

MITI: Companies Continue To Invest, Expand And Diversify



Despite the challenging economic environment, businesses are continuing to invest, expand and diversify their projects in Malaysia, said the International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti). Minister Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed said investors, particularly those who already have a presence in the country, continued to view Malaysia as their profit centre. Investors, he said, liked Malaysia for its highly diversified economy, strong manufacturing foundation, developed infrastructure and connectivity, proactive government policies and multilingual workforce, among other reasons.

Speaking to reporters at a media conference at the Equatorial Hotel, Penang, Mustapa said Malaysia's position as a preferred location for investments was reflected by the performance of the country's approved investments in the manufacturing, services and primary sectors. In the first quarter of 2016, the

country recorded a total of 1,271 projects with investments of RM37.3bil, which he said will create 39,990 job opportunities.

Domestic investments led with RM24.5bil or 65.7% of total approved investments, while foreign direct investment increased to RM12.8bil during the quarter, from RM10.0bil in the previous year. Mustapa noted that some of these companies such as Haemonetics, Osram Opto Semiconductor, UMW Rolls Royce, Infineon, X-Fab Sarawak, Oncogen Pharma, Honeywell, Schmidt + Clemens (S+C), Abbott, Boston Scientific, KLS Martin, JCY Group, HP and Coca-Cola were among those which recently announced advance stages of their project.

These companies, he said, will create over 6,000 employment opportunities for Malaysians and are expected to generate RM4.1bil in exports annually. Following a visit to the facility of SAM Precision (M) Sdn Bhd, which is an arm of SAM Engineering & Equipment (SAM Malaysia), Mustapa said the group continued to view Malaysia as a profitable investment destination. "With the positive outlook of the aerospace industry, capability of Malaysia's local supporting companies and the availability of talent pool for precision machining, SAM Malaysia has announced that it will be spending more than RM100mil over the next two years for expansion," he said.

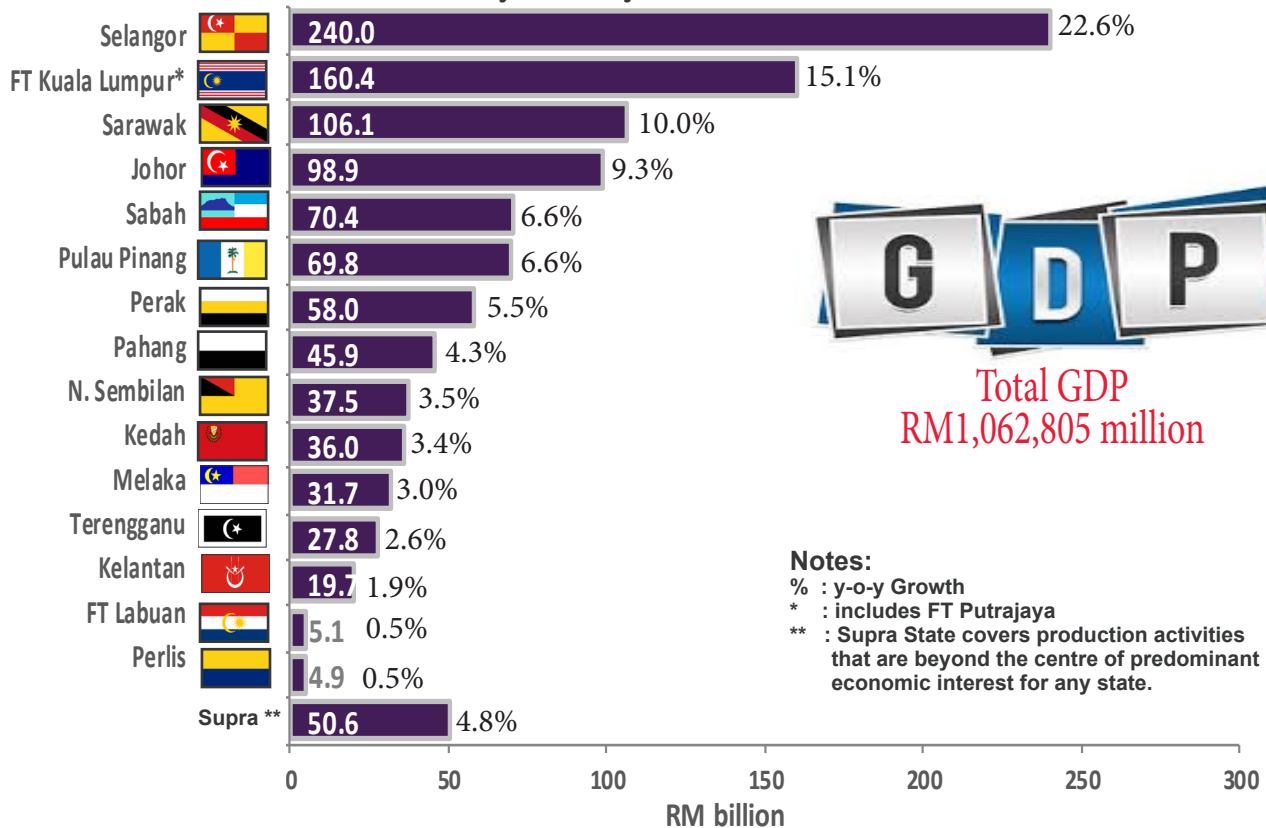
This, he said, included the diversification project of SAM Precision to manufacture thrust reverser machined parts for the aerospace industry, the first of its kind in Malaysia. The company currently manufactures precision tools for the electronics industry. He also cited two examples of Malaysian companies that continued to expand their business in the country - RC Precision Engineering and Mi Equipment.

Homegrown Malaysian company RC Precision Engineering which is involved in contract manufacturing, building OEM equipment, is expected to further invest RM8.5mil for a project this year. Mi Equipment, which specialises in Wafer Level Chip Scale Package (WLCSP), has plans to invest RM65mil for its expansion project.

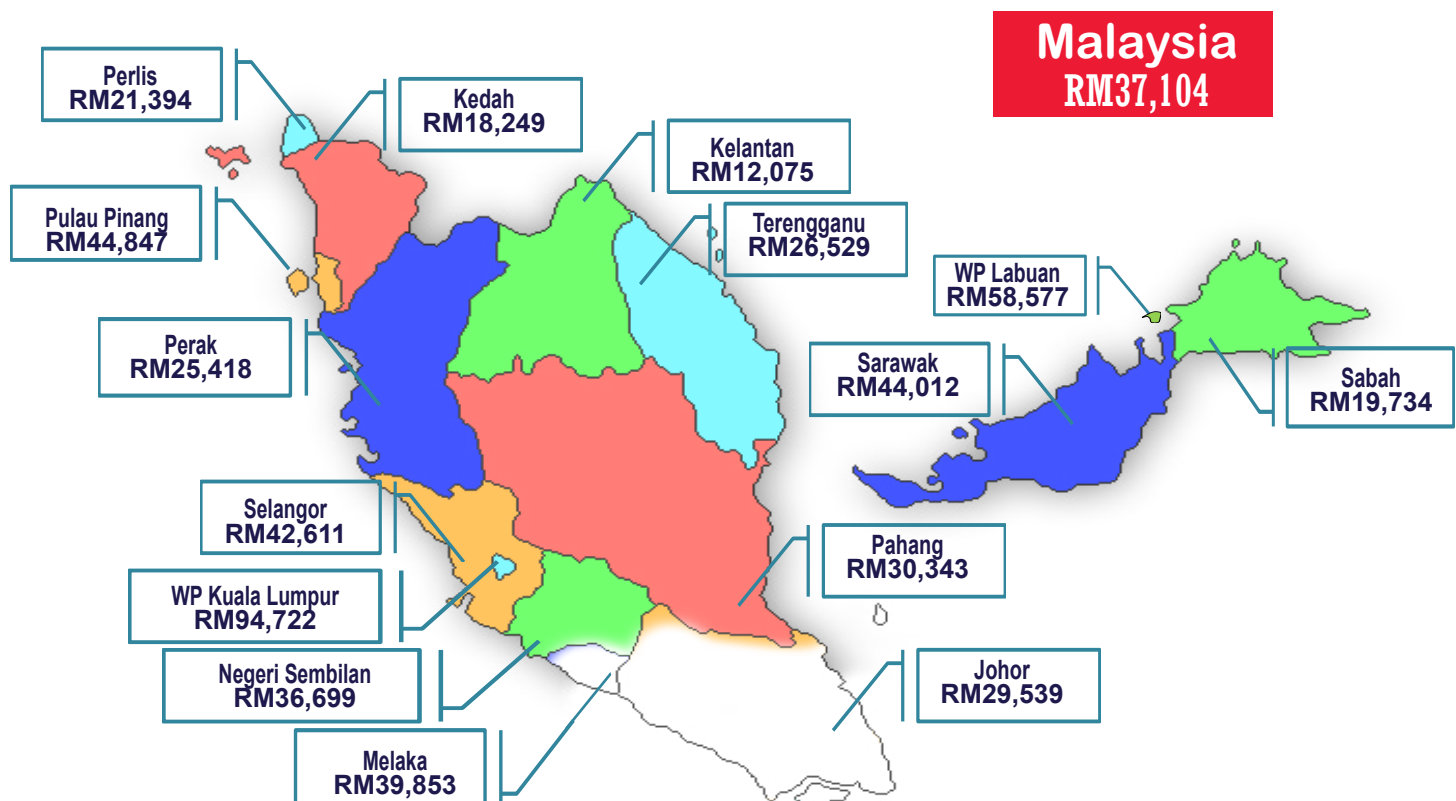
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Economic Performance 2015

GDP by State for year 2015 at Constant 2010 Prices

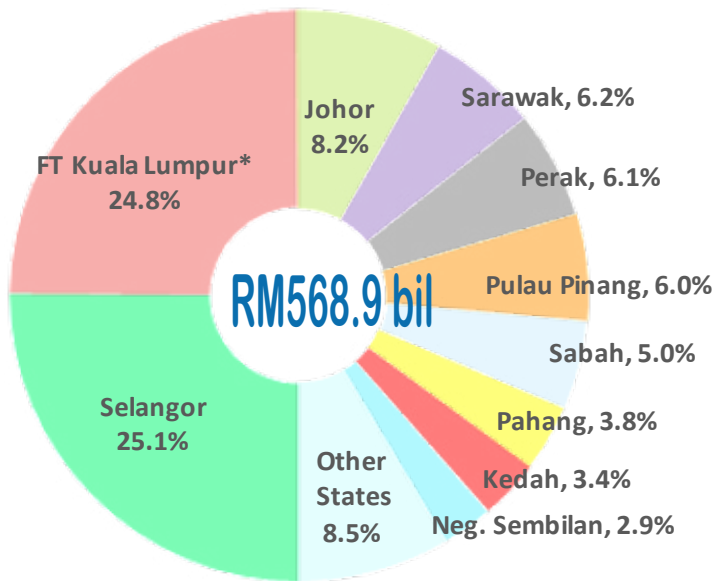


GDP percapita by State, 2015 at Current Prices



Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Performance by Sector, 2015

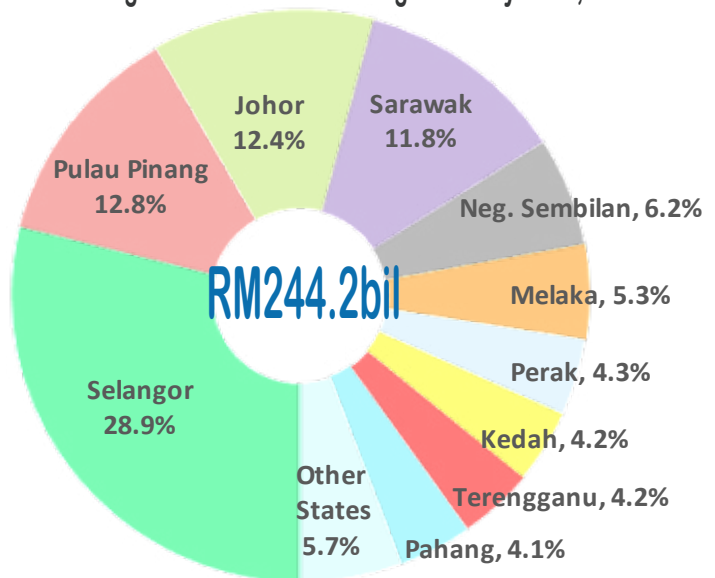


Note:* Includes FT Putrajaya

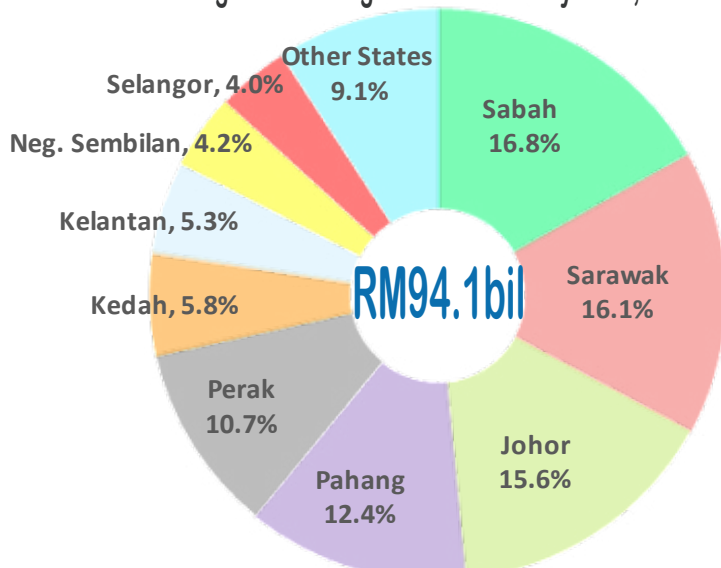
Percentage Share of Services Sector by State, 2015



Percentage Share of Manufacturing Sector by State, 2015



Percentage Share of Agriculture Sector by State, 2015

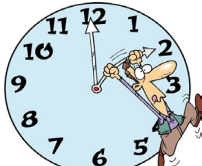


Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia



'ASEAN and You...'

ASEAN Giving Index Ranking, 2015

Country	 World Giving Index ranking	 World Giving Index Score (%)	 Helping a stranger Score (%)	 Donating money Score (%)	 Volunteering time Score (%)
Myanmar	1	66	55	92	50
Malaysia	10	52	62	58	37
Thailand	19	48	44	87	14
Indonesia	22	46	35	67	38
Singapore	34	43	44	57	27
Philippines	46	40	55	24	42
Viet Nam	79	31	53	25	14
Cambodia	100	26	25	45	9

Note: The CAF* World Giving Index measures the average percentage of people in each country who donate money, volunteer or help a stranger. 145 countries were surveyed in 2015, representing around 96% of the world's population.

* - Charities Aid Foundation



Source: https://www.cafonline.org/docs/default-source/about-us-publications/caf_worldgivingindex2015_report.pdf?sfvrsn=2

International Report

Population : 79.5 million
Land area : 1,648,195 km²

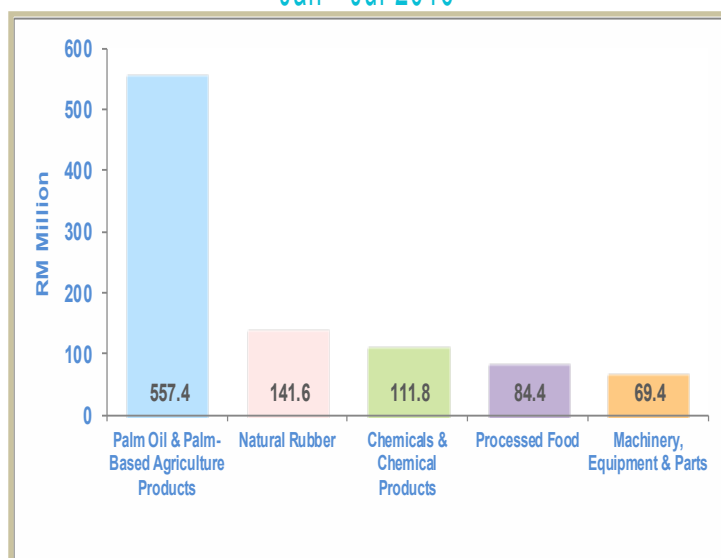
Iran Economic Indicator, 2015

GDP (current US\$)	: US\$ 387.6 billion
Inflation rate	: 12.0%
Unemployment rate	: 10.8%
Global trade	: US\$ 105.5 billion (Rank: 47)
Global exports	: US\$ 63.0 billion (Rank: 42)
Global imports	: US\$ 42.5 billion (Rank: 53)

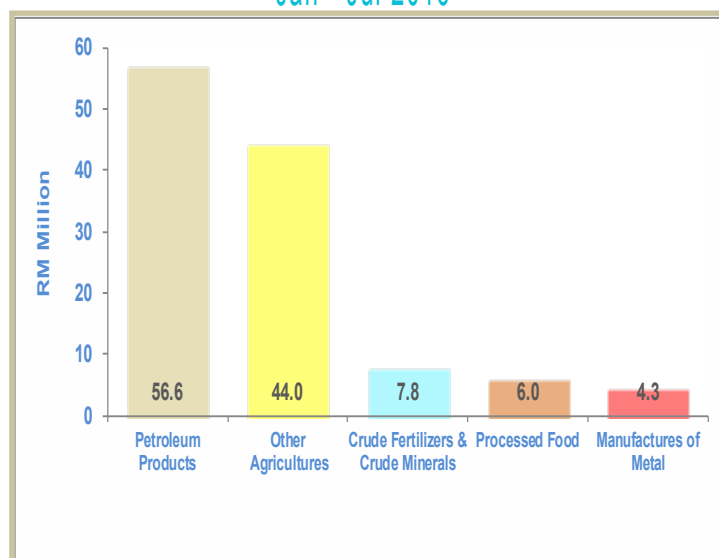
Source: IMF, Wikipedia, WTO



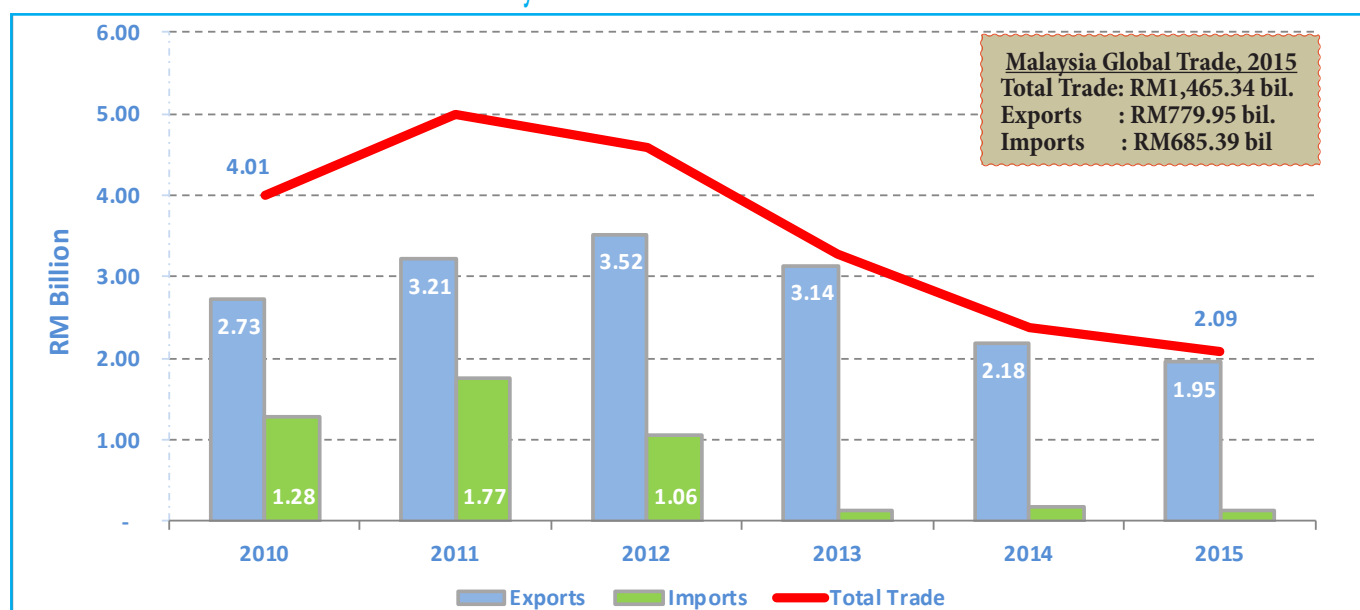
Top Five Malaysia's Export Products to Iran Jan - Jul 2016



Top Five Malaysia's Import Products from Iran Jan - Jul 2016



Malaysia's Trade with Iran: 2010-2015



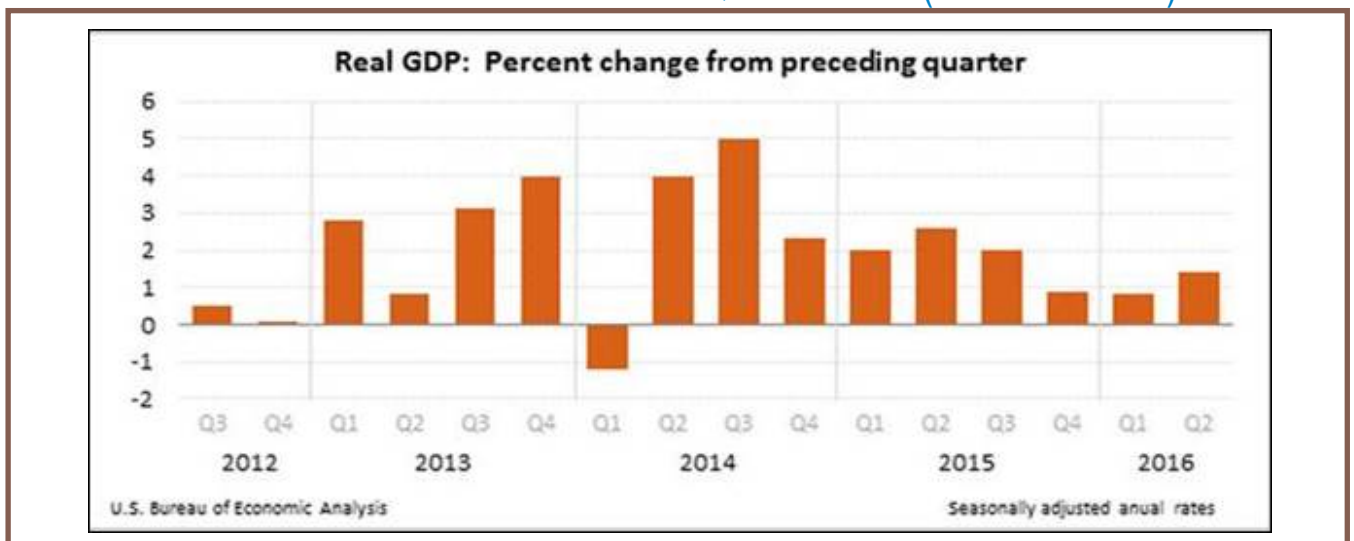
Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

International Report

U.S.A. Economic Indicators January - August 2016

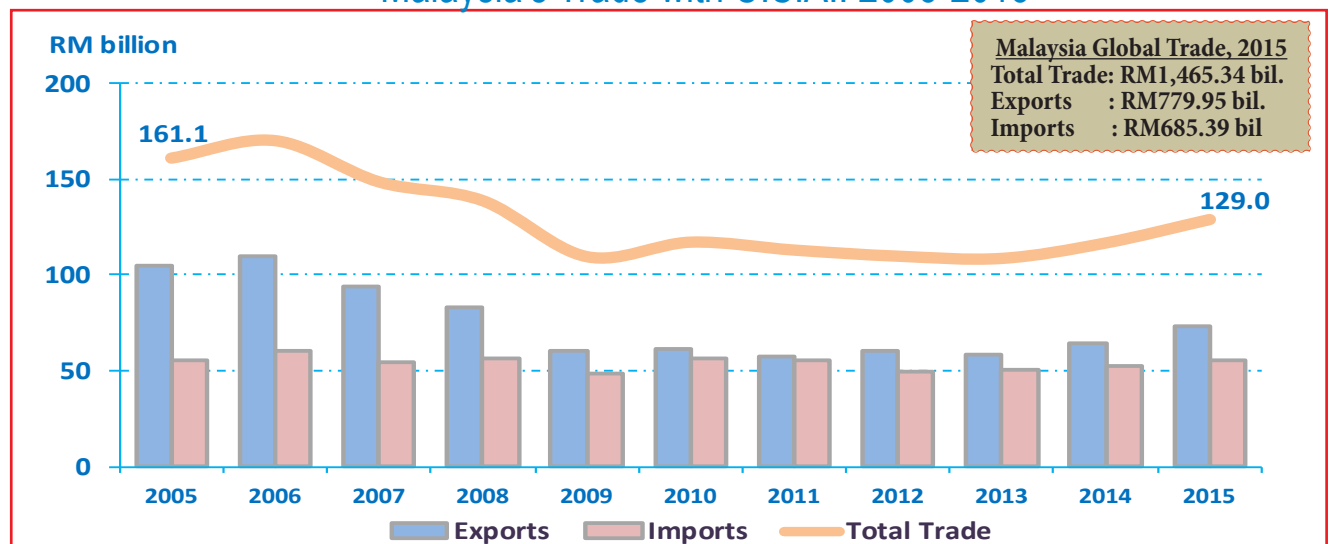
Economic Indicators	2016							
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan
Inflation Rate (%)	1.06	0.84	1.01	1.02	1.13	0.85	1.02	1.37
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9
Consumer Price Index	240.853	240.647	241.038	240.236	239.261	238.132	237.111	236.916
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – quarterly basis (%)	1.4 Q2 2016, Third Estimate	1.1 Q2 2016, Second Estimate	1.2 Q2 2016, Advance Estimate	0.8 Q1 2016, Third Estimate (revised)	0.8 Q1 2016, Second Estimate	0.5 Q1 2016, Advance Estimate	1.4 Q4 2015, Third Estimate	1.0 Q4 2015, Second Estimate

Gross Domestic Product: Second Quarter 2016 (Third Estimate)



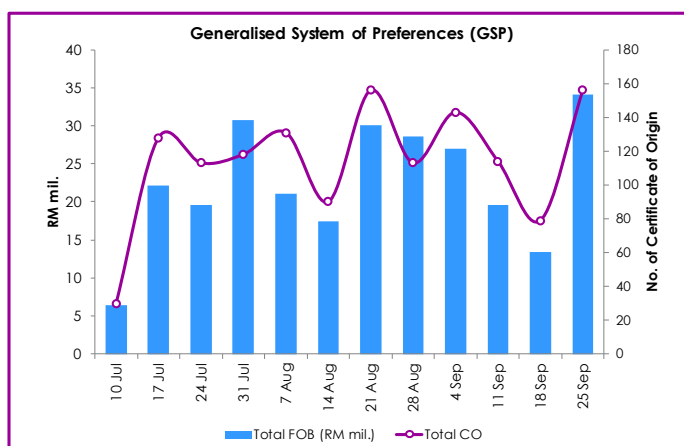
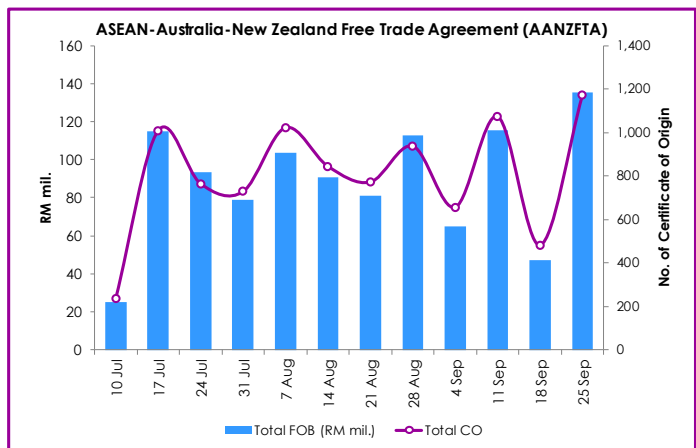
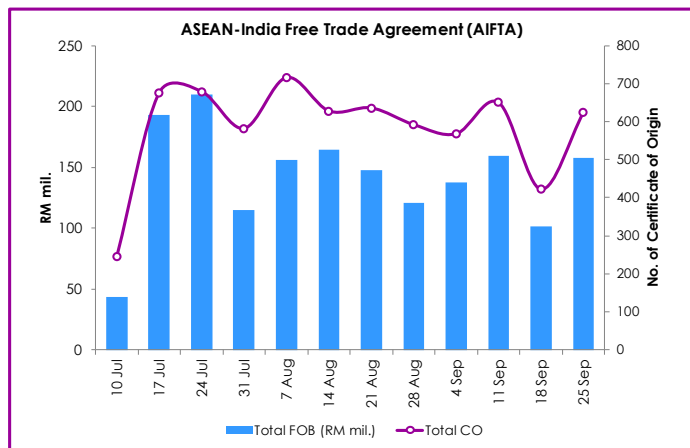
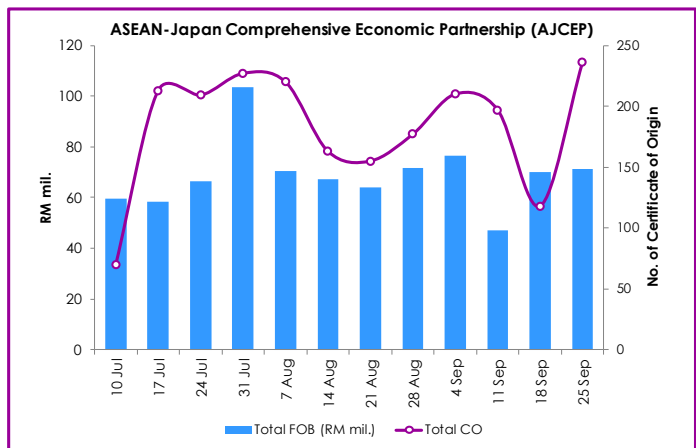
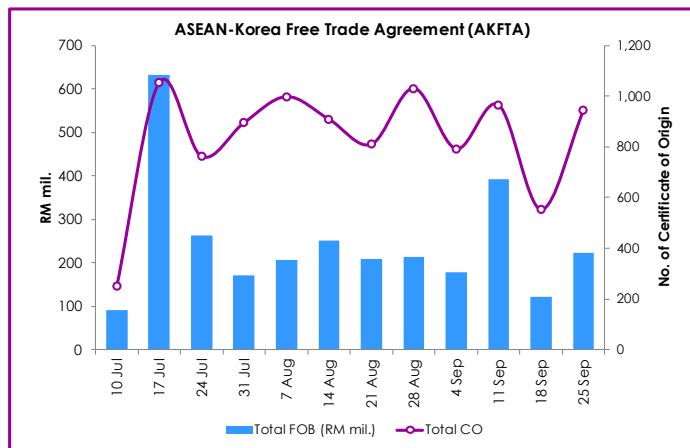
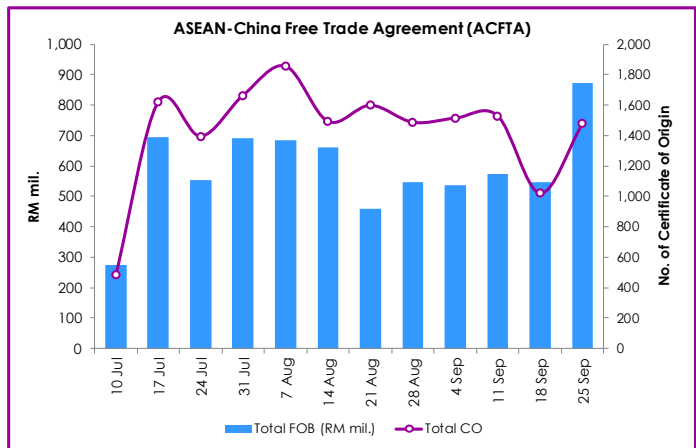
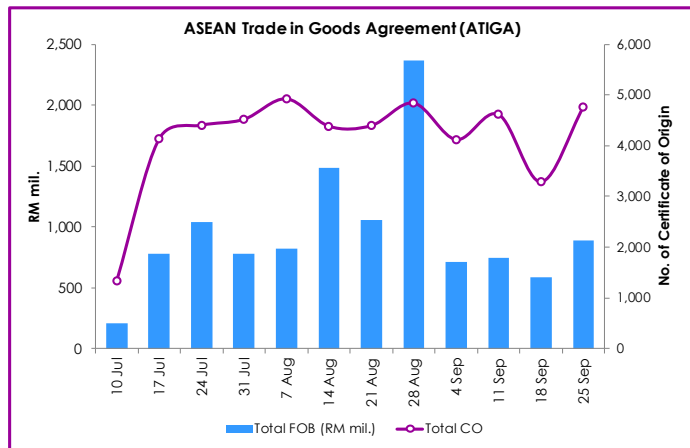
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Malaysia's Trade with U.S.A.: 2005-2015



Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

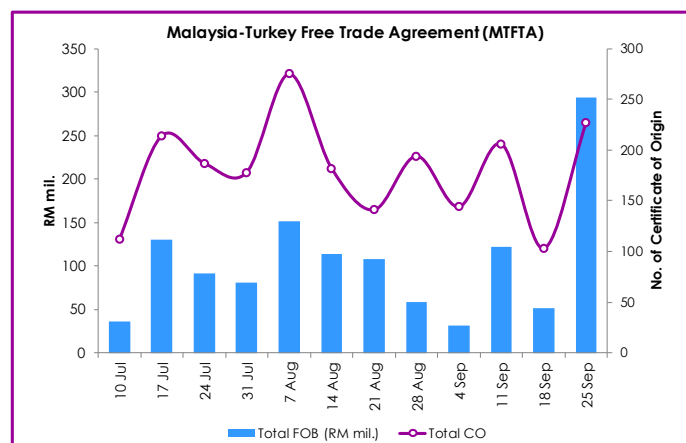
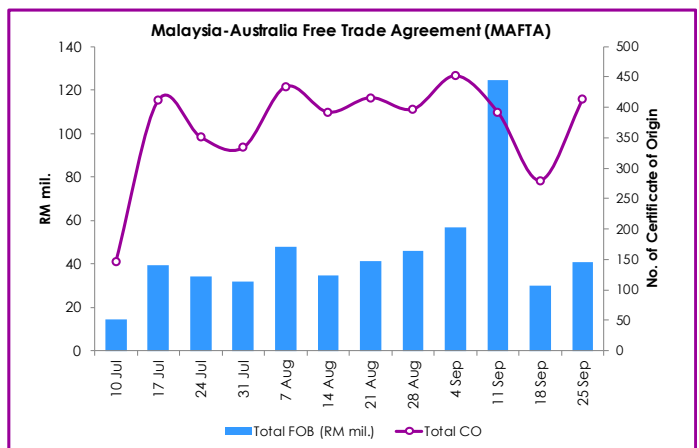
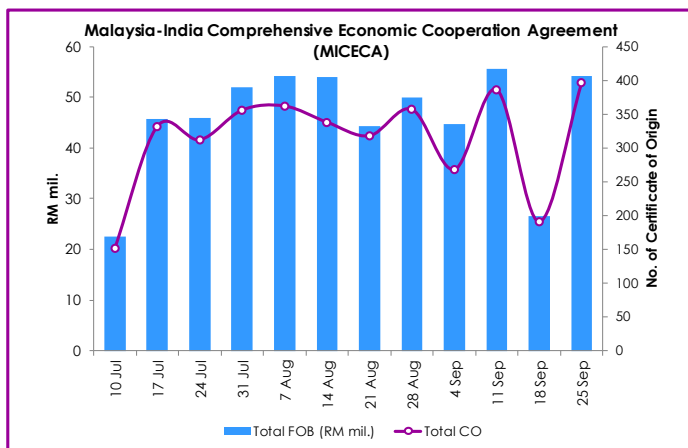
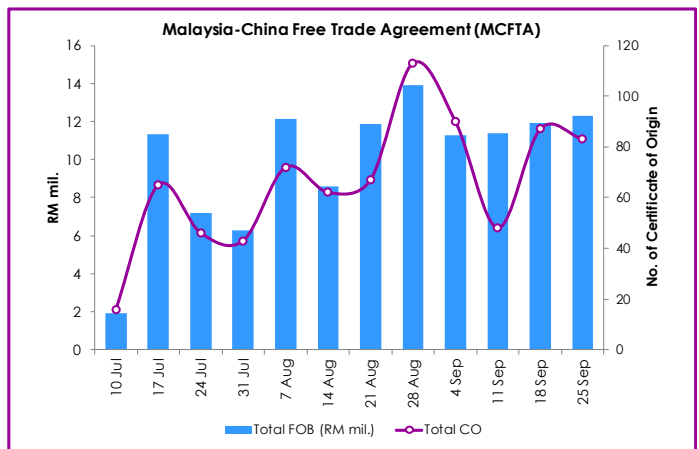
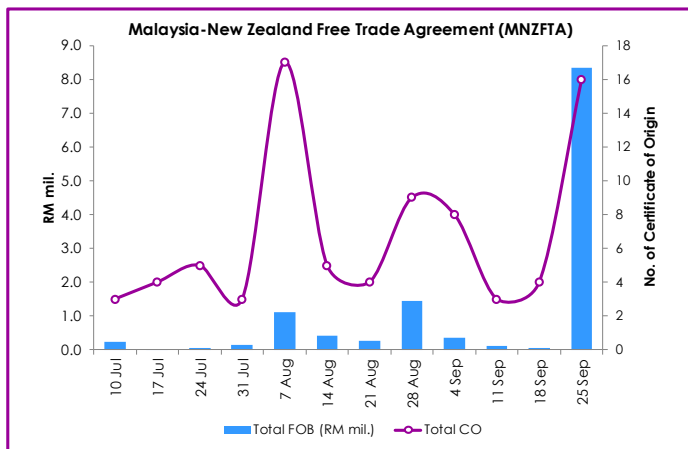
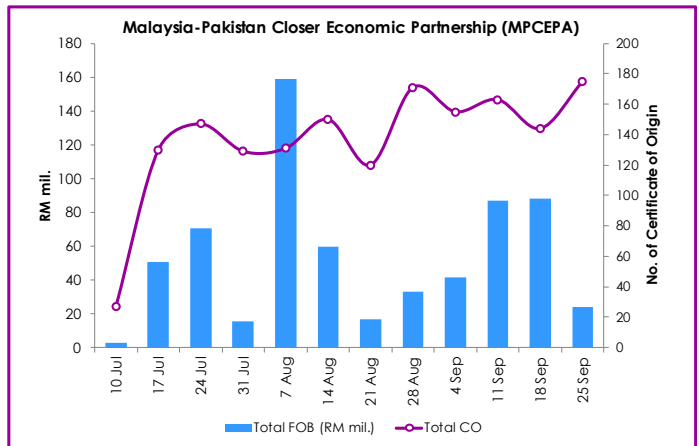
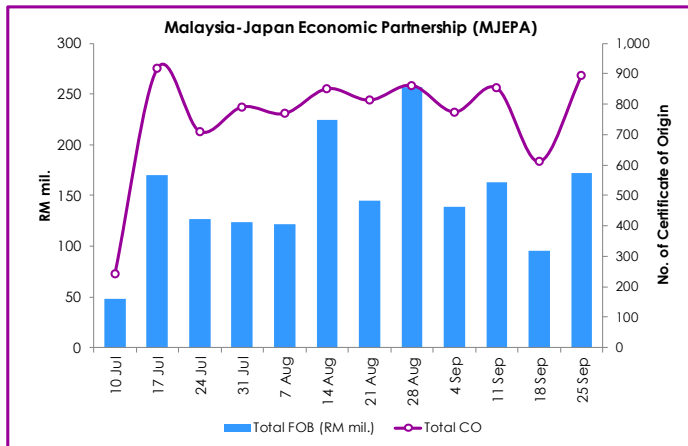
Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)



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

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

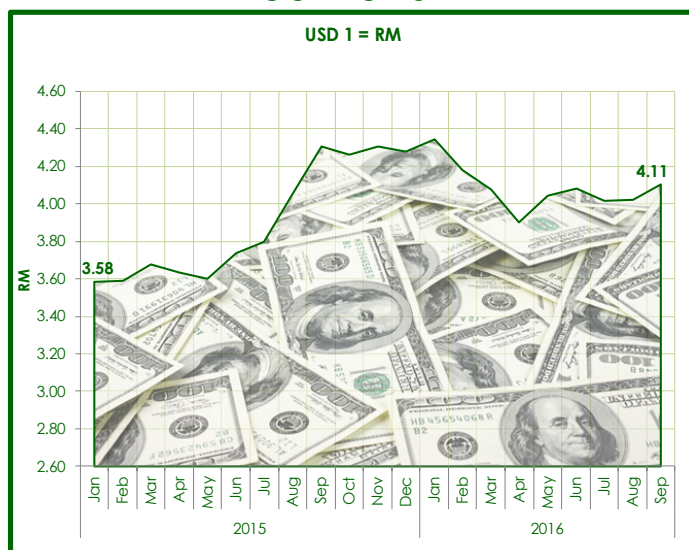
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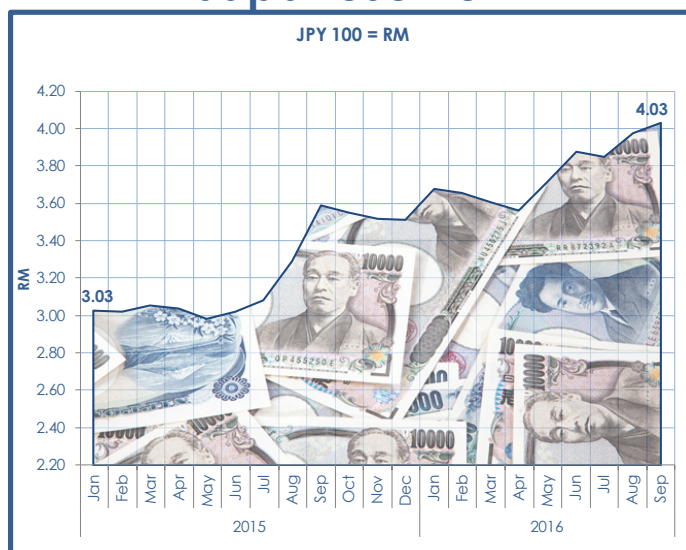
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2015 - September 2016

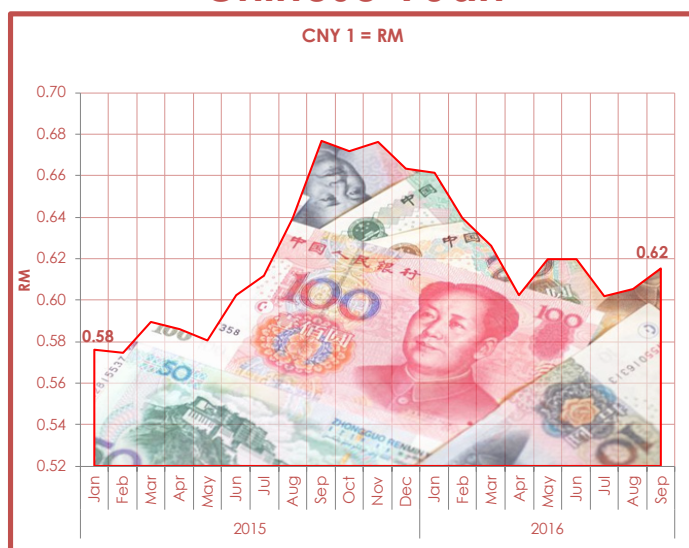
US Dollar



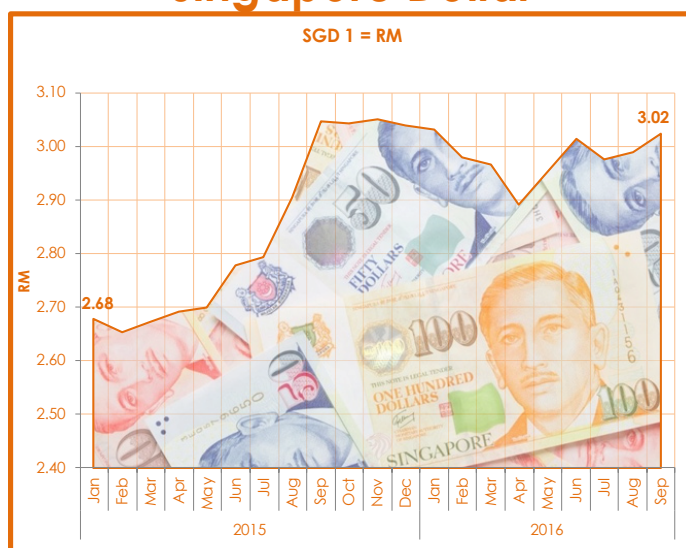
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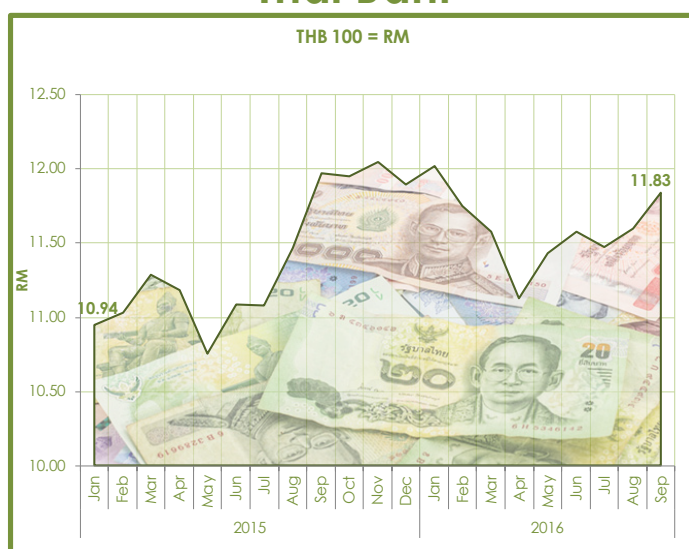
Chinese Yuan



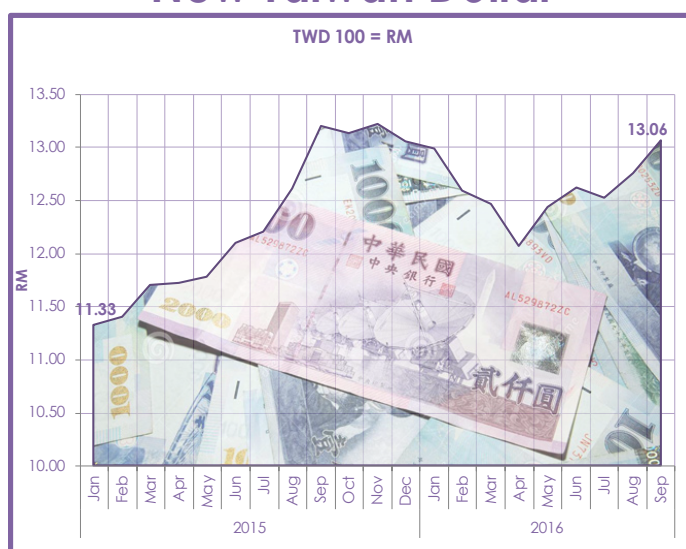
Singapore Dollar



Thai Baht



New Taiwan Dollar



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices



CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT)

-per bbl-

30 Sept 2016 : US\$49.1, ▲ 6.9%*

Average Priceⁱ : 2015: US\$53.6
2014: US\$99.5



CRUDE PALM OIL

-per MT-

30 Sept 2016 : US\$772.5, ▲ 0.3%*

Average Priceⁱ : 2015: US\$616.9
2014: US\$823.3



SUGAR -per lbs-

30 Sept 2016 : US\$23.0, ▲ 1.3%*

Average Priceⁱ : 2015: US\$13.2
2014: US\$16.6



RUBBER SMR 20

-per MT-

30 Sept 2016 : US\$1,368.5, ▼ 6.7%*

Average Priceⁱ : 2015: US\$1,364.3
2014: US\$1,718.3



COCOA SMC 2

-per MT-

30 Sept 2016 : US\$2,056.4, ▼ 6.6%*

Average Priceⁱ : 2015: US\$2,077.0
2014: US\$2,615.8



COAL -per MT-

30 Sept 2016 : US\$44.1, unchanged

Average Priceⁱ : 2015: US\$49.9
2014: US\$59.8



SCRAP IRON HMS

-per MT-

26 Sept 2016 : US\$230.0 (high), ▲ 4.5%

US\$210.0 (low), ▲ 5.0%

Average Priceⁱ : 2015: US\$239.6
2014: US\$370.0

HIGHEST and LOWEST 2015/2016

Crude
Petroleum
(Brent)
-per bbl-



Highest

9 August 2016 : US\$50.9

15 May 2015 : US\$66.8

Lowest

15 January 2016 : US\$28.9

18 December 2015 : US\$36.9

Crude
Palm Oil
-per MT-



Highest

15 Sept. 2016 : US\$785.5

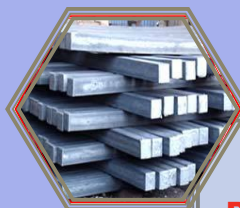
16 January 2015 : US\$701.0

Lowest

15 January 2016 : US\$545.5

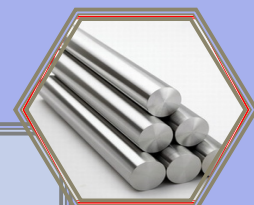
4 September 2015 : US\$500.5

Domestic Prices 26 September 2016



Billets (per MT)

RM1,500 – RM1,550



Steel Bars (per MT)

RM1,700 – RM1,850

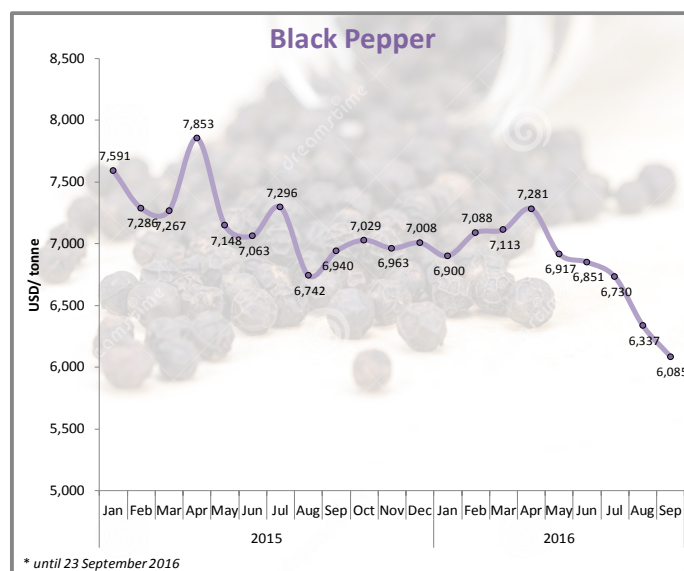
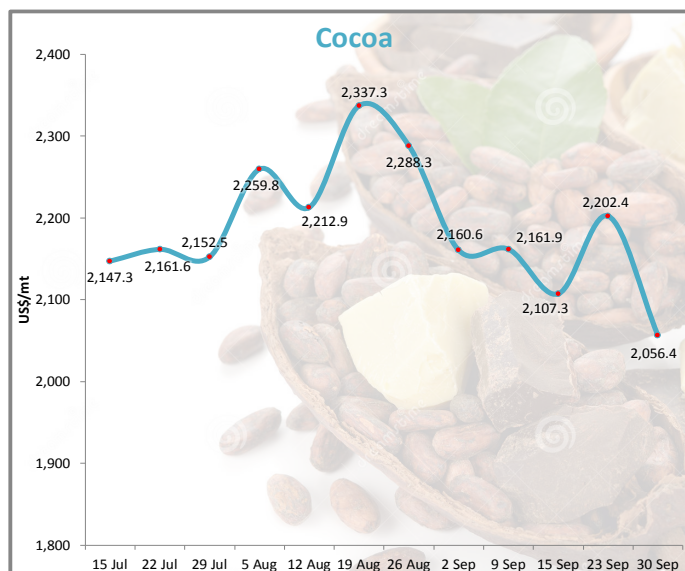
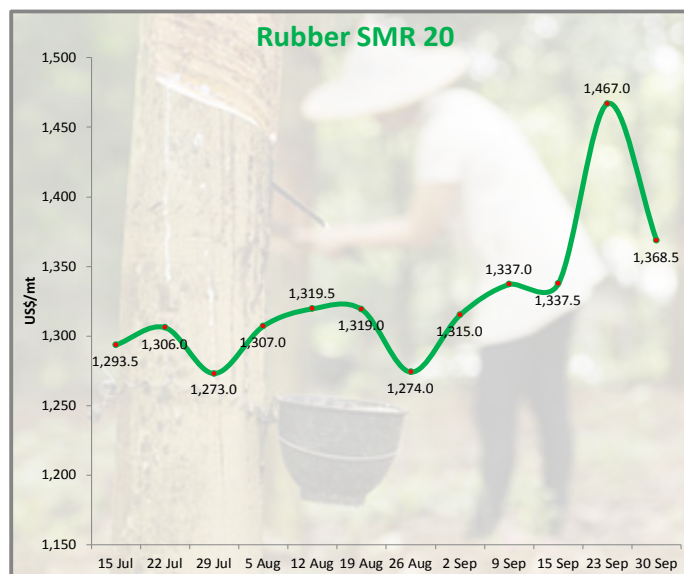
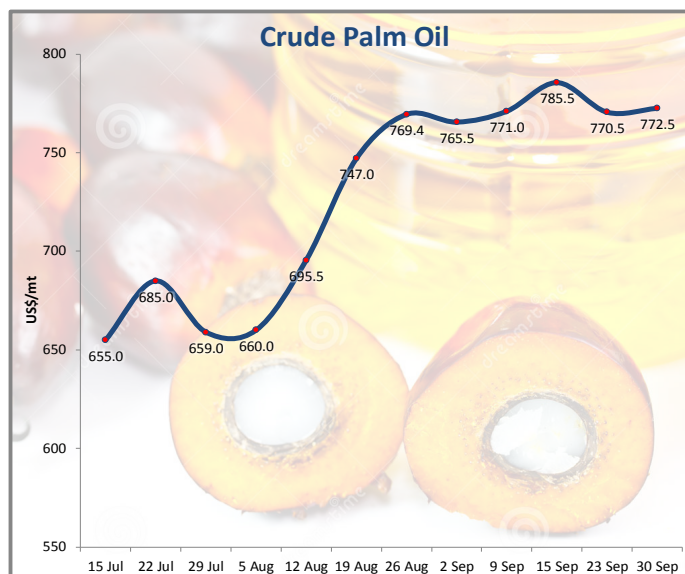
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

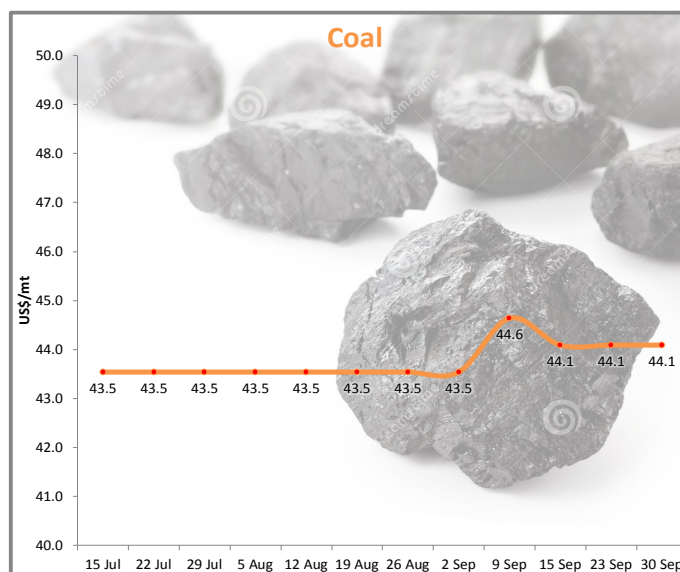
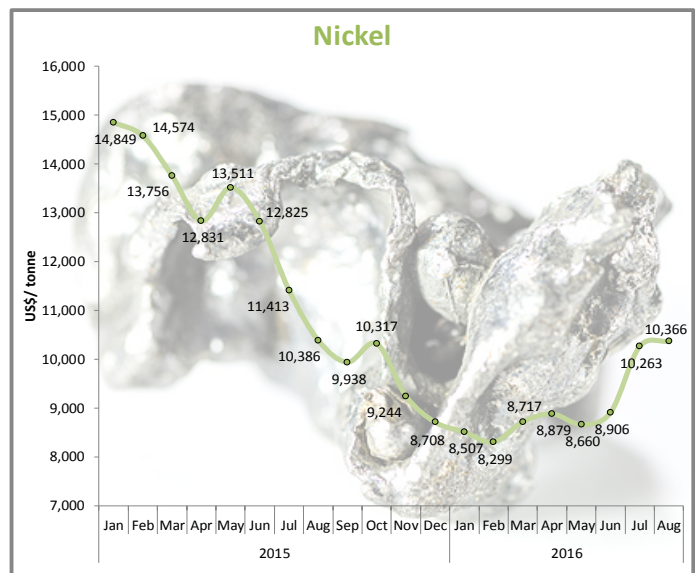
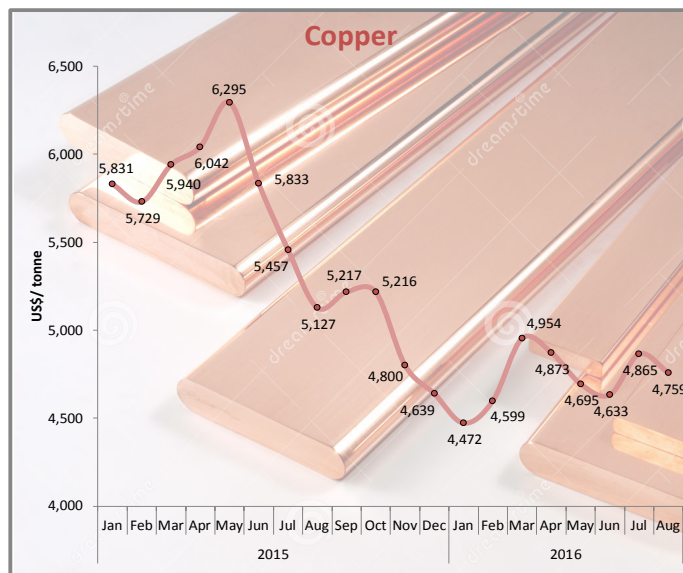
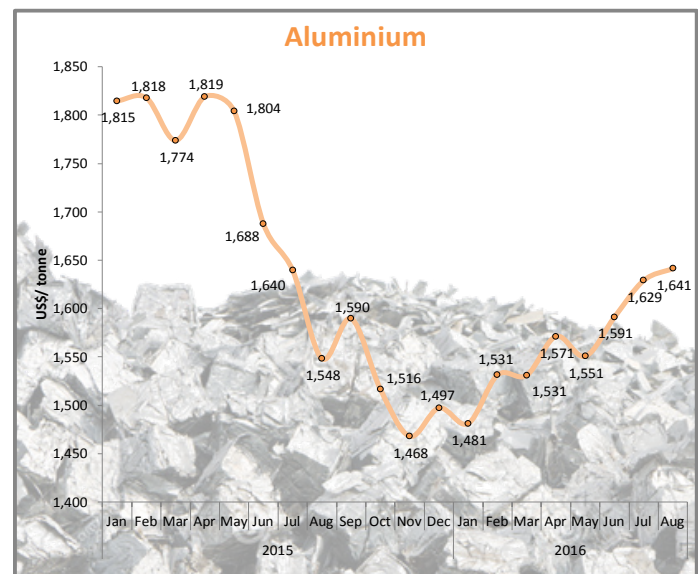
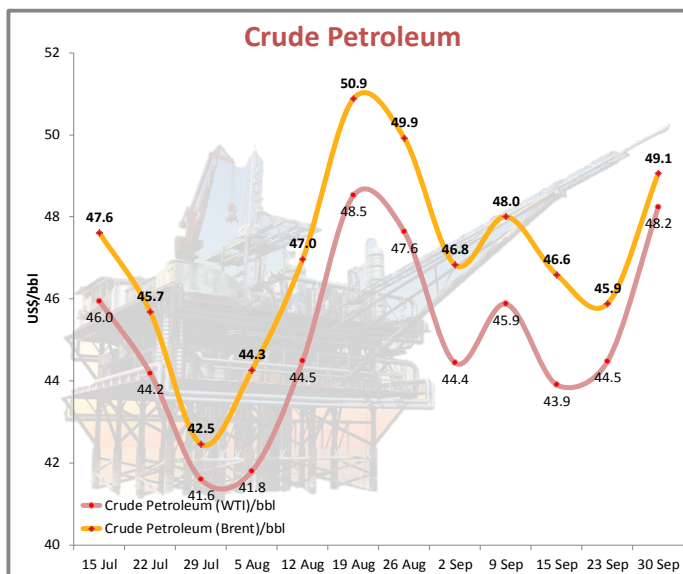
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Commodity Price Trends



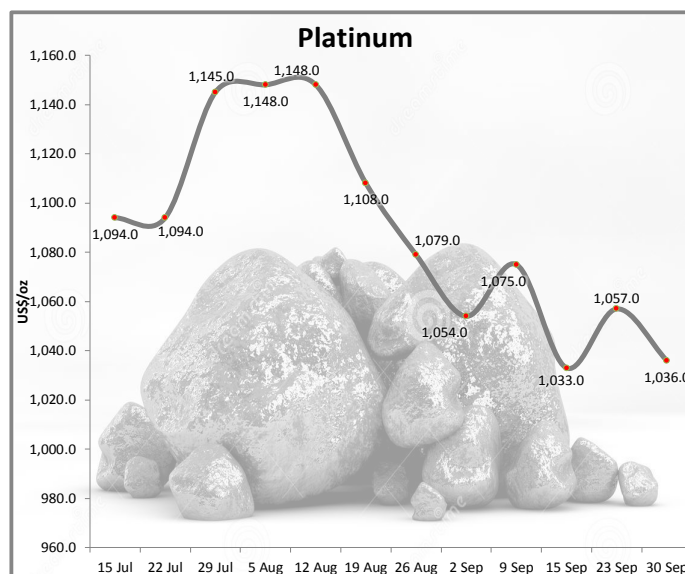
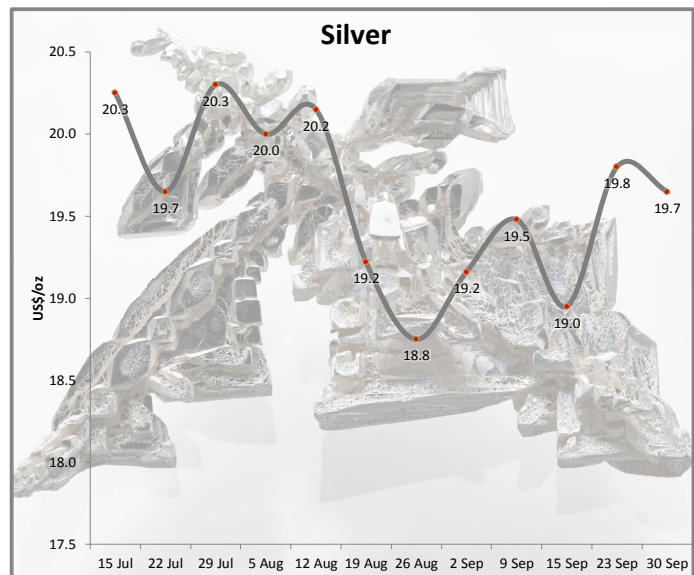
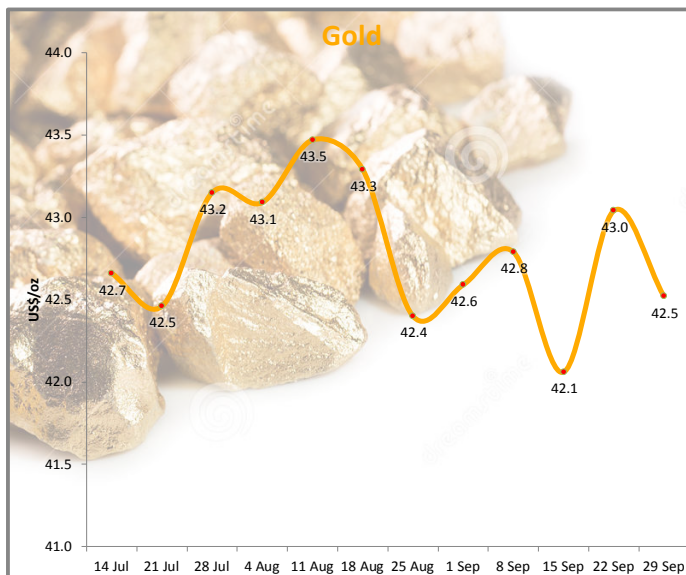
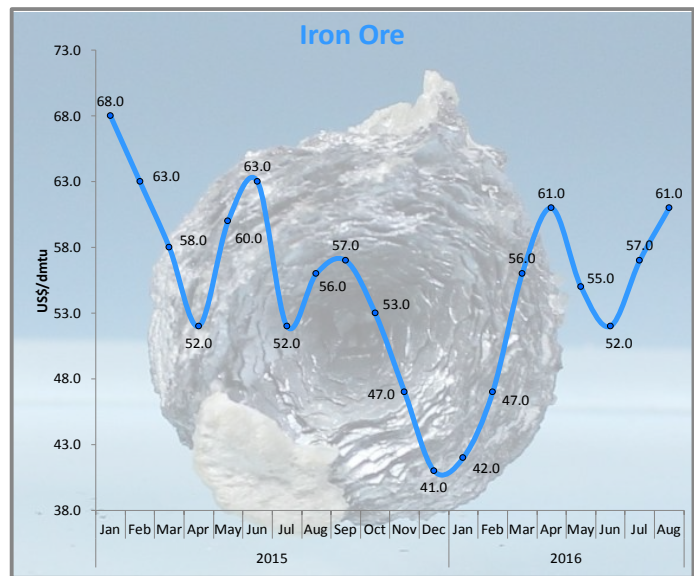
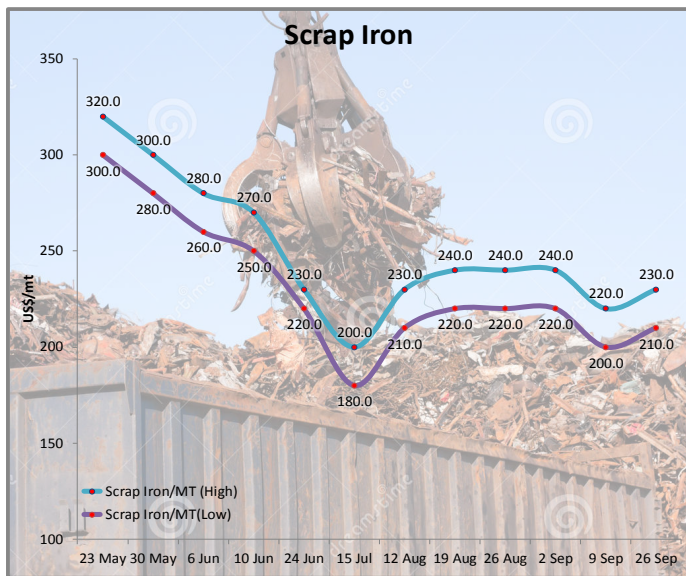
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MITI Programme

ASEAN Border Trade 2016 30 September - 2 October 2016 Officiated by Minister of International Trade & Industry



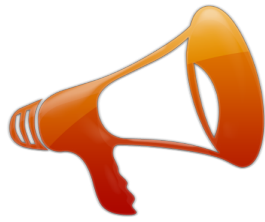
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Brainstorming For APEC 2020 Officiated by Secretary General, MITI 29 September 2016



Fire Drill Day in MITI 29 September 2016





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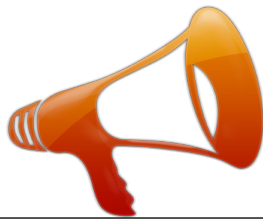


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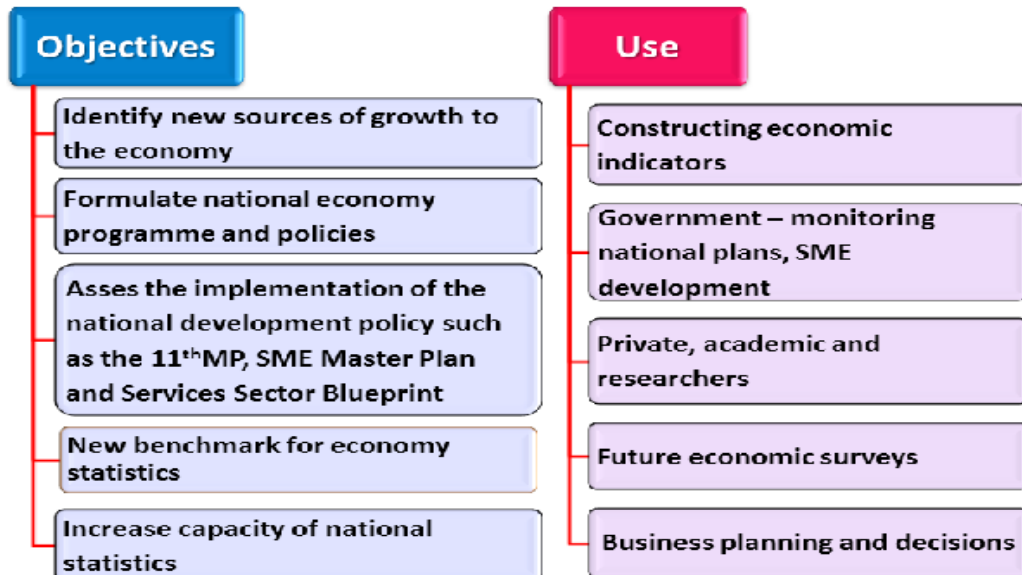
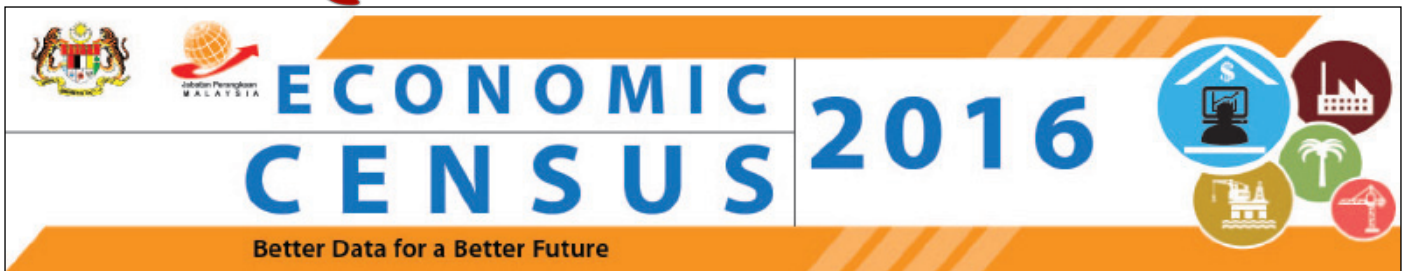


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Benefits of Economic Census

Entrepreneurs, Companies & Business	Industry Associations & Chamber of Commerce	Government	To Update Economic Indicators
- To identify industrial structure and product trends - To monitor changing patterns and growth trends for future investment - To make business planning and decisions - To gauge their business performance - To compare their business operations to industry norms	- To understand more about industrial structure; - To share information about the industry with their members; - To assist business in marketing and investment planning.	- To identify new sources of growth to the economy; - To formulate national economy programmes; and - To assess the implementation of the national development policy such as The Economic Transformation Programme, Eleventh Malaysia Plan and Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Masterplan 2012 -2020.	- Rebasing of indices i.e. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Index of Industrial; - Compilation of Supply & Use Table (SUT), Input-Output Table (I-O), Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), Information & Communication Technology Satellite Account and System of Environmental – Economic Accounting (SEEA); - Development of SME's profile.

Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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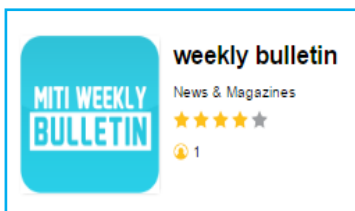
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