jsp.

Save the Date...

ASEAN-OECD Conference And Meetings On Good Regulatory Practice



The government of Malaysia, as the 2015 Chair of ASEAN together with the Organisation for Economic and Co operation Development (OECD) as its knowledge partner will host three events on 9-12 March 2015 to assist embedding Good Regulatory Practice (GRP) across ASEAN in 2015:

Monday 9 March 2015: ASEAN OECD Centres of Government Meeting (by invitation)

Hosted by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia, this high level meeting will focus on the role of GRP to drive more responsive public administration. The meeting will bring together the Heads of Public Administrations, Prime Minister's Offices, Cabinet Secretaries, and Secretaries-General of the Government from across ASEAN and OECD countries.

Tuesday 10 – Wednesday 11 March 2015: ASEAN-OECD GRP Conference

The conference will provide a high-level platform to initiate a broader agenda on GRP within ASEAN that can support closer intra- and inter-regional connectivity and economic integration. The conference will bring together government officials and regulators from AMS and OECD countries, representatives of business and civil society, academia, regional and international organisations.

Thursday 12 March: ASEAN OECD Good Regulatory Practices Network Meeting (by invitation)

Chaired by Malaysia and New Zealand, this meeting will provide a government-to-government discussion on advancing the GRP agenda nationally as well as regionally. The meeting will bring together senior officials responsible for GRP initiatives in individual AMS, with the support of OECD peers.

More detailed information, including an agenda, invite and registration forms will be forthcoming in early 2015. For further information please contact: 2015GRPConference@oecd.org

GOOD REGULATORY PRACTICE (GRP)

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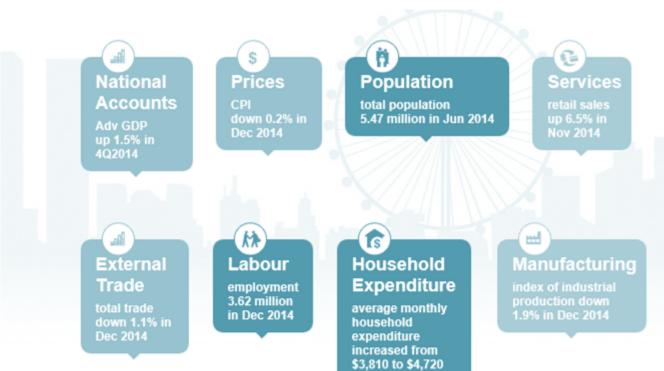


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International Report Singapore Economic Indicators



between 2007/08 and 2012/13

Source: Department of Statistics Singapore

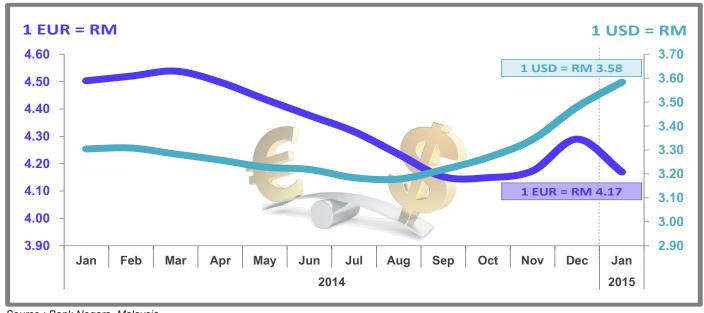
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Leading cities in international visitor spending worldwide in 2014

City International Visitor Spending (US \$ bil)

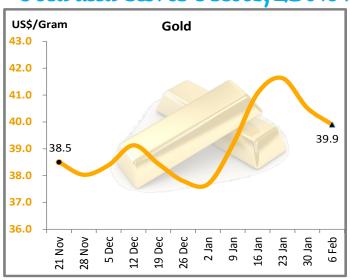
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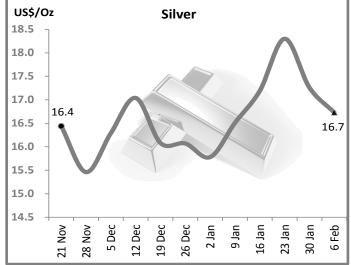
Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Euro and US Dollar



Source : Bank Negara, Malaysia

Gold and Silver Prices, 21 November 2014 - 6 February 2015

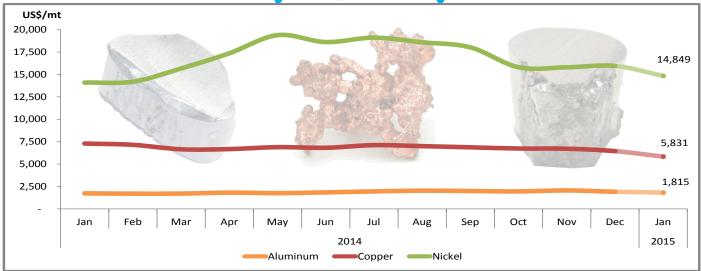




Source: http://www.gold.org/investments/statistics/gold_price_chart/

Source: http://www.hardassetsalliance.com/charts/silver-price/usd/oz

Aluminum, Nickel and Copper Prices, January 2014 - January 2015



Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

| <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|-------------|---|--|---|---|
| 38,550 | 47,387 | 60,923 | 68,381 | 44,228 |
| 11,917 | 19,048 | 28,408 | 30,472 | 26,851 |
| 8,468 | 8,449 | 9,454 | 13,743 | 11,059 |
| | | 263,139 | 301,408 | 223,542 |
| 37,398 | 47,097 | 59,758 | 72,931 | 69,519 |
| 24,874 | 29,419 | 35,094 | 37,772 | 40,359 |
| | 67 | 693 | 2,884 | 14,248 |
| 29 | 74 | 65 | 865 | 383 |
| | | 1,389 | 3,712 | 3,088 |
| | | 467 | 15,820 | 19,282 |
| 45,385 | 46,924 | 51,134 | 56,771 | 43,075 |
| 6,872 | 7,229 | 7,168 | 8,738 | 7,731 |
| | | 209,868 | 254,806 | 7,287 |
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Notes: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Japan, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, Norway, Leichtenstein and Cambodia.



AANZFTA: ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2010)

ATIGA: ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement

(Implemented since 1 May 2010)

AJCEP: ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership

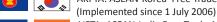
(Implemented since 1 February 2009)

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ACFTA: ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement

(Implemented since 1 July 2003)

** AKFTA: ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement



AIFTA: ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2010)

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MPCEPA: Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2008)



MJEPA: Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (Implemented since 13 July 2006)



MICECA: Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic
 Cooperation Agreement (Implemented since 1 July 2011)



MNZFTA: Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 August 2010)

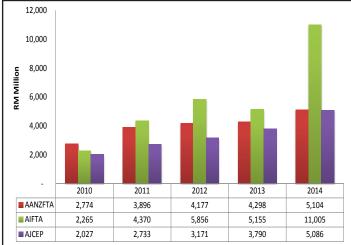
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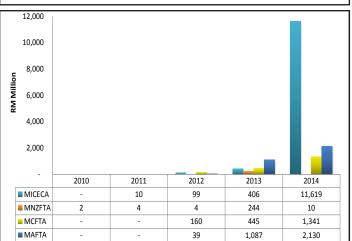
MCFTA: Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 25 February 2012)

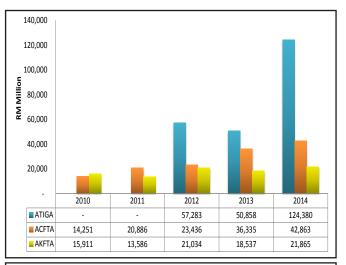


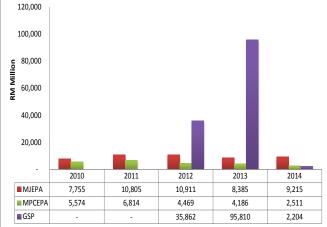
MAFTA: Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2013)

Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin









Commodity Prices

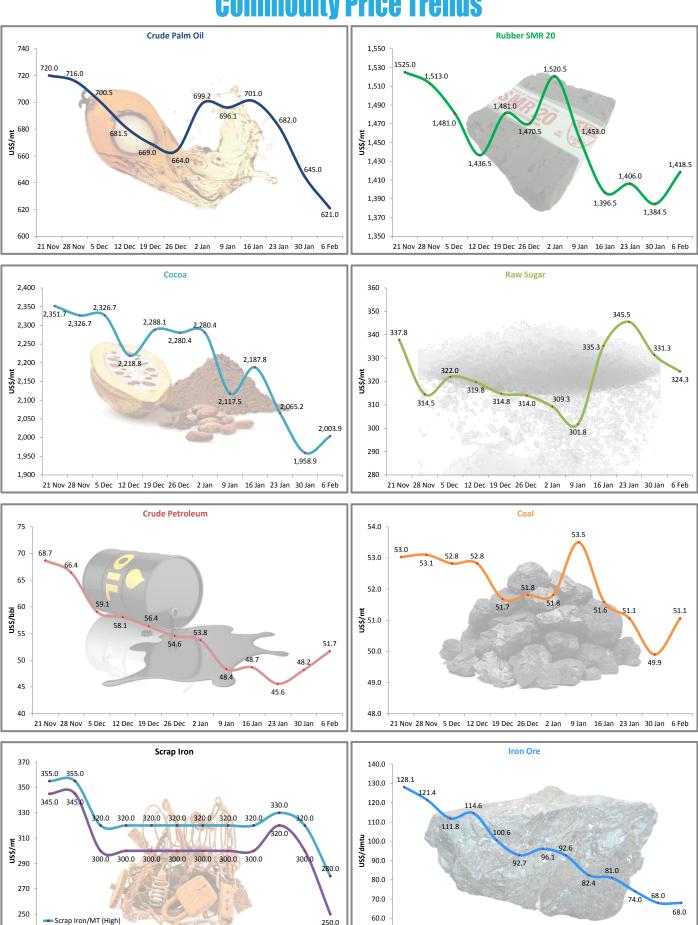
| | | | SUGAR | SMR 20 | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| | Crude | Crude | Raw | Rubber | Cocoa | Coal | Scrap Iron |
| Commodity | Petroleum | Palm Oil | Sugar | SMR 20 | SMC 2 | | HMS** |
| | (per bbl) | (per MT) |
| 6 Feb 2015 (US\$) | 51.7 | 621.0 | 324.3 | 1,418.5 | 2003.9 | 51.1 | 280 (high) 250 (low) |
| % change* | 7.2 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1 2.3 | 1 2.3 | n.a n.a |
| 2014 ⁱ | 54.6 - 107.6 | 823.3 | 352.3 | 1,718.3 | 2,615.8 | 59.8 | 370.0 |
| 2013 ⁱ | 88.1 - 108.6 | 805.5 | 361.6 | 2,390.8 | 1,933.1 | | 485.6 |

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



Commodity Price Trends



Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, Bloomberg and Czarnikow Group.

250.0

50.0

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

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"Quote of the day"

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American essayist, lecturer and poet.



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