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SULTAN MUHAMMAD V
SEBAGAI YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG KE-15



“Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, Beta Sultan Muhammad kelima bersyukur ke hadrat Allah Subahanahu Wata'ala kerana dengan izin-Nya Beta telah dipilih menjadi Yang di-Pertuan Agong. Dengan ini, Beta akan menjalankan seadil-adilnya pemerintahan bagi Malaysia mengikut undang-undang dan Perlembagaan Negara, serta memelihara dengan sempurna setiap masa, agama Islam dan berdiri teguh di atas pemerintahan yang adil dan aman dalam negara.”

KEBAWAH DULI YANG MAHA MULIA
SERI PADUKA BAGINDA YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG XV
SULTAN MUHAMMAD V

Source : <http://www.bernama.com>

LABOUR DAY MESSAGE FROM MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MALAYSIA

The theme for Hari Pekerja Kebangsaan 2017, “Pekerja Kreatif Pencetus Inovasi” touches on two elements which are very significant and relevant to our workforce today namely, creativity and innovation.

The world today is fast changing, as a result of rapid technological advancement. The Malaysian workforce must keep abreast of this dynamic environment and consistently change for the better. Innovation is the new name of the game.

“Translating innovation to wealth”, one of the six Game Changers in the 11th Malaysia Plan is moulded around these elements, targeting at both the enterprise and societal level, instead of previous efforts which was focused primarily on national-level initiatives. In an enhanced innovation ecosystem, it is hoped that greater collaboration and integration across industry, academia, and communities can be fostered.

It is interesting to note that while Malaysia and a more other developing countries such as Thailand, are moving towards industrial revolution 4.0, there are also other countries such as Estonia, advancing even further as one of the most-wired and digitalised nations. Information there flows freely without violating privacy and security, making the nation an open, smart and transparency-advocate society. Such an advanced infrastructure supports faster and safer service delivery by both the public and private sectors. This is a society that Malaysia envisions to become. To achieve this, apart from providing a supportive infrastructure and regulatory system, Malaysia needs human capital that can drive our country towards this vision - one which includes industrial and trade development that will soon be encapsulated through the aspirations of our youth in Transformasi Negara 2015 (TN50).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all MWB readers “Selamat Hari Pekerja”. On a more personal note, I would like to thank and congratulate all staff in MITI and agencies for their diligence and perseverance in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. Keep up the excellent work and let us continue working hard to deliver quality services to our stakeholders and the rakyat.


Thank you.



Y.B Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed

MALAYSIA

Labour Market, Feb 2017

 **1.1%**
Working Age Population¹
 Feb 2017 : 22.01 million
 Feb 2016 : 21.77 million



Labour Force

Feb 2017: 14.92 million
 Feb 2016 : 14.70 million  **1.5%**

Outside Labour Force²

Feb 2017: 7.09 million
 Feb 2016 : 7.06 million  **0.3%**

Notes :

¹Age between 15 to 64 years

²All persons not classified as employed or unemployed such as housewives, students (including those going for further studies), retired, disabled persons and those not interested in looking for job.

Employed person



Feb 2017
 14.40 mil

Feb 2016
 14.20 mil

Unemployed person



Feb 2017
 0.51 mil

Feb 2016
 0.51 mil

Labour Force Participation Rate³ (LFPR)

Feb 2017
 67.8%

Feb 2016
 67.6%

Unemployment Rate⁴

Feb 2017
 3.5%

Feb 2016
 3.4%

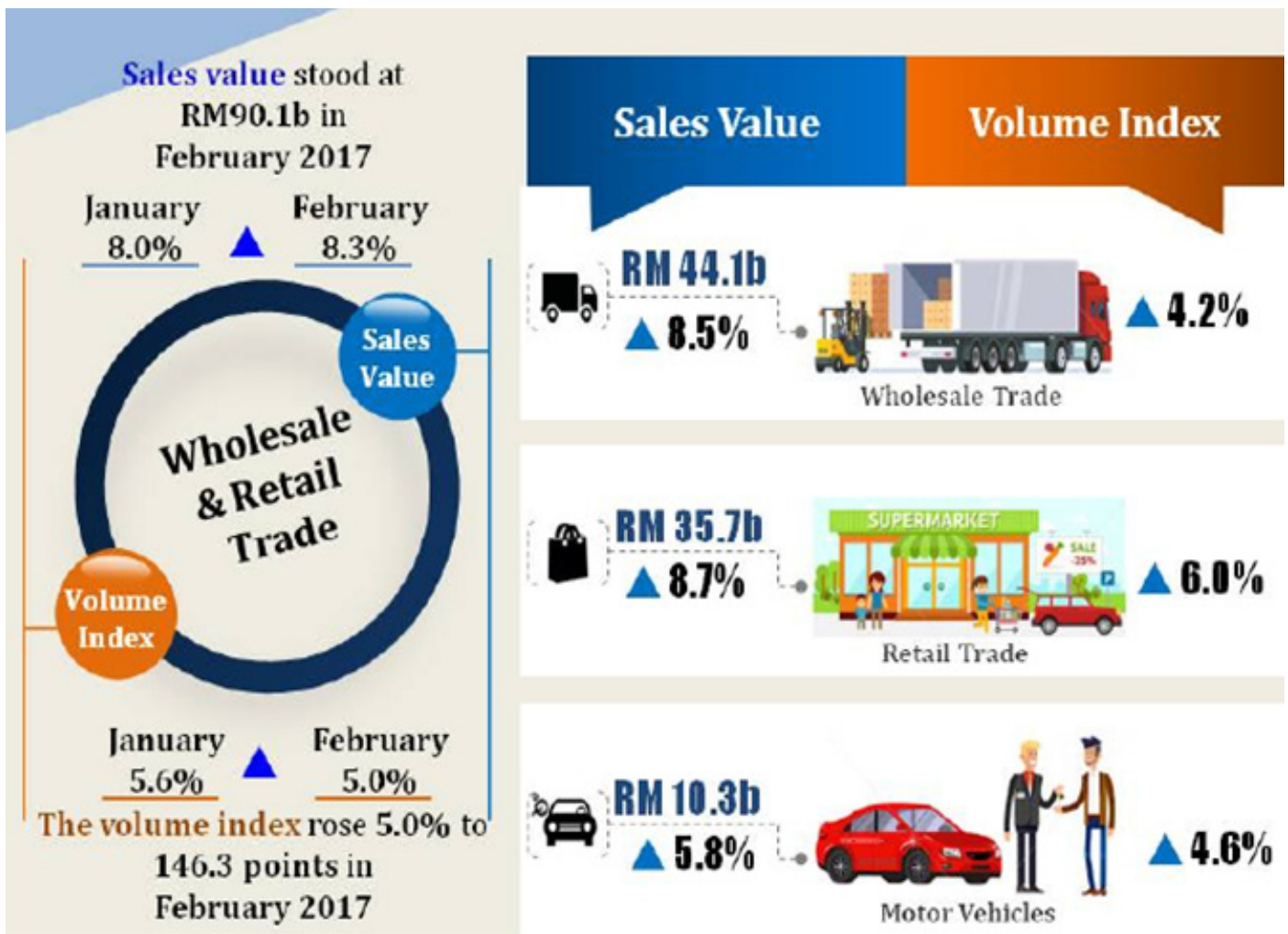
Notes :

³LLFPR is defined as the ratio of labour force to the working age population, expressed as percentage.

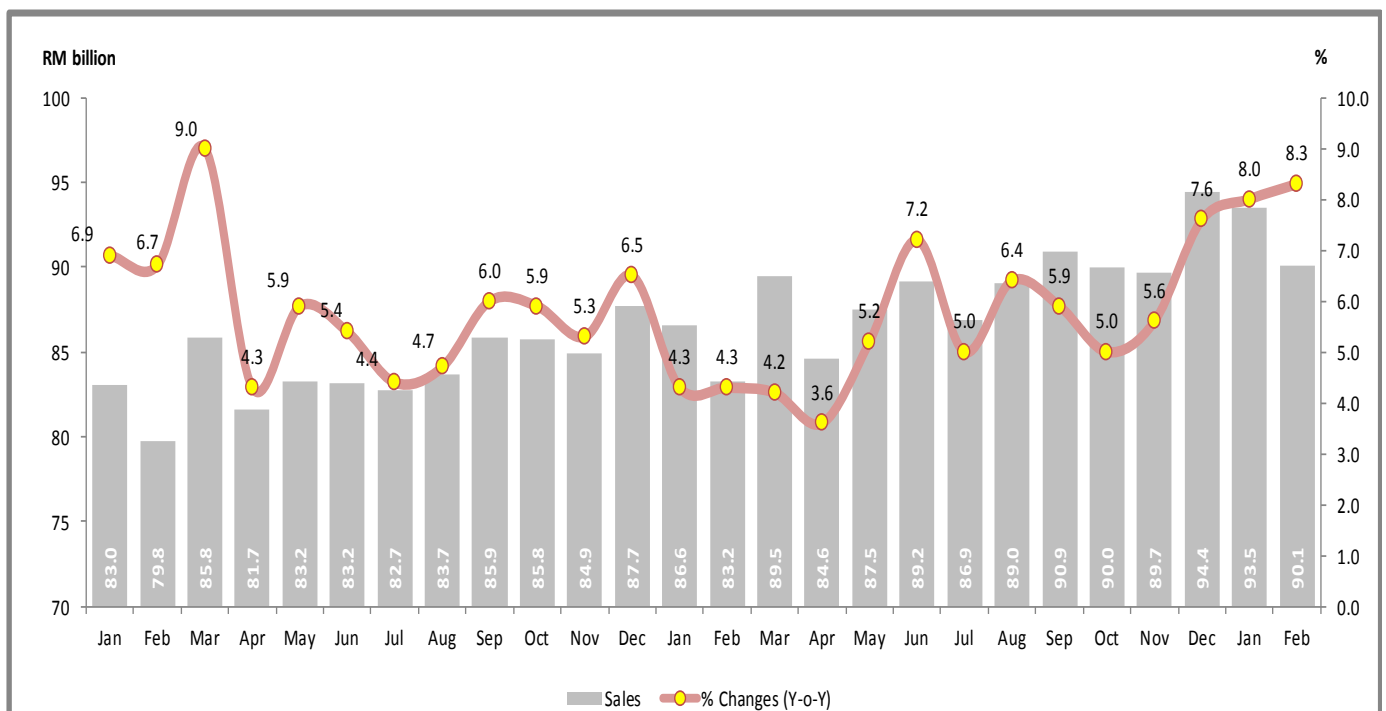
⁴Unemployment rate is a proportion of unemployed population to the total population in labour force.

Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Wholesale & Retail Trade, February 2017



Monthly Sales Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade, 2015- Feb 2017



Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia



International Report

Bahrain Economic Indicators, 2016

Population : 1.3 million

Land area : 771 sq. km

GDP (current US\$) : US\$31.8 billion

Inflation rate : 3.6%

Unemployment rate : 3.5% (2015)

Global trade : US\$20.7 billion (Rank:89)

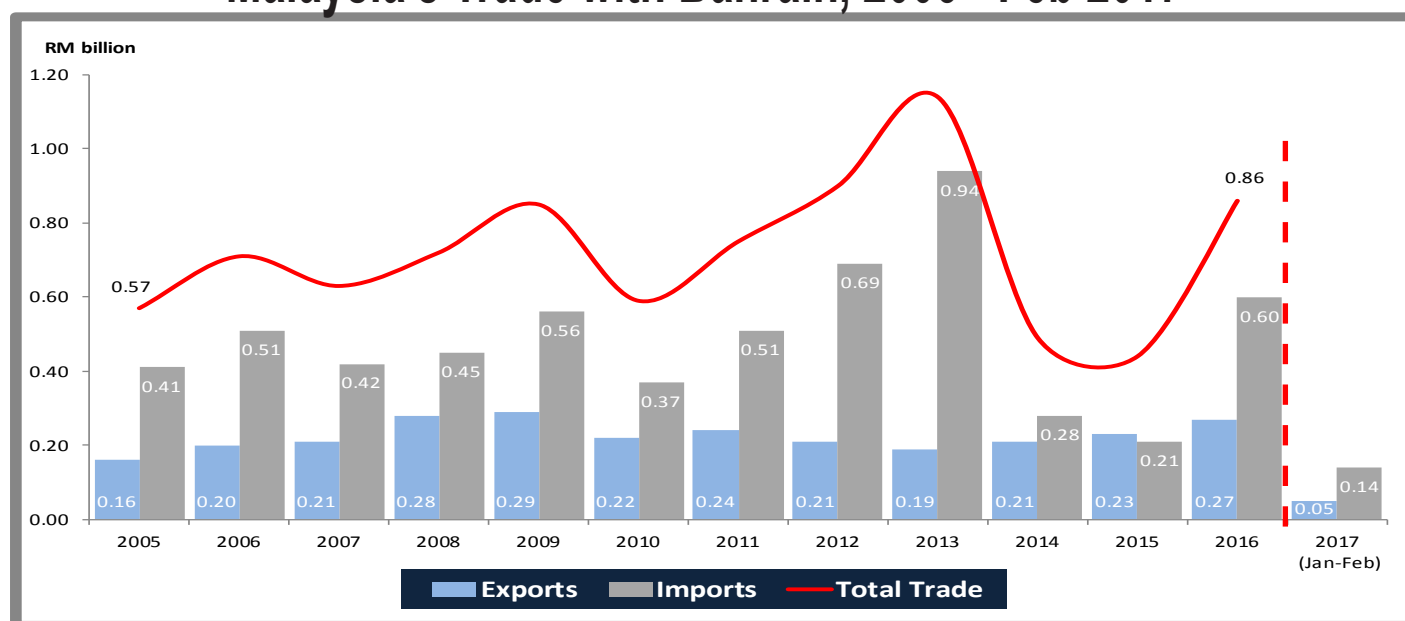
Global exports : US\$12.0 billion (Rank:76)

Global imports : US\$8.7 billion (Rank:102)



Source: IMF, World Bank, Ceicdata, WTO

Malaysia's Trade with Bahrain, 2005 - Feb 2017



Major Exports (Jan-Feb)

HS Code	Product	2017 RM mil	2016 RM mil	Change %
44	Wood and articles of wood	19.5	5.6	58.9
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	18.4	4.7	78.7
39	Plastics and articles thereof	12.0	0.8	575.0

Major Imports (Jan-Feb)

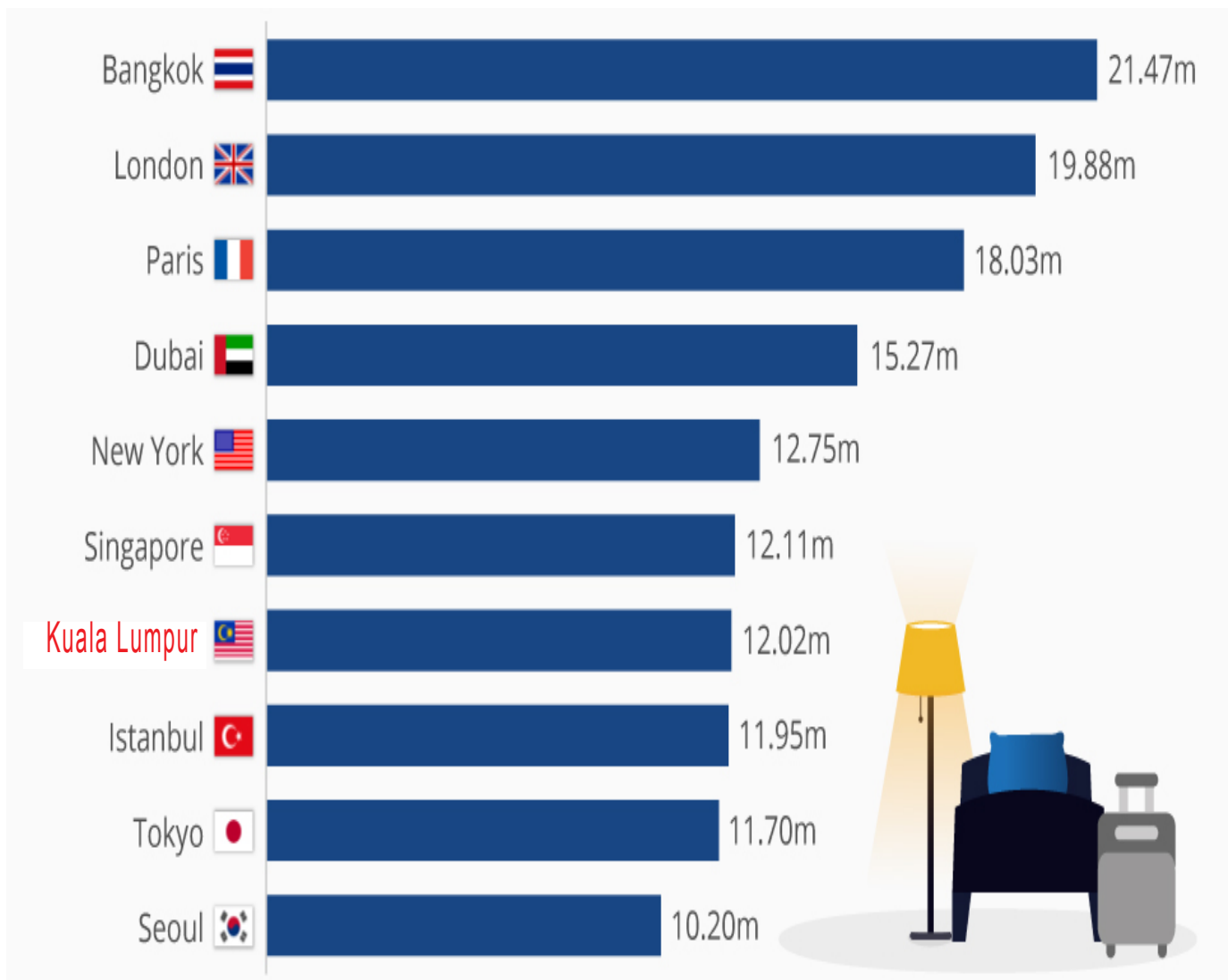
HS Code	Product	2017 RM mil	2016 RM mil	Change %
27	Mineral fuel and oil	79.6	19.1	316.8
76	Aluminum and articles	57.7	7.4	679.7
79	Zinc and articles thereof	3.8	0.0	0.0

Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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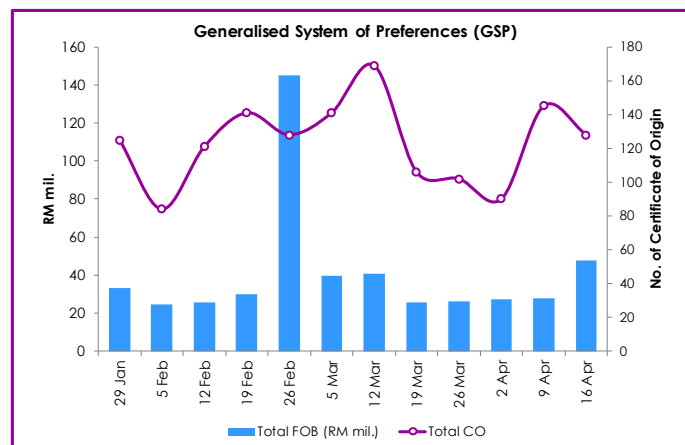
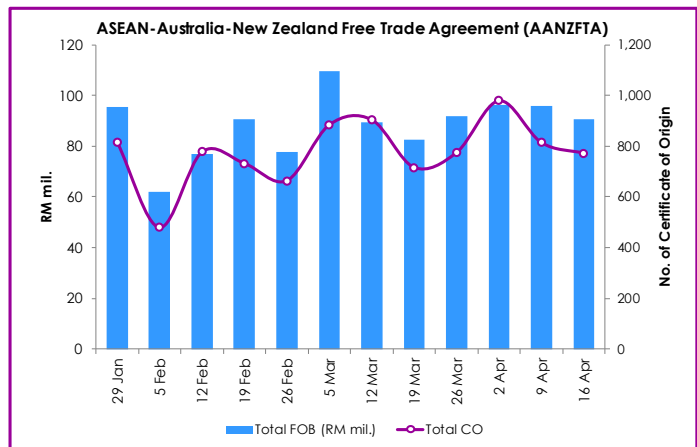
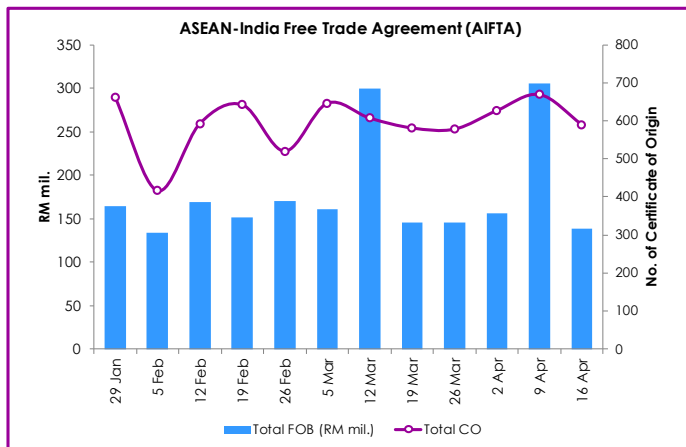
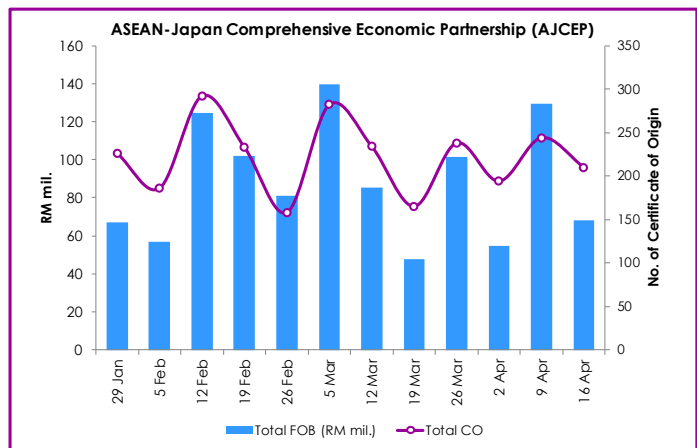
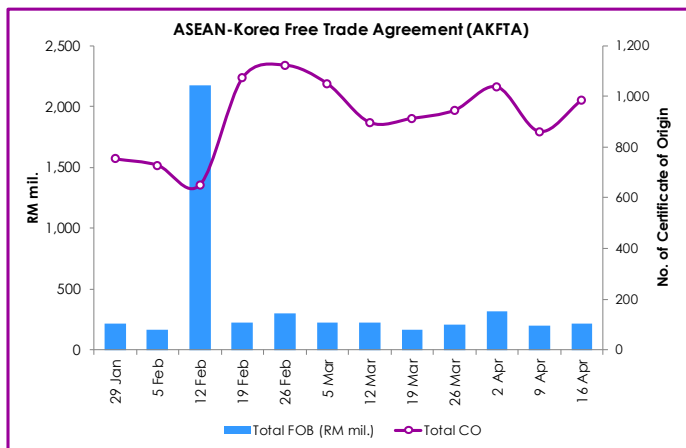
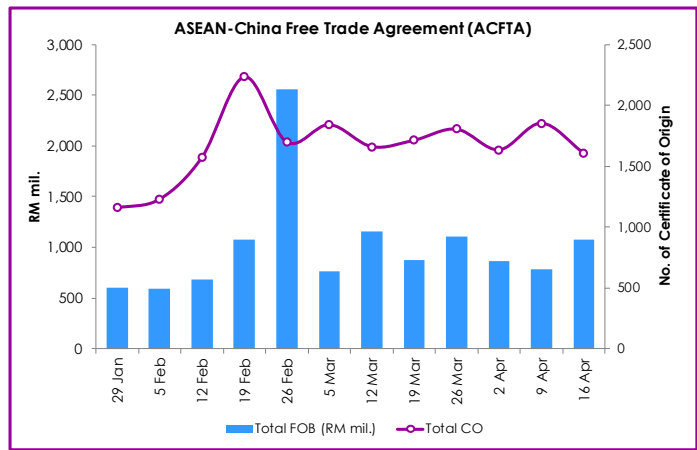
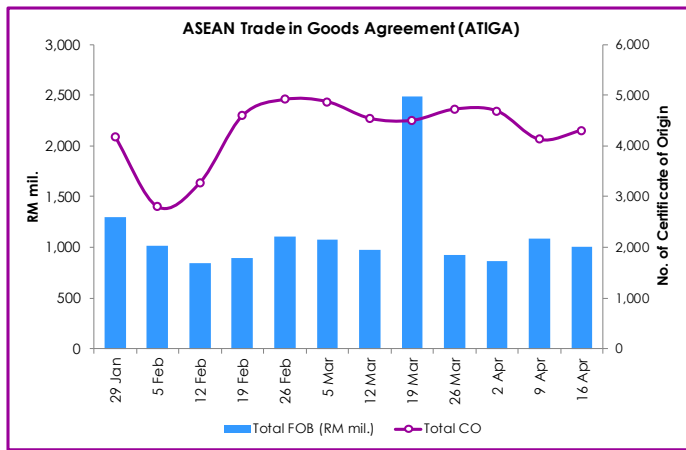
The World's Most Visited Cities In 2016

(Based on number of overnights by international visitors)



Source: <https://www.statista.com>

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

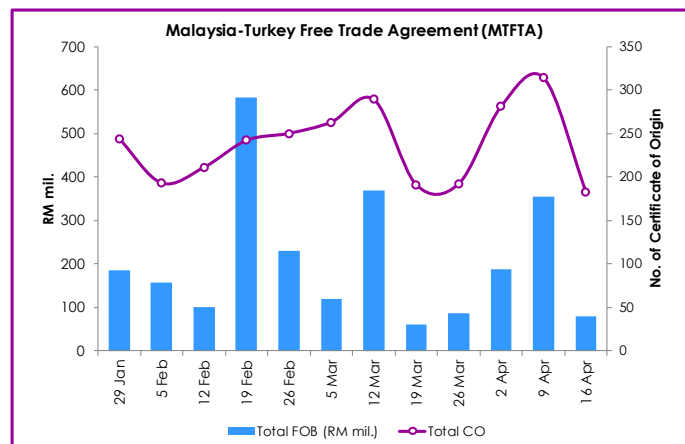
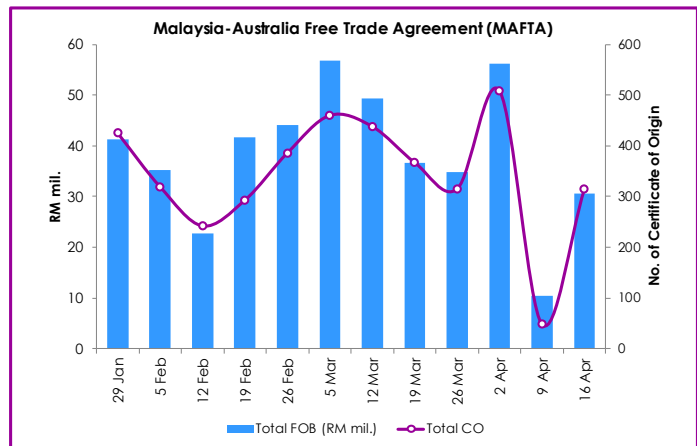
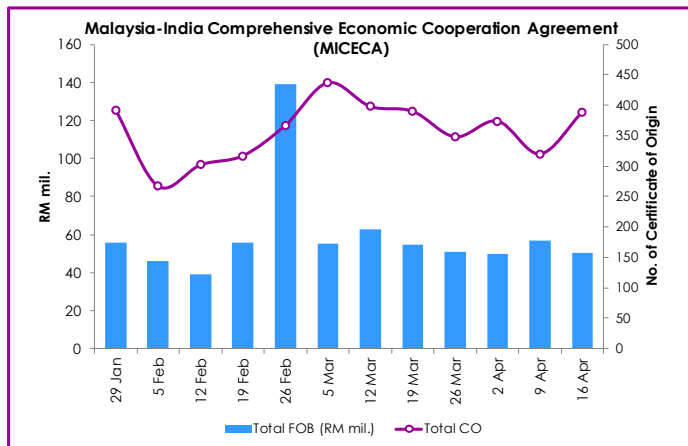
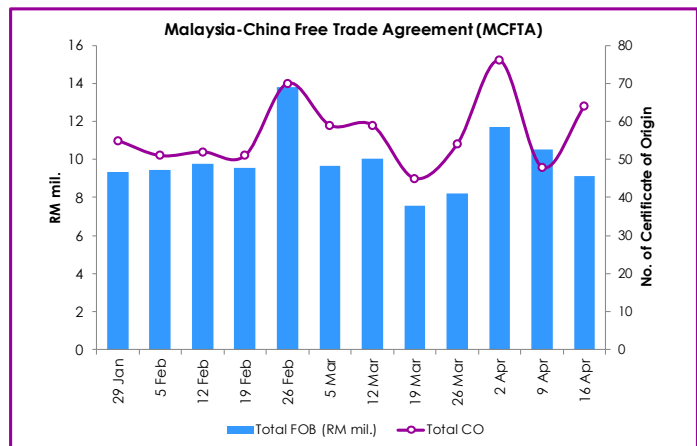
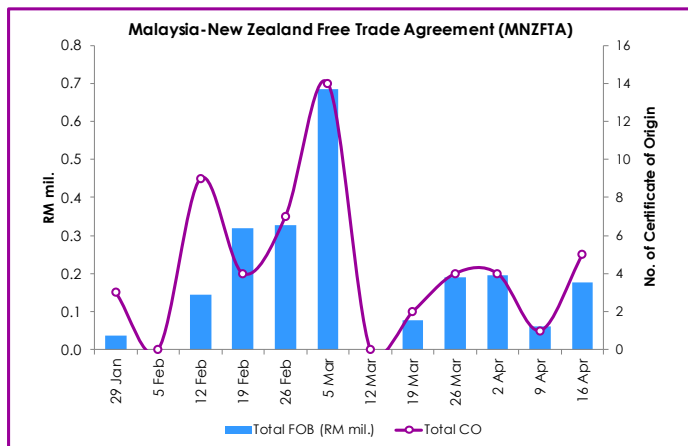
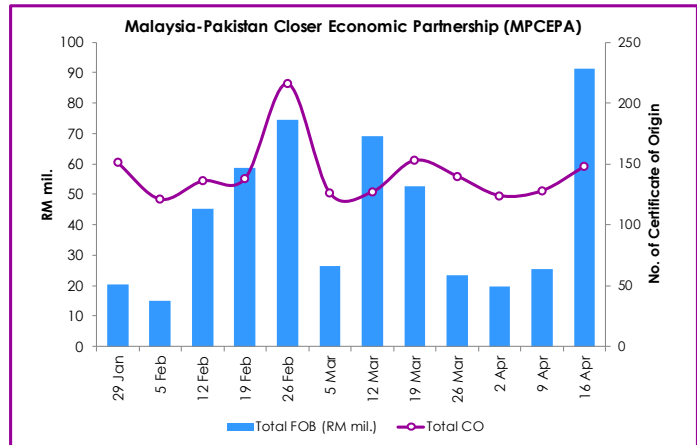
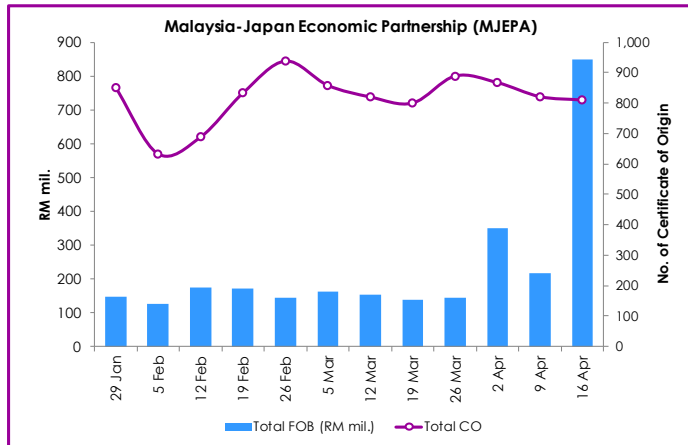


Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Norway.

Note: * Provisional data

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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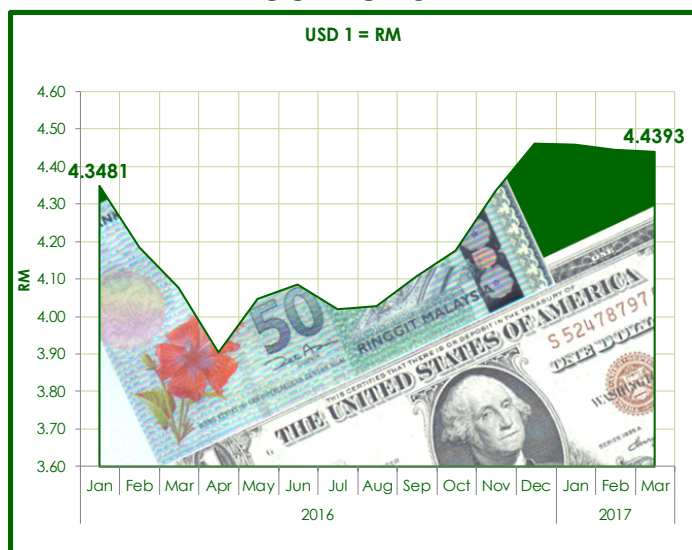


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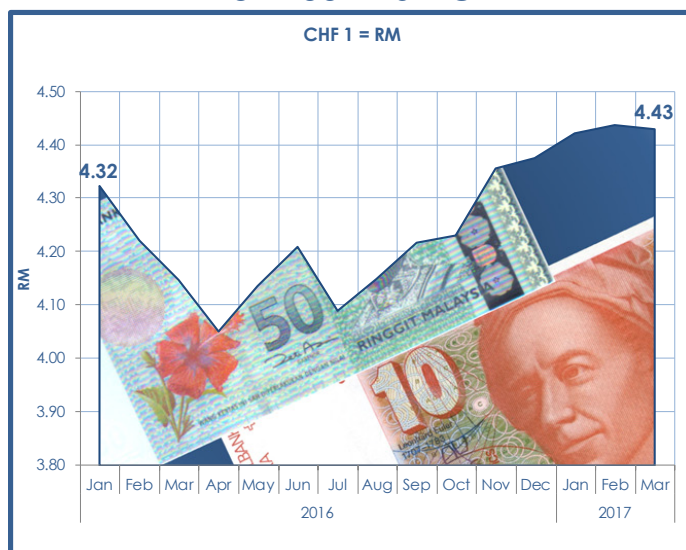
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2016 - March 2017

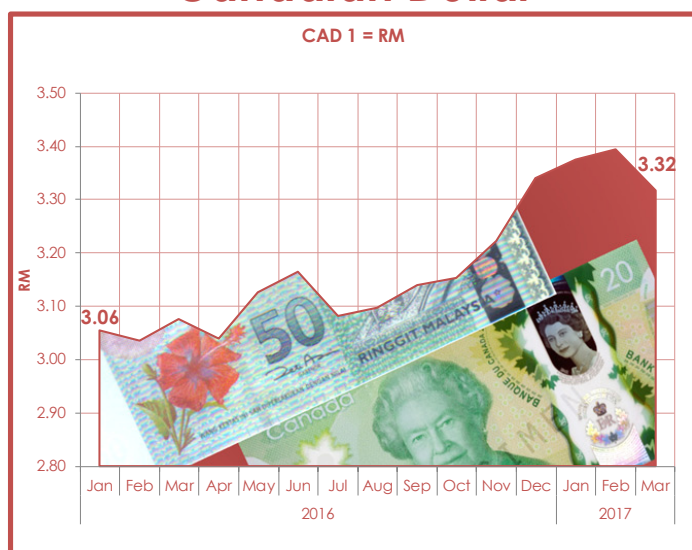
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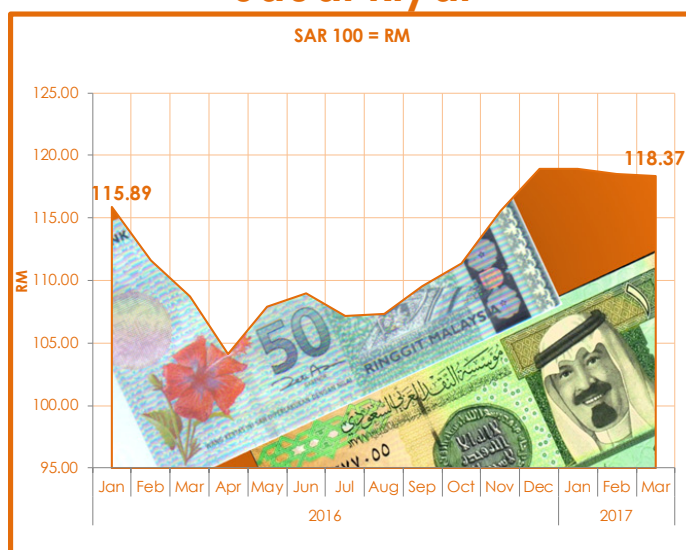
Swiss Franc



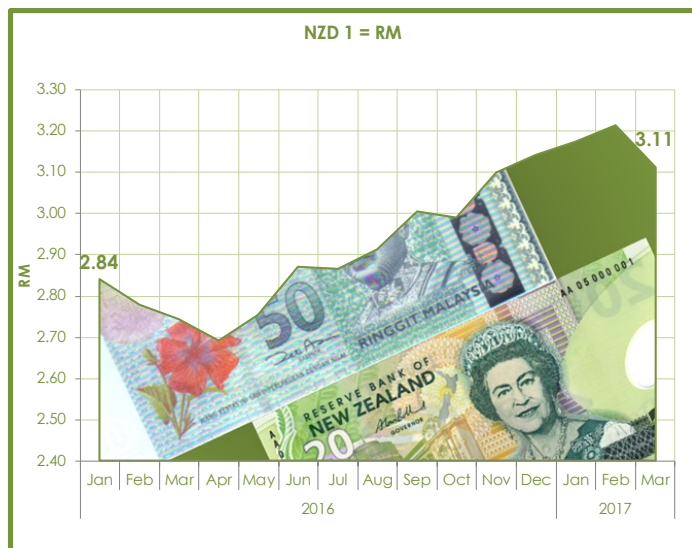
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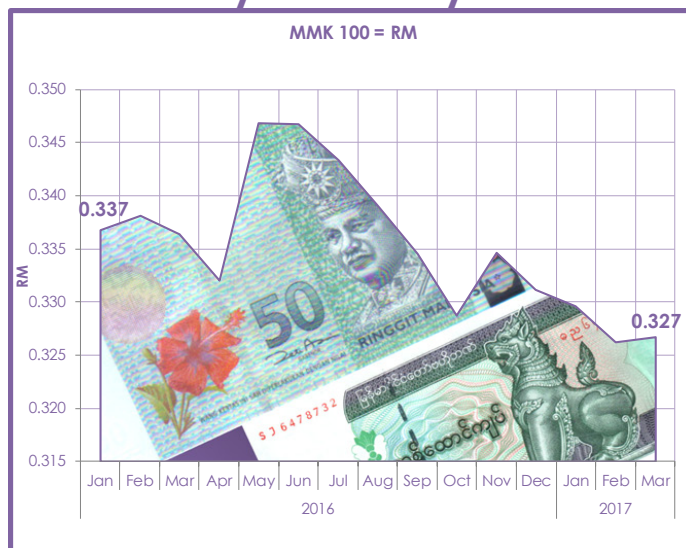
Saudi Riyal



New Zealand Dollar



Myanmar Kyat



Source : Bank Negara, Malaysia

Commodity Prices



CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-

21 Apr 2017 : US\$52.0, ▼ 7.0%*
Average Priceⁱ : 2016: US\$45.3
2015: US\$53.6



CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-

21 Apr 2017 : US\$715.0, ▲ 3.2%*
Average Priceⁱ : 2016: US\$702.2
2015: US\$616.9



SUGAR -per lbs-

21 Apr 2017 : US¢ 16.5, ▼ 0.4%*
Average Priceⁱ : 2016: US¢18.2
2015: US¢13.2



RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-

21 Apr 2017 : US\$1,598.5, ▼ 1.8%*
Average Priceⁱ : 2016: US\$1,394.5
2015: US\$1,364.3



COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-

21 Apr 2017 : US\$1,262.8, ▼ 11.3%*
Average Priceⁱ : 2016: US\$1,609.8
2015: US\$2,077.0



COAL -per MT-

21 Apr 2017 : US\$44.1, unchanged
Average Priceⁱ : 2016: US\$45.6
2015: US\$49.9



SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

21 Apr 2017 : US\$295.0 (high), ▼ 1.7%
US\$275.0 (low), ▼ 5.2%
Average Priceⁱ : 2016: US\$243.2
2015: US\$239.6

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

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.

HIGHEST and LOWEST 2016/2017

Crude Petroleum (Brent) -per bbl-



Highest

6 Jan 2017 : US\$57.1
30 Dec 2016 : US\$56.8

Lowest

24 Mar 2017 : US\$50.8
15 Jan 2016 : US\$28.9

Crude Palm Oil -per MT-



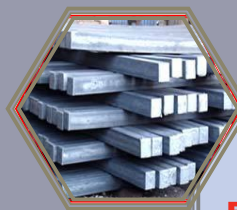
Highest

20 Jan 2017 : US\$843.0
30 Dec 2016 : US\$797.5

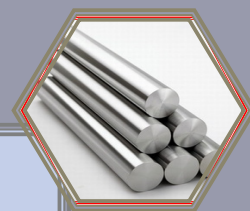
Lowest

7 Apr 2017 : US\$691.0
15 Jan 2016 : US\$545.5

Domestic Prices 21 April 2017

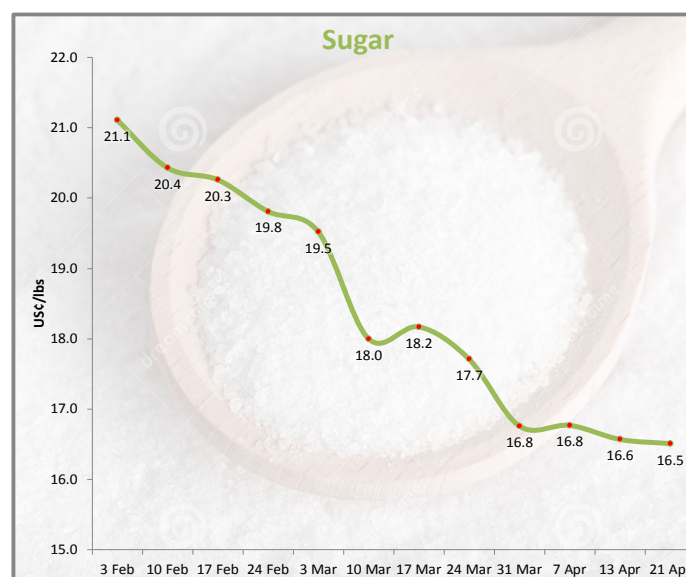
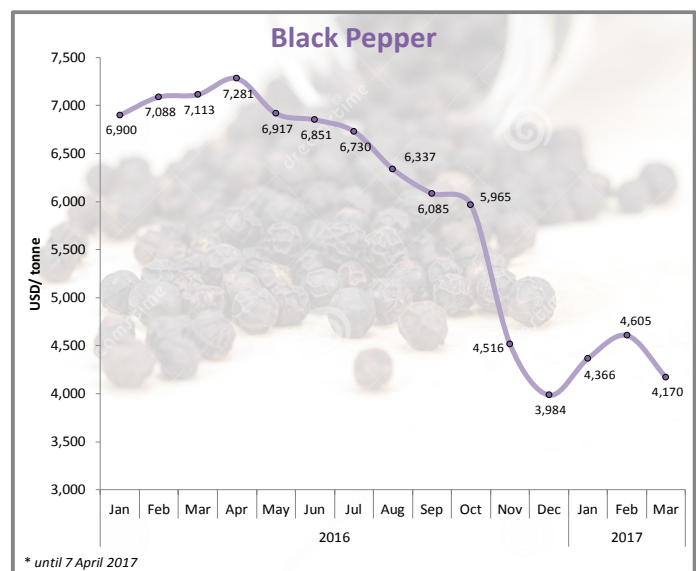
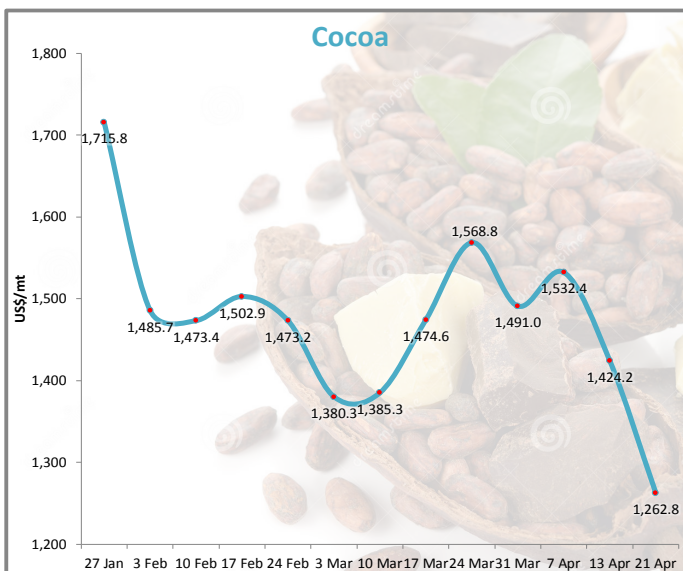
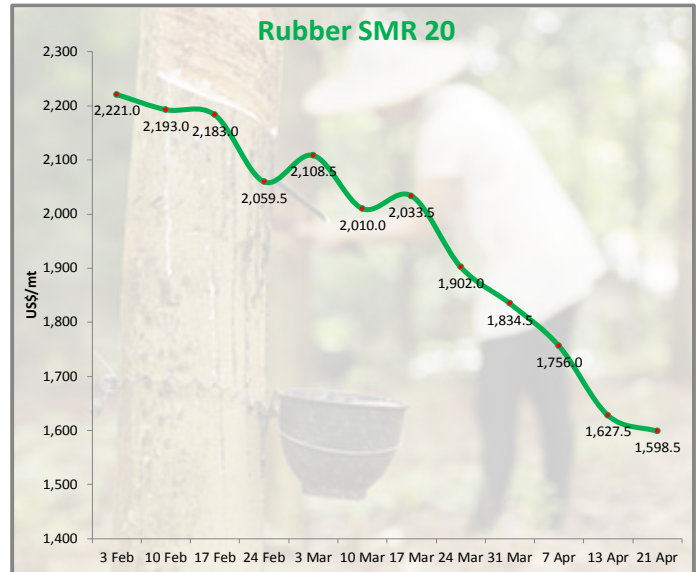
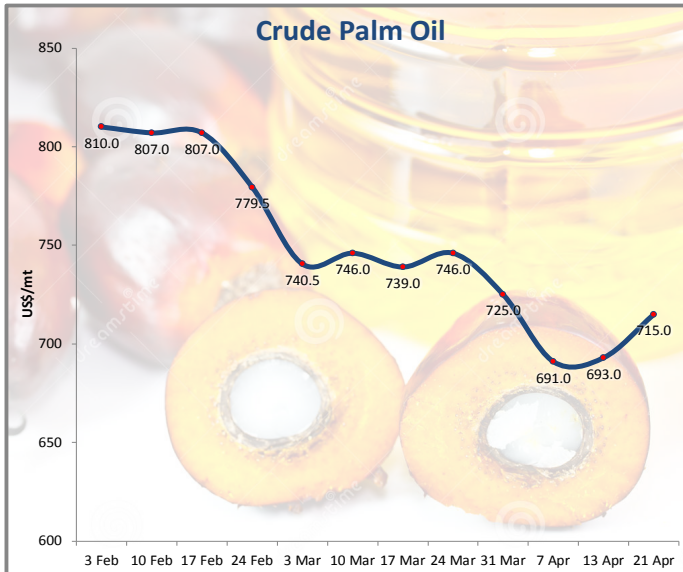


Billets
(per MT)
RM1,850 – RM1,900



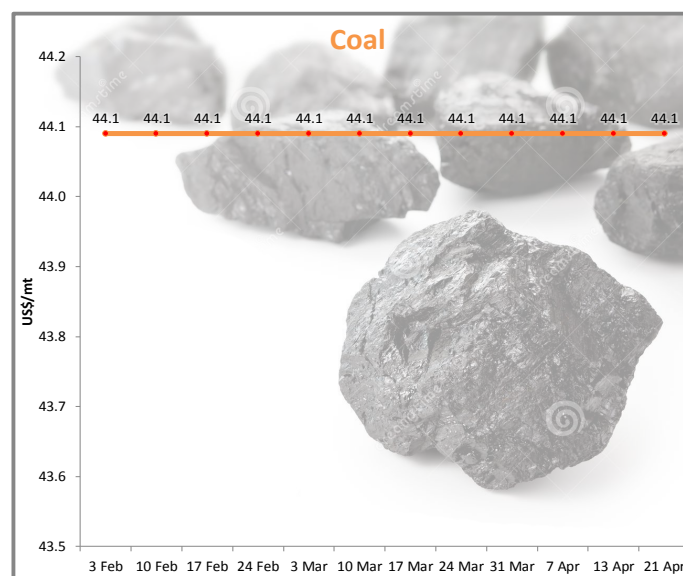
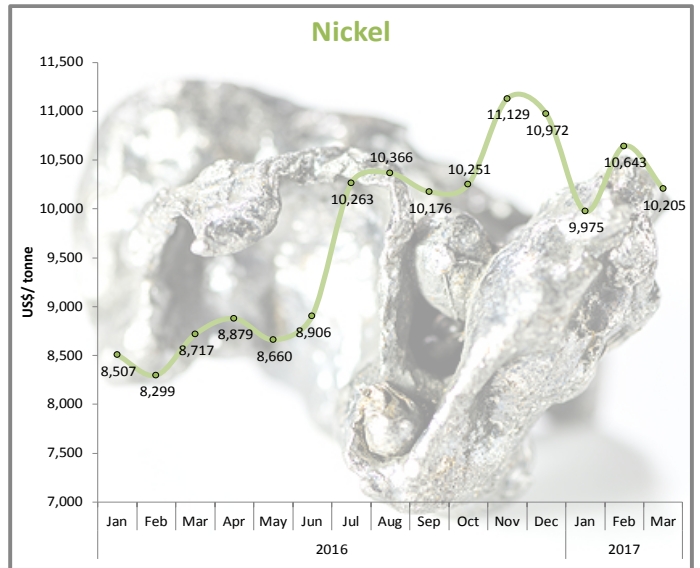
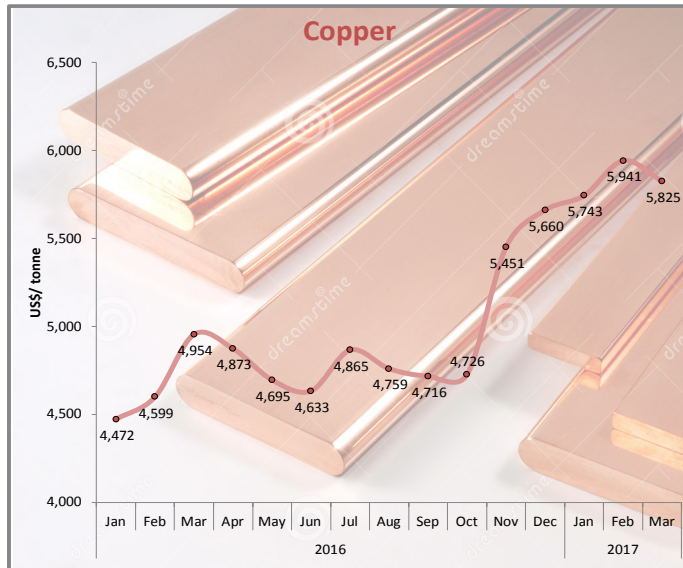
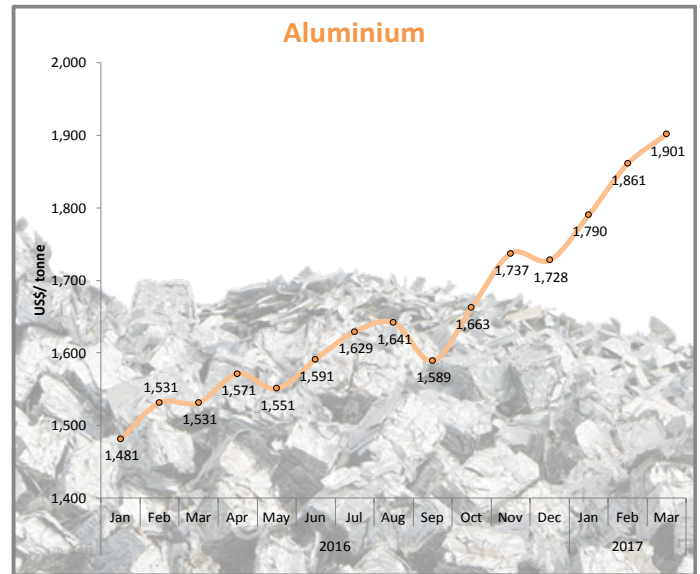
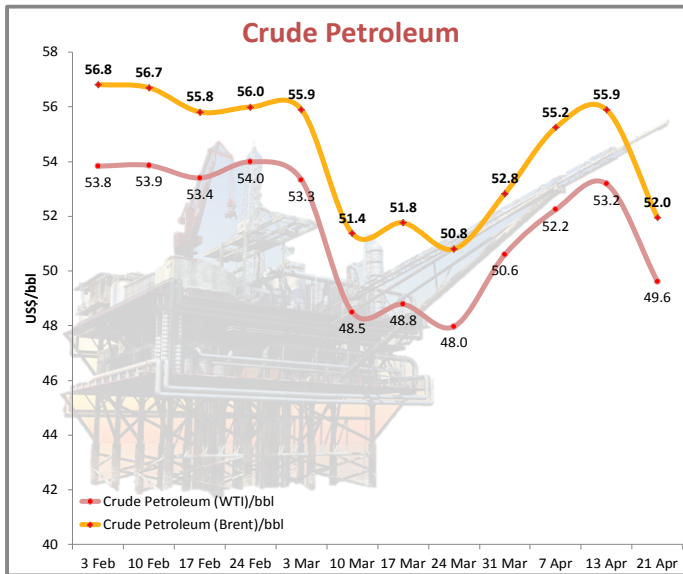
Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,100 – RM2,210

Commodity Price Trends



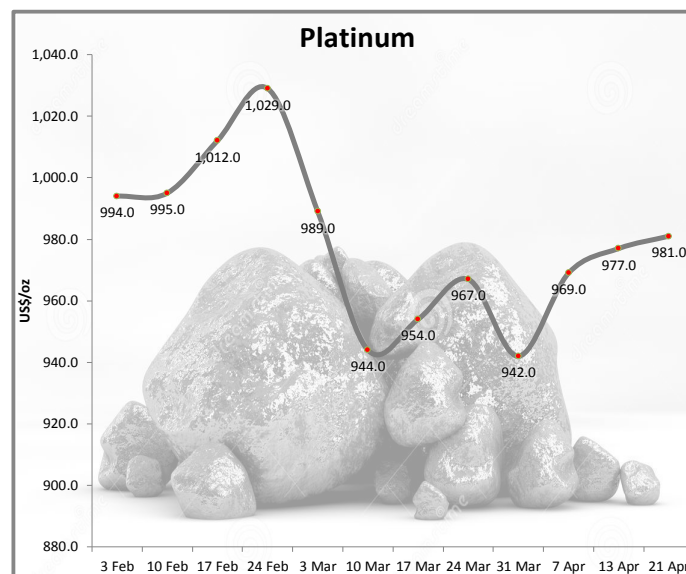
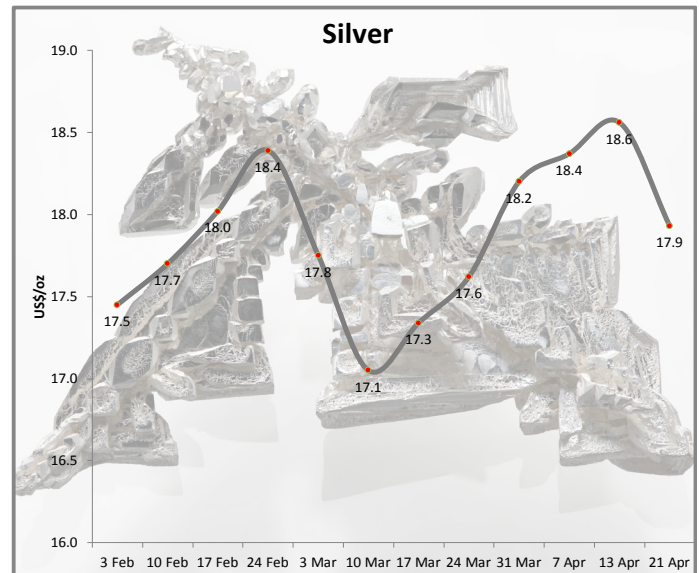
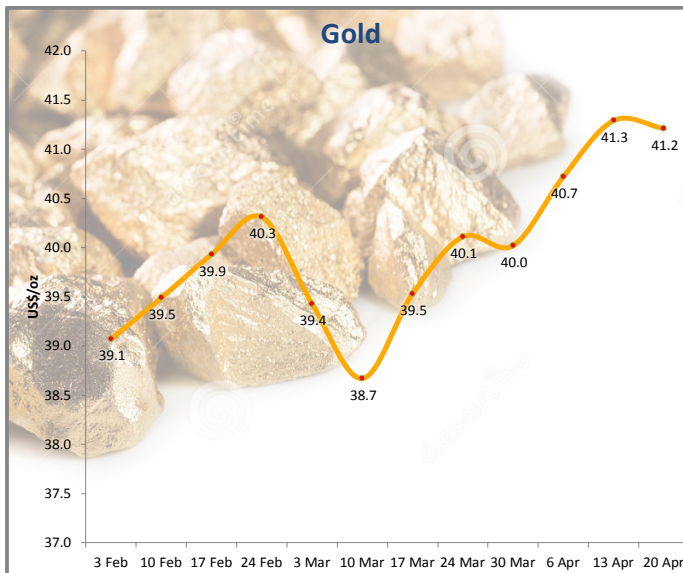
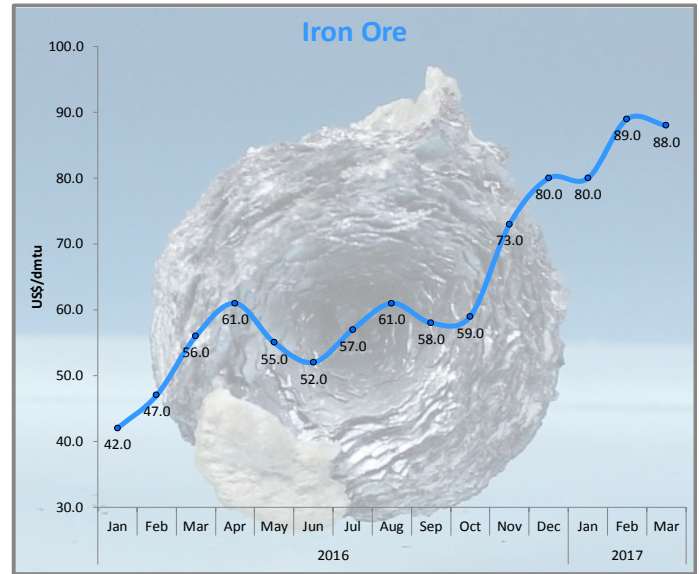
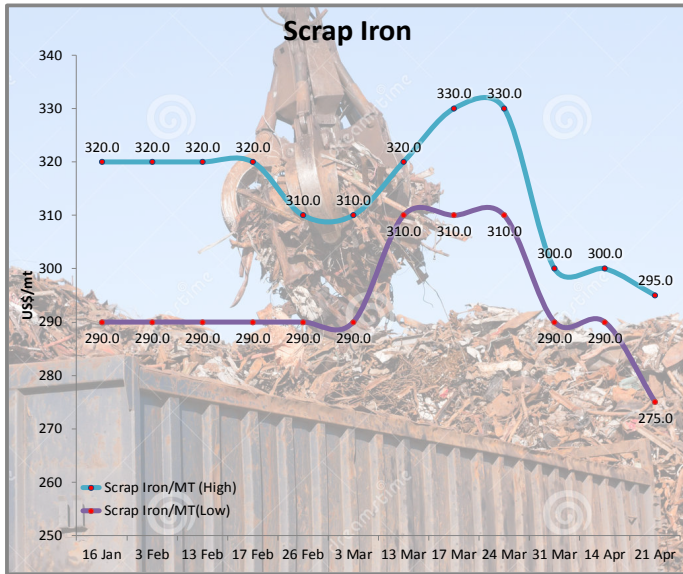
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MITI Programme

Malaysia-New Zealand Joint Forum
held in Conjunction with the visit by Honourable Todd McClay
New Zealand's Minister of Trade, 18 April 2017



Meeting & Dialogue Session Between YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry and Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), 17 April 2017



ANNOUNCEMENT

JOINT INDUSTRY OUTREACH SEMINAR ON STRATEGIC TRADE MANAGEMENT



18 May 2017 | 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. | MITI Tower

Seminar contents by:



For further information on programme itinerary and registration, please click [here](#)

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8.00 am	Arrival of Guests & Registration	Hotel Lobby
9.00 am - 5.00 pm	Showcase MITI & Agencies	Foyer AJCC
	MIDA Career Fair	Foyer Level 1
	MIDA Career Fair Interview	Casuarina Rooms 3 & 4
	BUMIPUTERA CAPSULE	AJCC 2
	Autoshow and Car Care by MAI	Amanjaya Roundabout & Hotel Parking
	Joint Training and Education Program for SMEs with Google	Casuarina Rooms 5 - 7
	Perak SME Week 2017 organized by UPEN Perak and SME Corp.	Amanjaya Roundabout
	Food Truck Park, organized by Perak State Government	Amanjaya Roundabout
9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Halal Business Transformation Program by HDC • Halal Certification Facilitation Program - "Industries Preparation Towards Halal Certification" • "MAKE YOUR MARK" - Interactive session with TESCO - Product Pitching	Casuarina Room 1
9.00 am - 12.00 pm	Click HDC by HDC • HALAL Briefing • Quiz • In-house Treasure Hunt	AJCC 3
10.00 am - 11.00 am	Career Talk by MIDA	Casuarina Rooms 3 & 4
10.00 am - 1.00 pm	'Catur BISTARI' by SME Bank	Casuarina Room 2
12.30 pm - 2.00 pm	Opening Ceremony by the Minister of MITI and Chief Minister of Perak	AJCC 1
2.00 pm - 2.30 pm	Lucky draw	AJCC 1
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Dialogue with YB Minister MITI on The Benefits of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)	AJCC 3
3.30 pm - 5.30 pm	MITI Tea Talks a) The Route Towards Being a Global Company: The Opportunity and Challenge by MIDF b) "e-Commerce Marketing: New Export Strategy" by Matrade	AJCC 1
5.30 pm	Programme Ends	

MITI CONTINUES TO FOSTER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY TO PRODUCE HIGH VALUE-ADDED AND COMPLEX PRODUCTS

Under RMK-11, the manufacturing sector is identified as one of the key drivers to re-engineer economic growth. The sector will transition towards more high-value, diverse and complex products, driven by the 3 catalytic sub-sectors – E&E, M&E and Chemicals as well as the 2 high potential growth areas namely Aerospace and Medical Devices. This transition will be underpinned by enhanced R&D, advanced manufacturing processes, greater compliance to standards and collaboration between stakeholders.

The High Value-added and Complex Product Development Programme aims to improve the capabilities and competencies of manufacturing sector in developing high value-added and complex products through industry led research, production talent, development of standards, access to technology, automation and adaptation life cycle assessment (LCA).

In 2016, MITI implemented 10 projects through smart partnership with research institutions and intermediaries – SIRIM AMREC, Nano Malaysia Berhad, RESPECT UTM, LESTARI UKM, MATAAC, AMIC, MIGHT, SME Corp, MAI and NAICO, MITI. The projects successfully developed 5 new high complex products and 12 new advance manufacturing processes. 8 new companies were also certified with AS9100 standards (Aerospace mandatory standards).

Examples of the products:-

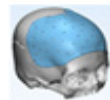
Customized design and fabrication medical implants – SIRIM AMREC



Dental implant



Hip Prosthesis



Cranio/Maxillo facial

Aerospace components - AMIC



Invar mold



Composite seat parts



AFP Coriolis

Advanced Materials Technology Platform – Nano Malaysia Berhad



Nano Textile



Nano Battery

Example of industry enablers:-

- i. Globally Harmonised System (GHS) classification system
The free access system will help local players to comply with The Occupational Safety and Health (Classification, Labelling and Safety Data Sheet of Hazardous Chemicals) Regulations 2013 (CLASS Regulation) and GHS based regulations worldwide (GHS Purple Book 6th Edition).
- ii. Remanufacturing & Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
The development of remanufacturing process standards for remanufacturing related activities and to qualify for newly developed criteria for Manufacturing License (ML) as well to increase the adoption of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).
- iii. Machinery & Equipment exports programme
A collaboration programme between MITI and MAI to develop local mechanical component suppliers to export their products overseas. The component import substitution recorded an achievement of RM1.75 billion in 2016.

Market Development Programme (MDP)

MDP is a sub-programme under the high value-added and complex product development programme. It is a financial assistance in the form of matching grant to enable companies to produce high value-added and complex products. The activities that qualify includes productivity improvement, capacity building, licensing, standards & certification compliance, adoption of life cycle assessment (LCA) and promotional activities. The amount of grant is a maximum of RM950,000 per company which will be paid directly to recognized service providers and institutions approved by MITI. Soft loan is provided to companies for infrastructure upgrade or purchase of equipment.

For 2017, MITI will continue to support the transition to other new products and also develop other essential certification and standards compliance for the industry with a focus to help companies mass produce the products through Market Development Product (MDP).

Sectoral Policy Division, MITI
20 April 2017

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