



## The Malaysia Aerospace Summit 2018 (Myaero'18) spurring the growth of the aerospace ecosystem in Malaysia 14 & 15 August 2018



YB Darell Leiking, MITI Minister and YB Sivarasa Rasiah, Deputy Minister of Rural Development during MyAero'18 walkabout. Also present, YB Dr. Ong Kian Ming, MITI Deputy Minister and YBhg. Datuk Isham Ishak, Secretary General of MITI.

The Malaysia Aerospace Summit 2018 (MyAero'18) organised by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) today has set a new milestone in promoting the local aerospace capability in producing world class aerospace products today. MyAero'18 held at MITI Tower is a collaborative effort led by the National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO) with various agencies including SME Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp. Malaysia), Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) and Aerospace Malaysia Innovation Centre (AMIC).

The aerospace industry has maintained its positive growth for the last two decades. Malaysia has now positioned itself as one of the important suppliers to Global OEMs such as Airbus, Boeing and Rolls Royce. Products such as Fan Casing, Fan Cowl, Leading Edge Panel, Sharklet, Nacelle Beam, Carbon Brakes, Automatic Flight Control and Electronic Flight Display are currently being produced by the Malaysian ecosystem for the global market.

Malaysia has set a clear national mission and vision for the aerospace industry. The Malaysian Aerospace Industry Blueprint 2030 has set a target for Malaysia to become the No. 1 aerospace nation in South East Asia by 2030. In 2017, the Malaysian aerospace industry recorded total revenue of RM13.5 billion. Aerospace exports also recorded the highest value of RM8.51 billion which increased by 54% from the previous year. Malaysia's aerospace manufacturing sector has grown immensely contributing to 48%, where else MRO contributes to 46% of the total revenue.

Apart from the capability of local companies to support the aerospace manufacturing and MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) activities, quality investments and strong market demand have also accelerated the development of local supply chain. In recent years, the industry has seen a surge in investments with some multinationals establishing and expanding operations across a growing network of aerospace facilities with the recent one being GKN Aerospace, Senior Aerospace and T7 Kilgour. Among other leading aerospace players in Malaysia include Airbus, GE, Spirit AeroSystems, Safran Landing Systems, UTC Aerospace Systems, Honeywell Aerospace Avionics and Singapore Aerospace Manufacturing.

The quality FDIs have also triggered the need to further develop the local supply chain. As such, the Government has developed a structured SME development program known Developing SMEs in the

Global Aerospace Manufacturing Industry led by SME Corporation Malaysia to nurture the companies to penetrate the aerospace supply chain. A total of 20 SMEs have been developed and the program has enabled these companies to get into the supply chain.

MITI is also poised for Industry 4.0 where MITI is promoting the implementation of Industry 4.0 focusing on smart robotics manufacturing system, online automation system, virtual reality for training and factory optimisation to ensure competitiveness of businesses against an evolving business landscape. Under the 11 Malaysia Plan, the High Value-added & Complex Product Development Programme led by Aerospace Malaysia Innovation Center (AMIC) have developed a number of industry solutions among others are the automated spray painter, virtual reality training system, online robot and automatic fiber placement.

Today at the MyAero'18, 35 exhibitors highlighted the progress of the aerospace industry in Malaysia. Home grown companies namely Composite Technology Research Malaysia (CTRM), UMW Aerospace, National Aerospace & Defence Industries (NADI) and Global Turbine Asia are showcasing their recent capabilities in producing and servicing parts for their global clients. Also present are other key aerospace players such as Airbus Malaysia, Spirit AeroSystems Malaysia, AirAsia, Malaysia Airports Holding Berhad, Strand Aerospace Malaysia, Fieran Technology, universities & training institutions and 10 SMEs companies under the SME Corp. Malaysia aerospace SME programme.

The main attractions at MyAero'18 are the showcase of Aero Engine, Fan Casing modules, Fan Cowl, metallic aerospace components, virtual reality system, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and aerospace Engineering & Design applications. Government initiatives are highlighted through NAICO, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), SME Corp. Malaysia, Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF), National Space Agency (ANGKASA) and Malaysia Remote Sensing Agency (ARSM).

Industry and Government initiatives on supply chain development were highlighted through MARA-NAICO International Aerospace Symposium 2018 (MINAS 2018) organised by MARA. MARA also organised a career talk for the public targeted for university graduates, students from higher learning institutes and upper secondary school students.

"Malaysia has a huge potential in the global aerospace business. Aerospace products made in Malaysia are being supplied throughout the world and this has contributed to the growth of our aerospace export. To sustain our competitiveness, we have to focus on competency development and Industry 4.0 implementation that will lead us to produce high value added and complex aerospace products. At MyAero'18 today, the Industry 4.0 elements are being highlighted namely the Automated Spray Painter for Aerospace Parts Coating developed by AMIC, Spirit AeroSystems Malaysia and University of Malaya while AirAsia is highlighting its innovative products and solutions."; said Darell Leiking, Minister of International Trade and Industry.

South-East Asia's dynamic regional aerospace market is gaining prominence and this has left Malaysia well positioned to capitalise from this industry. The strong market demand has also accelerated the development of local supply chain. Currently, Malaysia is the home to more than 230 aerospace companies, enabling development of a vibrant local supply chain comprising both international and local industry players.

Malaysia is equipped with all the necessary ingredients to be an important player in the global aerospace market. NAICO as the main coordinating body for aerospace industry development aims to promote the Malaysian aerospace industry globally and to further develop local supply chain comprising both international and local industry players. The long term prospect of the Malaysian aerospace industry remains bright.

"We are optimistic that the aerospace industry will continue to be a vibrant and thriving industry in the years to come, given that the Asia Pacific Region is expected to have the highest growth in new aircraft delivery for the next decade."; added Darell Leiking.

Ministry of International Trade and Industry  
14 August 2018

## Unlocking e-commerce potentials in ASEAN

On 8 August 2018, in conjunction with the 51st anniversary of ASEAN establishment, MITI will be organising a Business Forum with the theme “Unlocking e-Commerce Potentials in ASEAN”.

The aim of the Business Forum is to promote greater awareness of e-Commerce marketplaces and to inspire Malaysian businesses to explore business opportunities in ASEAN via experience sharing of successful entrepreneurs. E-Commerce offers enormous opportunities for business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumers (B2C). Based on a study conducted by Google and Temasek, e-Commerce trade in ASEAN will reach USD200 billion by the year 2025, driven first-hand by the growth of e-Commerce market, followed by online media and online travel.

In ASEAN, e-Commerce has become increasingly important. Collectively, with 641 million people, a USD2.77 trillion GDP and per capita income of USD4, 305, the region is a huge market for e-Commerce. There are now close to 400 million mobile subscriptions, over 370 million people connected to the internet and over 150 million smart phones users. The numbers are very encouraging and are expected to increase significantly in the next few years. Factors that provide a strong foundation for the growth of e-Commerce in ASEAN include robust yearly economic growth of over 5%, growing middle class consumers and ASEAN has a young population, between 60% and 70% are below the age of 40.

e-Commerce is still very much at a development stage in ASEAN. Micro, small and medium size enterprises (MSMEs) which account for over 90% of the business establishments in the region, mostly conduct their business in the traditional way. Recognising the potentials and the need for MSMEs to use the strategic advantage of digitalisation, ASEAN governments are already taking steps to facilitate the growth of e-Commerce within the region.

The Governments have outlined a series of measures under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Blueprint to promote and facilitate the development of e-Commerce. These include harmonizing consumer rights and protection laws, having a legal framework for online dispute resolution based on available international standards, developing regional data protection and privacy principles and establishing suitable mechanisms for authentication of electronic signatures and trade documents based on internationally recognised practices.

The harmonisation of e-Commerce frameworks across 10 countries is expected to take time. One of the immediate initiatives undertaken is to establish an ASEAN Agreement on e-Commerce. Negotiations for the ASEAN Agreement on e-Commerce commenced in 2016 and are nearing completion. The Agreement is expected to be signed at the side lines of the ASEAN Summit in Singapore in November 2018. The main objective of the Agreement is to smoothen cross border e-Commerce transactions by reducing barriers and lowering entry costs.

The ASEAN e-Commerce Agreement will streamline some of the current regulations to create an environment of trust and confidence in the use of e-Commerce in the region and to promote inclusive growth and narrow development gaps among the 10 ASEAN countries. Issues such as transparency, electronics payments, logistics, cybersecurity and resolution of disputes, are among those addressed in this Agreement.

A chapter on e-Commerce is also being negotiated under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP). RCEP is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between 10 ASEAN nations and the six countries with which ASEAN has free trade agreements (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand). The 16 countries in RCEP which accounts for 50% of the world's population offer additional opportunities in e-Commerce.



For Malaysia, the digital economy currently contributes 18.2% to Malaysia's GDP, with the potential to rise to 20% of GDP by 2020. The Malaysian government through MITI, SME Corp., Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and other government agencies as well as the private sector are stepping up efforts to get Malaysian companies, especially the MSMEs to move towards adopting digitalisation. Advances in information technology have become the significant enabler for companies to tap on new ways of doing business.

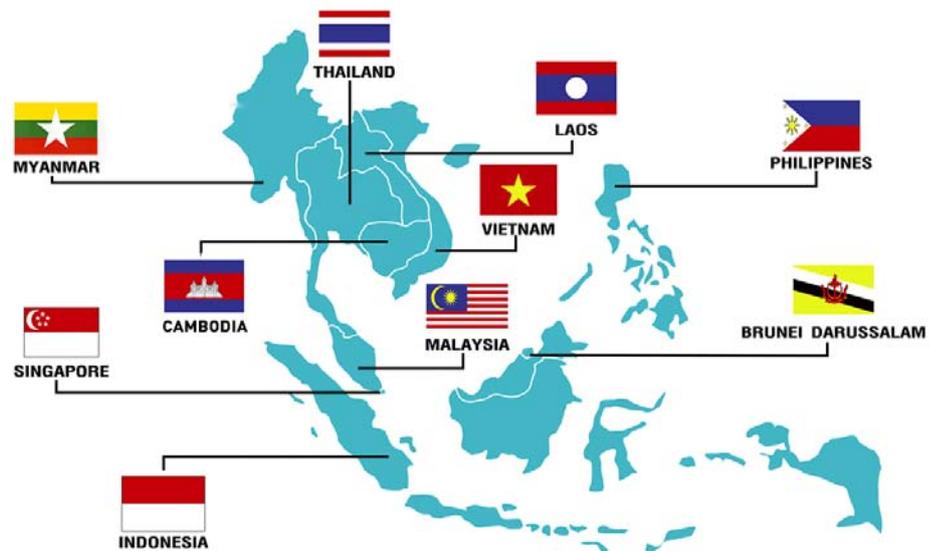
The National e-Commerce Council (NeCC) headed jointly by MITI and MDEC will continue to chart the growth and development of e-Commerce in the country. The Council acts as the platform to guide the governance and implementation of the National e-Commerce Strategic Roadmap (NeSR) involving 26 key Ministries and agencies in six thrust areas, namely:

- i. accelerate SMEs adoption of e-Commerce;
- ii. increase adoption of e-Procurement by businesses;
- iii. lift non-tariff barriers;
- iv. realign existing economic incentives;
- v. ensure strategic investments in key sub-sectors; and
- vi. promote national brands to boost cross-border e-Commerce.

As the chairman of the Council, it is my responsibility to work towards sustaining and improving the competitiveness of the eCommerce eco-system by fostering close engagement between the Government and the industry players, including SMEs.

It is hoped that the Business Forum on 8 August 2018 will inspire Malaysian business communities and entrepreneurs to move towards digitalisation and embrace IT in doing business. ↑

YB Darell Leiking  
Minister of International Trade and Industry  
8 August, 2018



## Malaysia Automotive Institute and Institut Otomotif Indonesia sign collaboration leading towards the development of ASEAN Car



YB. Darell Leiking, Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI), is currently in Jakarta on a working visit as a follow up to YAB. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's visit to Indonesia in June. Among the agendas during this visit were discussions with his counterpart on the development of the ASEAN Car, marked by the witnessing of the exchange of a Memorandum of Agreement between Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI), an agency under MITI, with Institut Otomotif Indonesia (IOI), an agency under the Ministry of Industry.

Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI) and the Institut Otomotif Indonesia (IOI) inked an agreement to foster long-term collaboration in the development of the automotive industry, today.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), focuses on the strategic and working relationship between MAI and IOI in the areas of human capital and supply chain development to enhance the capabilities of vendors, market expansion, research collaboration for product technology, including hybrid, electric and next-generation vehicles, process technology, and research on biodiesel.

The areas of collaboration within the MoA are geared towards the preparation of the supply chain through the enhancement of product, process and research capabilities, to be followed by the development of an ASEAN Car which was announced by Prime Minister YAB. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, during his official state visit to Indonesia in June.

The MoA exchange ceremony was witnessed by the Malaysian Minister of Trade and Industry, YB. Darell Leiking and Mr. I Gusti Putu Suryawirawan, Director General for International Industrial Access and Development, Ministry of Industry, Republic of Indonesia.

"This (the MoA between MAI and IOI) is a testament to strong bilateral economic relationships between Malaysia and Indonesia, as mentioned by the Prime Minister during his meeting with President Jokowi", said YB. Darrell Leiking, the Malaysian Minister of International Trade and Industry.

Institut Otomotif Indonesia (IOI) was established by Indonesia's Ministry of Industry, on 20th May 2016, to enhance the development of Indonesia's automotive industry. It functions similarly to the Malaysia Automotive Institute, an agency under Malaysia's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI).

In March 2018, MAI and IOI organized a joint business matching programme between Malaysian and Indonesian automotive vendors. This programme served as a platform for both Malaysian and Indonesian automotive vendors to identify potential business partners for greater market access in both countries, and the necessary technology transfer to enhance their capabilities. The programme was participated by 18 Malaysian and 30 Indonesian vendors from various automotive manufacturing clusters, in which 10 Malaysian vendors have successfully identified their potential business partners from Indonesia.

MAI CEO, Dato' Madani Sahari said, "MAI and IOI will continue to support and facilitate partnerships between Malaysian and Indonesian vendors through various developmental programmes to enhance the capabilities of the supply chain. More programmes will be organized by MAI and IOI in both exploring potential market opportunities and the transfer of technology."

Malaysia Automotive Institute  
10 August 2018

## Infineon Kulim's Office Building 2 opening ceremony by MITI Minister, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Infineon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn. Bhd.'s Office Building 2 which houses a multi-purpose hall, training area and up to 660 workstations to be used for administrative, IT and engineering staff officially opened its door today at the Opening Ceremony by the Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Darell Leiking and YAB Chief Minister of Kedah.



Infineon has been in Malaysia for 45 years since its establishment in 1973. Malaysia is the only location outside the United States of America and Europe that features Infineon's fully integrated manufacturing operations. Infineon employs over 10,000 Malaysians in its operations here, which is one-third of Infineon's total global headcount and its largest operation worldwide. Infineon Kulim is the first and only wafer fabrication facility for Infineon in Asia with 13 years of expertise in front-end semiconductor manufacturing.

"In the trade figures released last week, we saw that our exports extended its growth for four consecutive months by 7.6% year-on-year to RM78.66 billion in June, driven by electrical and electronic (E&E) products. Malaysian E&E exports in June 2018 was valued at RM29.89 billion, equivalent to 38% of total exports. I am sure Infineon Malaysia's cumulative export value of an impressive RM4 billion per year contributed to the exports of E&E products which increased by 6.9% from June 2017." said YB Darell Leiking.

YB Darell emphasised, "I am pleased that Infineon's total accumulated investment in Malaysia stands at RM14 billion as at 2017 and Infineon Kulim's position as the Competence Centre for Megatrend Technologies for Automotive and Energy Efficiency exemplifies its pursuance of high value-added activities for the Malaysia's E&E sector. I look forward to Infineon continue bringing in technologically-advanced manufacturing and flourishing together with Malaysia as the Government welcomes quality investments that will spur the economic growth of our beloved country. The Government will continue to support the businesses to improve their technology and innovation, including by way of ensuring our investment policies encourage the entry of new technologies into the country."

Infineon is undertaking projects to move up the industry value chain which is in tandem with Malaysia's aspiration with Industry 4.0 of making Malaysia a strategic partner for smart manufacturing and related services in Asia Pacific. Infineon's highly automated and digitalized processes and the incorporation of automation and cyber-physical systems demonstrate Infineon as among the leaders in driving the adoption of Industry 4.0 elements in the manufacturing sector, an endeavour that ought to be emulated by companies in Malaysia to take full advantage of the benefits of Industry 4.0.

MITI has been working with various related Ministries, Agencies and the industry in formulating the national policy for the manufacturing sector to adopt Industry 4.0. Extensive stakeholder consultation has been undertaken and the policy is targeted to be announced in the third quarter of 2018.

Ministry of International Trade & Industry  
9 August 2018

## A brighter, more sustainable future for government and businesses



British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) organised a Premier Luncheon on 7 August 2018, addressing the aspirations both government and private enterprises are undertaking towards a more sustainable future. Newly appointed Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Dr. Ong Kian Ming took centre stage in affirming Pakatan Harapan's direction towards a decentralisation of power in governance, thus paving the way for more discussion opportunities amongst Cabinet members.

Dr. Ong spoke of this reform as a priority from a sustainability perspective of the ruling Pakatan Harapan Government as it would see a disruption towards market and political monopolies. The reducing and restructuring of the national debt as well as the establishment of a fresh roadmap for institutional and policy reform will remain the new governments short term priorities. In the long run, an overhaul of the nation's fiscal structure, including the election of sound leadership in policy and justice is seen as a necessity.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Jennifer Lopez, newly elected Executive Director of the BMCC spoke of the Chamber's ongoing endeavours towards bridging the private and political sectors by means of initiatives such as this. "Our Advocacy Working Group is fast becoming a sought-after platform for many of our members. Its importance lies, not just with consolidating or conveying the needs of our business community to policy makers, but also supporting us in bringing our government leaders to our members," she said.

In the spirit of broadening dialogue, Dr. Ong encouraged industry players to be creative in inputs and to propose "win-win" solutions for both government and private sectors towards the betterment of society. He said this as he touched on the government's goal to reach a 20% Renewal Energy mix by 2025, which currently stands below 3%. Among the ideas to accomplish this includes the creation of new and more mobility pathways to alleviate the reliance on traditional combustion engines.

As part of the afternoon's theme, Dr. Cho-Oon Khong, Chief Political Analyst, Shell Scenarios of Royal Dutch Shell featured as a guest speaker to present on Shell's Sky Scenario and its potential for an energy system to bring modern energy to the world. By the year 2040, Sky aims to convert all new passenger car sales in South East Asia to electric vehicles. Sky's other aspirations include seeing an end to deforestation and the dominance of renewable energies by 2070.

The Premier Luncheon series continues as one of the BMCC's most successful flagship events with over 60 attendees from various backgrounds showing up. The afternoon concluded with a panel discussion and a Q & A segment for its members.

British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce Berhad  
7 August 2018

# Malaysia: Current Population Estimates, 2017-2018

**MALAYSIA'S** population **2018** is estimated at **32.4 million** with the annual population growth rate of **1.1%**



	 Citizens	 Non-citizens	Male	Female
2018 <sup>e</sup>	29.06 million	3.32 million	16.72 million	15.66 million
2017	28.74 million	3.29 million	16.54 million	15.48 million

Sex ratio in 2018 remains at **107 males per 100 females**

● 2018<sup>e</sup>  
● 2017

### Population by Age Group

Age Group	2018 <sup>e</sup>	2017
0-14 years	7.71 million (23.8%)	7.73 million (24.1%)
15-64 years	22.58 million (69.7%)	22.29 million (69.6%)
65+ years	2.10 million (6.5%)	2.00 million (6.3%)

↑ median age

2018 <sup>e</sup>	28.6 years
2017	28.3 years

### Population of Citizens by Ethnic Group

Ethnic Group	2018 <sup>e</sup>	2017
Bumiputera	20.07 million (69.1%)	19.78 million (68.8%)
Chinese	6.69 million (23.0%)	6.67 million (23.2%)
Indians	2.01 million (6.9%)	2.00 million (7.0%)
Others	0.29 million (1.0%)	0.29 million (1.0%)

Bumiputera increased by **0.3 percentage points** as compared to 2017

<sup>e</sup> Estimate

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# Malaysia: Abridged Life Tables, 2016-2018

A newborn baby in **2018** is expected to live an average of **75.0 years** until **2093**

## LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

Average **gap** of **life expectancy** between male and female is **4.9 years**

**MALE**  
72.7 years

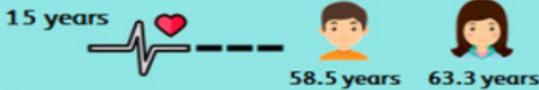


**FEMALE**  
77.6 years

## LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH BY MAJOR ETHNIC GROUP



## LIFE EXPECTANCY AT AGE



A **male** at the age of **15 years** is expected to live for another **58.5 years** and female for another **63.3 years**



A **Male** and **female** at the age of **65 years** is expected to live for another **15.0 years** and **17.2 years** respectively

## COMPARISON BY STATE

**Three** states with the **highest** life expectancy

The **highest life expectancy at birth** for **male** was recorded in **Sarawak** while **female** in **W.P. Kuala Lumpur**



## LIFE EXPECTANCY OF SELECTED COUNTRIES<sup>a</sup>

### WHO LIVES THE LONGEST?<sup>b</sup>



## LONGEVITY AMONG ASEAN<sup>a</sup> COUNTRIES



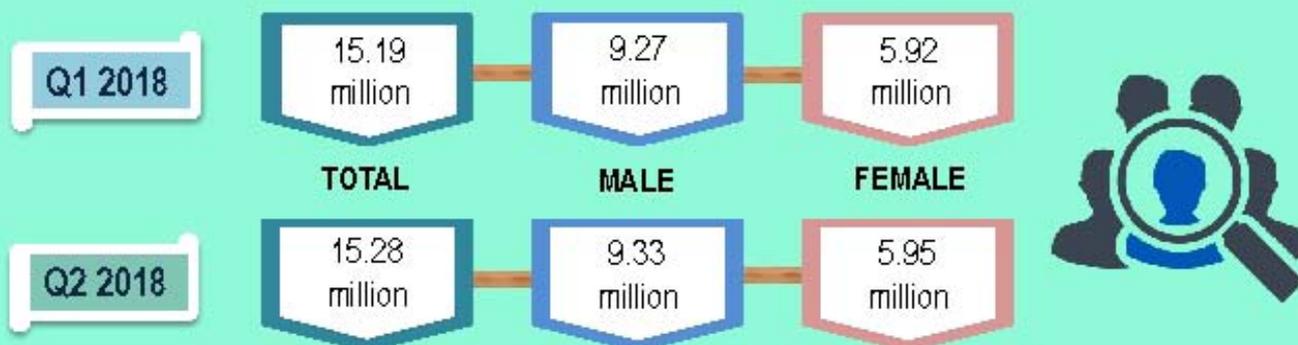
<sup>a</sup> Data 2016 are used for comparative  
<sup>b</sup> World Health Organization (WHO), updated on April 2018 (except for Malaysia)

Note: Life expectancy is the average remaining age (years) for a person is expected to live at the beginning of the certain age.

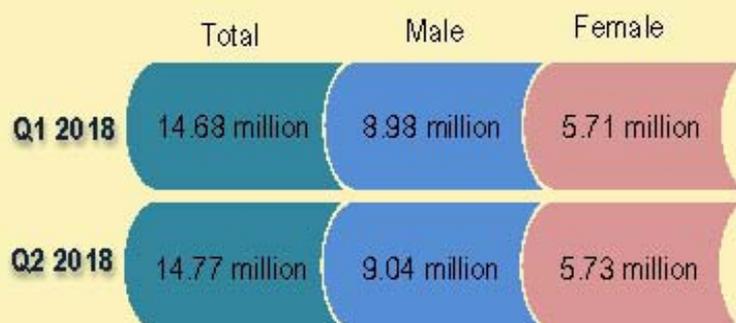
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# Malaysia: Principal Statistics of Labour Force, Q2 2018

Labour force increased **0.6 per cent** in second quarter of 2018 at **15.28 million persons** as compared to 15.19 million persons in the first quarter of 2018



## EMPLOYED PERSONS



## LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (%)



## UNEMPLOYED

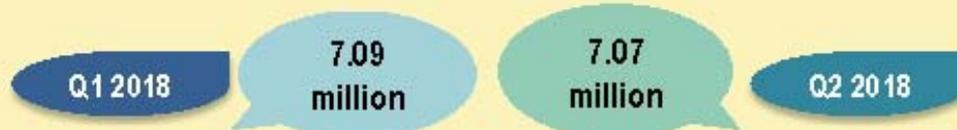


## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



## OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

**31.6 per cent** working age population were outside labour force due to studies, housework, retirement and not interested to work



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

## Malaysia: Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, June 2018

Malaysia's Manufacturing Sales recorded RM67.1 billion, an increase of 7.8 per cent in June 2018



**SALES VALUE**

RM67.1 billion

**7.8%**

MAY 2018: 5.5%



**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

1,070,776 persons

**2.2%**

MAY 2018: 1.7%



**SALARIES & WAGES**

RM3,856.7 million

**10.2%**

MAY 2018: 10.0%



**SALES VALUE PER EMPLOYEE**

RM62,665

**5.5%**

MAY 2018: 3.8%



### TOP 7 SUB-SECTORS SALES VALUE



**Food,  
Beverage &  
Tobacco**

**4.0%**

(May 2018:  
0.4%)



**Textile,  
Wearing  
Apparel,  
Leather &  
Footwear**

**6.2%**

(May 2018:  
-1.3%)



**Wood,  
Furniture,  
Paper  
Products &  
Printing**

**6.0%**

(May 2018:  
4.0%)



**Petroleum,  
Chemical,  
Rubber &  
Plastic**

**7.3%**

(May 2018:  
6.8%)



**Non-Metallic  
Mineral  
Products,  
Basic Metal &  
Fabricated  
Metal Products**

**6.0%**

(May 2018:  
4.3%)



**Electrical &  
Electronics  
Products**

**9.2%**

(May 2018:  
7.5%)



**Transport  
Equipment &  
Other  
Manufactures**

**10.3%**

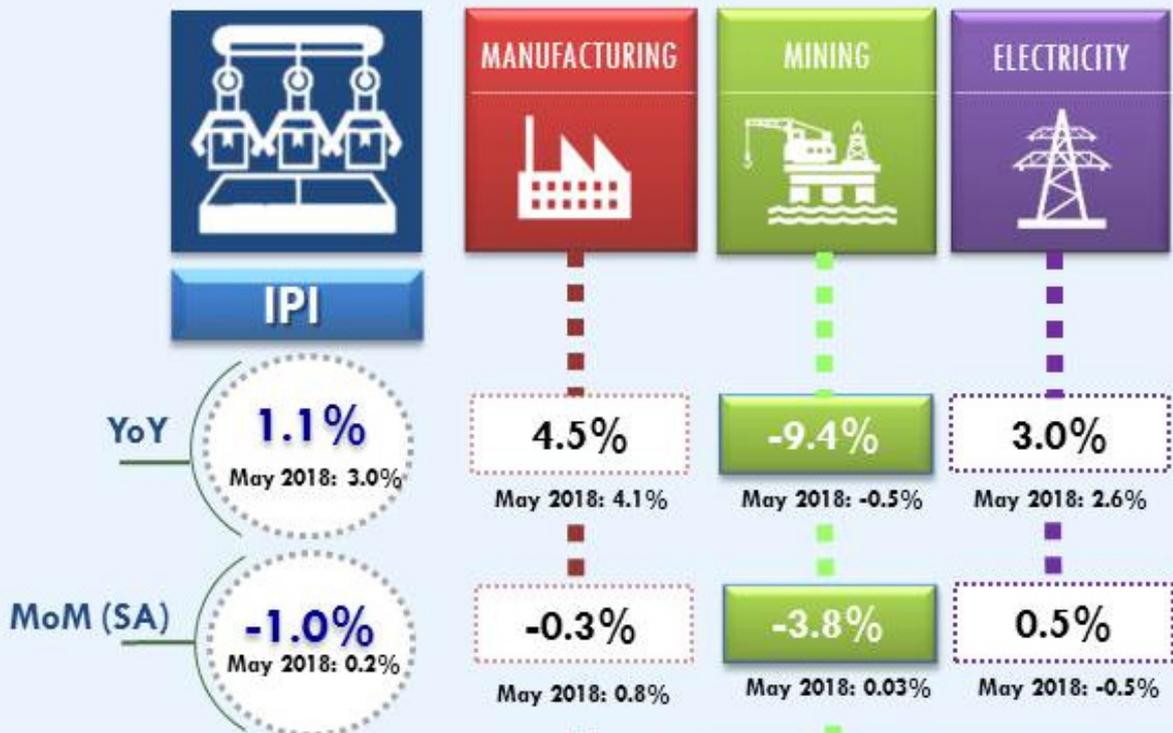
(May 2018:  
-0.8%)

Note : All percentage shown referred to Year-on-Year (YoY)

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

# Malaysia: Index of Industrial Production, June 2018

## Malaysia's Index of Industrial Production (IPI) Year-on-Year increased by 1.1% in June 2018



Note : Percentage shown referred to:  
 - Year-On-Year [YoY]  
 - Month-On-Month Seasonally Adjusted [MoM (SA)]

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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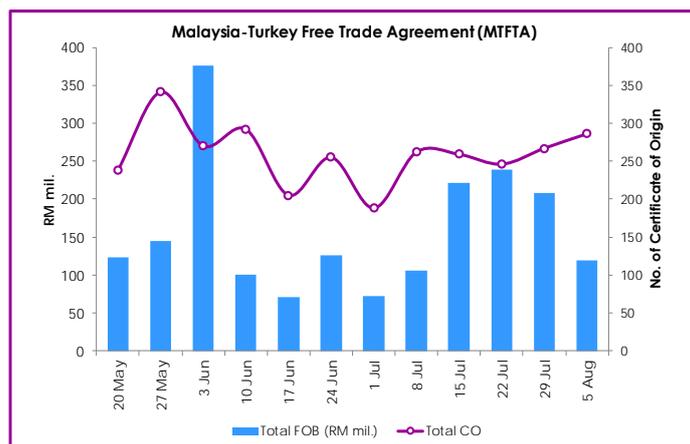
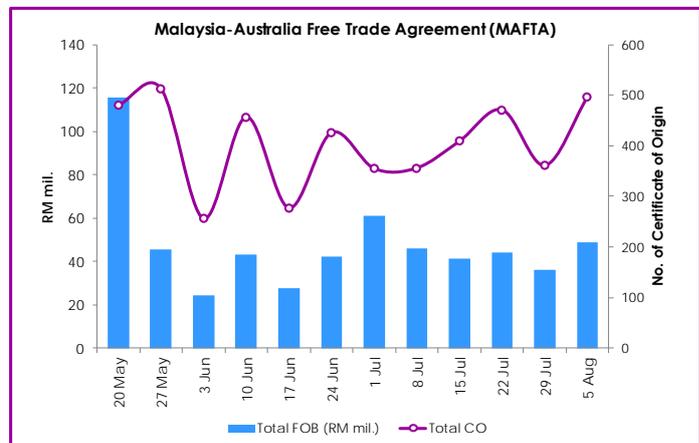
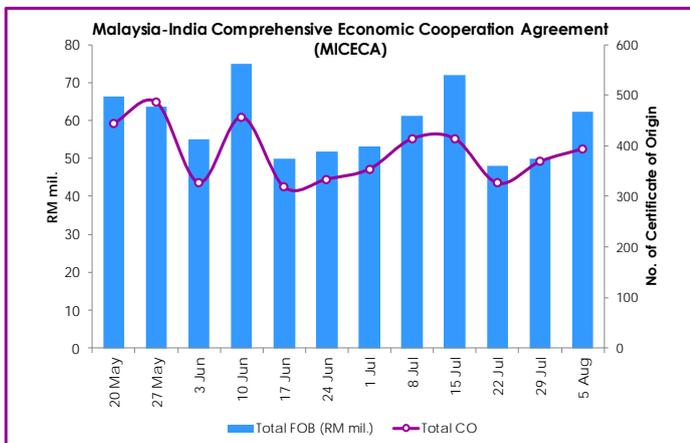
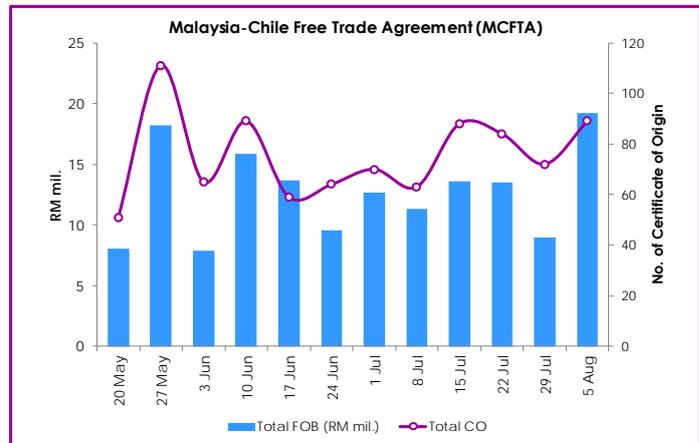
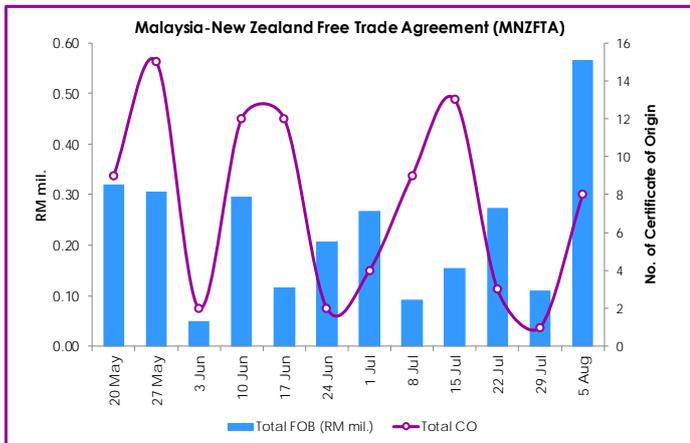
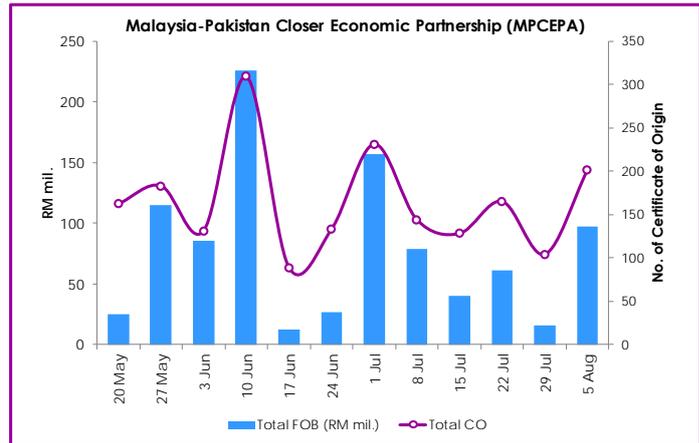
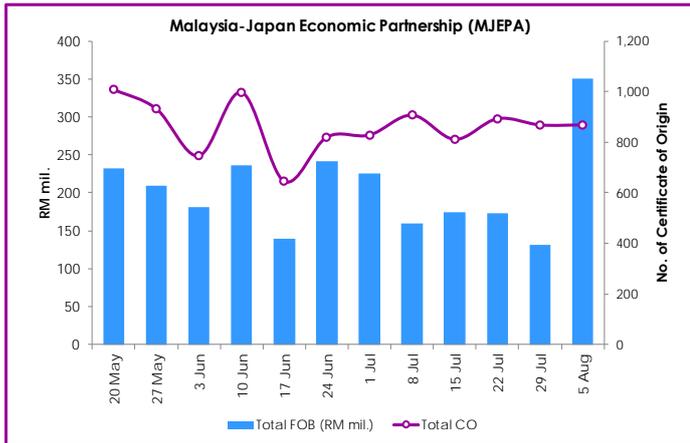
Malaysia was ranked number one exporter of ferro-manganese, containing by weight more than 2% of carbon\*, in 2017



Notes : <sup>a</sup> % Share in World's export  
<sup>b</sup> % Share in Malaysia's export  
 \* Refers to HS 720211

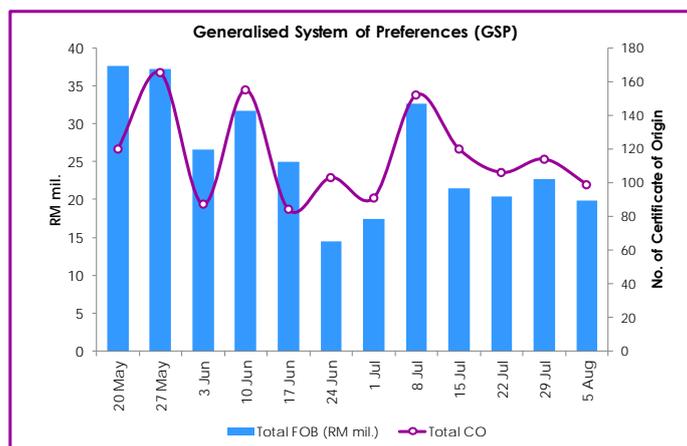
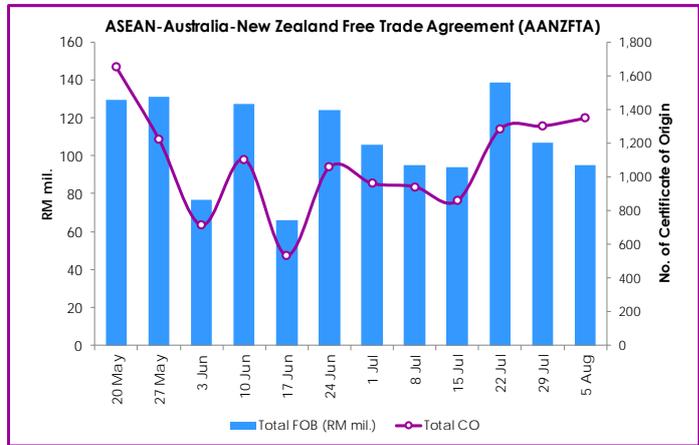
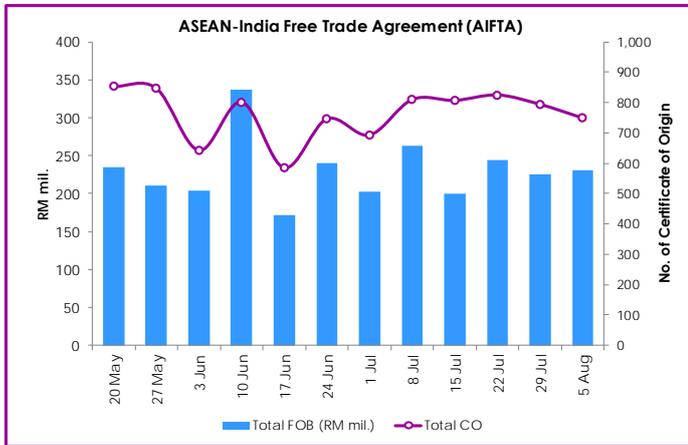
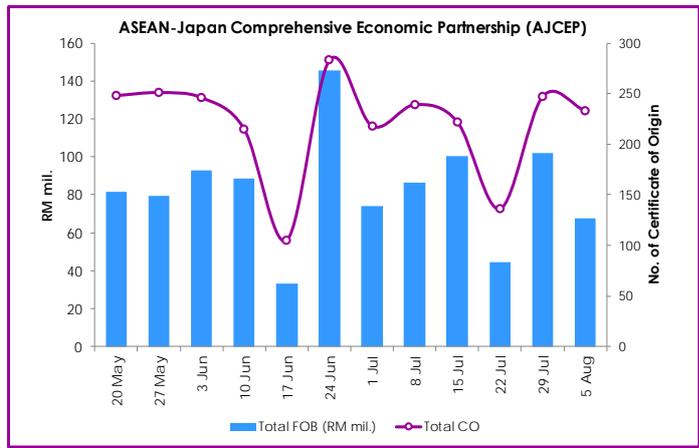
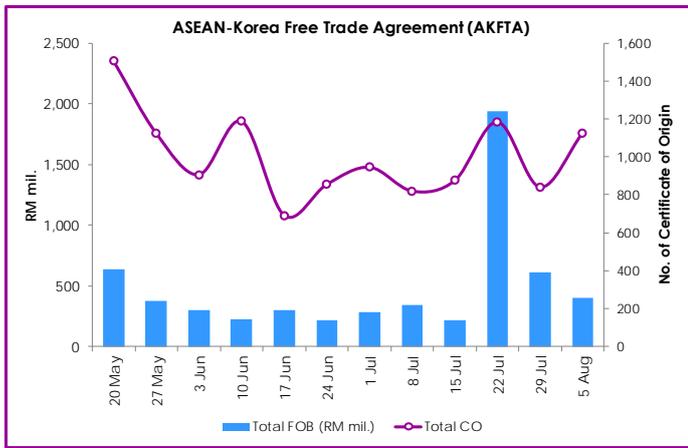
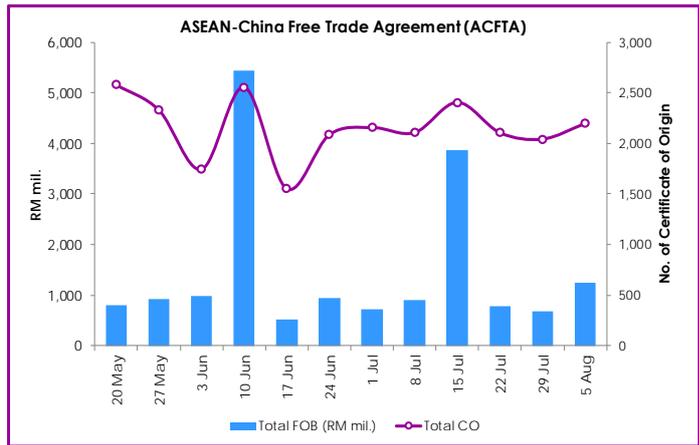
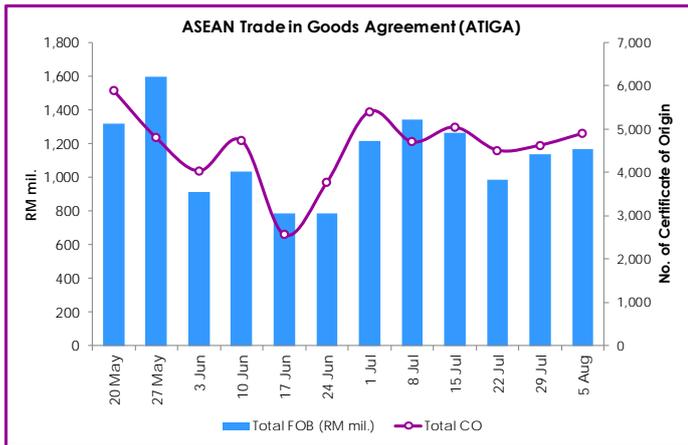
Source: <http://www.trademap.org/Index.aspx>

# Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)



Note: \*Provisional Data  
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

# Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)



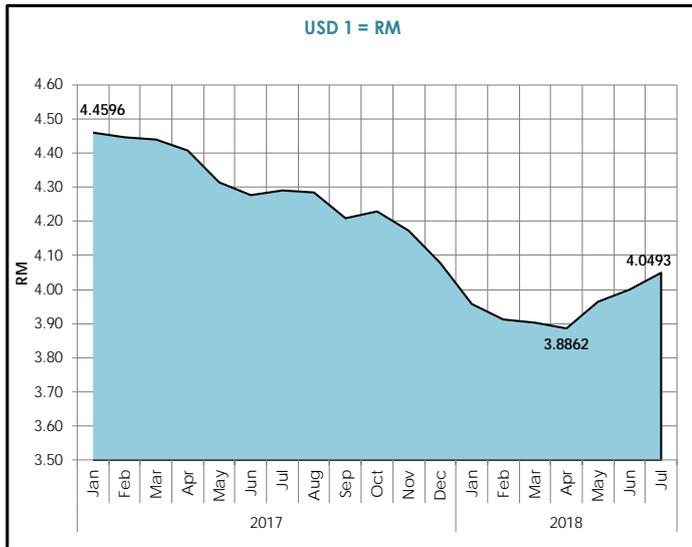
Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Norway.

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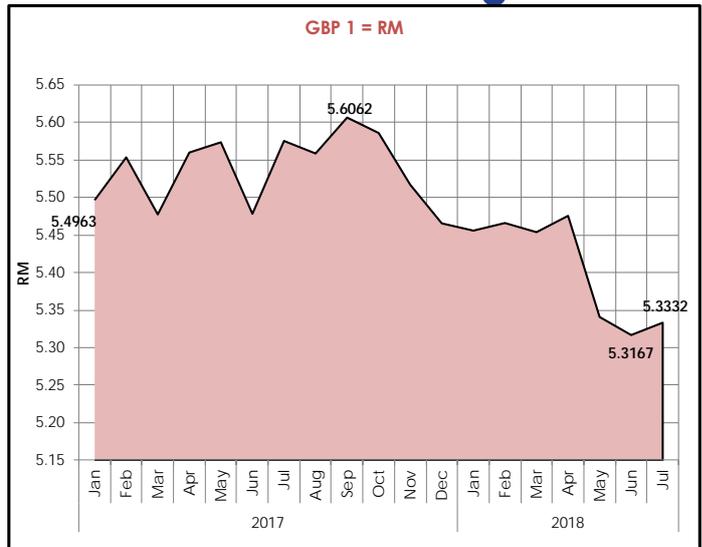
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# Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2017 - July 2018

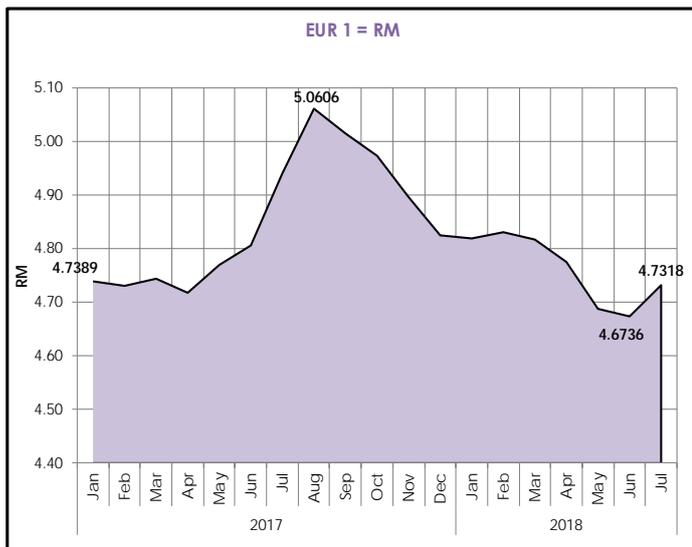
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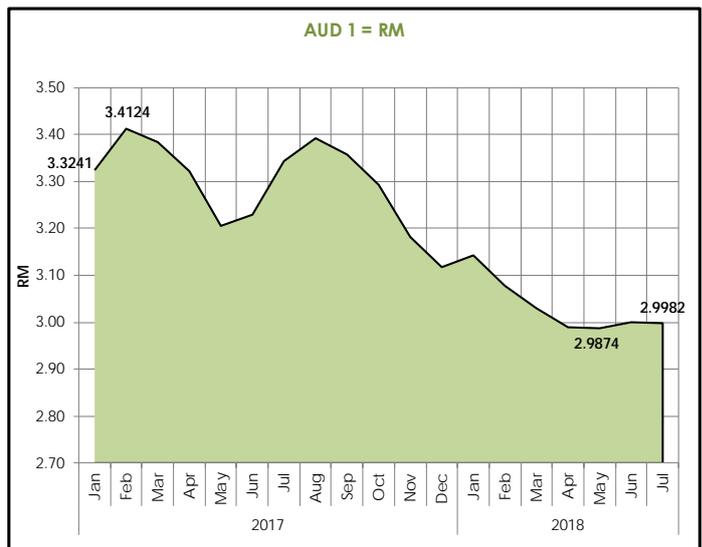
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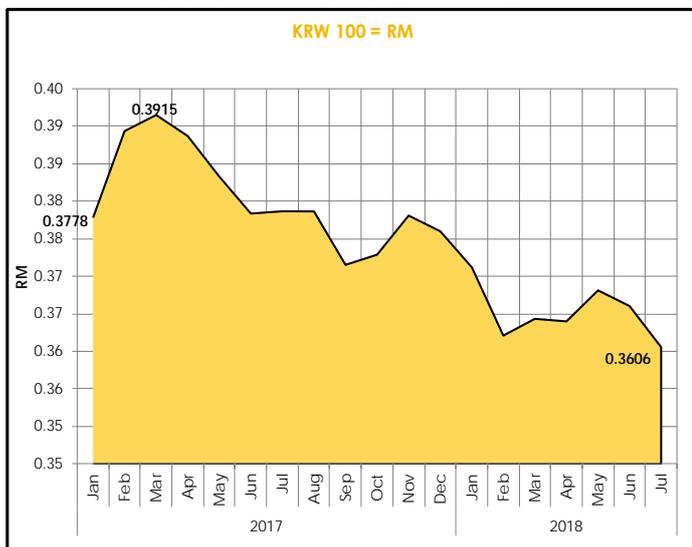
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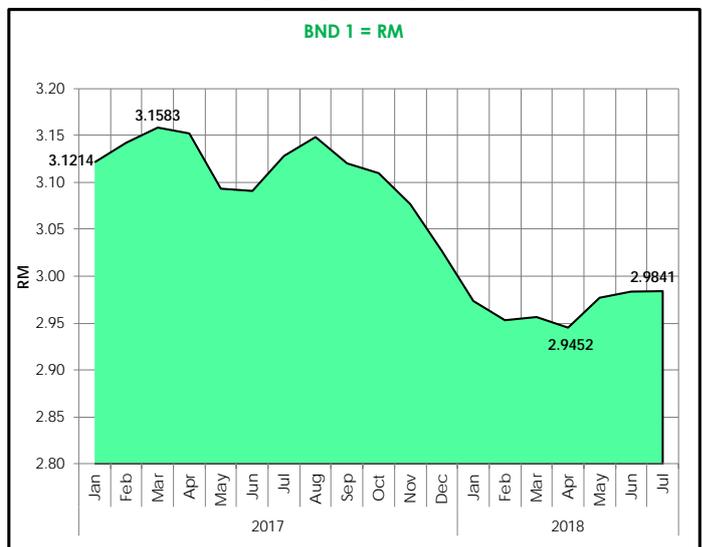
## Australian Dollar



## South Korean Won



## Brunei Dollar



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

# Commodity Prices



## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT)

-per bbl-

10 Aug 2018 : US\$72.8, ▼0.5%\*

Average Price<sup>i</sup>: 2017: US\$55.0

2016: US\$45.3



## CRUDE PALM OIL

-per MT-

10 Aug 2018 : US\$570.5, ▼0.3%\*

Average Price<sup>i</sup>: 2017: US\$719.7

2016: US\$702.2



## SUGAR -per lbs-

10 Aug 2018 : US¢10.5, ▼2.9%\*

Average Price<sup>i</sup>: 2017: US¢15.8

2016: US¢18.2



## RUBBER SMR 20

-per MT-

10 Aug 2018 : US\$1,349.0, ▲2.5%\*

Average Price<sup>i</sup>: 2017: US\$1,646.6

2016: US\$1,394.5



## COCOA SMC 2

-per MT-

10 Aug 2018 : US\$1,311.4, ▼6.9%\*

Average Price<sup>i</sup>: 2017: US\$1,439.0

2016: US\$1,609.8



## COAL -per MT-

10 Aug 2018 : US\$65.3, ▲0.2%\*

Average Price<sup>i</sup>: 2017: US\$57.2

2016: US\$45.6



## SCRAP IRON HMS

-per MT-

10 Aug 2018 : US\$380.0 (high), unchanged\*

US\$360.0 (low), unchanged\*

Average Price<sup>i</sup>: 2017: US\$314.5

2016: US\$243.2

## HIGHEST and LOWEST 2017/2018

Crude  
Petroleum  
(Brent)  
-per bbl-



### Highest

29 June 2018 : US\$79.4

29 Dec 2017 : US\$66.9

### Lowest

9 Feb 2018 : US\$62.8

23 June 2017 : US\$45.5

Crude  
Palm Oil  
-per MT-



### Highest

9 Mar 2018 : US\$691.5

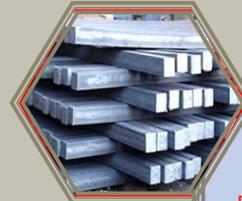
20 Jan 2017 : US\$843.0

### Lowest

10 Aug 2018 : US\$570.5

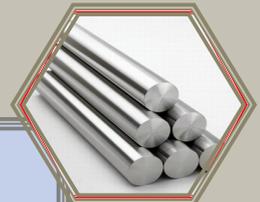
30 June 2017 : US\$650.0

## Domestic Prices 10 Aug 2018



Billets  
(per MT)

RM2,300- RM2,350



Steel Bars  
(per MT)

RM2,400- RM2,550

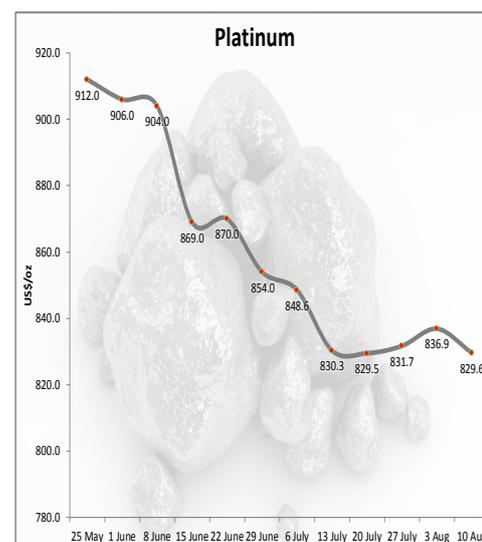
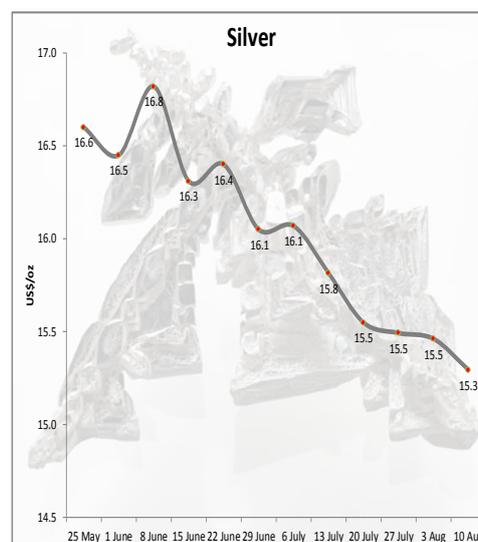
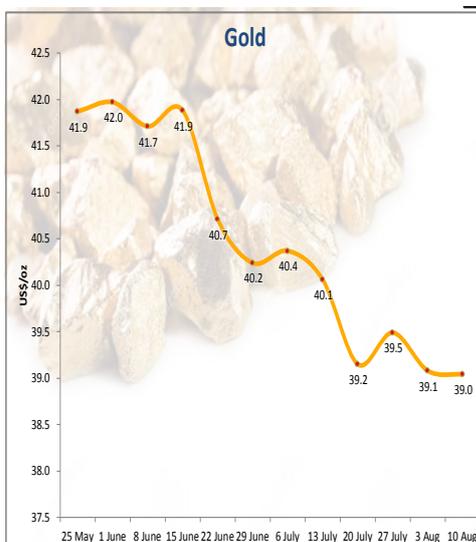
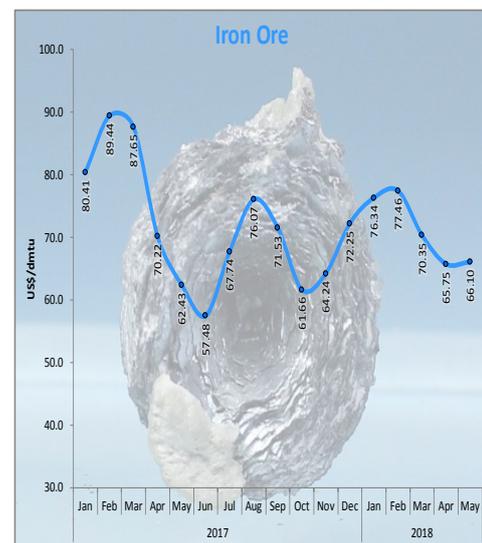
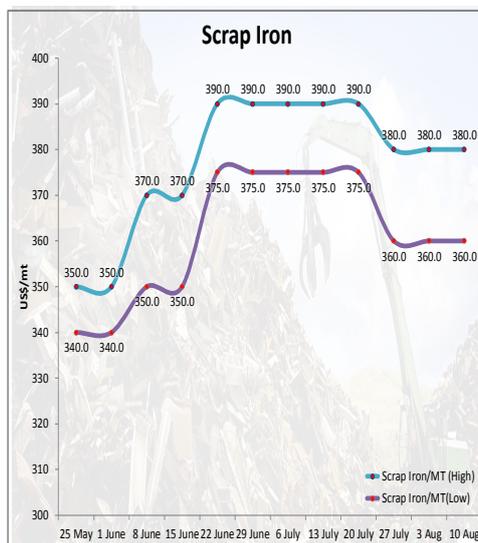
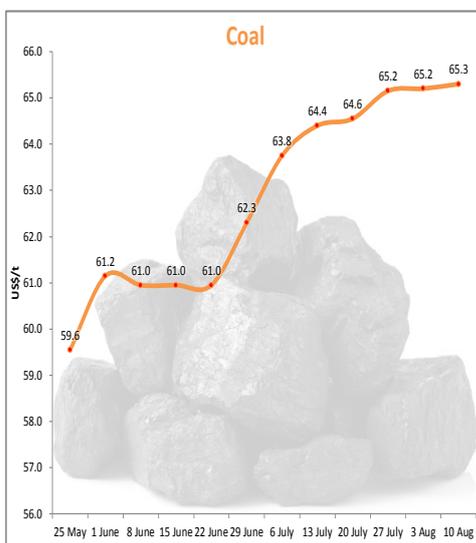
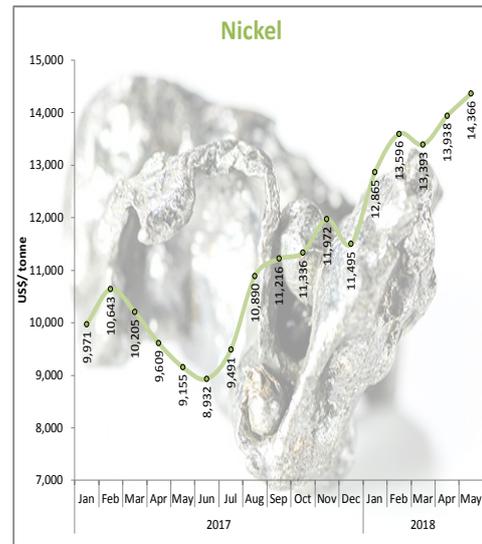
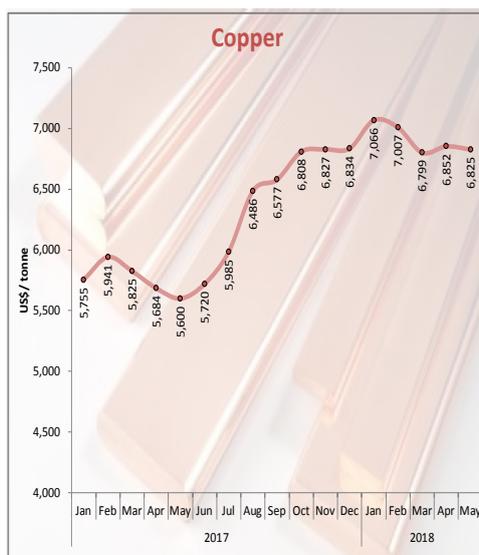
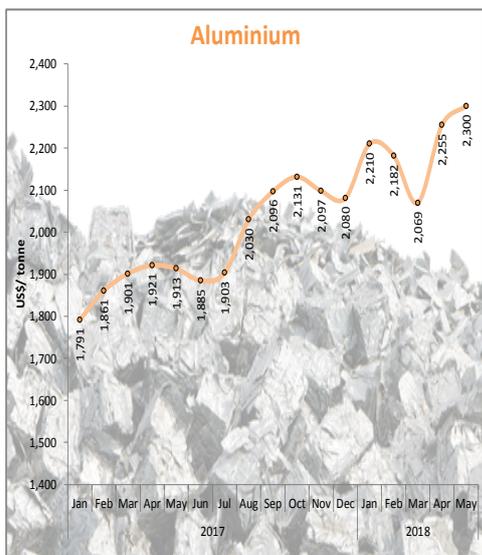
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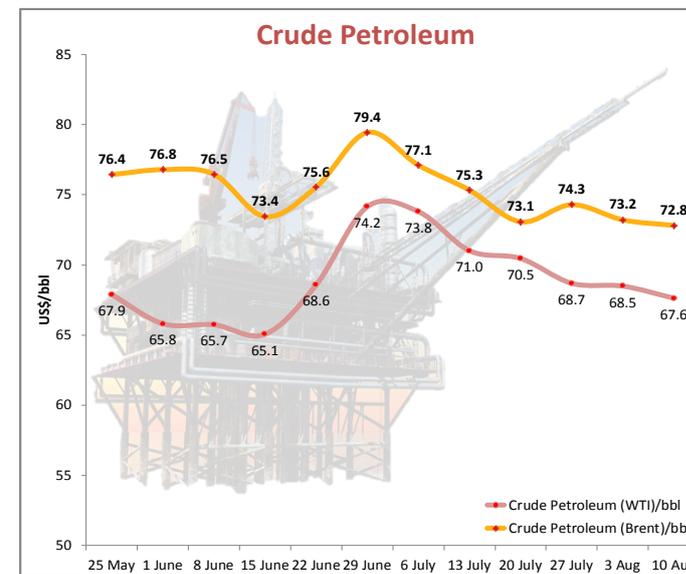
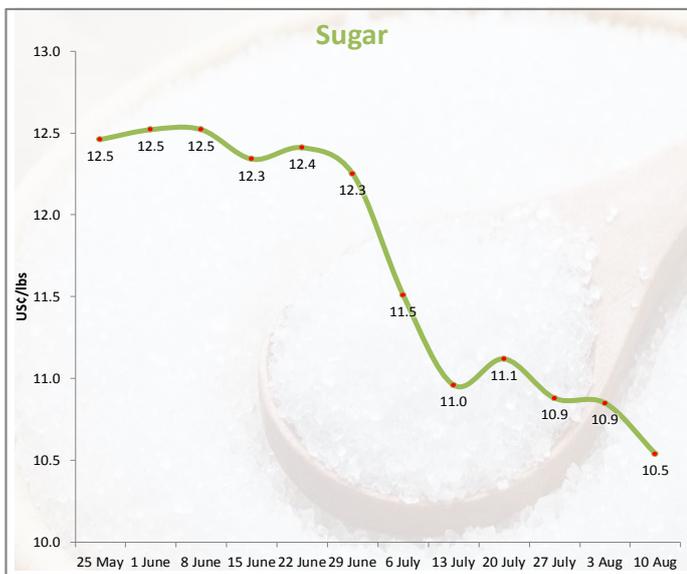
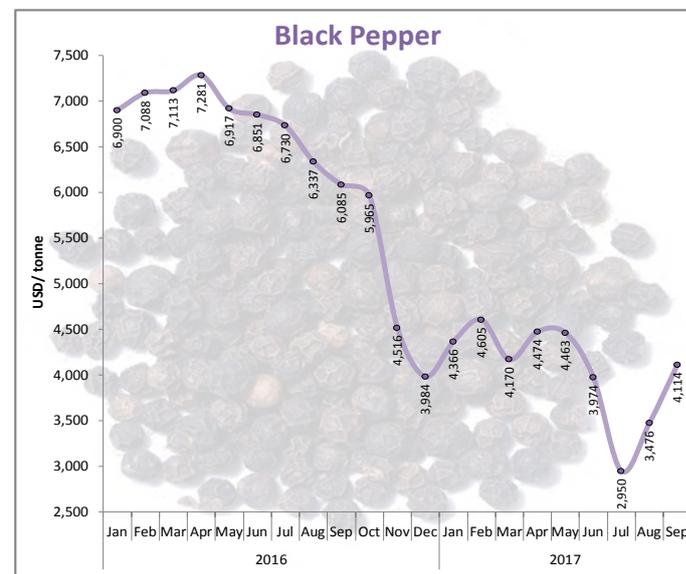
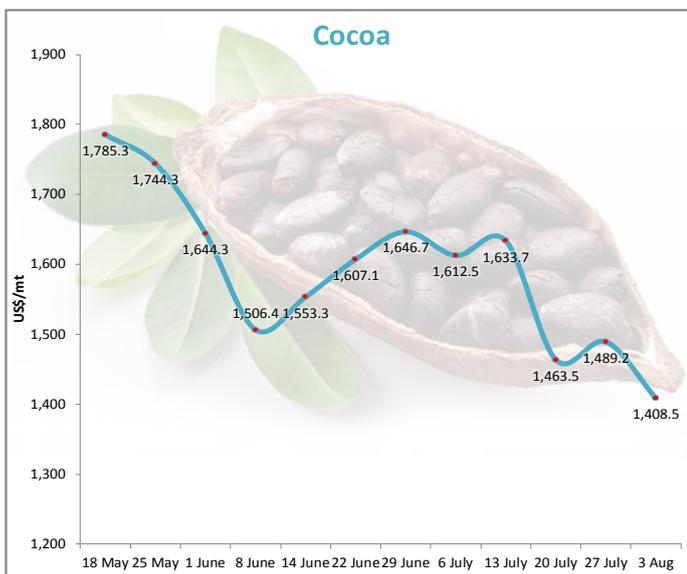
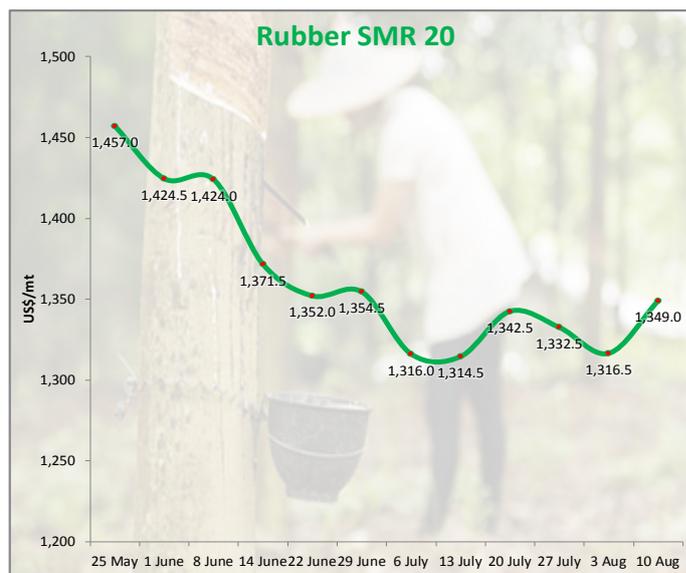
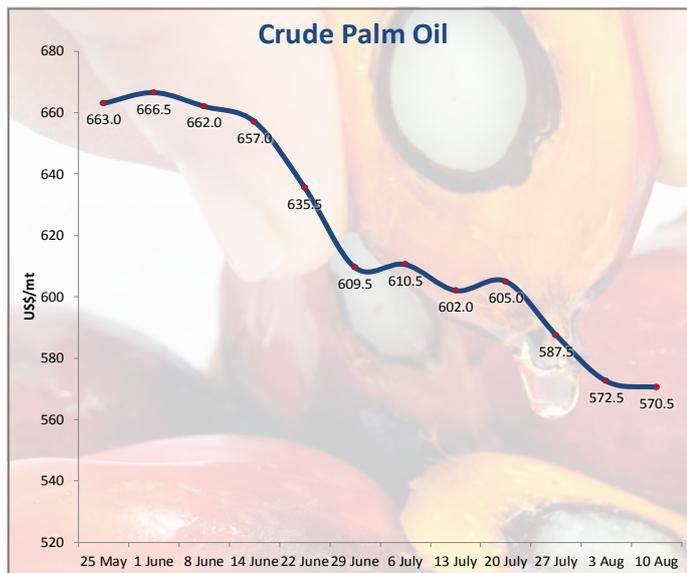
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# Infineon Kulim's Office Building 2 Opening Ceremony by MITI Minister, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

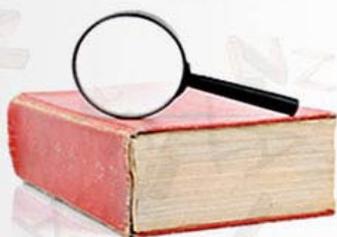
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# Memorandum of Agreement Exchange Ceremony between Malaysia Automotive Institute and Indonesia Automotive Institute, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018

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# Glossary

## of Technical Terms

### NTMs

Non-Tariff Measures - in general, this term is used to identify any measure which is not based on tariff and is applied in order to protect domestic industries. Many non-tariff measures originated from legitimate purposes, for example, human health protection, and are applied in accordance with WTO rules. Agreements such as the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) allow governments to practice legal benefit protection measures while minimizing obstacles to trade and avoiding the application of “disguised protectionism”.

### OEM

Original Equipment Manufacturer - An OEM is a company that makes a part or subsystems that is used in another company's end product. OEM is a company whose products are used as components in the products of another company, referred to as the value-added reseller (VAR). The OEM generally works closely with the company that sells the finished product and customizes designs based on that company's needs. In the computer industry, OEM may also refer to the VAR, the company that buys products and incorporates or rebrands them into a new product under its own name.. e.g PROTON, PERODUA, Toyota and Honda

### Oligopoly

When a few firms dominate a market. Often they can together behave as if they were a single monopoly, perhaps by forming a cartel. Or they may collude informally, by preferring gentle non-price competition to a bloody price war. Because what one firm can do depends on what the other firms do, the behaviour of oligopolists is hard to predict. When they do compete on price, they may produce as much and charge as little as if they were in a market with perfect competition.

### Omni-modal

Used with terms that use all modes of transportation (truck, airplane, vessel, train)

### On-carriage

Domestic: subsequent transportation beyond main carriage

International: transportation from the arrival point on the buyer's side

### Open economy

An economy that allows the unrestricted flow of people, capital, goods and services across its borders

### Open Regionalism

An APEC theory which was adopted from the very beginning of the organization's founding in 1989. The characteristics of open regionalism, expressed in a report by the Peterson Institute, are: 1) the maximum possible extent of unilateral liberalization; 2) a commitment to continue reducing its barriers to non-member countries; 3) a willingness to extend its regional liberalization to non members on a mutually reciprocal basis; and 4) recognition that any individual APEC member can unilaterally extend its APEC liberalization to non-members on a conditional or unconditional basis.

### OTDS

Overall trade distorting - support comprises Amber Box (refer Amber Box), Blue Box (refer Blue Box) and De Minimis Subsidies (refer De Minimis Subsidies).

### Pathfinder Approach / Pathfinder Initiative (19)

An APEC approach which allows a group of members able to proceed more quickly on cooperative projects, to do so through cooperative pilot projects (known as 'pathfinder initiatives'). Experiences generated from such pilot projects are then disseminated to other members. These other members are encouraged to join the pathfinder projects as soon as they are able. Pathfinder initiatives are developed in a manner consistent with APEC principles and practices, and capacity building often forms an important component of pathfinder initiatives.

Source: <http://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/glossary>

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## MALAYSIA AEROSPACE SUMMIT 2018

"BREAKING BOUNDARIES, BUILDING BRIDGES & DELIVERING INNOVATION"

14 & 15 AUGUST 2018 | 9.00 AM - 5.00 PM | LEVEL 1, MITI TOWER

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Venue : Perdana Hall 2  
Organised by MARA (Registration Required)

9:00 am – 10.00 am	<b>MINAS Opening</b>
10:30 am – 11.45 am	<b>Track 1: Future Global Market Trends In Aerospace Industry</b> Session 1: Market Opportunities In Asia Pacific
11:45 am – 1.00 pm	<b>Session 2: Industry 4.0: Ensuring Future Competitiveness</b>
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3.45 pm – 5.00 pm	<b>Session 4: Aerospace New Suppliers - Experiences</b>
10:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Career Talk</b> Venue: Seminar Room 1 & 2 Organised by MARA
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>YB Minister MITI Networking Lunch with Aerospace Industry Players</b> Hosted by National Aerospace Industry Coordinating Office (NAICO) By Invitation Only Venue: Perdana Hall I

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Venue : Perdana Hall 2  
Organised by MARA (Registration Required)

9:15 am – 10:30 am	<b>Track 3: MRO And Smart Partnerships</b> Session 5: MRO Supply Chain Development
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	<b>Session 6: Smart Partnerships – Strategies &amp; Experiences</b>
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Track 4: Government Initiatives</b> Session 7: Government Support For Aerospace SMEs
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Closing
9.15 am – 3.30 pm	<b>Next Generation Aerospace Technology Seminar</b> Venue: Seminar Room 1 & 2 Organised by AMIC, supported by Airbus (By Invitation Only)
10.00 am – 3.30 pm	<b>Going Forward towards a Data Rich Aerospace Community</b> Venue: Seminar Room 2
	<b>Flying From 404 to 101</b> Venue: Seminar Room 1

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MITI POCKET TALK

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## Tentative Schedule for MITI Pocket Talks 2018

No.	Date	Venue	Topic
1	15-Aug	MITI Perak	• Introduction to FTA & Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)
2	19-Sep	MITI Pahang	• Introduction to FTA & Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)
3	17-Oct	MITI HQ	• Introduction to FTA & Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)
4	14-Nov	MITI Sabah	• Introduction to FTA & Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)
5	5-Dec	MITI HQ	• Introduction to FTA & Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)
6	12-Dec	MITI Sarawak	• Introduction to FTA & Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)

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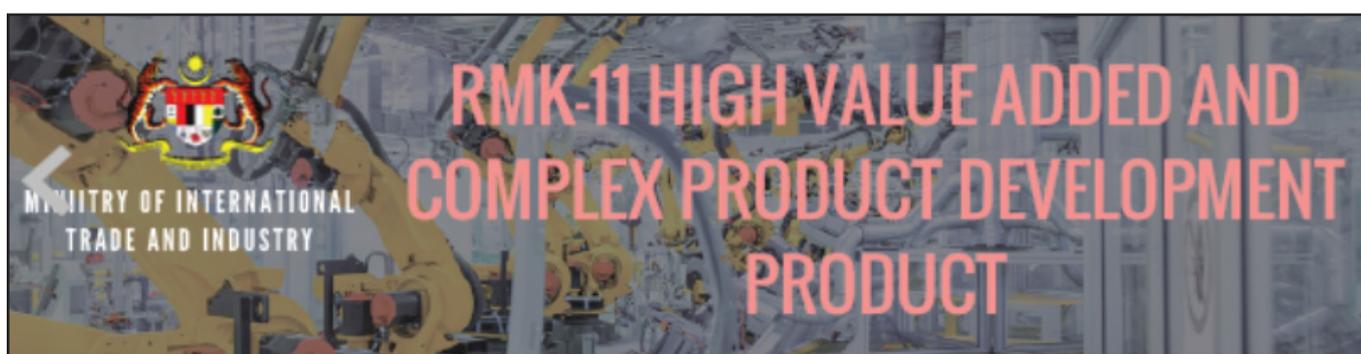
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## NEW GUIDELINE ON APPLICATION FOR CLASSIC AND VINTAGE VEHICLES IMPORT LICENSE (AP)

Please be informed effective 1 July 2018 (Sunday), a new guideline on application for classic and vintage vehicles Import License (AP) will be enforced. All application received by MITI on 1 July 2018 onward will be subjected to the terms and conditions under this new guideline.

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## Issuance of APEC Business Travel Card is temporarily suspended

Immigration Department of Malaysia has issued a notice that due to unavoidable circumstances, the issuance of APEC Business Travel Card is temporarily suspended and ABTC card will not be printed for approved applicants until further notice.

Kindly refer:

<http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/resources-and-archives/announcement/1784-notice-of-apec-card-production-suspended-time.html>



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