

## YB. Minister's Participation in World Economic Forum 2019 and Informal Ministerial Gathering on WTO 22 - 25 January 2019, Davos-Klosters, Switzerland



The World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2019 will take place from 22 – 25 January 2019 in snowy Davos-Klosters, Switzerland. This year's central theme is "Globalisation 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution".

WEF, an independent international organisation for public-private cooperation was established four (4) decades ago with a mission to improve the economic state of the world. The annual meeting, generally held in January gathers the world's top business leaders, politicians, academicians and leaders of the society to discuss major global issues affecting the world's economy and to brainstorm suggestions and plans to address these challenges. More than 2,500 participants including approximately 300 Head of States/Governments and government representatives and 1,500 global corporate leaders are expected to attend the event.

Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Datuk Darell Leiking has accepted the invitation to participate in this year's WEF. YB Datuk Darell Leiking is expected to participate and contribute in a few sessions namely, "Governing Digital Trade: Next Steps", "The Factory of the Future", "Shaping ASEAN's Agenda in the Global Context", "Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders (IGWEL): The End of Global Trade as We Know It" and "Belt and Road Forum". YB Minister will be sharing Malaysia's experience regarding Industry 4.0, digital trade, ASEAN and initiatives under the Belt and Road as well as providing Malaysia's perspective on the current global, regional and industry challenges.

Throughout the week, YB Datuk Darell Leiking will take the opportunity to meet and discuss with his counterparts in scheduled bilateral meetings with Switzerland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. YB Minister will also be meeting CEOs and top management of multinational companies such as Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Hanwha Q Cells Co. Ltd., Amazon Web Services, A.T. Kearney, Merck, Google and Microsoft to discuss potential business activities with Malaysia and exchange views on trade and investment.

At WEF, Malaysia will highlight the economic policies and trade direction outlined by the new Administration, including re-emphasising that Malaysia will continue to be an open economy with business friendly environment and remains an attractive destination for foreign direct investment. The new Government is in the process of realigning the country's major policies to ensure that Malaysia's economic growth is on solid footing, which is important for bolstering investors' confidence.

Another key deliverable is for Malaysia to underline that The Fourth Industrial Revolution is reshaping economies around the world with rapid technological advancements. Malaysia has completed and launched the National Policy on Industry 4.0 where the Government will serve as an enabler in driving the digital transformation in the manufacturing and related services sector. The enabling ecosystem will allow the manufacturing sector to thrive by adopting new technologies and to ensure that Malaysia will remain as an attractive prospect for high-technology, innovative and high value-added industries in years to come. Malaysia's participation in the WEF 2019 will provide the opportunity to further elevate Malaysia's profile and visibility among the business and international community congregating in Davos.

Besides the Forum, YB Datuk Darell Leiking will also be representing Malaysia to the Informal Ministerial Gathering on WTO organized by Switzerland. Ministers are expected to share views and dialogue on the challenges facing the multilateral trading system.

**Ministry of International Trade and Industry**  
**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**  
**21 January 2019**

## YB Datuk Darell Leiking, Minister of International Trade and Industry Malaysia Working Visit to Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of The Economic Times Asian Business Leaders Conclave 16-18 January 2019

YB Datuk Darell Leiking, Minister of International Trade and Industry Malaysia had successfully completed a working visit to Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) from 16-18 January 2019.

Fulfilling an invitation from the Economic Times, Minister Darell chaired a CEOs' Breakfast Meeting on 17 January 2019. The breakfast meeting was attended by 40 CEOs and representatives from selected corporations across Asia.

Minister Darell conveyed that Malaysia welcomes quality foreign investments, particularly of those which are capital intensive, high technology and would bring innovation to the country.

Minister Darell also delivered the Keynote Address at the 3rd Edition of Asia Business Leadership Conclave (ABLC) as the guest of honour. Among the prominent dignitaries present were Honourable Madam Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Over 500 participants, mainly regional corporate leaders and government officials attended ABLC.

Another highlight of the working visit was the launching of Truly Malaysia Programme (TMP), of which "Malaysian Products Corner" will be established in more than 4,500 pharmacies across Hong Kong. According to Minister Darell, the Malaysian Products Corner will facilitate market penetration of Malaysian products to local residents and Chinese tourists in Hong Kong. TMP is an initiative resulted from the collaboration between MH Cross Border Group, Hong Kong Chinese Pharmacist Association and Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In addition to that, Minister Darell met several potential investors namely, senior representatives from Asia Plantation Hong Kong Ltd, Meitec Ltd, Kuok Group, Lee & Man Paper Manufacturing Limited and AECOM. Minister Darell also met with the representatives from the Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (MayCham Hong Kong & Macau) Limited and Association of Family Offices in Asia (AFO) an association that manages high net worth family businesses.



In conjunction with the working visit, Minister Darell inspected the facilities at Cyberport an innovative digital community with 1,000 digital tech startup companies. Cyberport focuses on building key clusters of digital technology, namely FinTech, eCommerce, Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data and artificial intelligence (AI) to foster the development of Hong Kong into a "Smart City".

Minister Darell also interacted with Malaysian students and professionals during the Networking Dinner with Malaysian Diaspora.

Hong Kong continues to be one of Malaysia's top trading partners and sources of foreign direct investments (FDI). Following the rapid development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau i.e. Greater Bay Area (GBA), the strengthened bilateral economic ties with Hong Kong would lay a strong foundation for future fruitful collaborations, especially in the spheres of financial services, logistics as well as innovation and technology.

**Ministry of International Trade & Industry  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
20 January 2019**

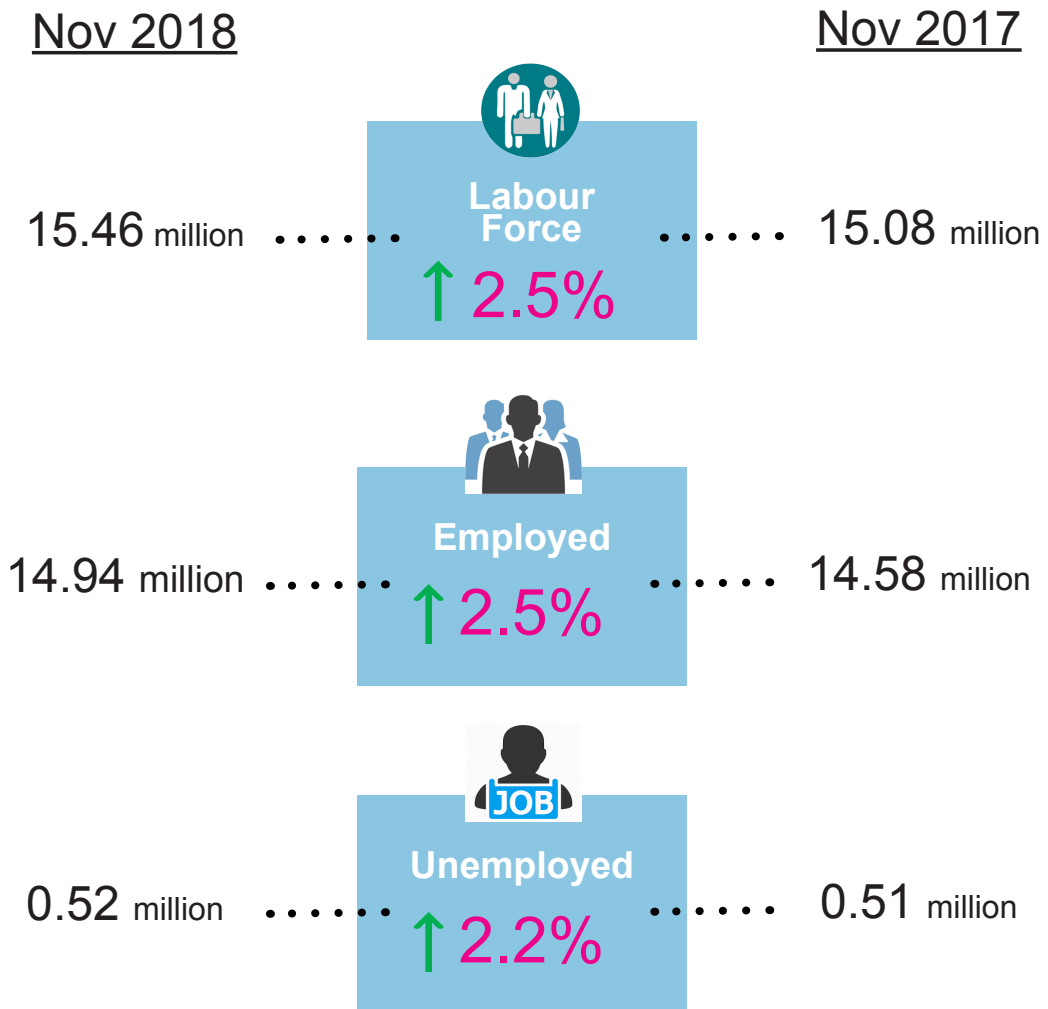
## Response to Malaysia Automotive Association's (Maa) Alleged Delay in Approving New Car Models' Pricing

1. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) takes note of the news article "Malaysian Automotive Association slams govt for delaying new car pricing approval" in The Edge, 16 January 2019 ("the Article").
2. We wish to inform that the Automotive Business Development Committee (ABDC) comprising representatives from MITI, Ministry of Finance (MOF), Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA), Malaysia Automotive, Robotic, and IOT Institute (MARii), and the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) is entirely not a new setup as mentioned in the article. ABDC was established in 2006 to facilitate collective decision making process in determining the quantum of incentive to be extended to vehicle companies. Since 2006, members of MAA have been applying for incentives to ABDC. In the decision making process, the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) is also considered by the Committee. ABDC meetings are held on a monthly basis and special ABDC meetings will be convened, if necessary.
3. The objective of the ABDC is to evaluate and recommend the Industrial Linkage Program (ILP), Multi Sourcing Parts (MSP) and customized incentives for Energy Efficient Vehicle (EEV) under the National Automotive Policy (NAP) 2014. The recommendations by ABDC are for MOF to consider in deciding the amount of duty reduction to be extended to the vehicle companies. It must be noted that the approval letter from MOF also explicitly stipulate that the gains from the incentive received by the vehicle companies are to be passed down to the Rakyat.
4. In the previous Administration, some vehicle companies had obtained the incentives directly from MOF, bypassing ABDC. Many of the applications were approved without comprehensive evaluation in determining the return of investment to the Government. However, in line with the aspiration of the new Government, MOF and MITI collectively agreed that the decision making process has to be transparent and fair and should be comprehensively deliberated by the ABDC.
5. All the due process and governance which has been strengthened under the current Government is primarily for the purpose of ensuring that the incentives are granted and distributed to the worthy and entitled recipients according to the prescribed regulations and guidelines. MITI will always strive to ensure that public funds and taxpayers money are utilised optimally for the benefits of the Rakyat.
6. MITI continues to welcome all constructive feedback from the industry. In this regard, MITI invites MAA and any industry player to have further consultation pertaining to this issue and to collectively address grievances in order to facilitate the growth of the automotive industry.

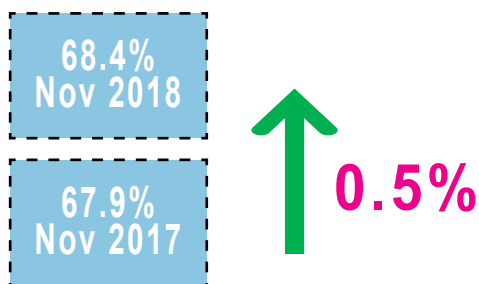
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# Labour Force in Malaysia

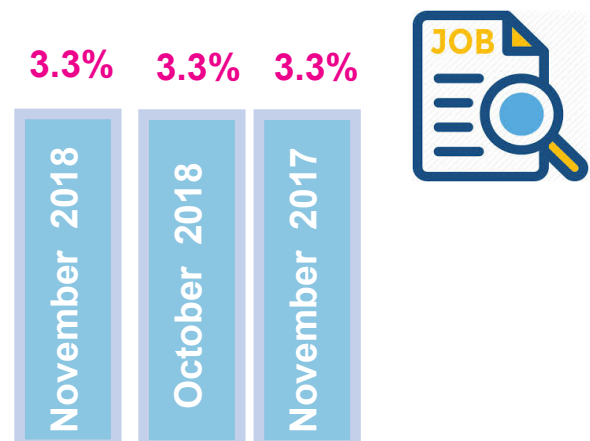
Number of labour force **increased 2.5 per cent** in November 2018 as compared to November 2017



Labour force participation rate (LFPR) in November 2018 **increased 0.5 per cent** as compared to November 2017



Unemployment rate in November 2018 remained at **3.3 per cent**



Note:

- % refer to Year -on-Year Growth

- Labour force participation rate is defined as the ratio of labour force to the working age population, expressed as percentage.

Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# Rubber Statistics, November 2018

Production of natural rubber **decreased by 11.1%** in November 2018



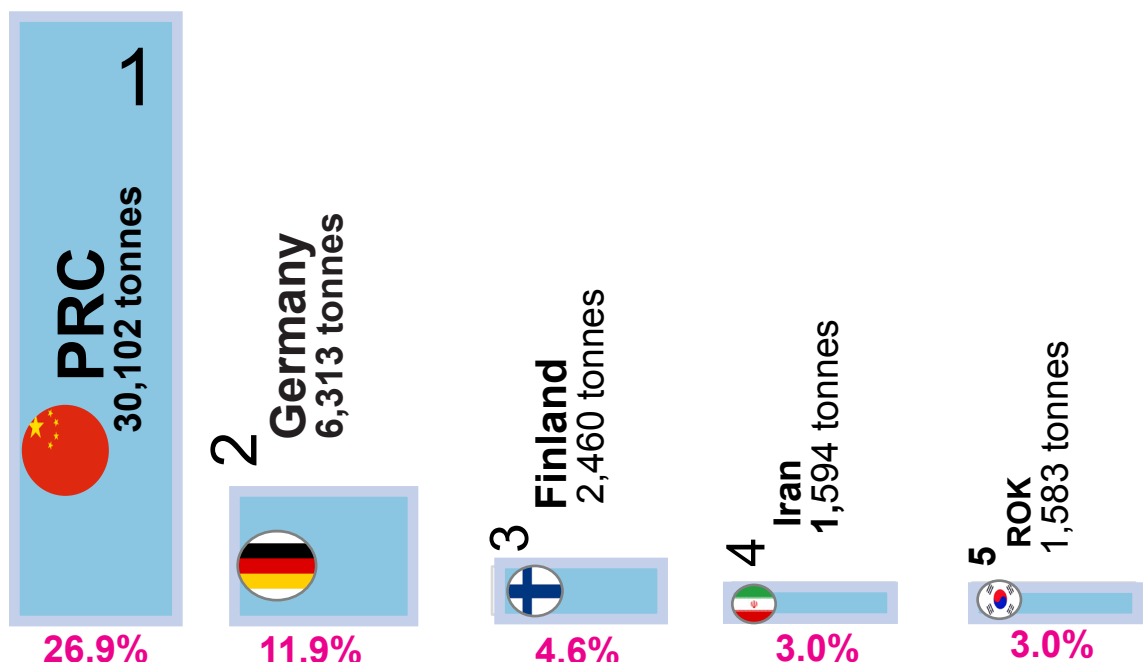
Note: - % refer to Year -on-Year Growth

## Domestic Consumption

Rubber gloves industry was the main consumer of natural rubber



## Top five export destinations of natural rubber



Note: - % refer to Year -on-Year Growth

Source : Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# Brunei Economic Indicators 2017

**81.6%**  
Employment  
in Services

**17.5%**  
Employment  
in Industry

**0.4 million**  
Population  
**1.3% annual**  
Growth rate

**US\$13.5 billion**  
GDP at constant prices

**0.5%**  
Employment  
in Agriculture

**1.3% annual**  
Growth rate

**F D I**  
**Flow -US\$46.3**  
**Inward million**

**F D I**  
**Flow -US\$84.7**  
**Outward million**

**US\$6.2**  
**billion** **F D I**  
**Stock**  
**Inward**

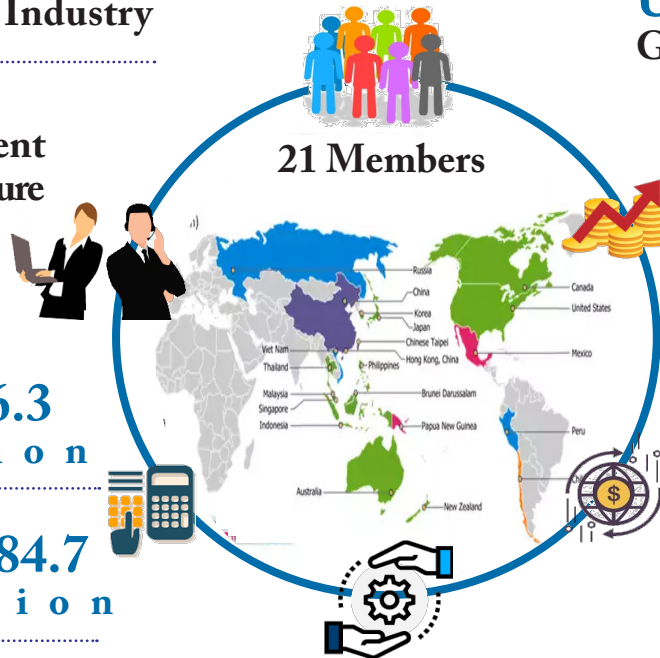
**US\$1.5**  
**billion** **F D I**  
**Stock**  
**Outward**

**US\$1.4**  
**billion**  
**Commercial**  
**Services**  
**Imports**

**US\$0.5**  
**billion**  
**Commercial**  
**Services**  
**Exports**

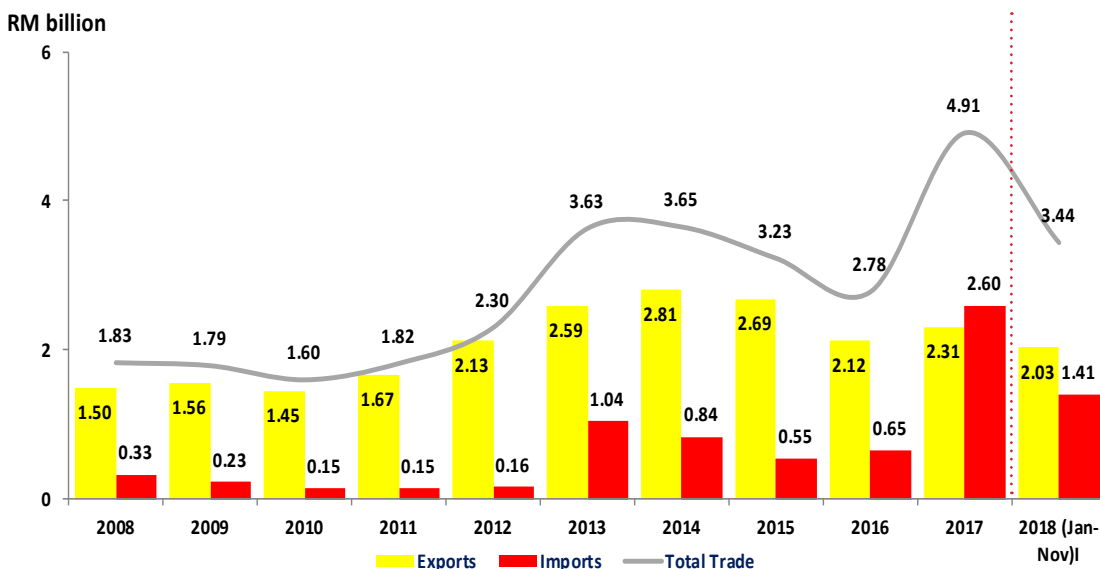
**US\$5.6**  
**billion**  
**Merchandise**  
**Goods**  
**Exports**

**US\$3.1**  
**billion**  
**Merchandise**  
**Goods**  
**Imports**



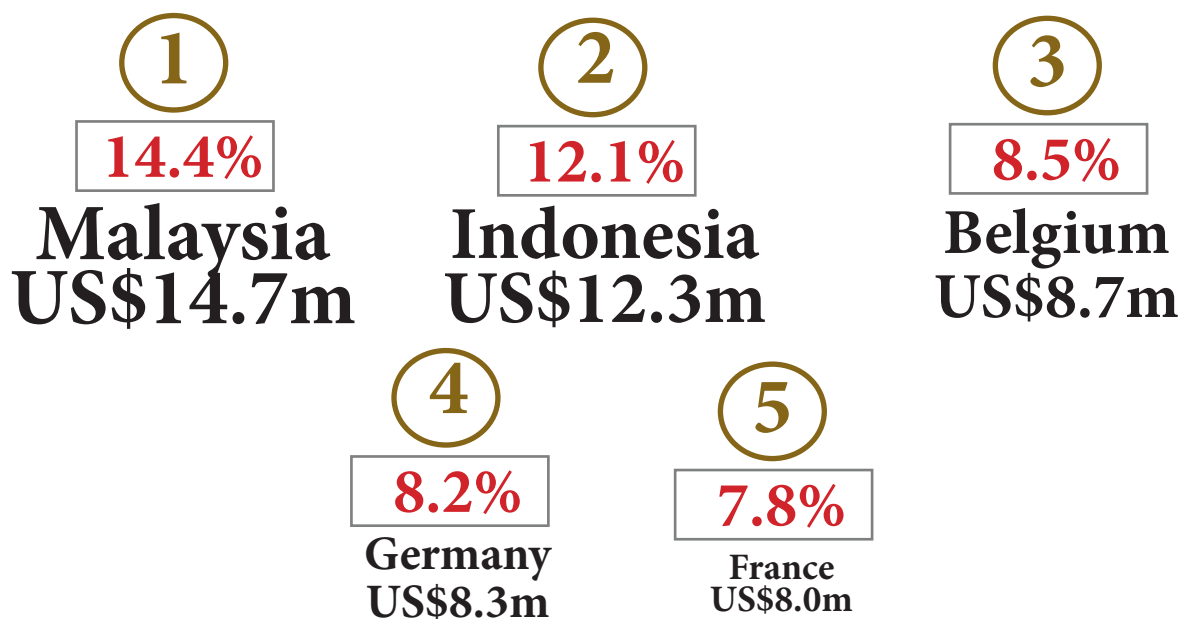
Source: www.statistics.apec.org

## Malaysia's Trade with Brunei 2008 - Nov 2018



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Malaysia was the largest exporter of Degras; residues resulting from the treatment of fatty substances or animal or vegetable waxes\* in 2017



## Malaysia's Top Five Export Destinations



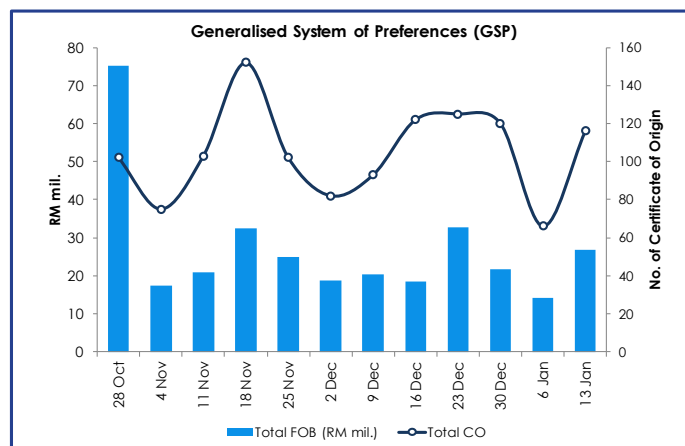
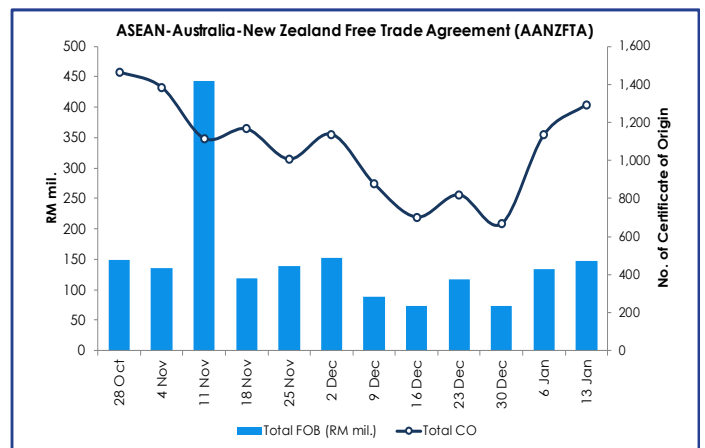
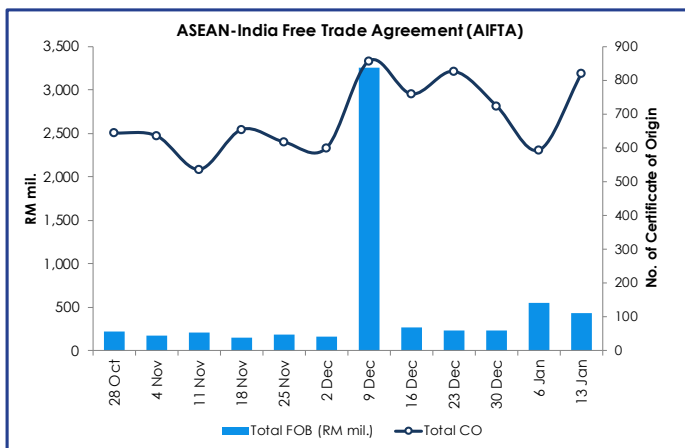
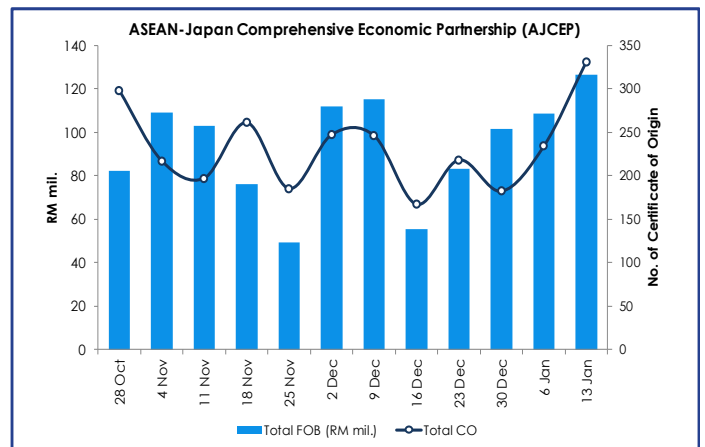
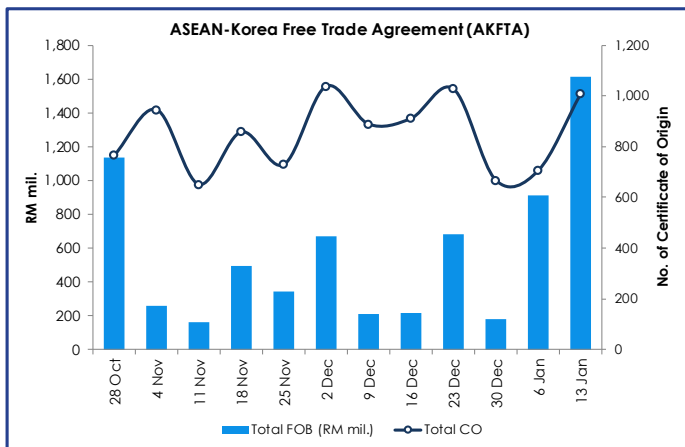
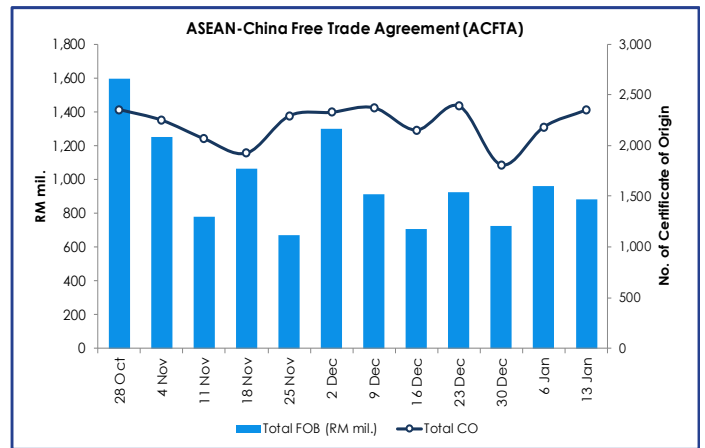
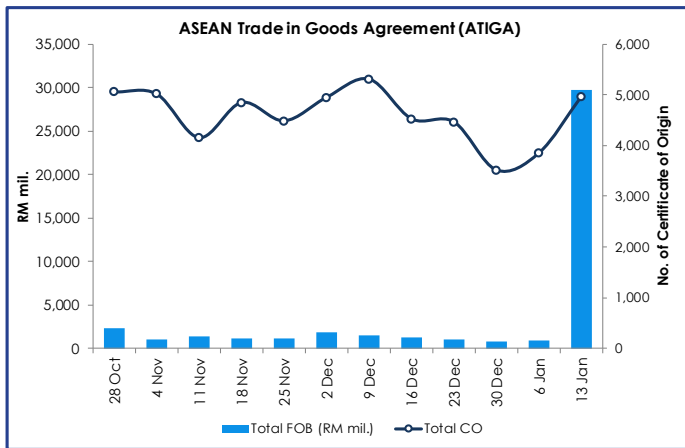
Notes :

- % Share in Malaysia's export

- \*Refers to HS 152200

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

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



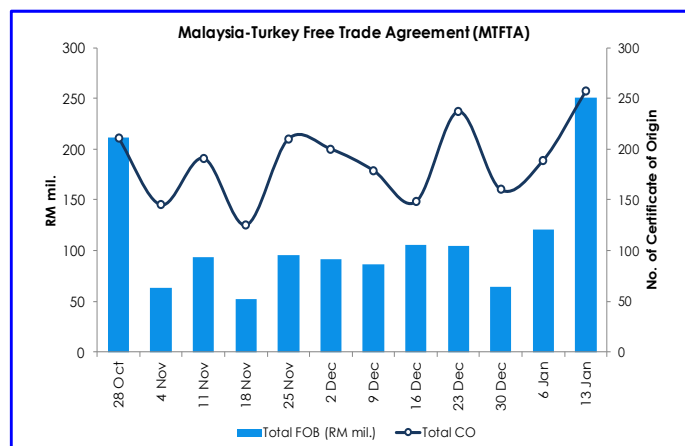
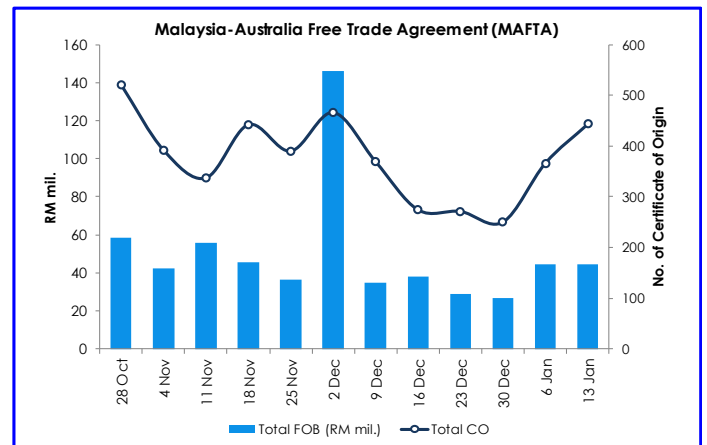
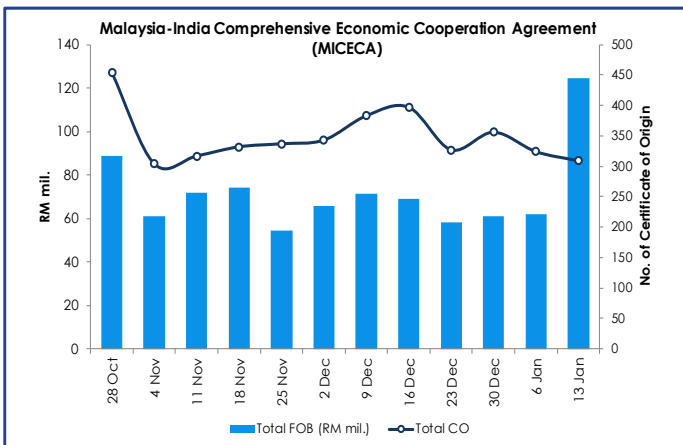
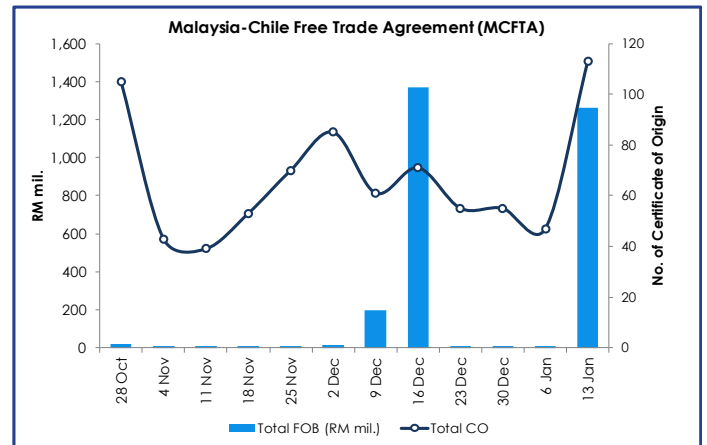
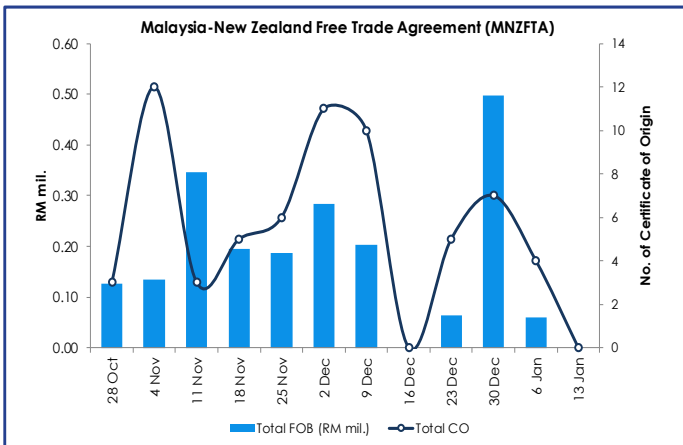
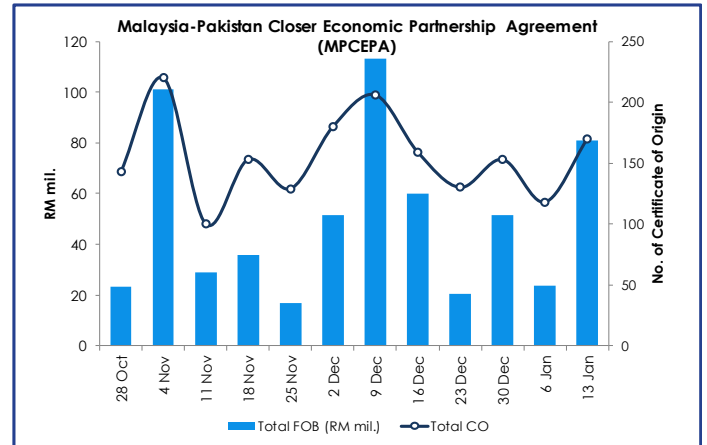
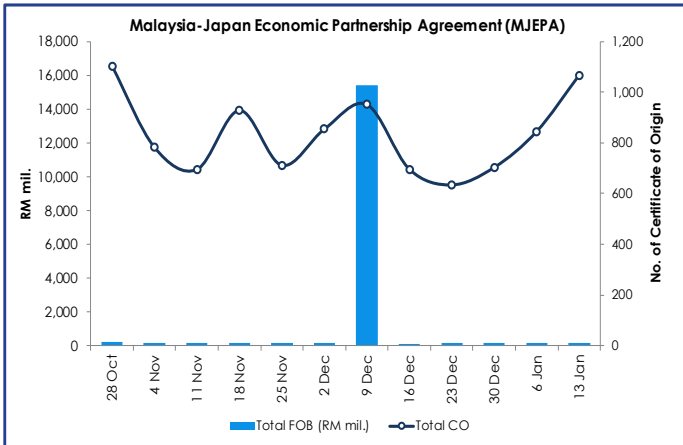
Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Norway.

Note: \*Provisional Data

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia



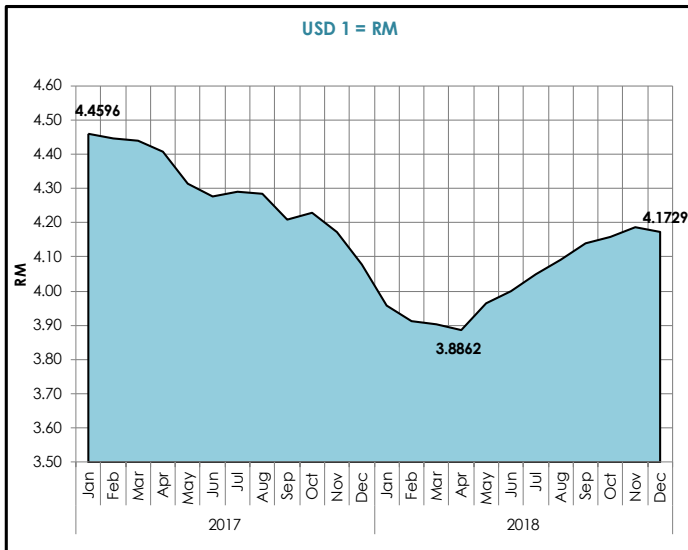
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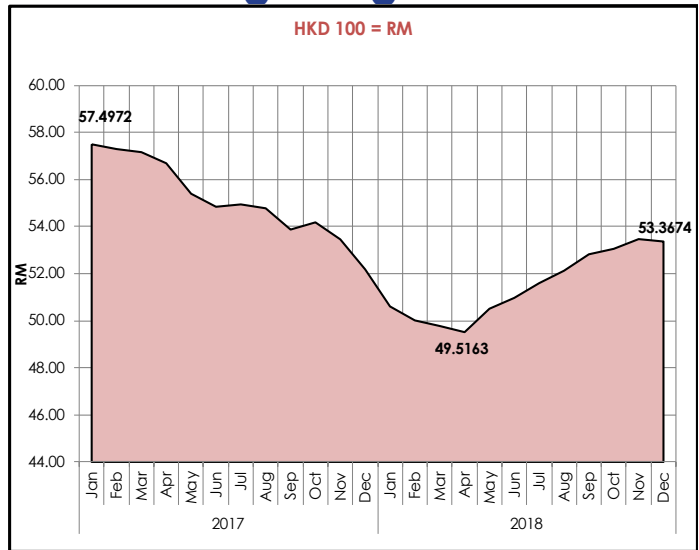
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# Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2017 - December 2018

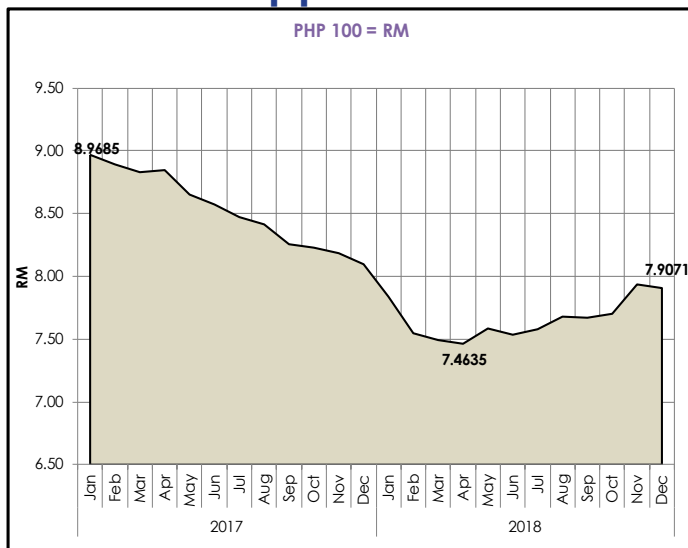
## US Dollar



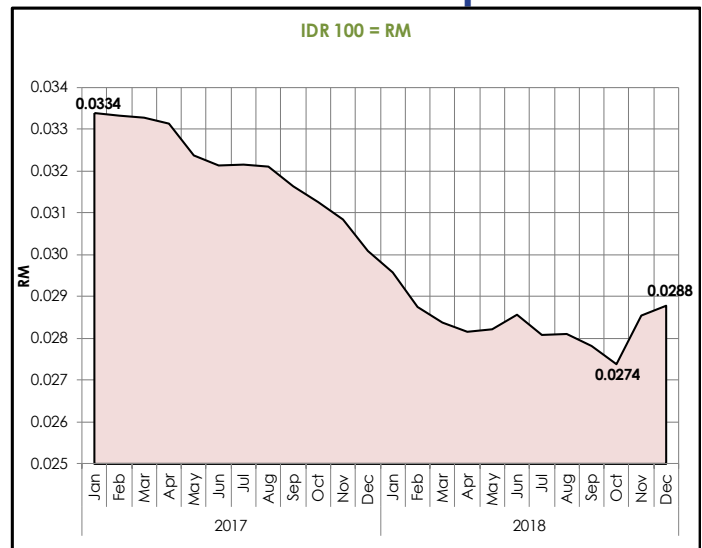
## Hong Kong Dollar



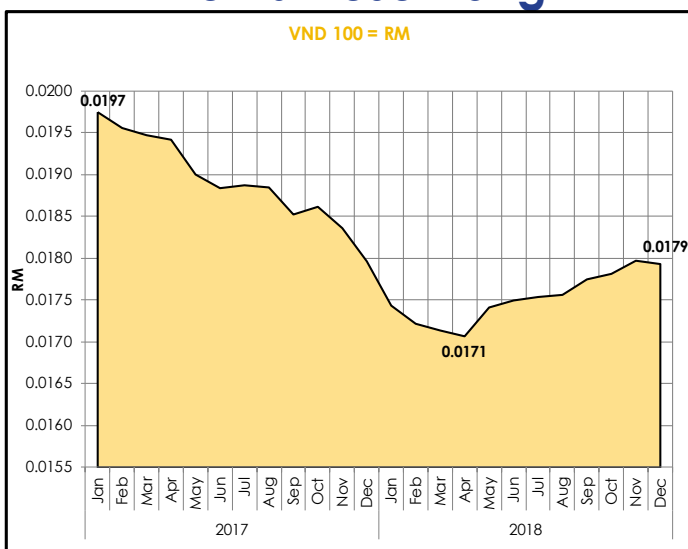
## Philippine Peso



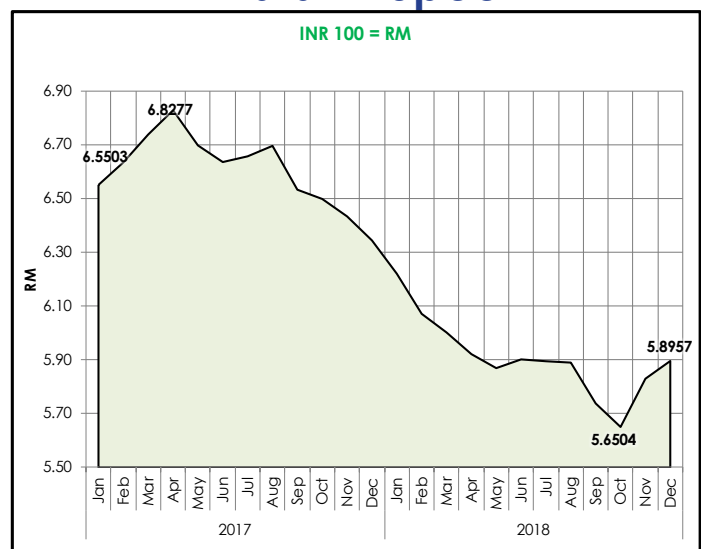
## Indonesian Rupiah



## Vietnamese Dong



## Indian Rupee



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

# Commodity Prices

## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▲ **3.7%\***  
US\$62.7  
**18 Jan 2019**



Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$71.5

## CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▲ **1.3%\***  
US\$530.6  
**18 Jan 2019**



Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$600.1

## RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ **2.6%\***  
US\$1,343.0  
**18 Jan 2019**

Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,371.0

## COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ **1.3%\***  
US\$1,561.0  
**18 Jan 2019**

Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,535.6

## SUGAR -per lbs-

▲ **2.0%\***  
US¢13.0  
**18 Jan 2019**



Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US¢12.3

## COAL -per MT-



▲ **1.0%\***  
US\$76.3  
**18 Jan 2019**

Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$66.9

## SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



⊖ **%\***  
US\$330.0  
(high)

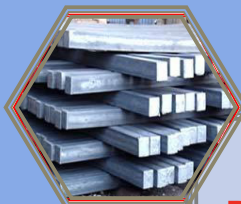
▲ **3.3%\***  
US\$310.0  
(low)

**18 Jan 2019**

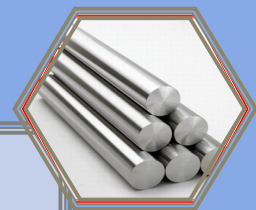
Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$380.7 (high)  
Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$359.6 (low)

## Domestic Prices

### 18 January 2019



**Billets**  
(per MT)  
**RM1,900 - RM1,950**

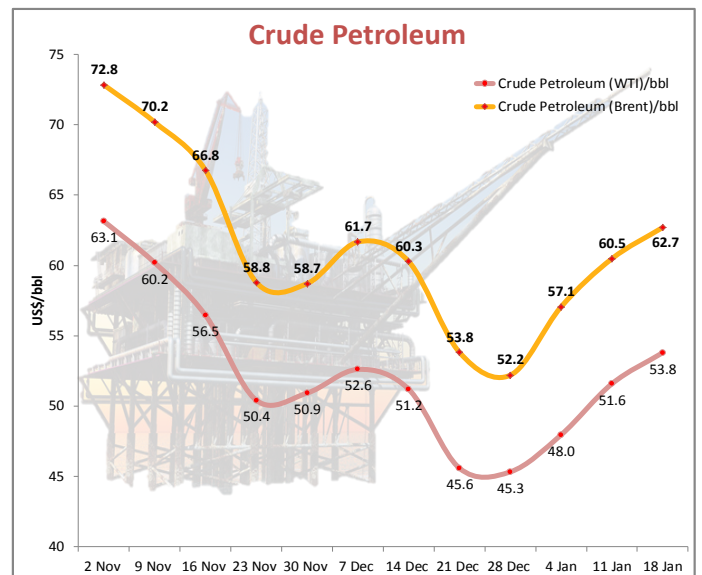
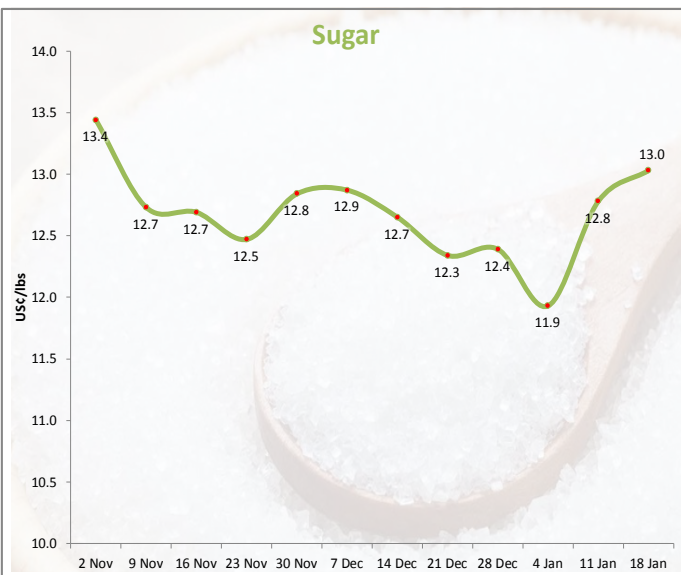
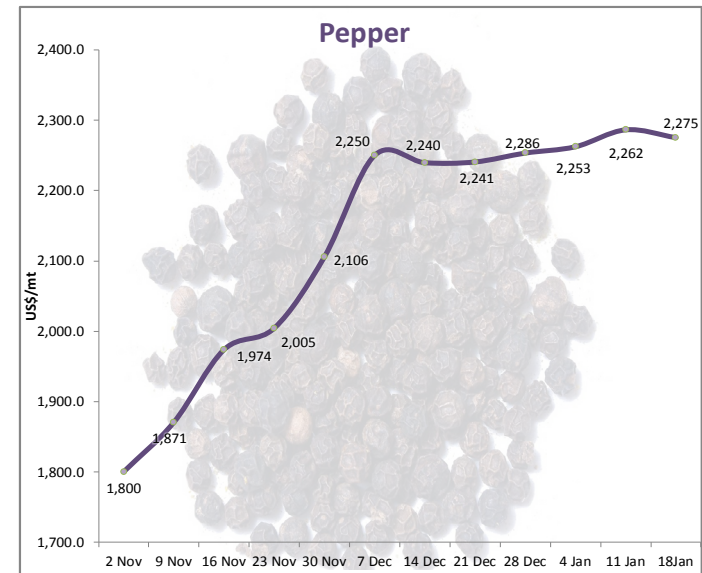
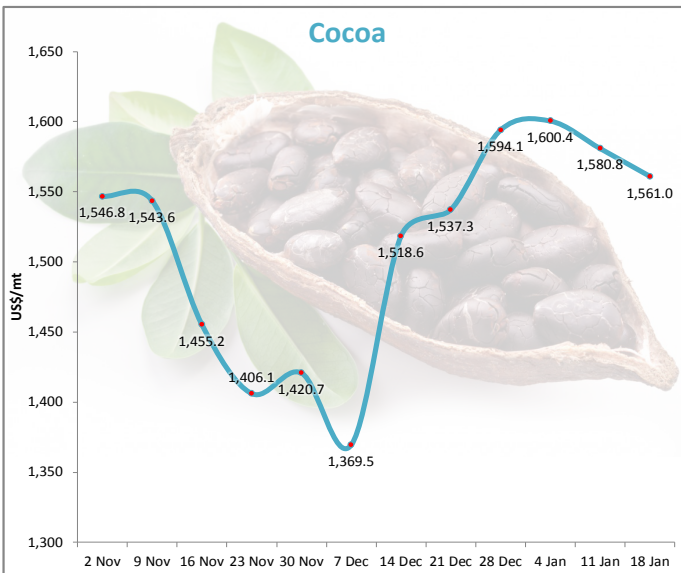
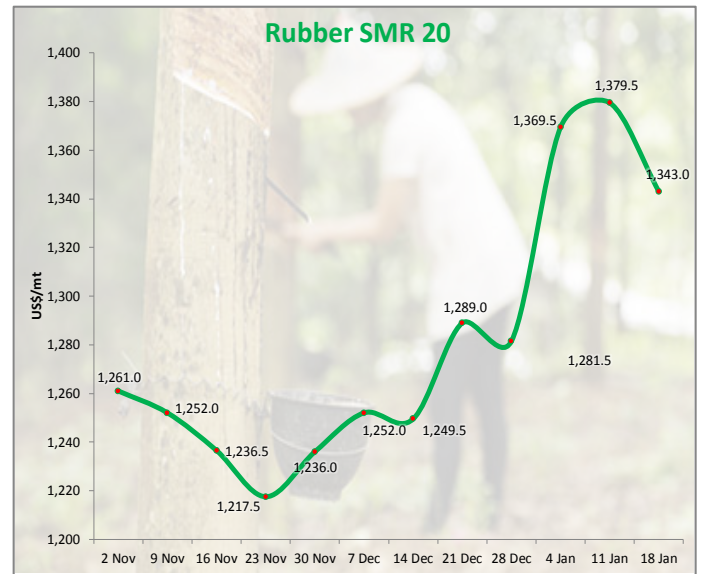
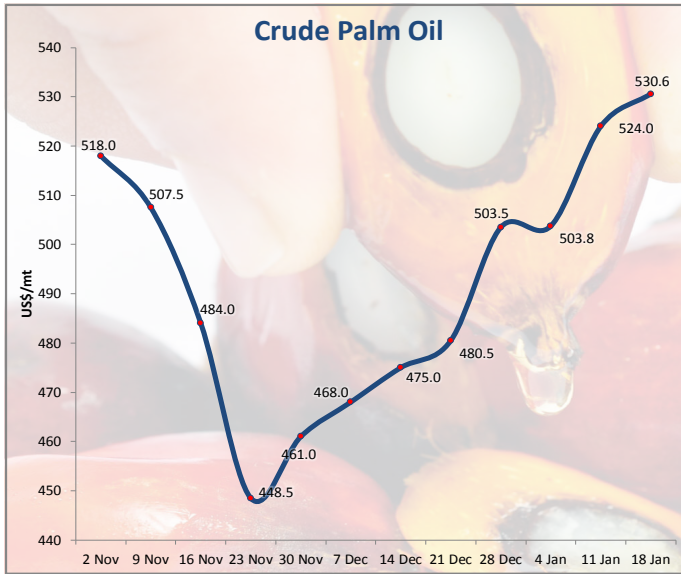


**Steel Bars**  
(per MT)  
**RM2,000 - RM2,150**

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

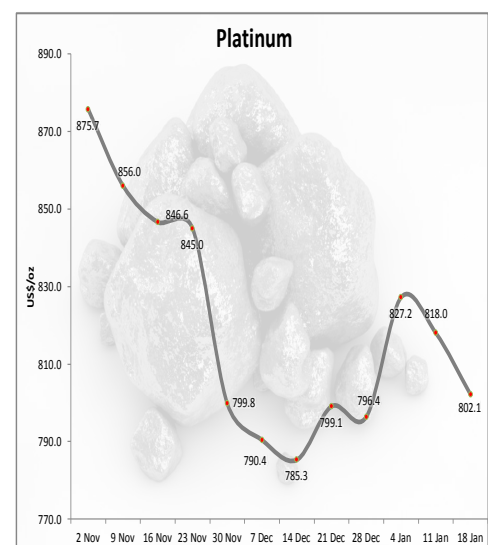
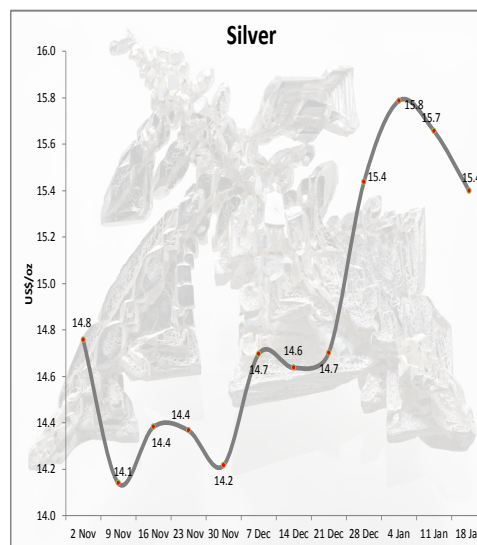
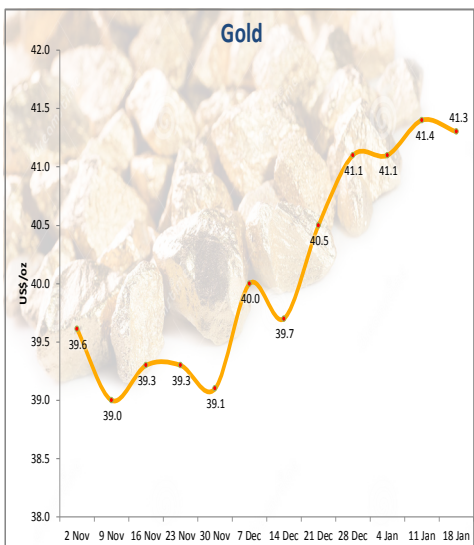
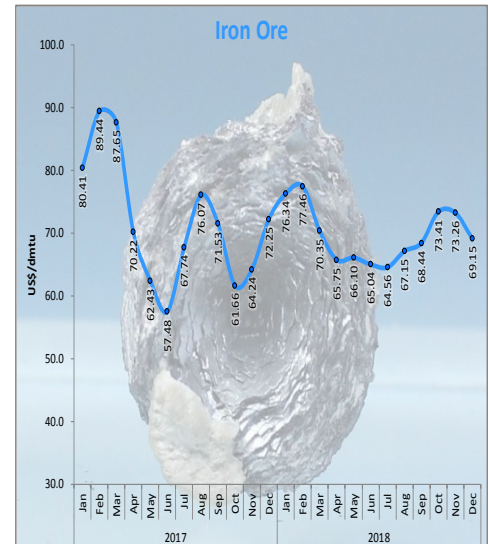
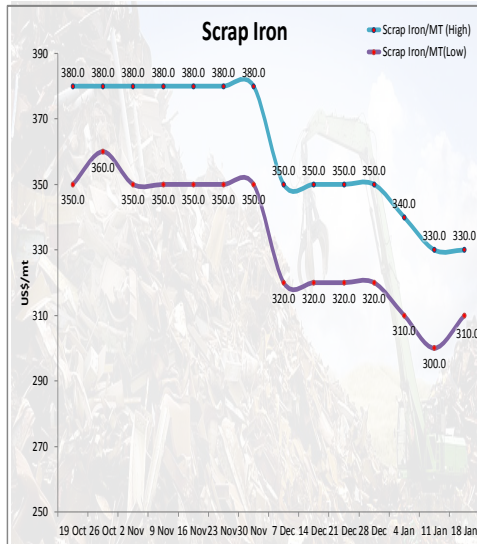
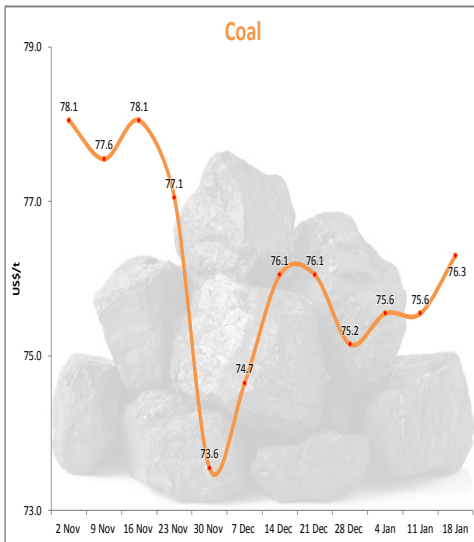
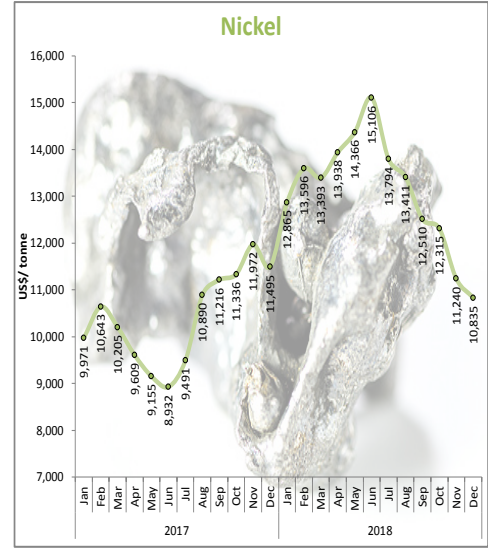
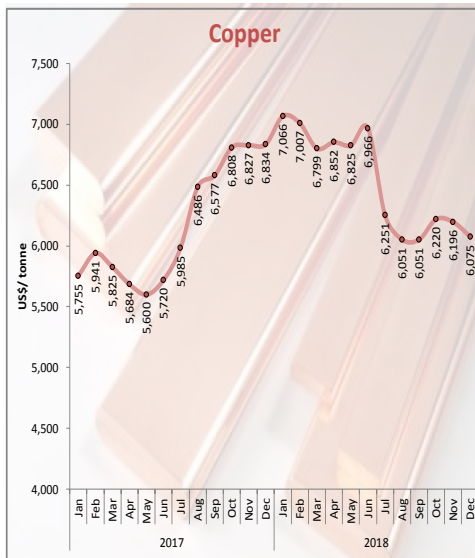
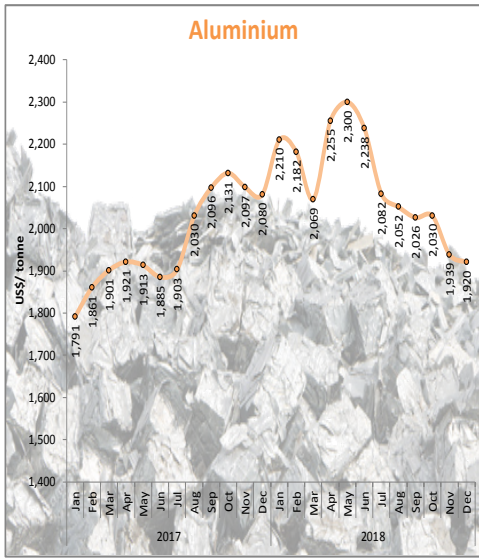
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# Commodity Prices Trends



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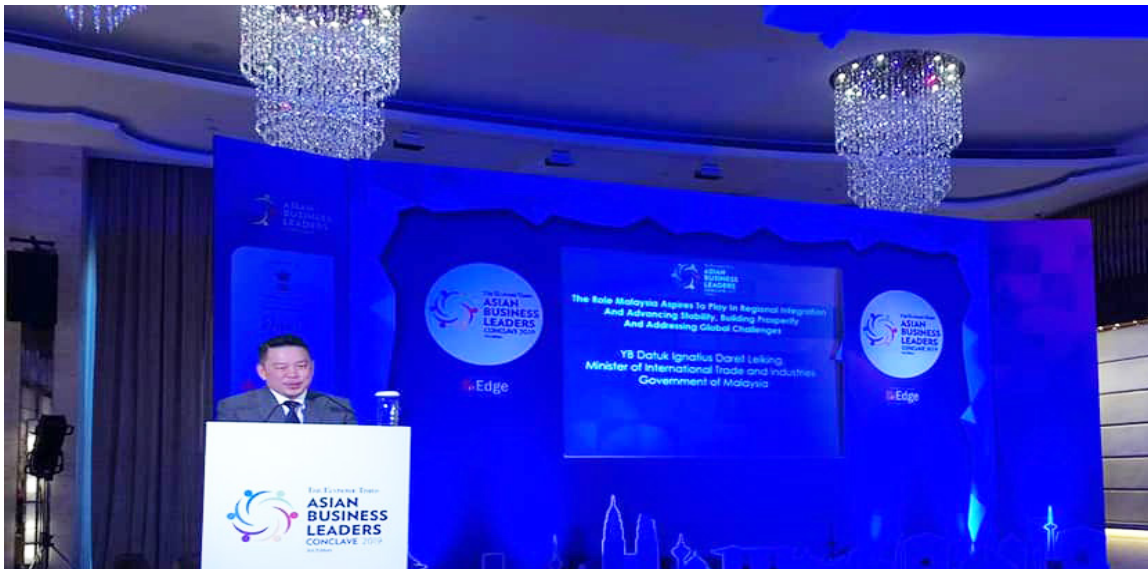
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# MITI Minister at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Asia Business Leadership Conclave (ABLC) , Hong Kong 17 January 2019

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# Glossary

## **Carbon cycle**

Natural circulation of carbon which is exchanged among large carbon reserves in the land, the ocean, the biosphere and the atmosphere; Circulation of carbon through ecosystems in the course of which carbon atoms from carbon dioxide are incorporated into organic compounds formed by green plants during photosynthesis

Source : Environment      Source Detail : Compedium of Environment, DOSM

## **Carbon monoxide**

Colourless, odourless and poisonous gas produced by incomplete fossil fuel combustion.

Source : Environment      Source Detail : Compedium of Environment, DOSM

## **Carbon sink**

Pool (reservoir) that absorbs or takes up released carbon from another part of the carbon cycle. For example, if the net exchange between the biosphere and the atmosphere is towards the atmosphere, the biosphere is the source and the atmosphere is the sink.

Source : Environment      Source Detail : Compedium of Environment, DOSM

## **Carbon tax**

Instrument of environmental cost internalisation. It is an excise tax on the producers of raw fossil fuels based on the relative carbon content of those fuels.

Source : Environment      Source Detail : Compedium of Environment, DOSM

## **Cash accounting**

Cash Accounting records only cash payments and records them at the times these payments occur.

Source : National Accounts      Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM

## **Census year**

Census year refers to the year in which the census was conducted

Source : General      Source Detail : Economic Census

## **Central Bank**

A Central Bank is the public financial corporation which is a monetary authority: that is, which issues banknotes and sometimes coins and may hold all or part of the international reserves of the country.

Source : National Accounts      Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM

## **Central Government**

Central Government is the body whose political authority extends over the entire territory of the country and which has the authority to impose taxes on all resident and non-resident units engaged in economic activities within the country.

Source : National Accounts      Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM

## **Changes in inventories (including work-in-progress)**

Changes in inventories are measured by the value of the entries into inventories less the value of withdrawals and the value of any recurrent losses of goods held in inventories during the accounting period.

Source : National Accounts      Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM

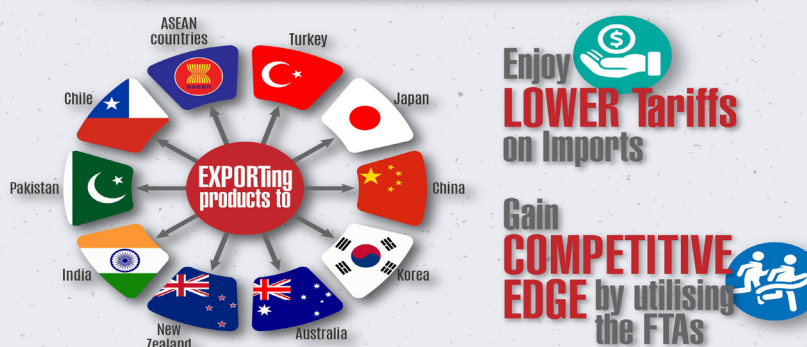


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Please be informed effective 1 July 2018 (Sunday), a new guideline on application for classic and vintage vehicles Import License (AP) will be enforced. All application received by MITI on 1 July 2018 onward will be subjected to the terms and conditions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

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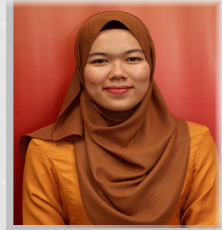
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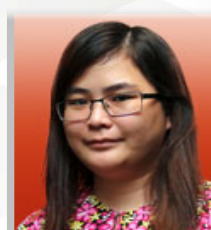
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