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MITI in the News

Ministry to Intensify Dissemination of Info on TPPA, Says Mustapa



The dissemination of the information on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) will be intensified in an easy-to-understand language that will be easy to understand.

Minister of International Trade and Industry, Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, said since the rakyat were interested to know about the pact, he would meet groups, including community leaders, non-government organisations (NGOs), entrepreneurs and government representatives, to explain the pact.

"Maybe, they oppose because they did not understand about TPPA," he told reporters after a briefing to over 1,000 representatives from government offices, NGOs and entrepreneurs at Kota Bharu. He said other than face-to-face meetings, the ministry would also give information on TPPA via its portal.

"We are responsible and it is important we have to be transparent," he said.

It was reported that Asia-Pacific trade ministers had reached a deal on the TPPA following five years of negotiations. The parties involved are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam.

Meanwhile, at a media briefing in Kuala Lumpur, Gerakan president Datuk Mah Siew Keong said many people needed to know in details the TPPA earlier before it was debated in Parliament. "I understand the people's worry about TPPA. Many fear that it would affect the costs of medicines and business," he said.

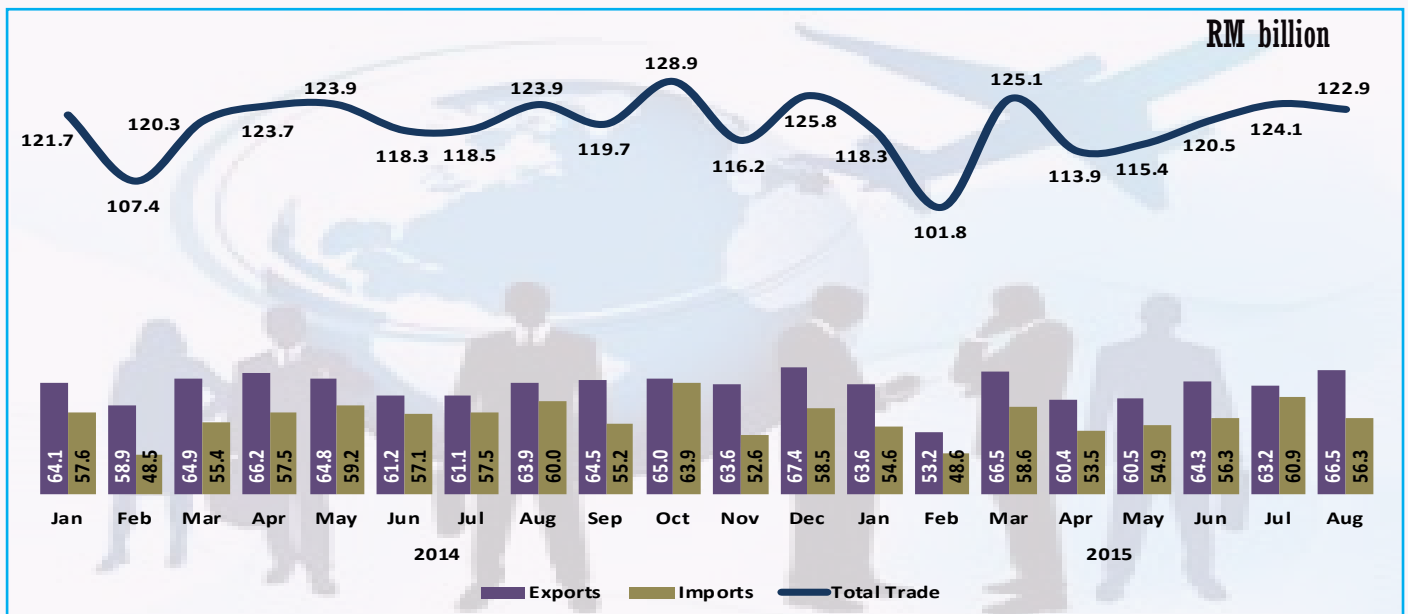
Source : Bernama, 12 October 2015

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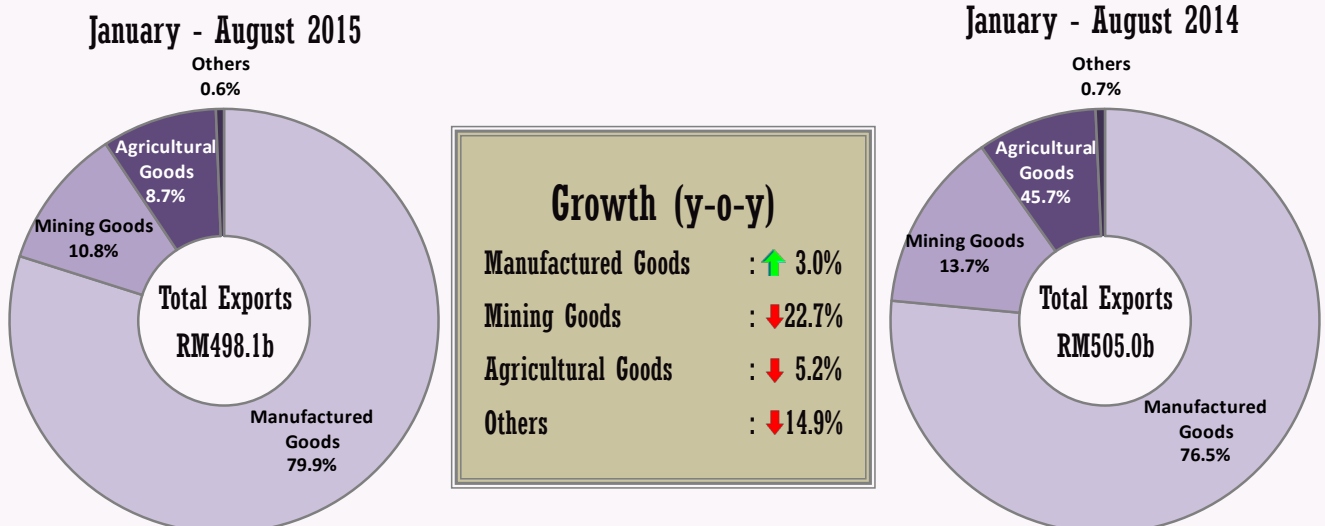
Trade Performance



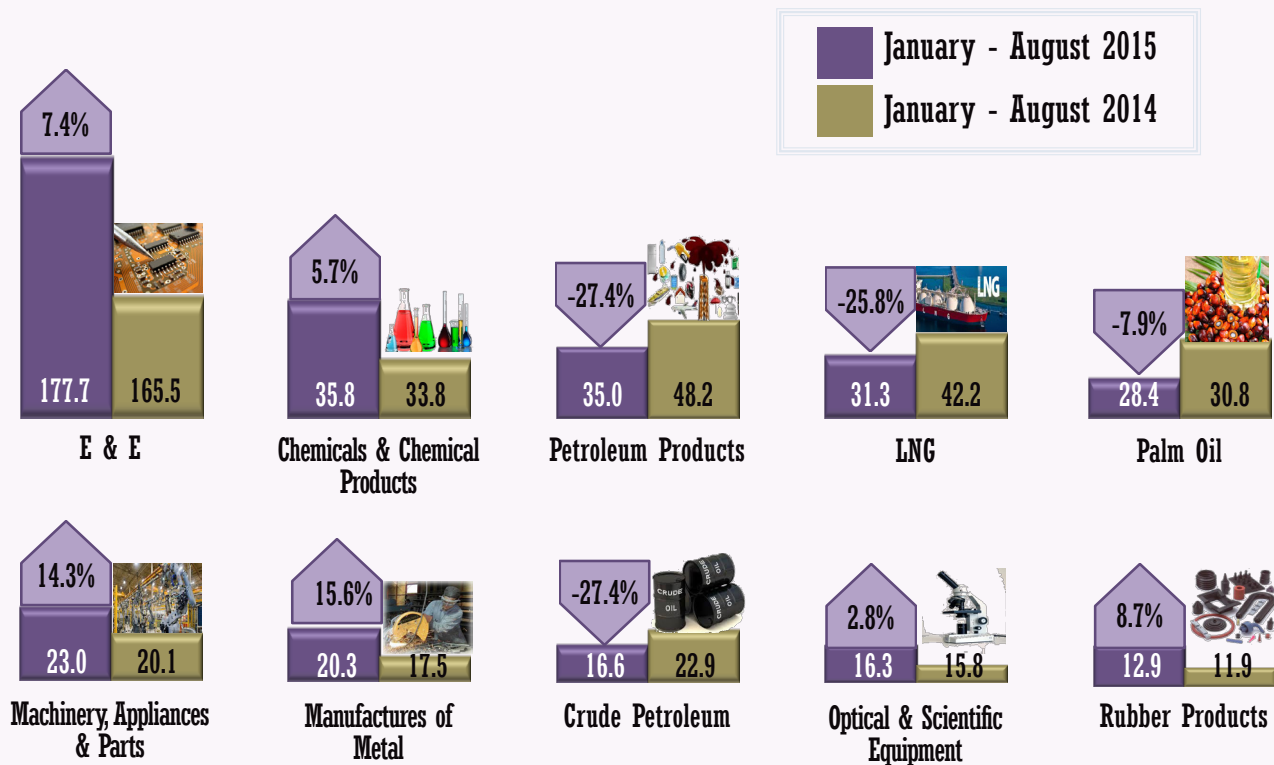
Trade Performance, January 2014 - August 2015



Export by Sectors

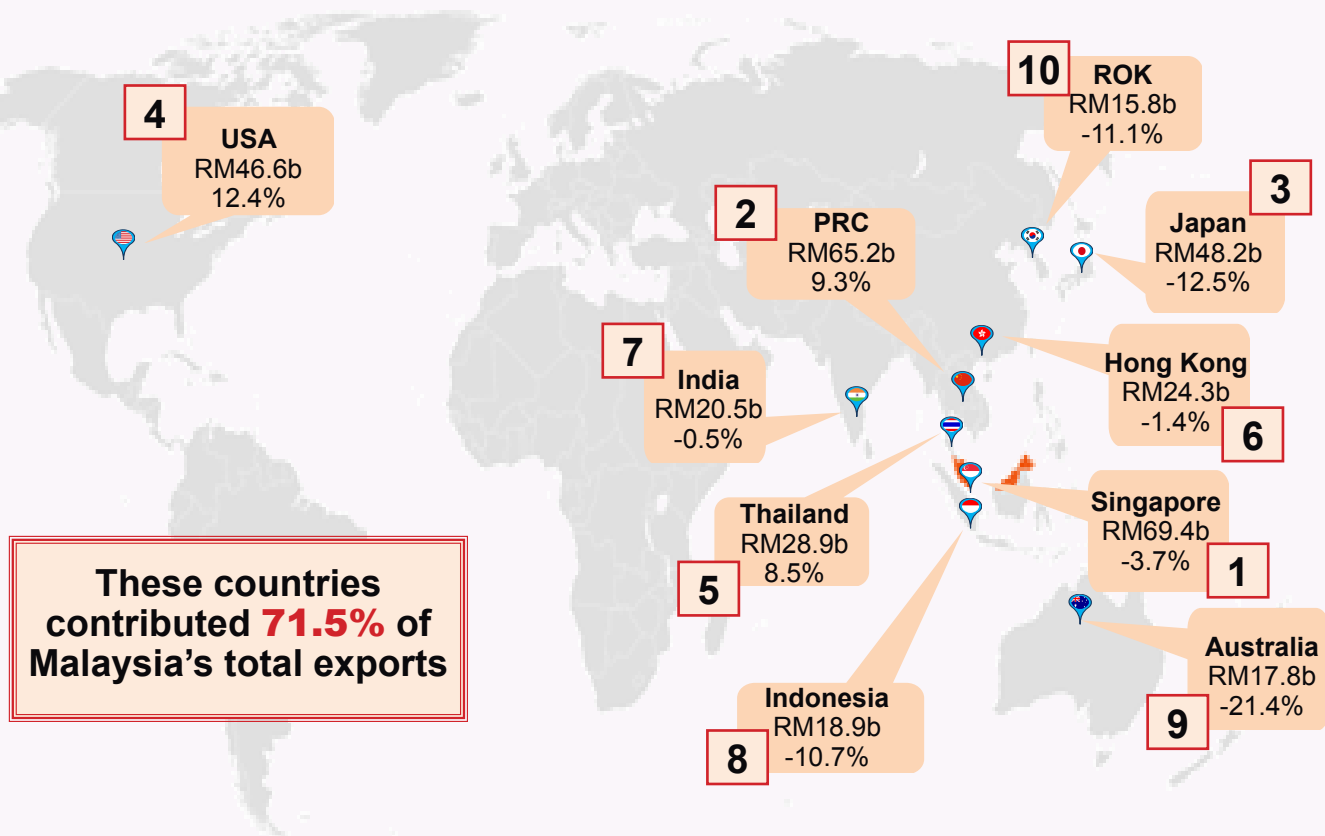


Top 10 Export Products (RM billion)



Note : Percentage refers to y-o-y growth

Top 10 Export Destinations, January - August 2015



Note : Percentage refers to y-o-y growth

Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia



‘ASEAN and You’

ASEAN Index of Economic Freedom, 2015

(Business Freedom Component)
Scores between 0-100



Business freedom is an overall indicator of the efficiency of government regulation of business. The quantitative score is derived from an array of measurements of the difficulty of starting, operating, and closing a business. The business freedom score for each country is a number between 0 and 100, with 100 equaling the freest business environment. The score is based on 10 factors, all weighted equally, using data from the World Bank's Doing Business study. Each of these raw factors is converted to a scale of 0 to 100, after which the average of the converted values is computed. The result represents the country's business freedom score. Unless otherwise noted, the Index relies on the following sources in determining business freedom scores, in order of priority: World Bank, Doing Business 2013; Economist Intelligence Unit, Country Commerce, 2009–2012; U.S. Department of Commerce, Country Commercial Guide, 2009–2012; and official government publications of each country.

Source: <http://www.heritage.org/index/business-freedom>

MITI's ASEAN Portal can be accessed via <http://aec2015.miti.gov.my/>



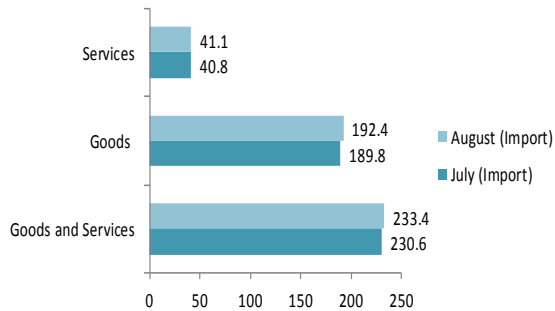
International Report

US Trade Performance, August 2015



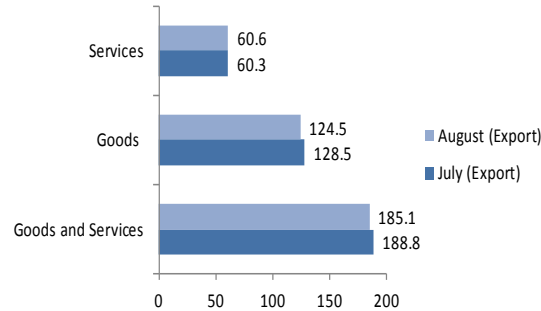
Trade in Goods and Services

IMPORTS (USD Billion)

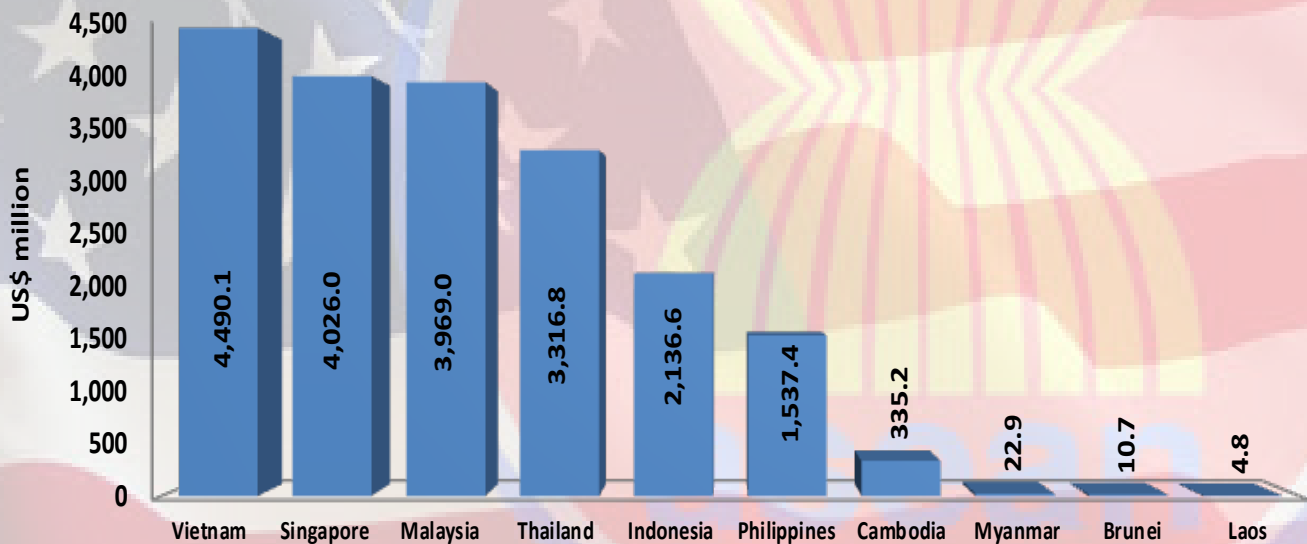


Trade in Goods and Services

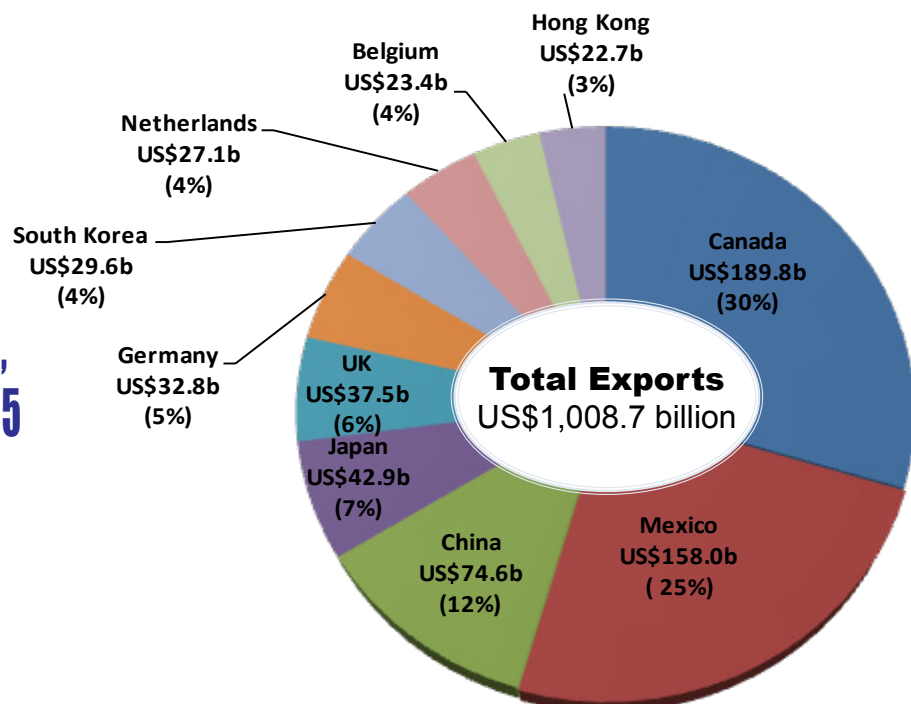
EXPORTS (USD Billion)



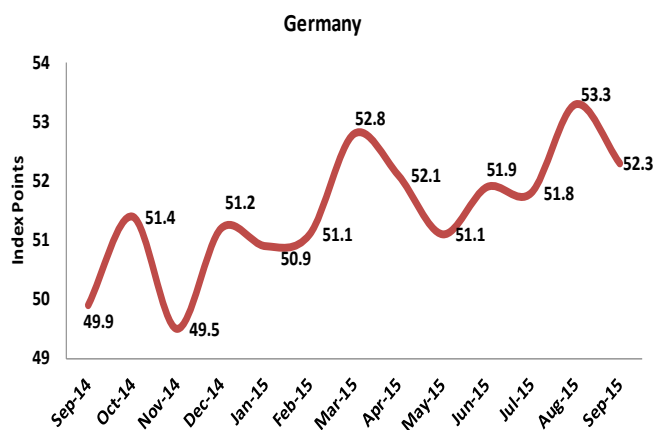
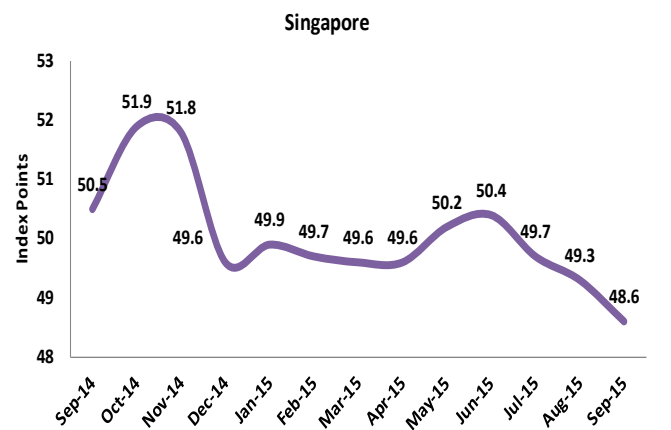
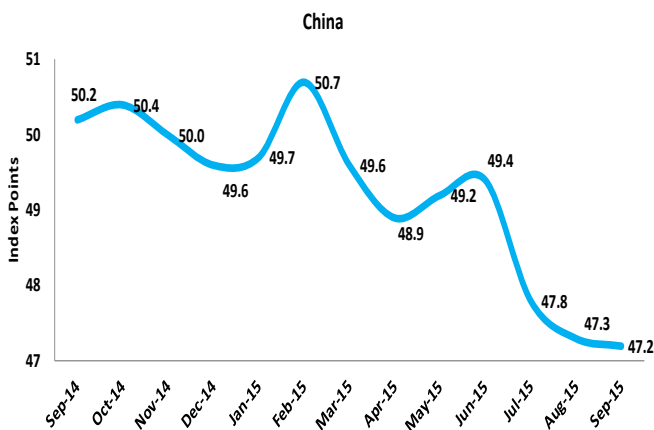
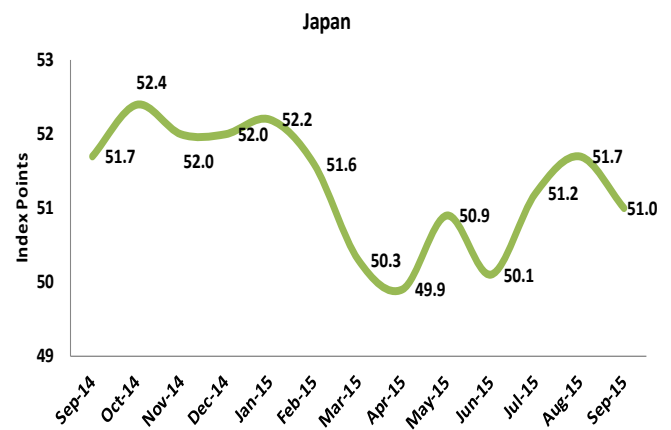
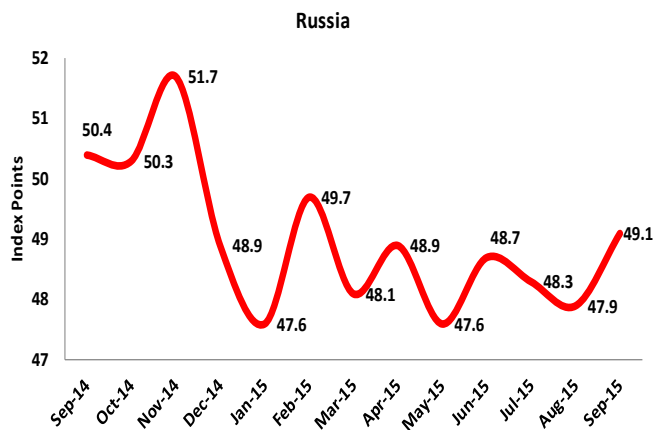
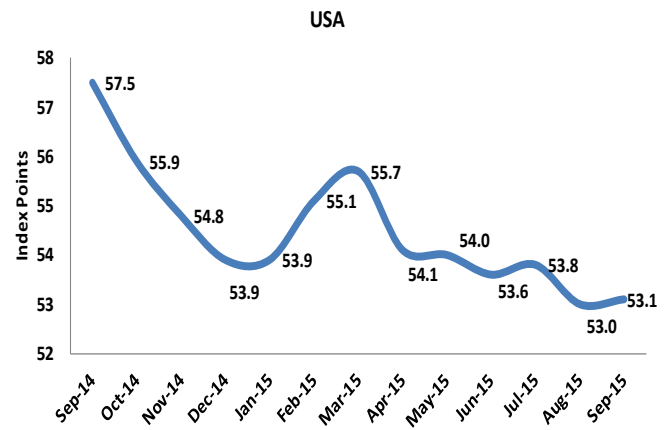
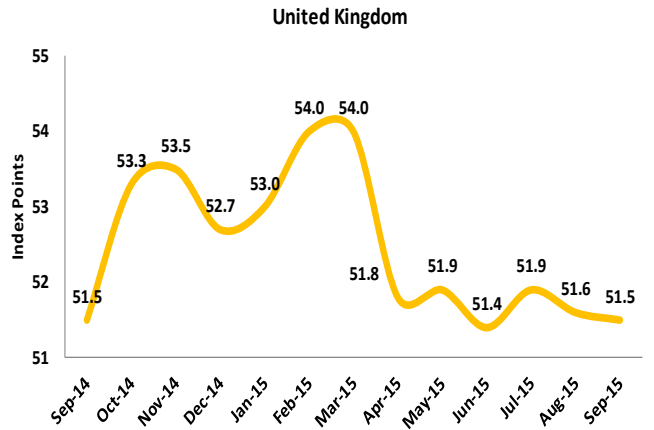
US Trade with ASEAN Member States, August 2015



US Top 10 Export Destinations, January - August 2015



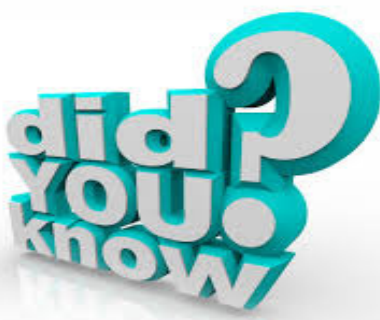
Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for Selected Economies



Notes : 1. PMI is an indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector. The PMI index is based on five major indicators: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and the employment environment.

2. PMI of more than 50 represents expansion of the manufacturing sector, compared to the previous month. A reading under 50 represents a contraction, while a reading at 50 indicates no change.

Source : <http://ieconomics.com/manufacturing-pmi>



10 World Records You didn't know are being held by Malaysians



**World's Largest Hotel
(First World Hotel)**



**World's Fastest Smash in Badminton
(Tan Boon Heong)**



**World's Most Selfies Taken in One
Hour
(Hazwan Noor)**



**World's Greatest Women's Squash Player
(Nicol David)**



**World's Fastest Coconut Piercing
Master
(Ho Eng Hui)**



**World's Largest Capsule Vending
Machine
(Berjaya Times Square)**



**World's Fastest Man with a Football
Balanced on Head
(Low Yee Ming)**



**World's Largest Parade Of Boats
(Kemaman Terengganu)**



**World's Youngest Pilot to Fly Solo
Around The World
(James Anthony Tan)**



**World's Longest Underwater Cleanup
(Kota Kinabalu, Sabah)**

Source: <https://vulcanpost.com/387171/10-world-records-you-didnt-know-are-being-held-by-malaysians/>

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

Number of Certificates (Provisional data)

	16 Aug 2015	23 Aug 2015	30 Aug 2015	6 Sep 2015	13 Sep 2015	20 Sep 2015	27 Sep 2015	4 Oct 2015
AANZFTA	942	1,040	916	727	868	674	1,017	1,026
AIFTA	742	724	780	577	614	574	597	776
AJCEP	112	211	210	195	236	167	197	241
ATIGA	4,399	4,422	4,358	4,506	4,346	3,955	4,037	4,837
ACFTA	1,300	1,505	1,461	1,242	1,307	1,021	1,035	1,582
AKFTA	739	912	744	755	825	609	755	778
MICECA	289	336	305	239	250	274	302	311
MNZFTA	15	3	3	2	21	2	7	6
MCFTA	53	110	71	65	77	42	57	77
MAFTA	396	449	436	318	414	368	390	417
MJEPA	764	815	966	771	732	754	824	927
MPCEPA	184	186	170	109	155	115	130	153
GSP	117	160	129	144	123	122	159	176
MTFTA	93	239	283	152	321	141	172	202

Notes: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Cambodia, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, and Norway.



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)



ACFTA: ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 July 2003)



AKFTA: ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 July 2006)



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



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)



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

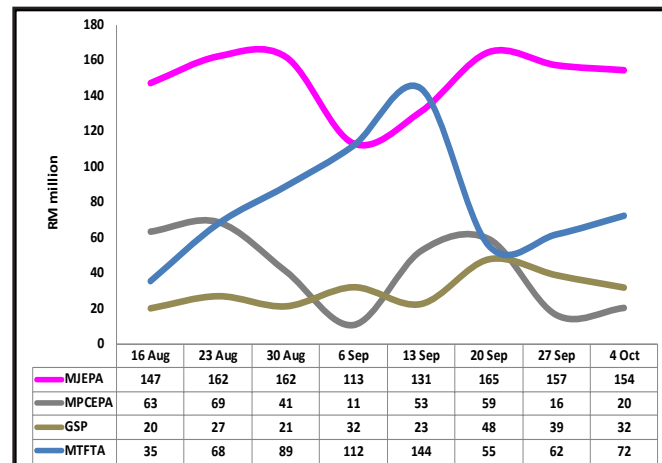
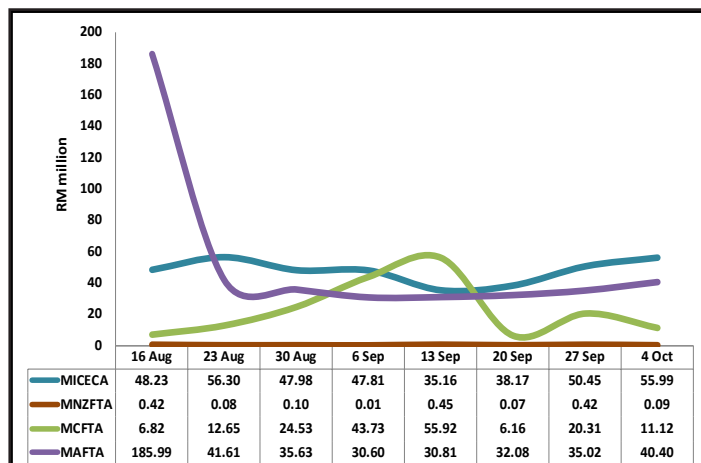
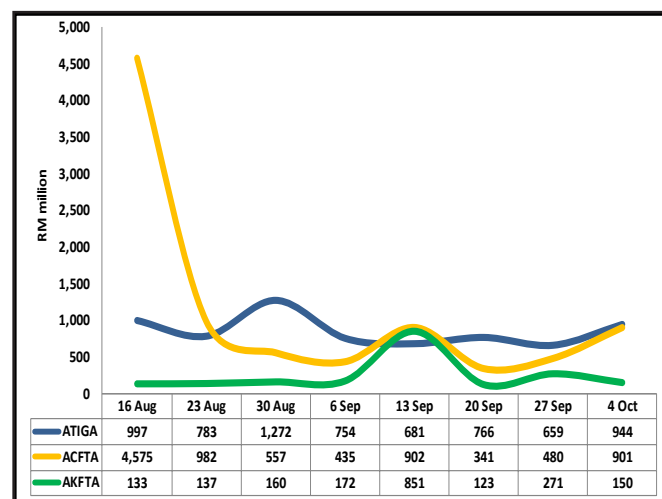
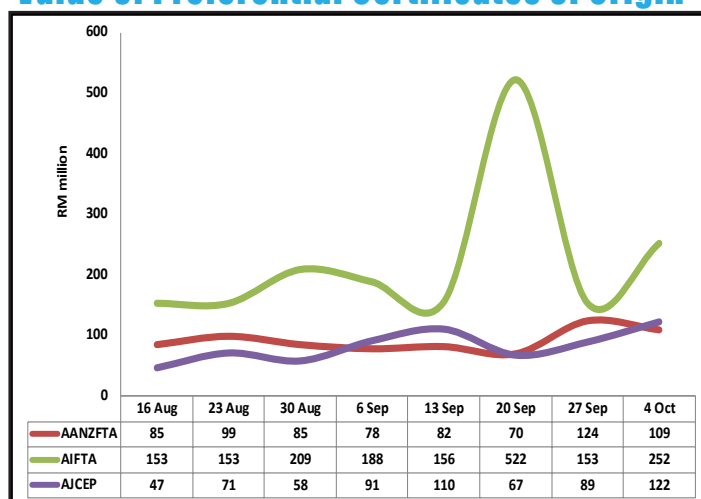


MAFTA: Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 January 2013)



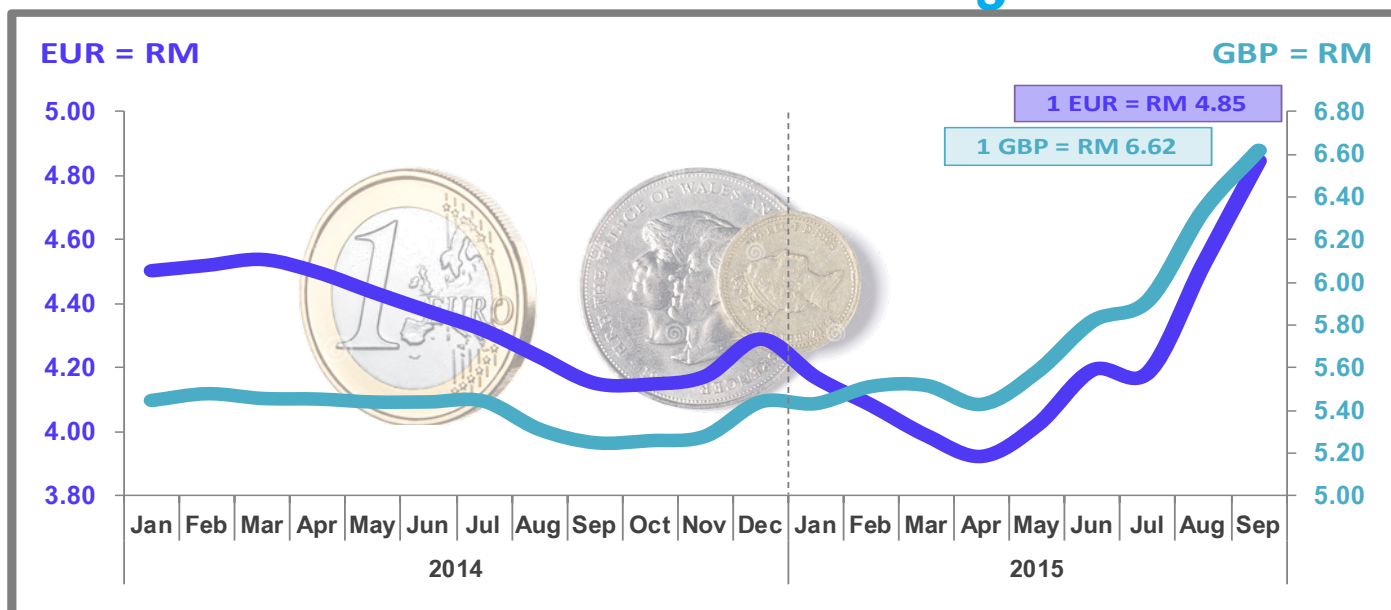
MTFTA: Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (Implemented since 1 August 2015)

Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin



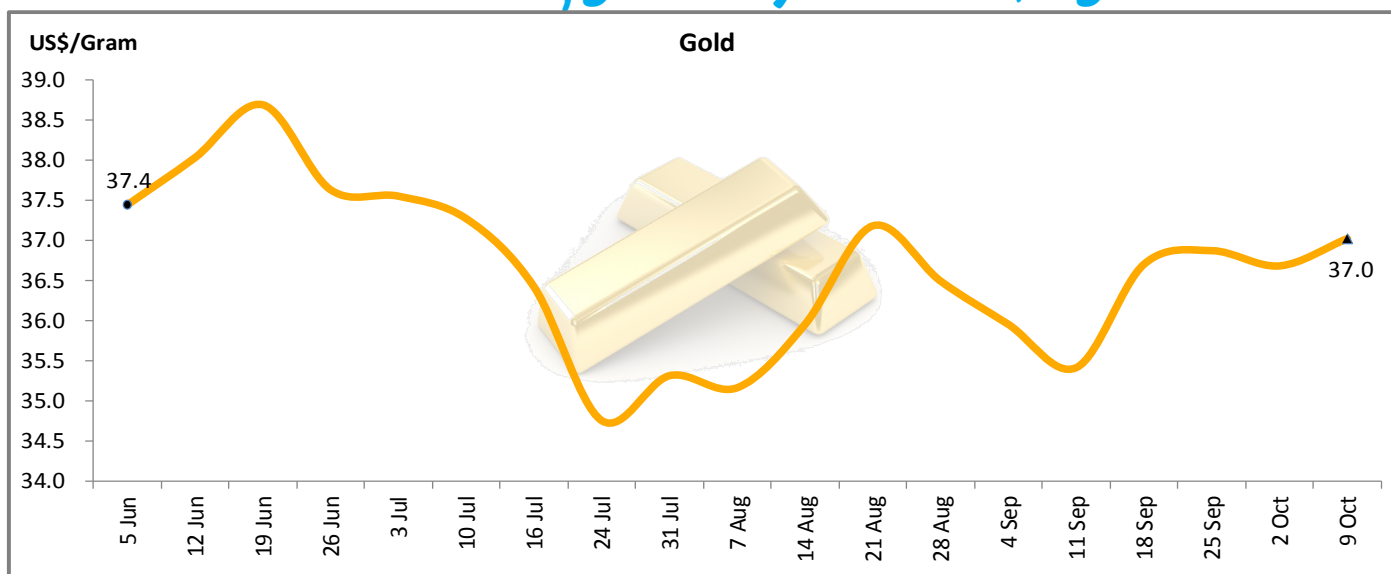
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Euro and Pound Sterling



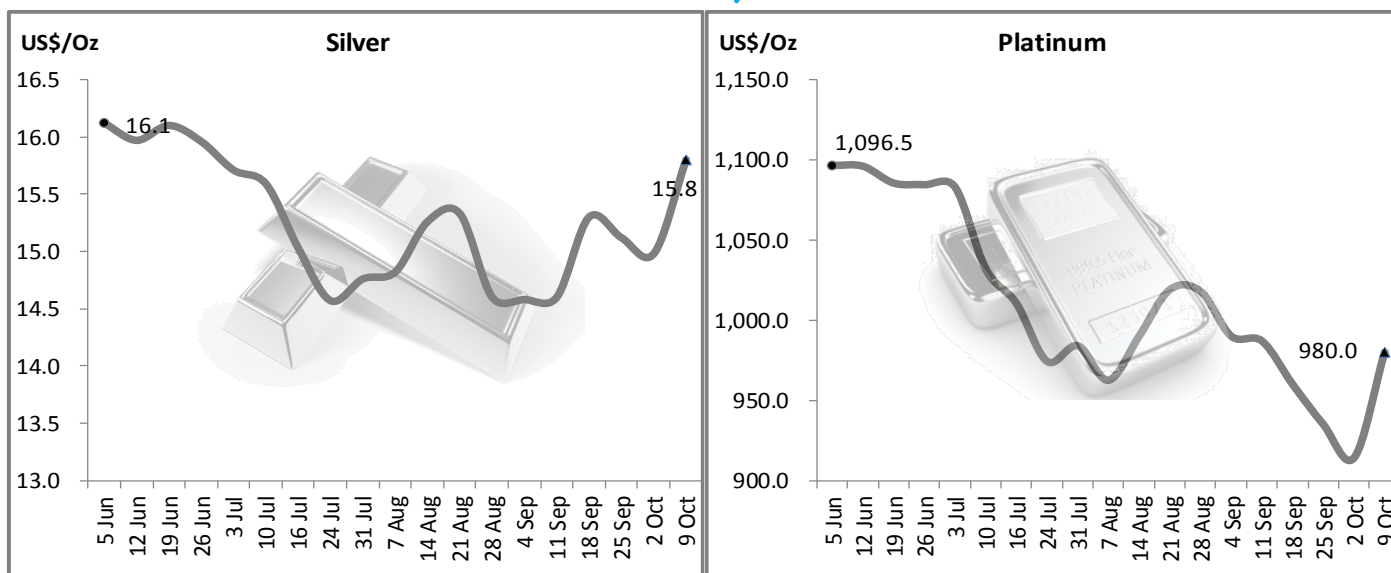
Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Gold Prices, 5 June - 9 October 2015



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

Silver and Platinum Prices, 5 June - 9 October 2015



http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2_3023-cashprices.html?mod=topnav_2_3023

Commodity Prices



Commodity	Crude Petroleum (per bbl)	Crude Palm Oil (per MT)	Raw Sugar (per MT)	Rubber SMR 20 (per MT)	Cocoa SMC 2 (per MT)	Coal (per MT)	Scrap Iron HMS (per MT)
9 Oct 2015 (US\$)	49.6	584.0	292.3	1,279.5	2,034.5	46.4	210 (high) 195 (low)
% change*	↑ 9.0	↑ 5.5	↑ 6.4	↑ 2.9	↑ 6.5	↓ 0.2	↓ 8.7 ↓ 7.1
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

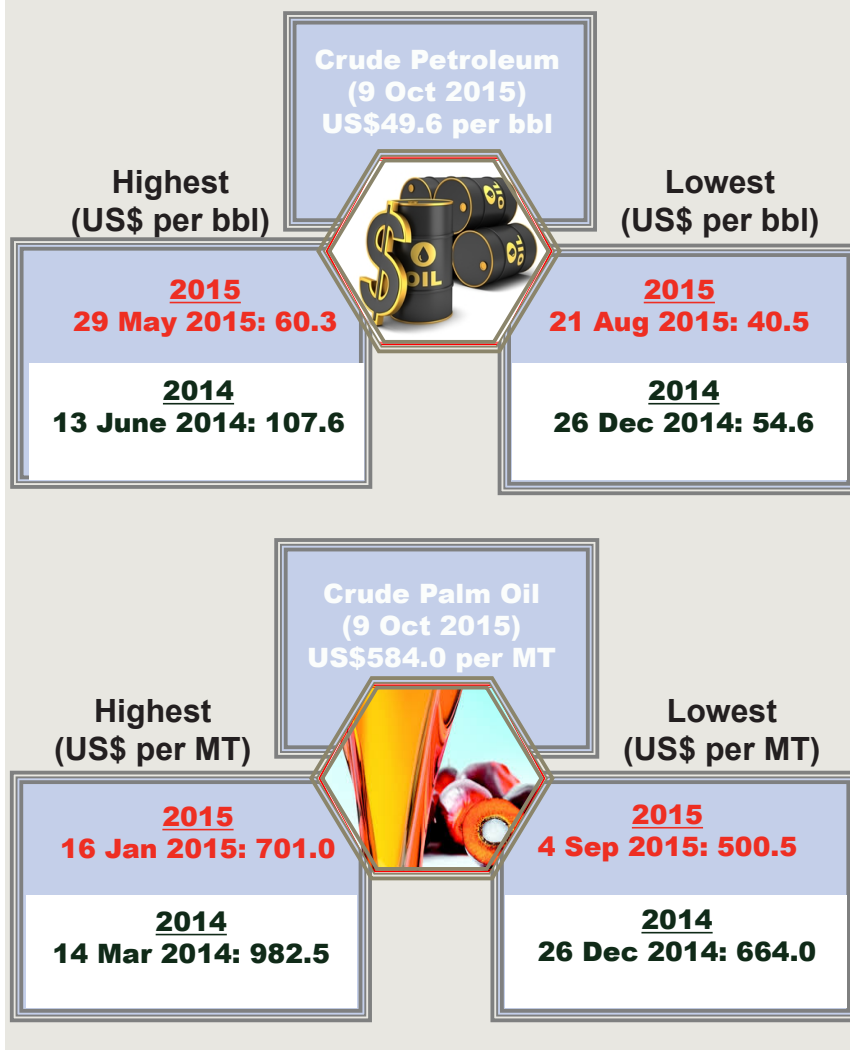
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

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

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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Highest and Lowest Prices, 2014/2015

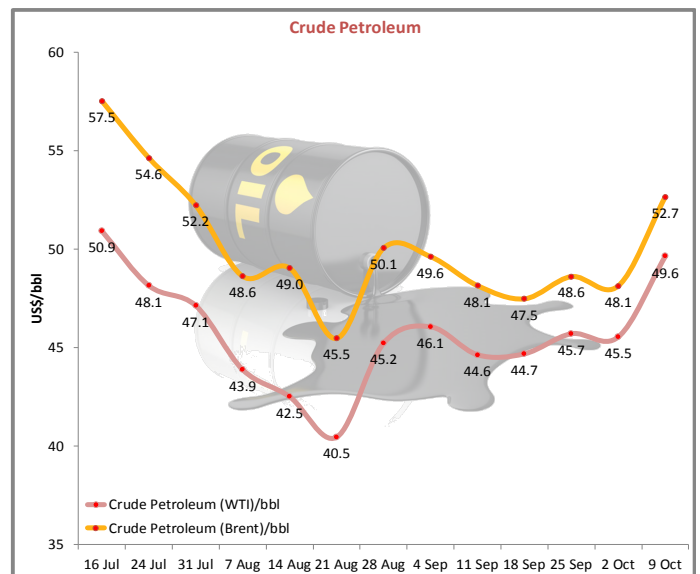
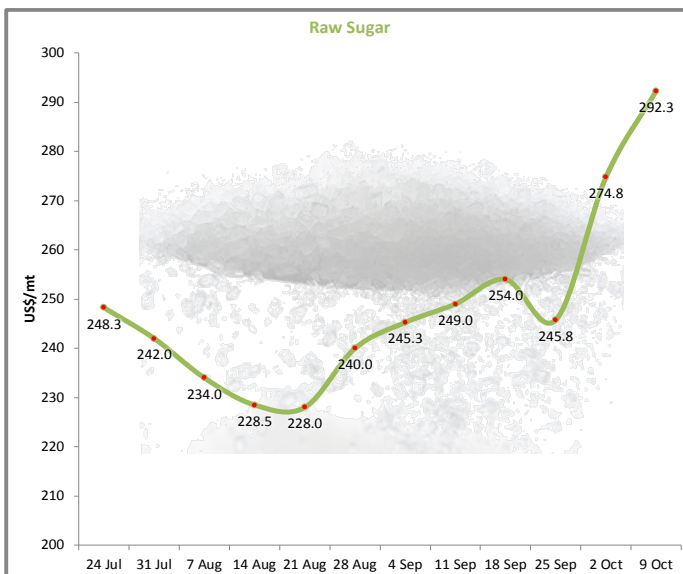
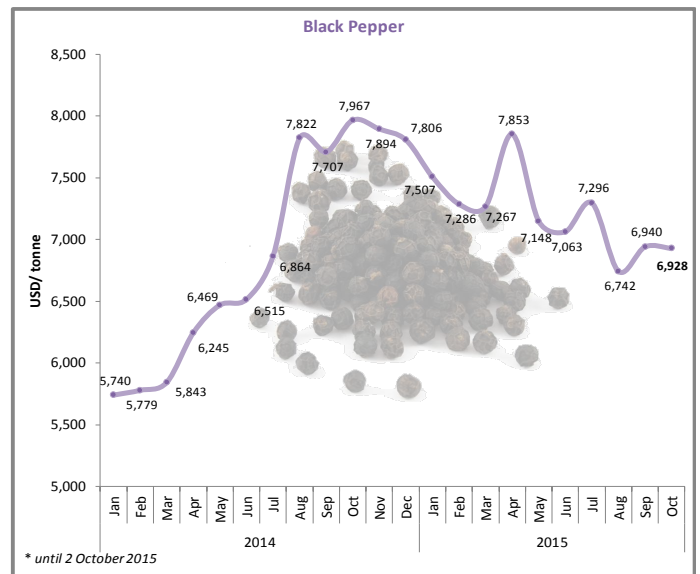
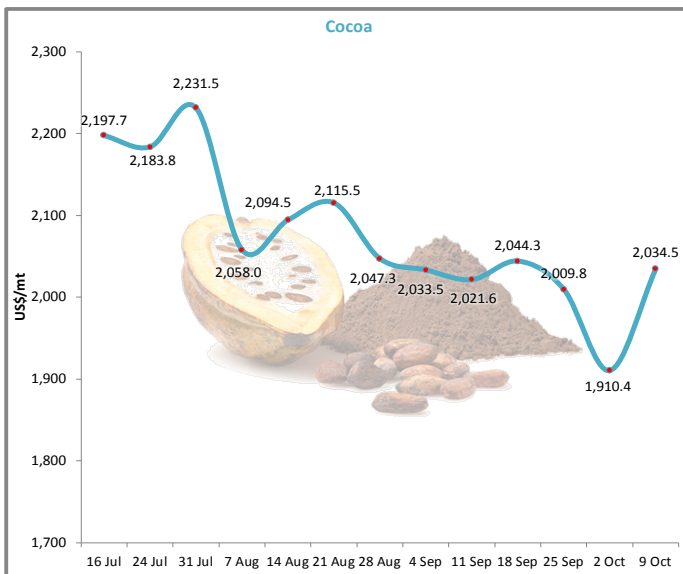
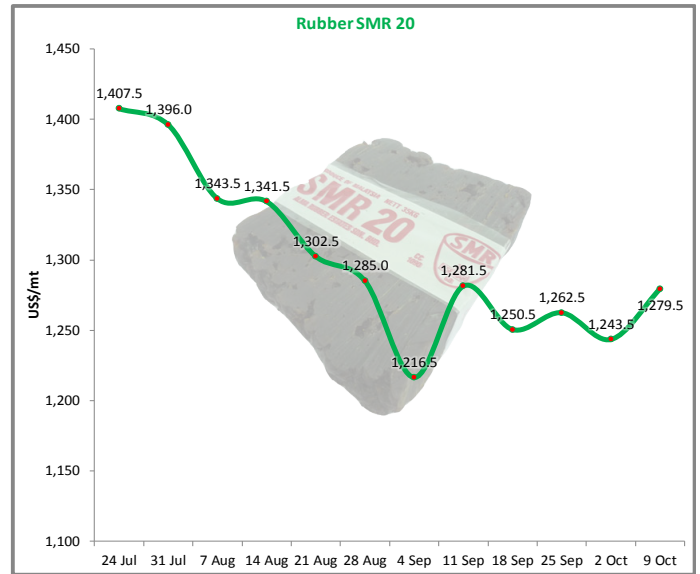
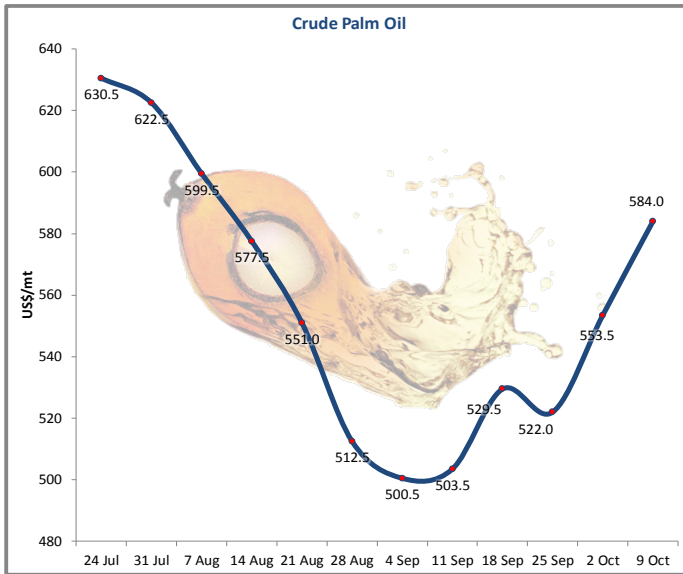


Average Domestic Prices, 9 Oct 2015



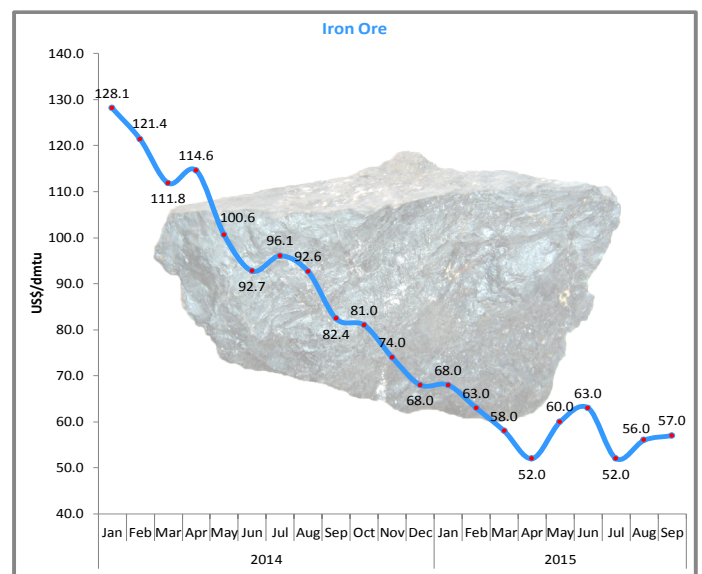
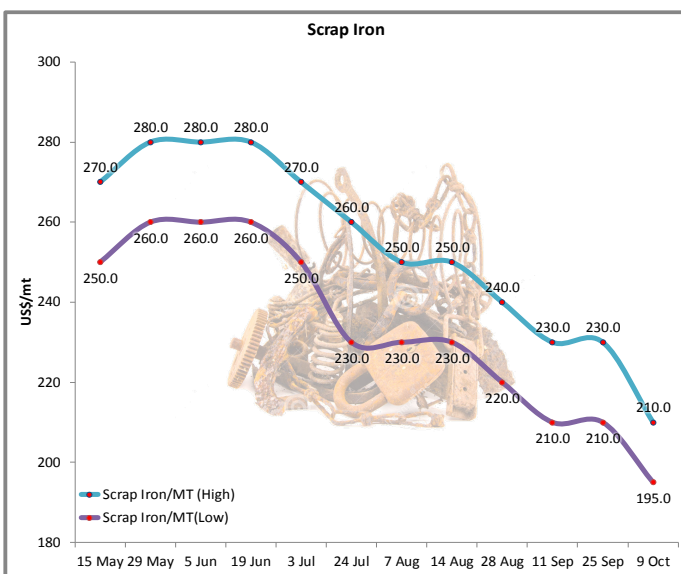
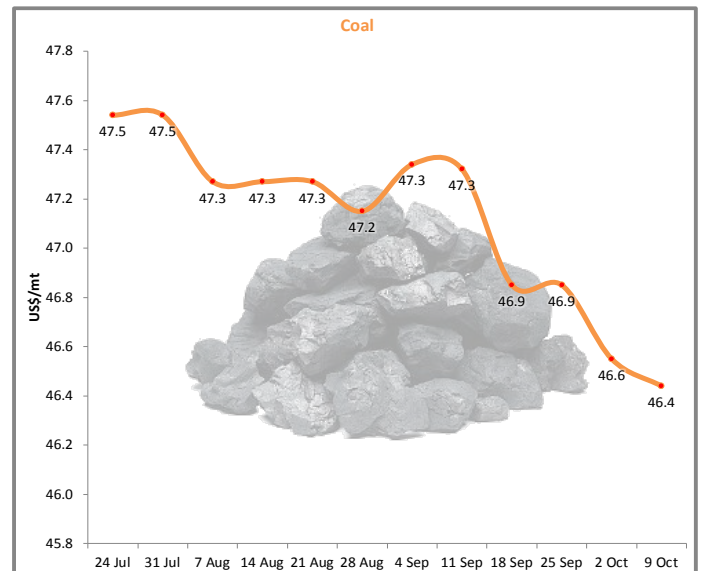
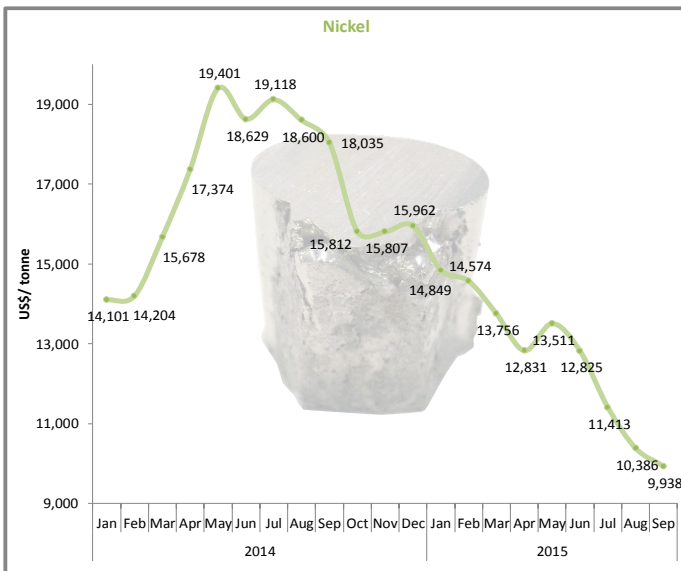
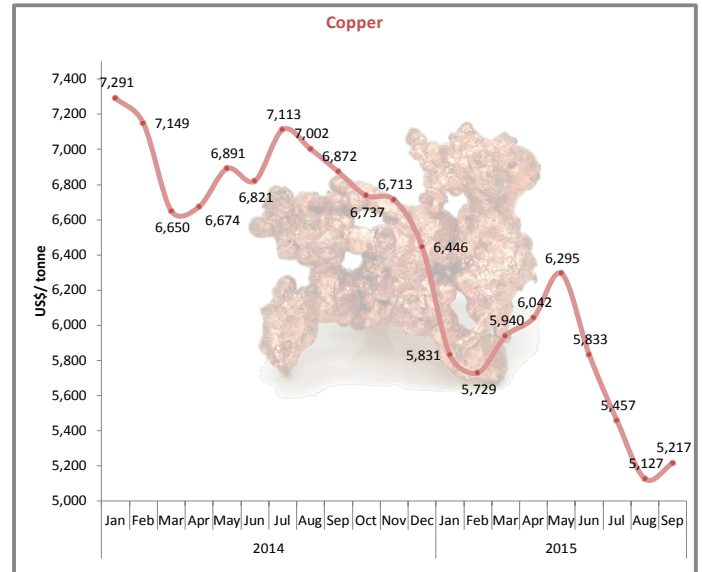
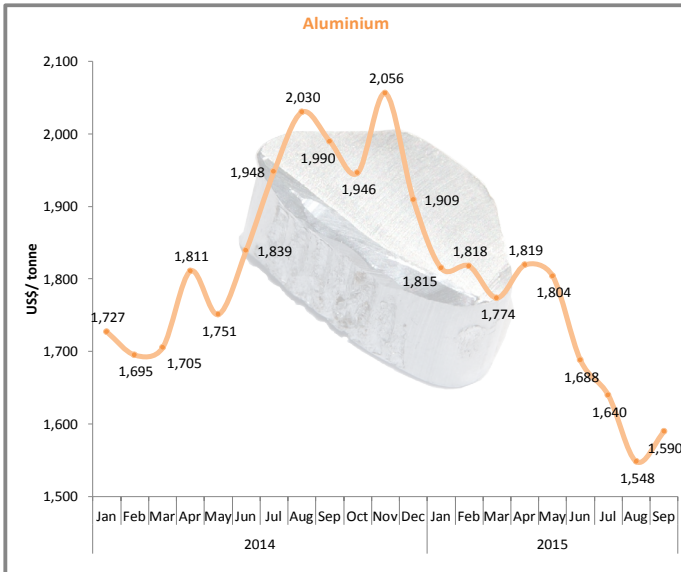
Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, Bloomberg and Czarnikow Group.

Commodity Price Trends



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SUCCESS STORY



PHN Industry Sdn Bhd

PHN Industry Sdn Bhd, jointly owned by DRB-HICOM Berhad and PROTON Holdings Sdn Bhd, is the leading manufacturer of automotive components in Malaysia. The company is Tier-1 supplier for body structure modules for major Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) namely PROTON, PERODUA and HONDA. PHN is specializing in the metal stamping, components assembly, roll forming and dies manufacturing.

The company is capable of offering customers a full range of mechanical press and welding services including fine blanking, tailored welded blank (TWB) stamping and assembly for high tensile and advanced high tensile material. The company's roll forming facilities is the first automotive high tensile roll forming production line in South East Asia. The company's dies manufacturing solution offers full range of services from design to assembly and also producing dies for selected models for major OEMs namely PROTON and NISSAN.

Backed by a team of 1,200 highly trained workforces, combined with four state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in Shah Alam, Bukit Beruntung, Melaka and Subang Jaya, the company commitment to customers and shareholders is to produce top quality automotive components, and dies while remain competitive in the automotive industry of the region.

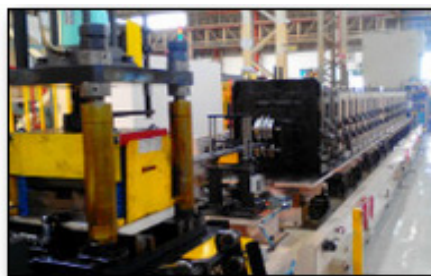
PHN is recognized for its good manufacturing practices through the certification of ISO/TS16949, ISO 9001, EMS 14001 and OHSAS 18001.OHSAS 18001:2007

Capabilities & Technologies

PHN is proud to be associated with using only the best in technologies to produce top quality automotive components and parts for its manufacturing and assembly business. From assembly line production equipment to robotic engineering, aided by computer integrated manufacturing system and factory automated systems in place, quality and consistency are always the key ingredients for all output materials.

It is capable of offering customers a full range of mechanical press and welding services, deep drawing capability up to 50mm via link-motion press, progressive type stamping up to 300 tonnages, TWB stamping, Hot Press Forming (HPF), Co2 welding by manual and robotic application and spot welding for high tensile and coated materials to name a few.

To guarantee reliability of components produced with only the highest quality of raw materials used and to ensure optimum productivity on production lines, an integrated manufacturing system (IMS) is utilised, combined with the technical check and balances of highly trained and qualified floor supervisors.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Malaysia and the World Bank Group Ink Final Agreement to Open New Office in Kuala Lumpur

The Government of Malaysia and the World Bank Group signed an Office Support Agreement today, the final legal instrument necessary to establish the knowledge and research office in Kuala Lumpur and commence operations from Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia.

Second Deputy Minister of Finance, H.E. Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani, signed on behalf of Malaysia, and World Bank Group Country Director for Southeast Asia, Ulrich Zachau signed on behalf of the World Bank.

The new World Bank Group Office will serve as an operational hub to facilitate the sharing of Malaysia's rich development experiences with developing countries around the world, and to provide Malaysia with access to international knowledge and expertise as it transitions into an advanced, high-income economy. The Office will also carry out innovative development policy research and analytical work on a wide range of regional and global issues, including assessments of the business and investment climate across countries.

H.E. Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani, said “Malaysia is globally recognized for its progress and achievements in economic planning and development, poverty reduction, provision of modern financial services, as well as public sector performance. At this juncture of our development journey we look forward to working closely with the World Bank Group to use this experience to benefit other countries.”

Malaysia is one of the countries identified by the World Bank to have recorded average growth of more than 7 percent per year for 25 years or more. Economic growth was inclusive, as Malaysia also succeeded in nearly eradicating poverty: the share of households living below the national poverty line fell from over 50 percent in the 1960s to less than 1.0 percent currently. Building on decades of rapid development, and in an increasingly challenging global economic environment, Malaysia aims to maintain its path to high income country status by 2020.

“Malaysia is a remarkable success story that many developing countries look to for inspiration,” said World Bank Country Director Ulrich Zachau. “The new World Bank Group office will allow Malaysia and the World Bank Group to work closely as partners to share Malaysia's extensive expertise and experience in building prosperity and reducing poverty with countries around the world.”

Source: http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2015/10/01/malaysia-and-the-world-bank-group-ink-final-agreement-to-open-new-world-bank-group-office-in-kuala-lumpur?cid=EAP_NLMalaysiaEN_P_EXT



BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA
CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA

International Reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia as at 30 September 2015

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia amounted to RM415.1 billion (equivalent to USD93.3 billion) as at 30 September 2015. The decline in reserves level in USD terms as at 30 September 2015 was mainly due to the quarterly adjustment for foreign exchange revaluation changes. The reserves position is sufficient to finance 8.6 months of retained imports and is 1.2 times the short-term external debt¹.

Note: ¹ Refers to the redefined short-term external debt, which includes short-term offshore borrowing, non-resident holdings of short-term ringgit debt securities, non-resident deposits with the banking system and other short-term debt. For more information, please refer to the box article titled ‘The Redefinition of External Debt’ in the Quarterly Bulletin on Economic and Financial Developments in the Malaysian Economy in the First Quarter of 2014.

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia

MITI Programme

MITI and Agencies Support *Hari Sukan Negara*, 10 October 2015







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