

## MITI Minister received an official visit from the Vice President of Argentina, 6 May 2019

### Malaysia-Argentina Trade and Investment Relation

#### Trade Performance 2018

##### Malaysia was Argentina's:

- 26<sup>th</sup> trading partner
- 20<sup>th</sup> export destination
- 33<sup>rd</sup> import source

##### Argentina was Malaysia's:

- 34<sup>th</sup> trading partner
- 65<sup>th</sup> export destination
- 23<sup>rd</sup> import source

##### Major exports to Argentina:

- Rubber Products (19.4%);
- Electrical & electronic products (17.6%);
- Petroleum Products (17.5%);
- Palm oil & palm oil based products (8.4%); and
- Machinery, Equipment & Parts (5.8%).



##### Major imports from Argentina:

- Animal Feed and Leather & Articles of leather (48.2%);
- Other Agriculture - Cereals (42.9%);
- Other Vegetable Oil (4.5%);
- Processed Food (2.5%); and
- Seafood, fresh, chilled or frozen (0.4%)



#### Investment Performance



##### Investment in Argentina...

- Sri Inderajaya Holdings (hotel and tourism)
- PETRONAS (oil and gas)
- IJM Corporation Berhad (investment holding)
- Pelikan International Corporation Berhad (distributor of writing and art instruments)



##### Investment in Malaysia...

- Imartek Sdn. Bhd
- Workana

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Darell Leiking received an official visit from the Vice President of Argentina, Her Excellency Marta Gabriela Michetti at his office, as part of Vice President Michetti five-day visit to Malaysia.

During the private meeting, Minister Darell and Vice President Michetti agreed that there are growth opportunities in the bilateral trade and investment relations between both countries. The private meeting was followed by the Malaysia-Argentina Roundtable Meeting which was attended by Malaysian and Argentinian companies, chambers of commerce and investment funds.

The roundtable meeting exchanged views on opportunities to further enhance the trade and investment ties as well as discussed concerns on doing business in both countries.

Minister Darell acknowledged the enormous prospects of Argentina and the MERCOSUR economic bloc to further deepen Malaysia's trade and investment ties within the Latin America region. He emphasised the need for the governments and businesses in both nations to work hand in hand to explore mutually beneficial opportunities, address the existing challenges and improve the processes.

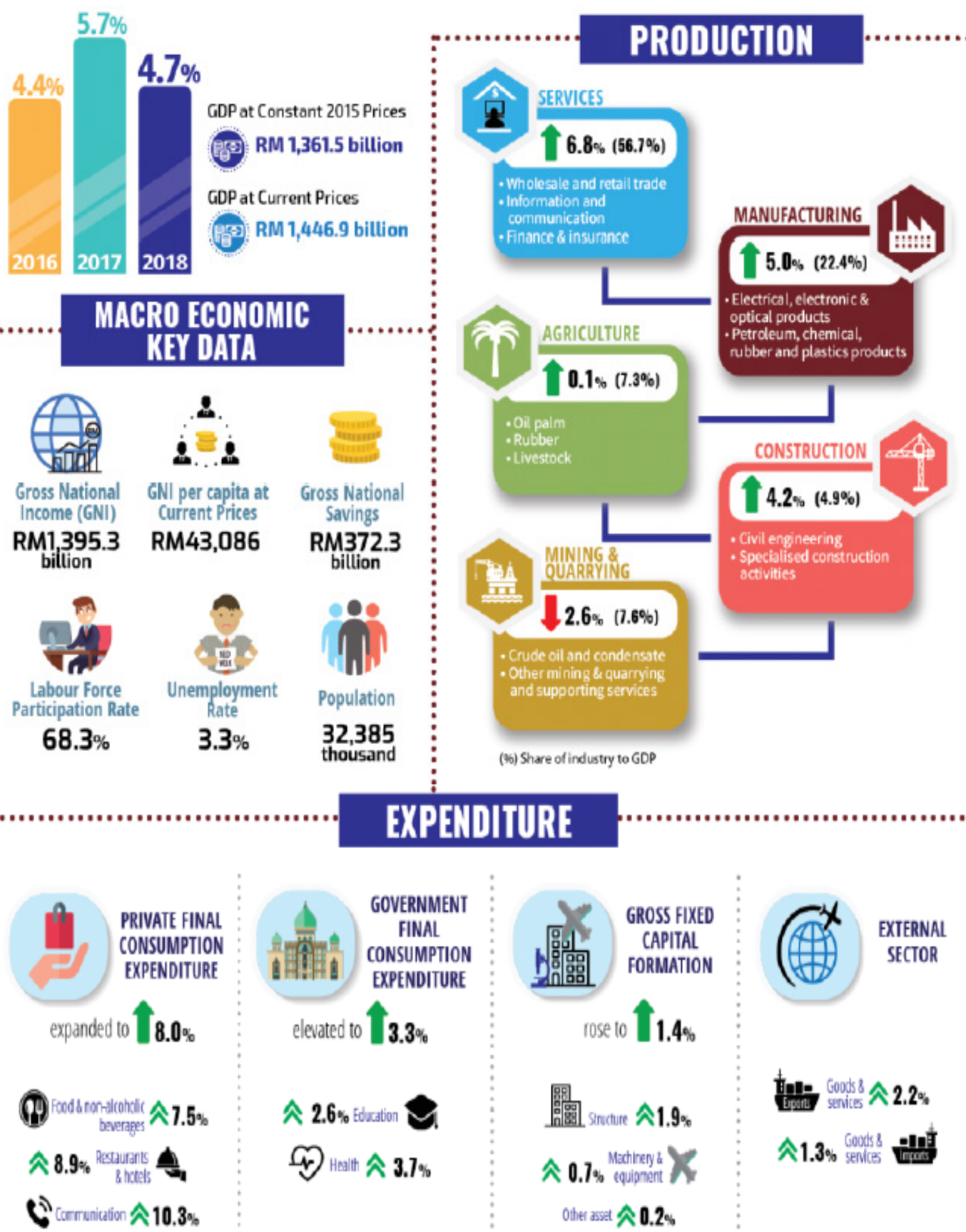
"Being the fifth largest economy in the world, Malaysia definitely is interested to establish partnership with Mercosur. MITI is exploring the feasibility of a Free Trade Agreement with Mercosur," he added.

In 2018, Argentina remained as Malaysia's third largest trading partner among the Latin American countries, after Brazil and Mexico, with total trade of RM5.39 billion (USD1.3 billion). Meanwhile, Malaysia was Argentina's fourth largest trading partner among ASEAN countries. Palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products are among the major exports to Argentina after rubber products; electrical and electronic; and petroleum products.

Argentine companies have invested in Malaysia's manufacturing and services sectors; while Malaysian companies have successfully ventured in Argentina in diverse sectors from tourism, oil and gas, investment holdings and manufacturing.

# Malaysia Economy 2018

Malaysia economy recorded a **better performance** with a growth of **4.7%** incorporated with a new base year 2015.



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# Malaysia Economy 2018



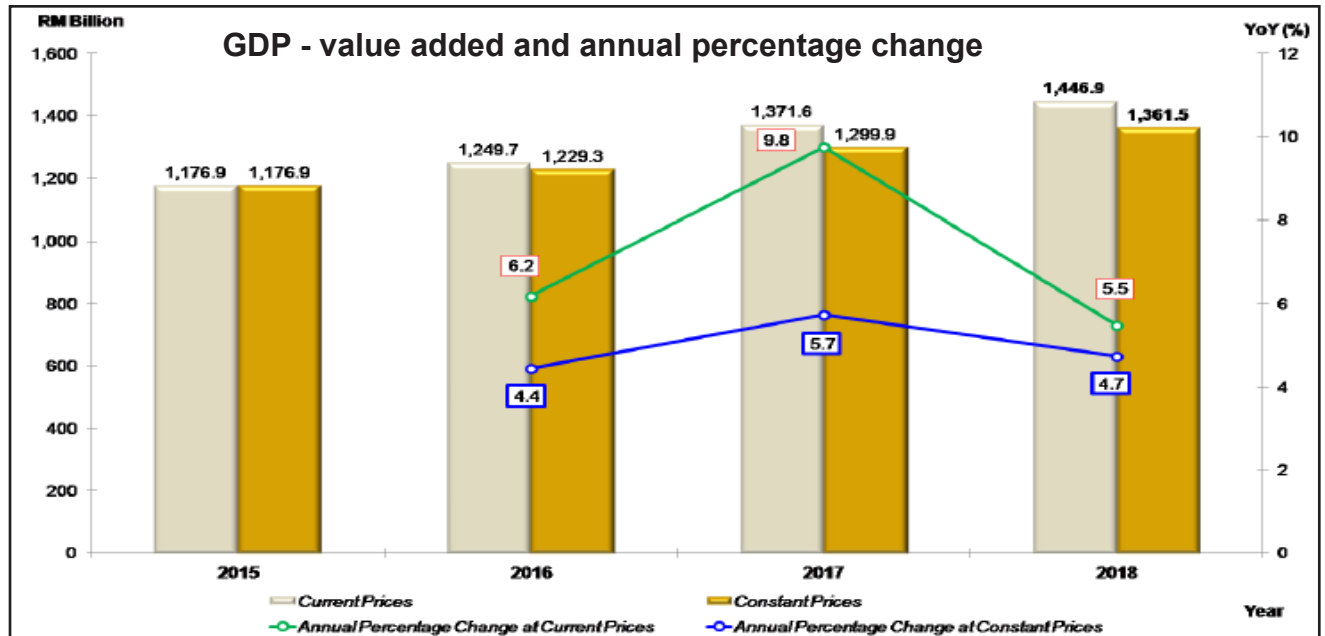
GDP at Current 2015 Prices  
**RM 1,446.9 billion**



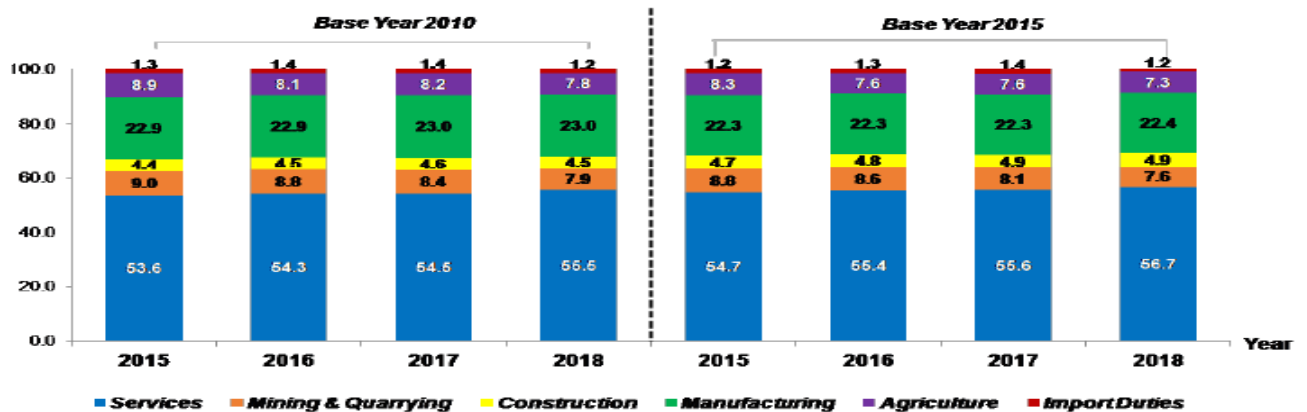
Gross National Income (GNI)  
**RM1,395.3 billion**



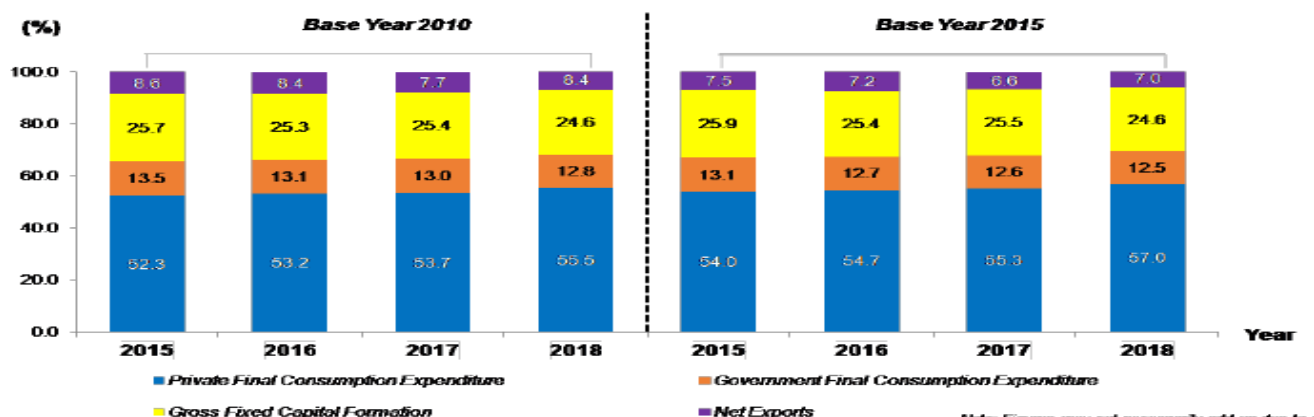
GNI per capita at Current Prices  
**RM43,086**



## Percentage share of GDP by kind of economic activity



## Percentage share of GDP by type of expenditure



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# Trade Performance, First Quarter 2019

Total **trade declined** by **1.5%** in the first quarter of 2019 while **exports** decreased by **0.7%** and **imports** contracted by **2.5%**.

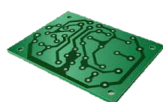


**81.7% share**  
**RM192.9 billion**  
Domestic Exports



**18.3% share**  
**RM43.1 billion**  
Re-exports

## 51.1% of exports was contributed by:



**RM91.3 billion** Electrical & Electronic Products  
(38.7%)



**RM15.2 billion** Petroleum Products  
(6.4%)



**RM14.1 billion** Chemicals & Chemical Products  
(6.0%)

**75.9%** Domestic Exports  
(RM69.3 billion)

**24.1%** Re-exports  
(RM22.0 billion)

**39.4%** Domestic Exports  
(RM4.0 billion)

**60.6%** Re-Exports  
(RM9.2 billion)

**87.8%** Domestic Exports  
(RM12.4 billion)

**12.2%** Re-exports  
(RM1.7 billion)

### Major destinations:

**16.5%** --> Singapore  
**14.1%** --> Hong Kong  
**13.4%** --> P.R. China

### Major destinations:

**24.2%** --> Singapore  
**15.4%** --> P.R. China  
**9.1%** --> Australia

### Major destinations:

**30.3%** --> P.R.China  
**10.3%** --> Indonesia  
**8.5%** --> Thailand

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

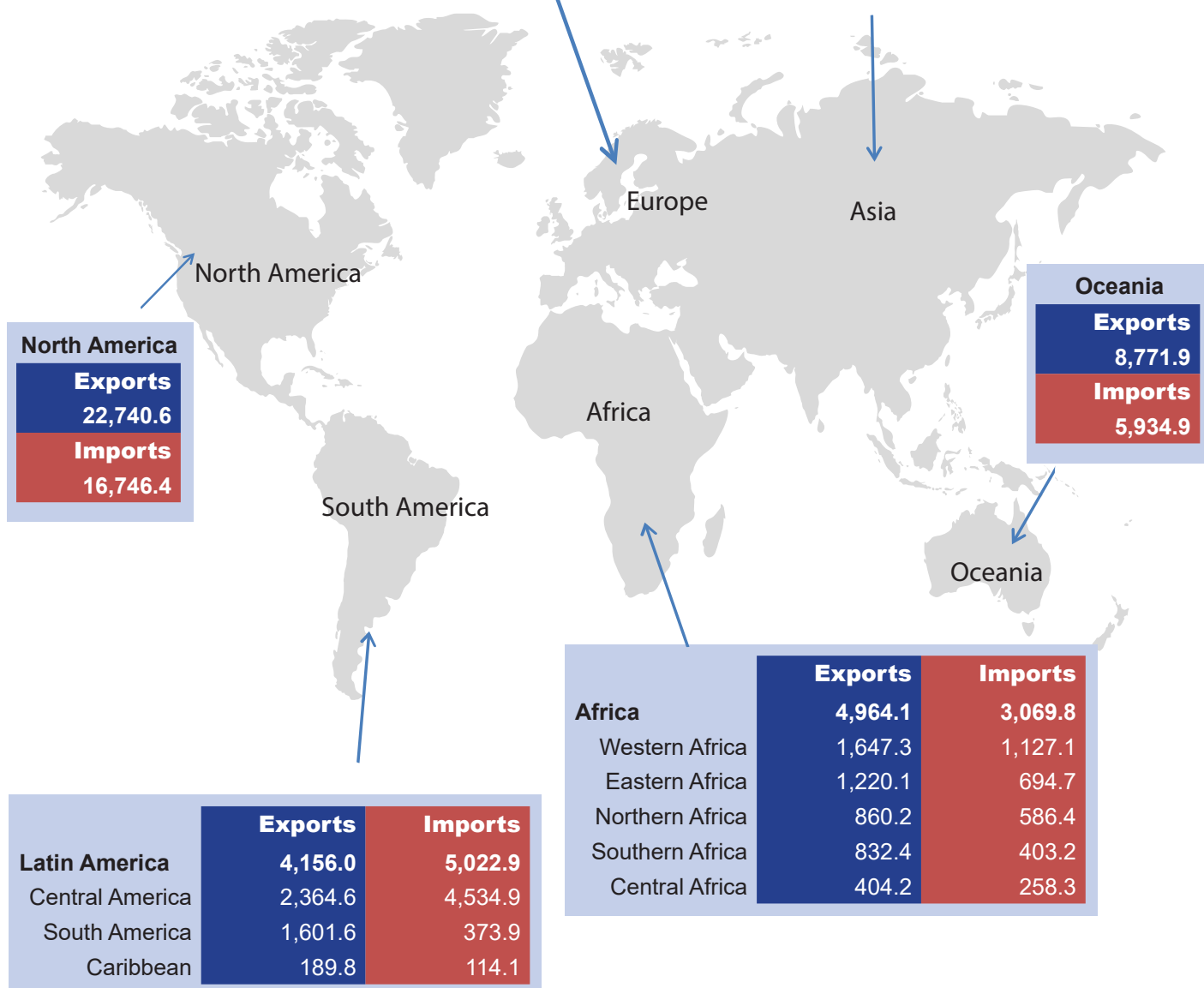


# Geographical Region Trade Performance, First Quarter 2019

\* Value in RM million

|                | Exports         | Imports         |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Europe</b>  | <b>26,562.6</b> | <b>22,868.4</b> |
| Western Europe | 23,166.2        | 20,253.6        |
| Eastern Europe | 3,396.5         | 2,614.8         |

| Asia            | Exports  | Imports  |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| North-East Asia | 81,469.3 | 81,598.7 |
| South-East Asia | 67,347.1 | 48,666.1 |
| South Asia      | 12,923.5 | 9,695.7  |
| West Asia       | 6,922.8  | 5,442.7  |
| Central Asia    | 157.9    | 14.1     |



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# Thailand Economic Indicators 2017

**44.6%** Employment in Services  
**22.6%** Employment in Industry

**32.8%** Employment in Agriculture

**69.0** million  
Population

**0.3%** annual  
Growth rate

**US\$422.9** billion  
GDP at constant prices

**3.9%** annual  
Growth rate

F D I Flow Inward **US\$7.6** billion

F D I Flow Outward **US\$19.3** billion

**US\$219.4** billion F D I Stock Inward

**US\$107.3** billion F D I Stock Outward

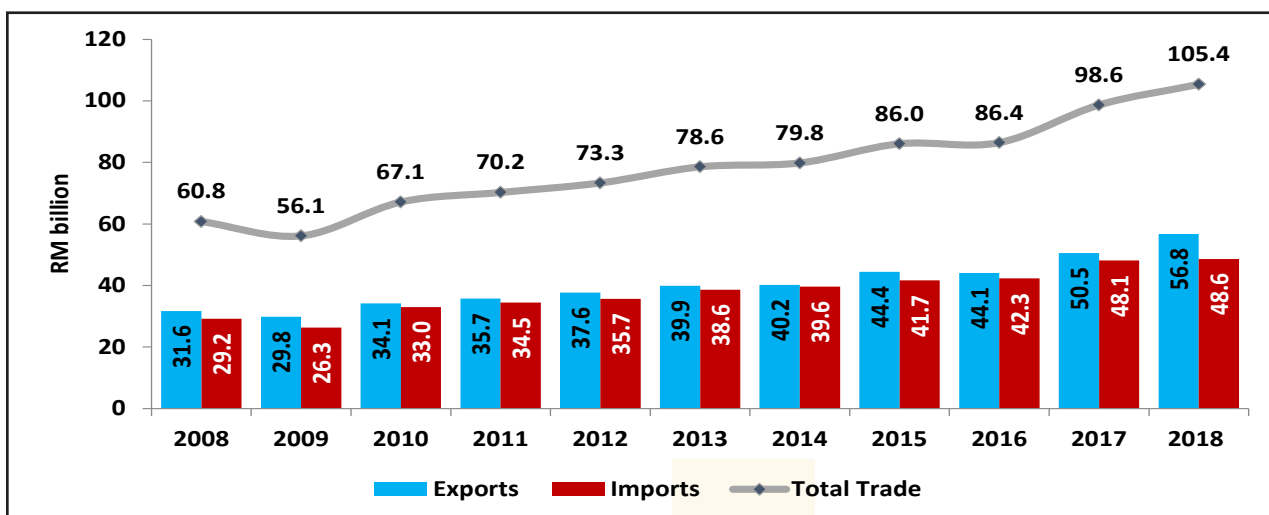
**US\$75.4** billion Commercial Services Exports  
**US\$45.6** billion Commercial Services Imports

**US\$236.6** billion Merchandise Goods Exports

**US\$221.5** billion Merchandise Goods Imports

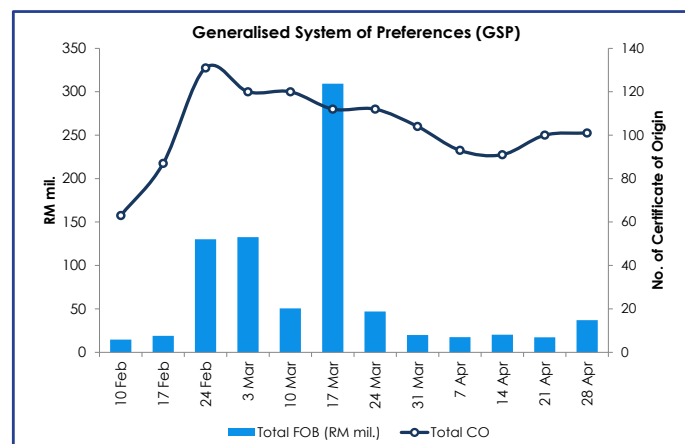
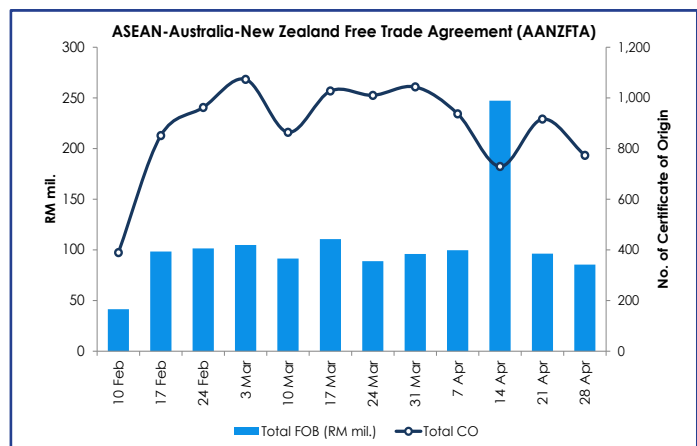
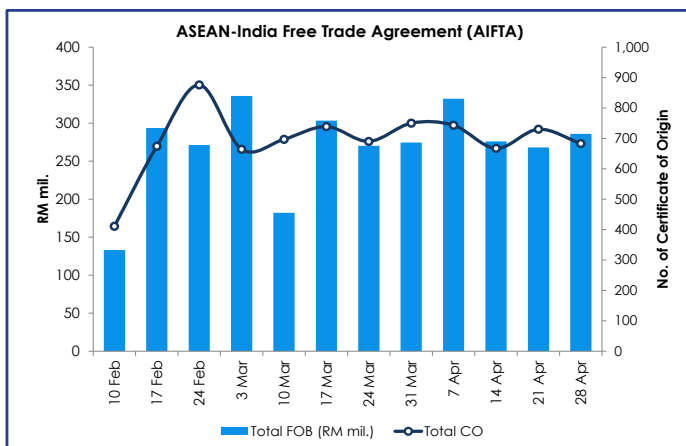
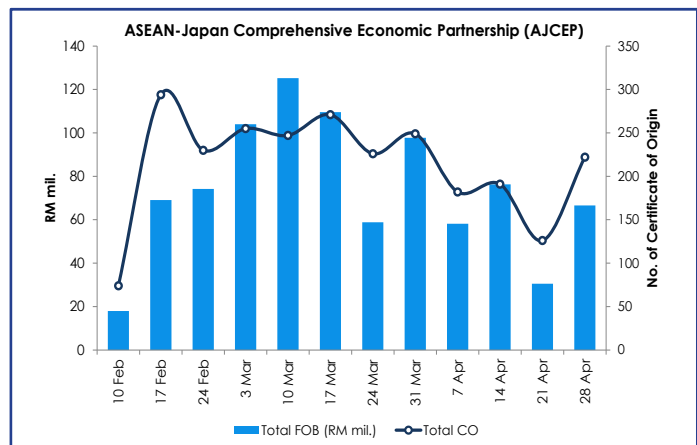
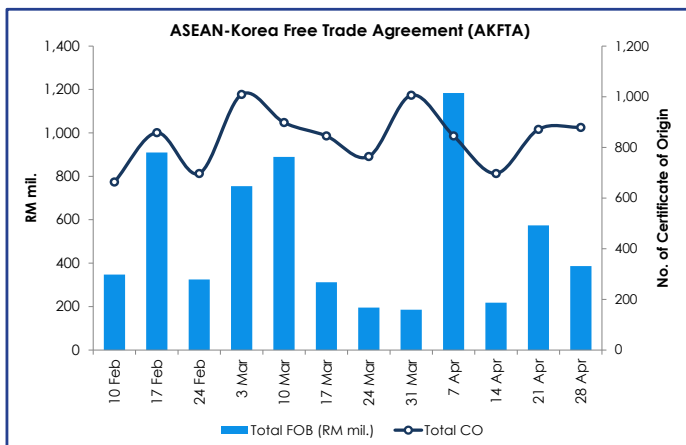
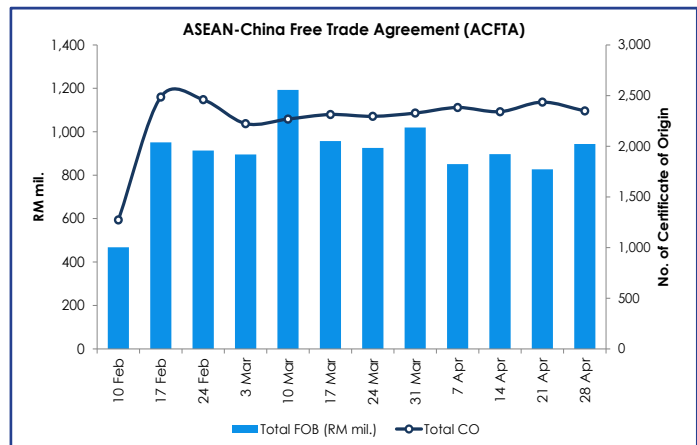
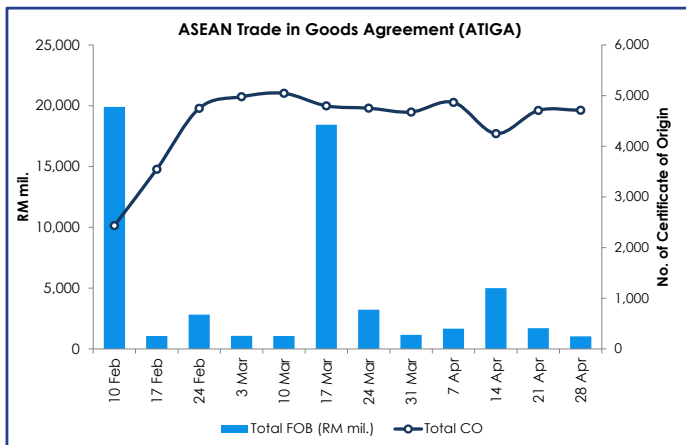
Source: [www.statistics.apec.org](http://www.statistics.apec.org)

## Malaysia's Trade with Thailand 2008 - 2018



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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

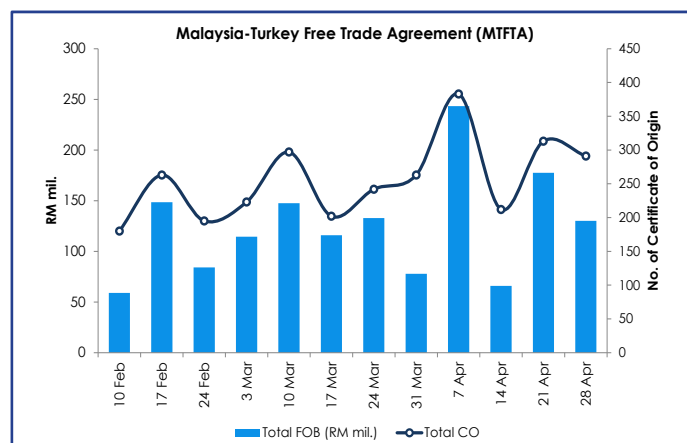
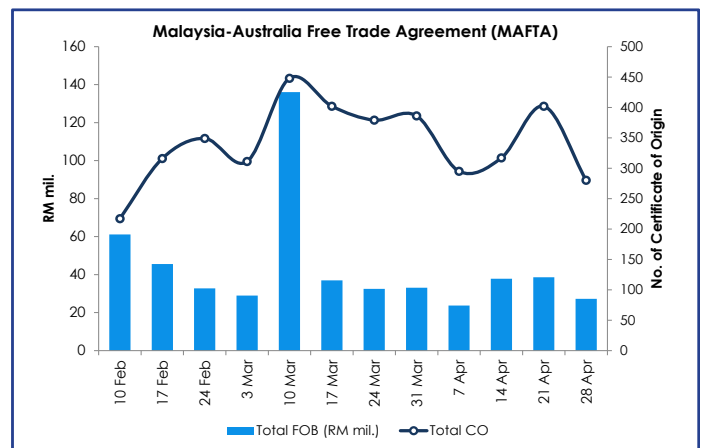
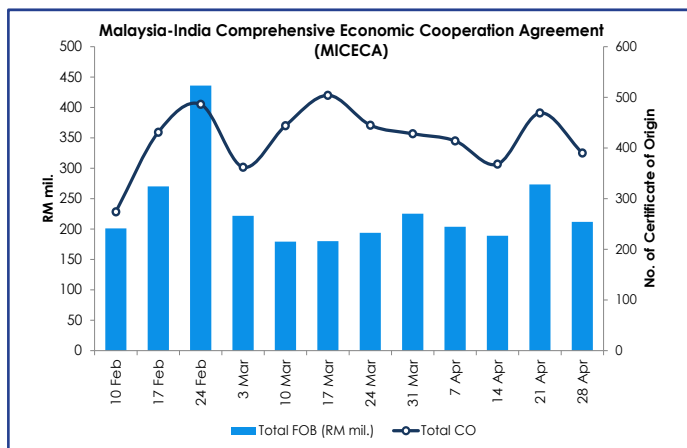
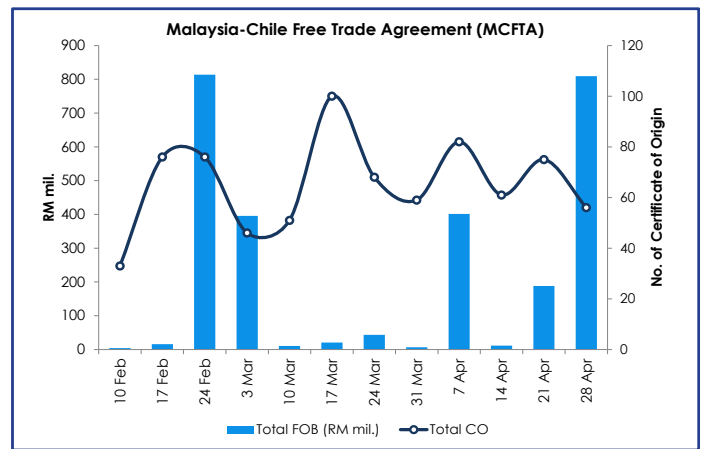
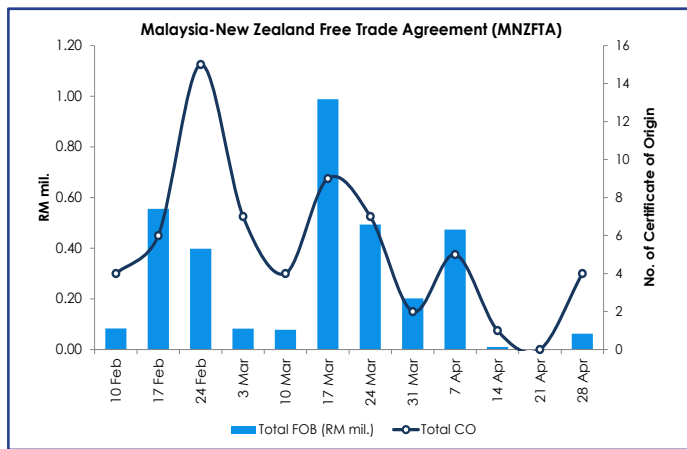
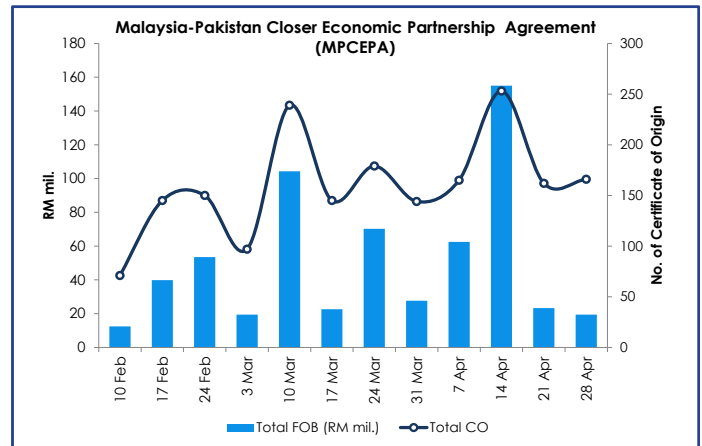
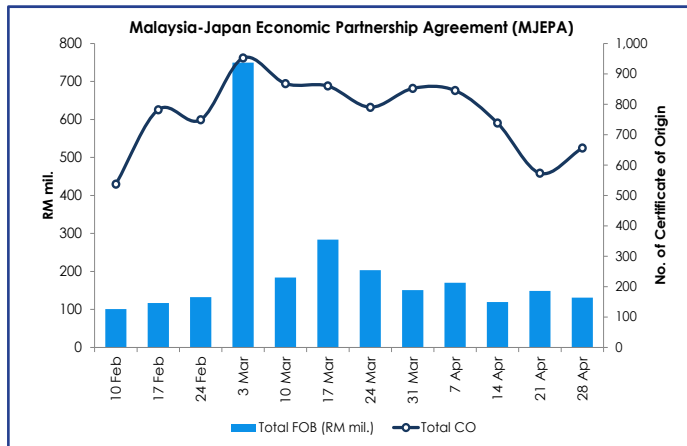


Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Norway.

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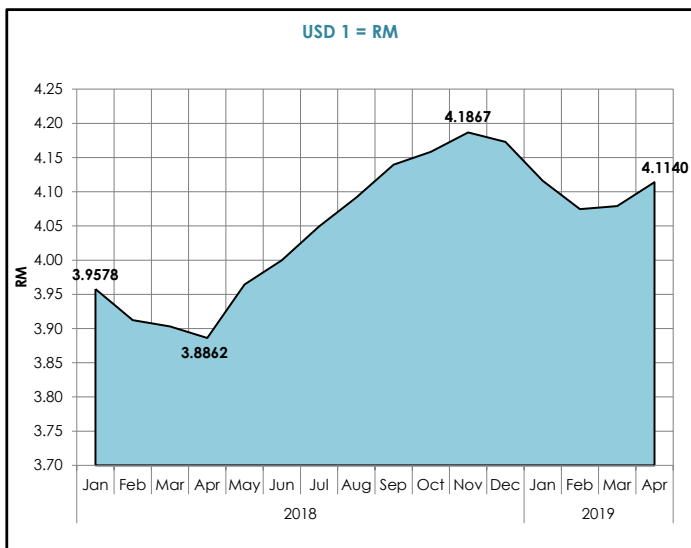
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# Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2018 - March 2019

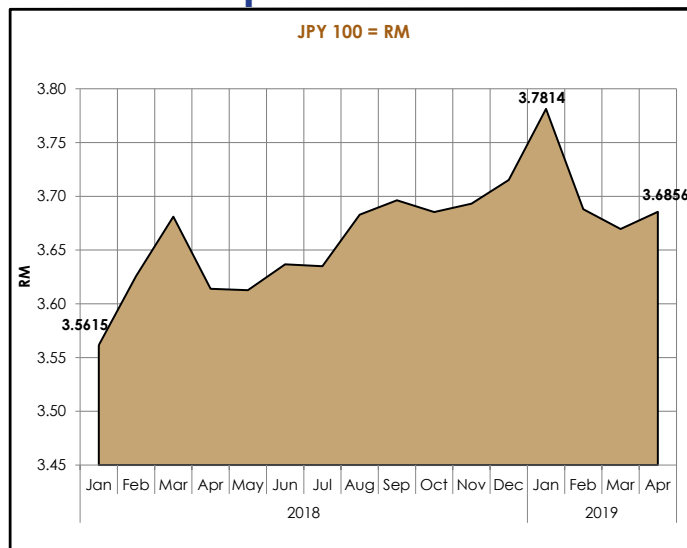
## US Dollar

USD 1 = RM



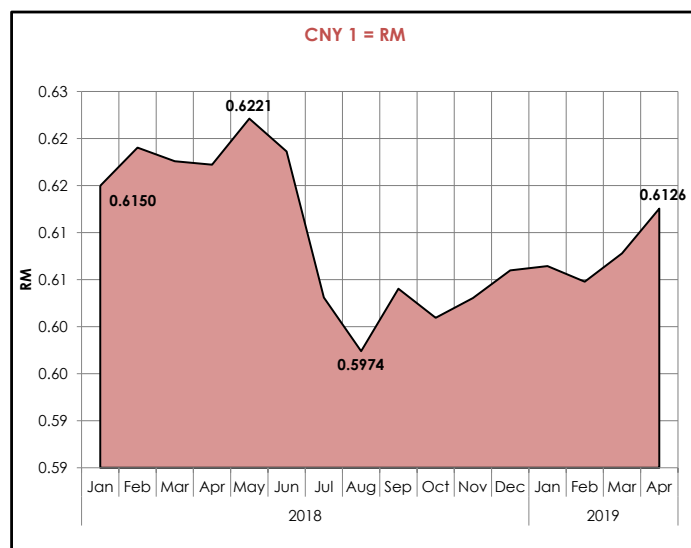
## Japanese Yen

JPY 100 = RM



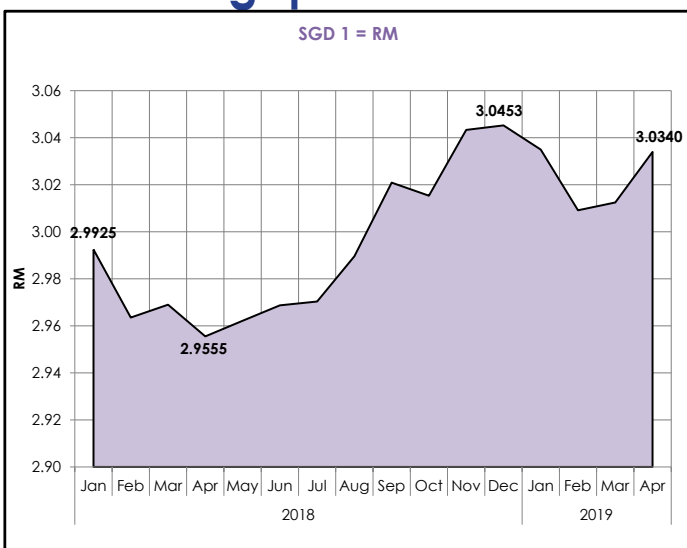
## Chinese Yuan

CNY 1 = RM



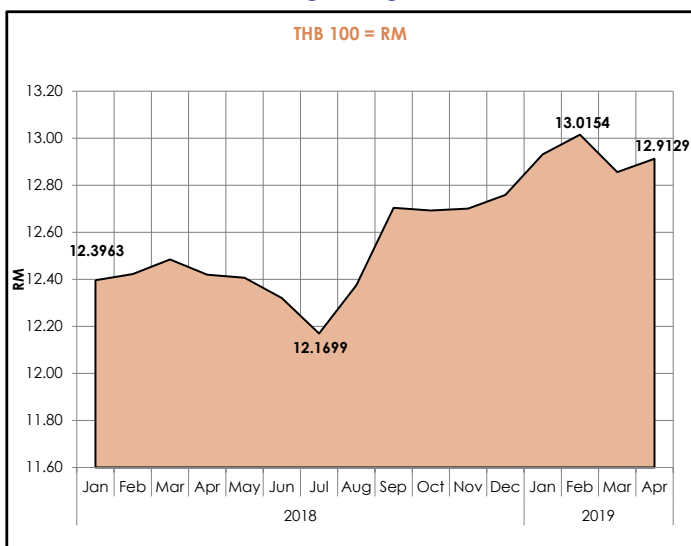
## Singapore Dollar

SGD 1 = RM



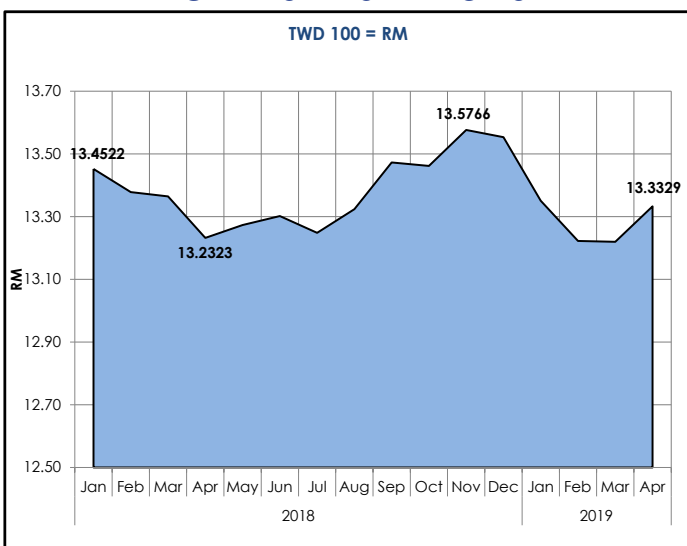
## Thai Baht

THB 100 = RM



## New Taiwan Dollar

TWD 100 = RM



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

# Commodity Prices

## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼1.9%\*  
US\$70.9  
03 May 2019

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

Highest  
2018/2019

26 Apr 2019 : US\$72.2  
5 Oct 2018 : US\$84.2

4 Jan 2019 : US\$57.1  
28 Dec 2018 : US\$52.2

Lowest  
2018/2019

## CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▼0.1%\*  
US\$533.0  
26 Apr 2019

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

Highest  
2018/2019

22 Feb 2019 : US\$567.0  
9 Mar 2018 : US\$691.5

4 Jan 2019 : US\$503.8  
23 Nov 2018 : US\$448.5

Lowest  
2018/2019

## RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼0.4%\*  
US\$1,503.5  
03 May 2019

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

## COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▲7.7%\*  
US\$1,732.5  
03 May 2019

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

## SUGAR -per lbs-



▼5.1%\*  
US\$12.0  
03 May 2019

Average Price 2018<sup>i</sup>: US\$12.3

## COAL -per MT-



▼0.9%\*  
US\$63.0  
03 May 2019

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

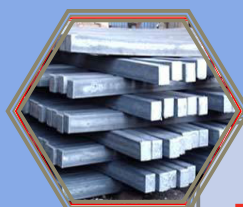
## SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



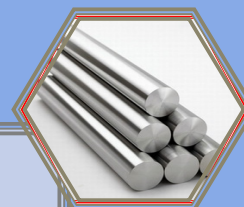
⊖%\*  
US\$350.0  
(high)  
⋮  
⊖%\*  
US\$330.0  
(low)  
03 May 2019

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

## Domestic Prices 03 May 2019



**Billets  
(per MT)  
RM2,000 - RM2,100**



**Steel Bars  
(per MT)  
RM2,150 - RM2,300**

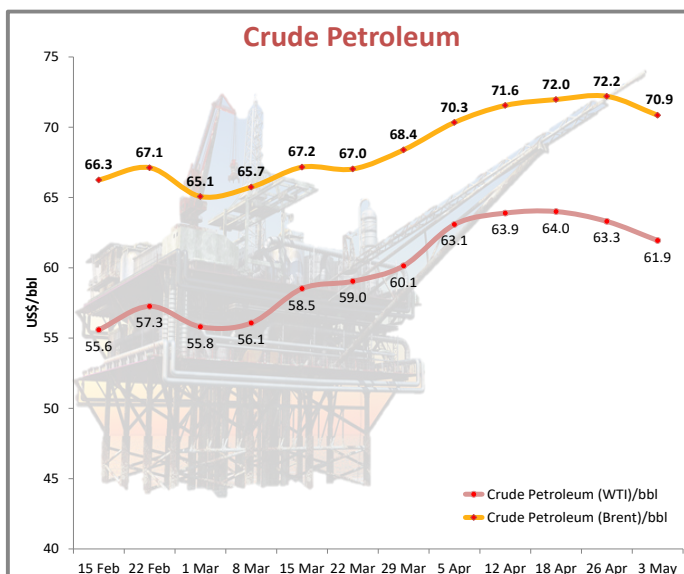
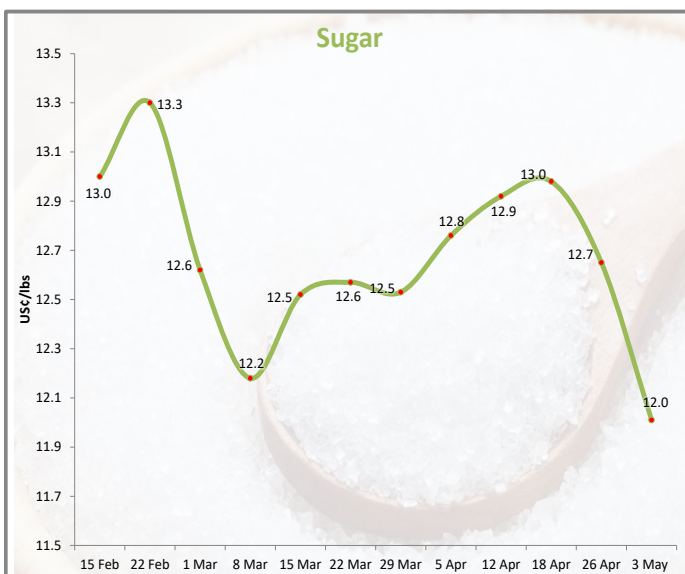
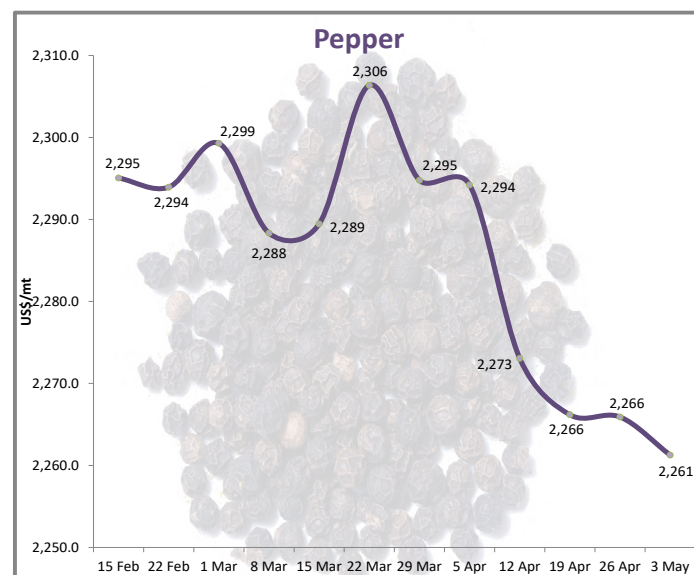
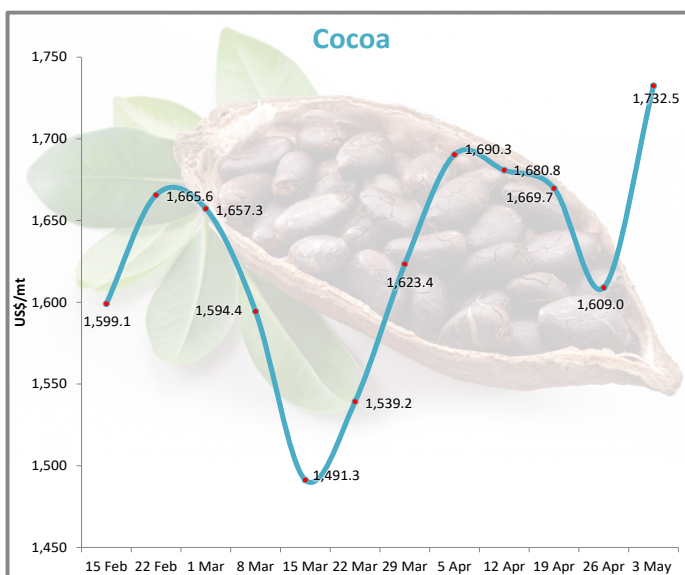
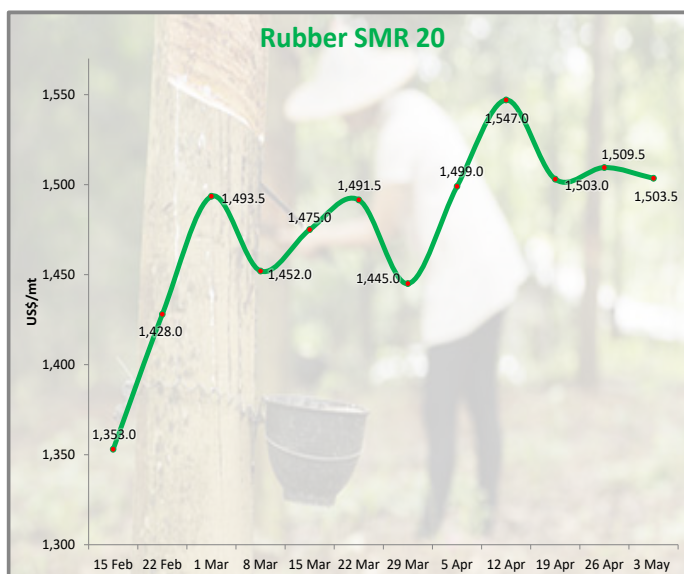
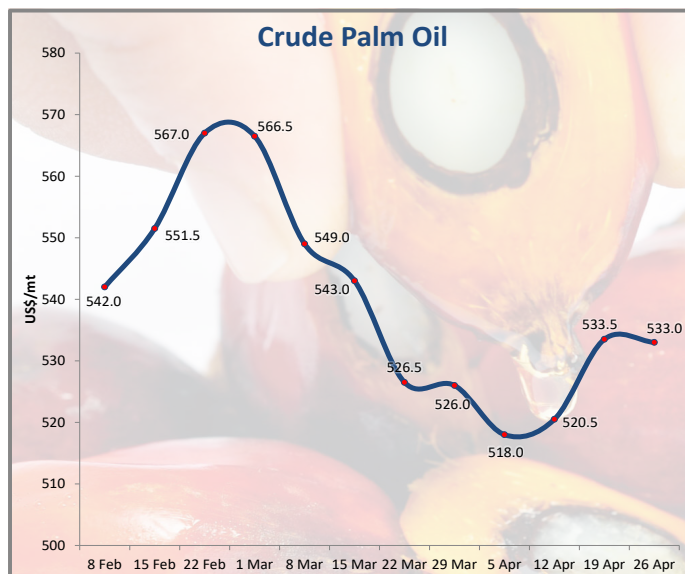
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\* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

<sup>i</sup> Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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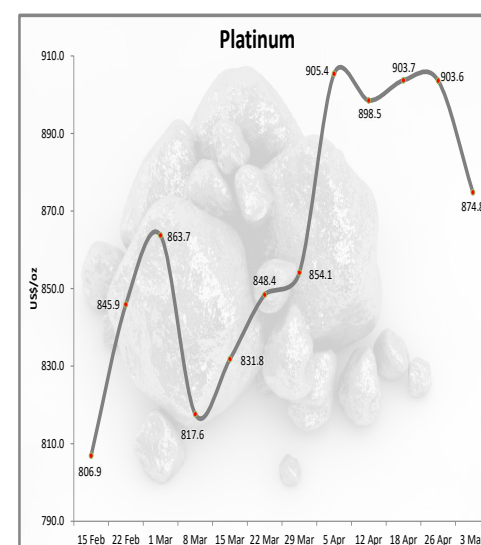
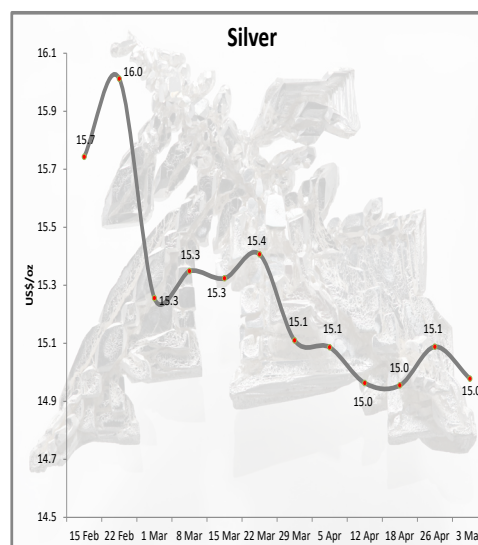
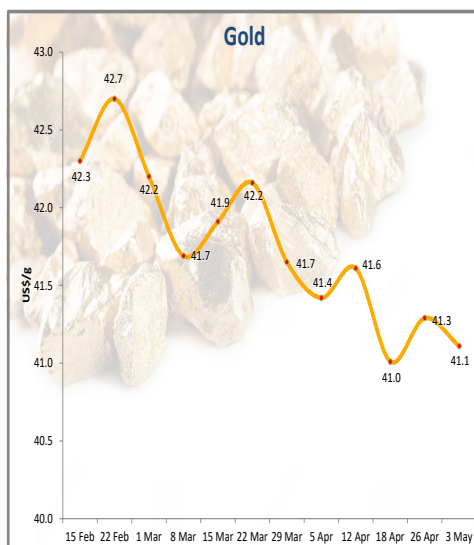
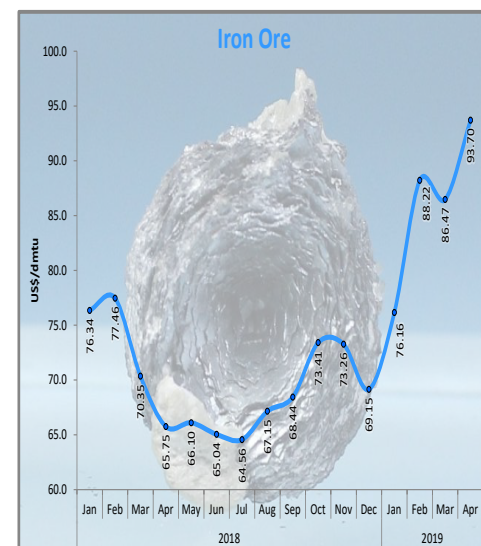
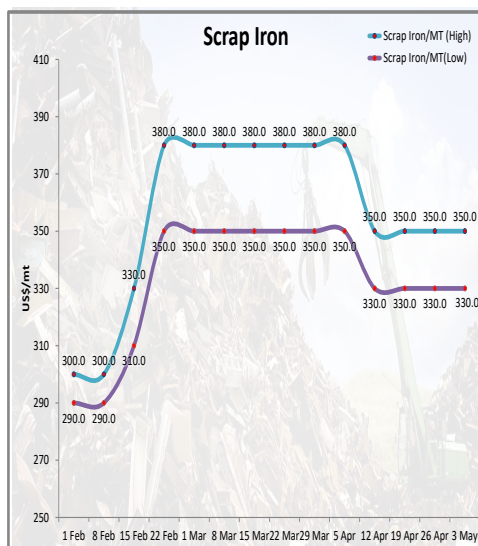
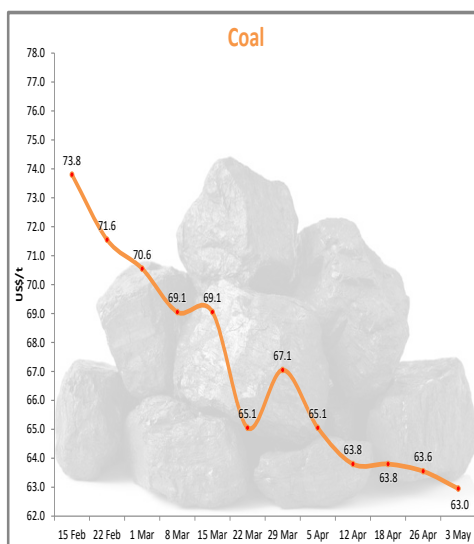
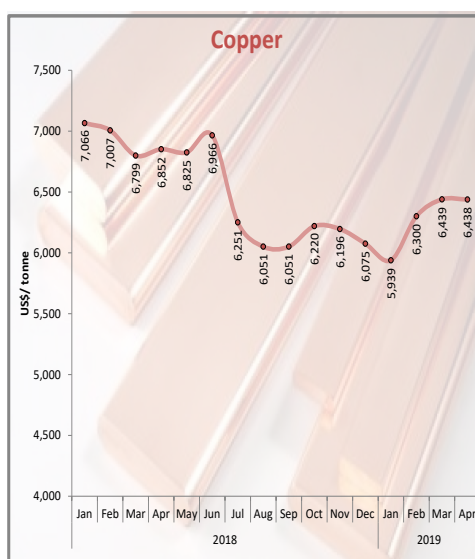
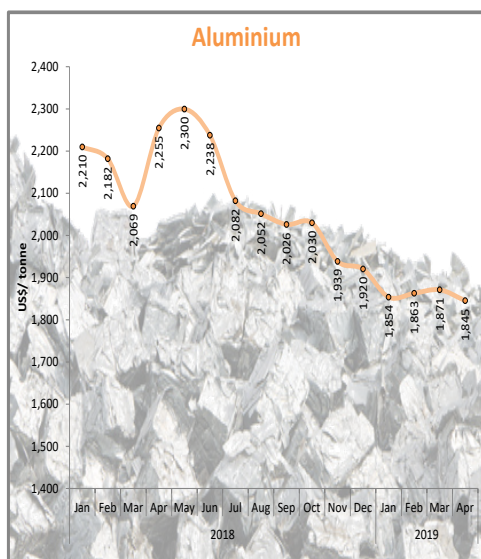
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# MITI Deputy Minister launched the Malaysia-Japan Collaboration on Smart Manufacturing & Inaugural Seminar 2 May 2019





# MITI Minister co-chaired the Malaysia-Argentina Roundtable Meeting, 6 May 2019



MITI PROGRAMMES





MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

# INDUSTRY4WRD READINESS ASSESSMENT

Get your firm assessed. Be ready for Industry 4.0.

## All you need to know about Industry4WRD RA



### What is it?

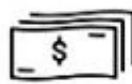
Trained assessors will help you to understand your readiness for Industry 4.0 and make recommendations on where to start your transformation.

### Who is eligible?



- ✓ Manufacturing and its related services sector
- ✓ Incorporated under the Companies Act (1965/2016)/ Registration of Business Act (1956)
- ✓ Hold a valid license
- ✓ In operation for more than 3 years

### What are the benefits?



To identify areas of improvement in terms of people, process and technology.



Receive comprehensive readiness report.



Be entitled to apply for financial incentives.



## Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

- ### Incentives for RA
- 500 SMEs will be selected for free assessment.
  - Others will get tax exemption on RA fees up to RM27k.



- ### Enquiries
- General: [i4.0@miti.gov.my](mailto:i4.0@miti.gov.my)
  - RA: [industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my](mailto:industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my)



Readiness Assessment

Business Intervention



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Evaluation by  
Committees



Onsite  
Assessment



Receive RA  
Report



Develop  
Intervention  
Proposal



Apply for  
Financial  
Incentives



Implement the  
Intervention  
Plan



# INDUSTRY4WRD RELATED INCENTIVES

Having the extra capital allows SMEs to flourish and prosper. Find the suitable fund for your company.

## 01 | LOANS

### Soft Loan Scheme for Automation and Modernisation (SLSAM)

- targets manufacturing sectors
- 4.0% interest rate per annum for SMEs
- [www.midf.com.my](http://www.midf.com.my)

### Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

- targeted sectors: AI, Robotics, Automation etc.
- provides a 2% interest rate subsidy
- [www.bpmb.com.my](http://www.bpmb.com.my)

*Coming Soon!*

#### 1. Intervention Fund\*

- 70:30 matching grant up to RM500,000.

#### 2. Industry4WRD DISF\*

- 60:40 matching grant

\*participation in Industry4WRD RA is a prerequisite to apply

### Domestic Investment Strategic Fund (DISF)

- 50:50 matching grant to companies adopting Industry 4.0 enabling technologies
- targets manufacturing and services sectors
- [www.mida.gov.my](http://www.mida.gov.my)

## 02 | GRANTS

### Digital Transformation Acceleration Program (DTAP) Pilot Grant

- 1:1 matching grant
- targets large corporate and mid-tier companies in Malaysia
- assists companies to tap on the expertise of Digital Transformation Labs (DTL)
- [www.mdec.my](http://www.mdec.my)

### Automation Capital Allowance (Automation CA)



For Labour Intensive Industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM4 million expenditure incurred within 5 years

For other industries:

- Automation CA of 200% on the first RM2 million expenditure incurred within 5 years
- [www.mida.gov.my](http://www.mida.gov.my)





### **Financial Intermediation**

Financial intermediation is a productive activity in which an institutional unit incurs liabilities on its own account for the purpose of acquiring financial assets by engaging in financial transactions on the market.

**Source : National Accounts**

**Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM**

### **Financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM)**

Financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) is an indirect measure of the value of financial intermediation services provided but for which financial institutions do not charge explicitly.

**Source : National Accounts**

**Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM**

### **Financial Lease**

A financial lease is a contract between lessor and lessee whereby the lessor purchases a good that is put at the disposal of the lessee and the lessee pays rentals that enable the lessor, over the period of the contract to cover all or virtually all costs, including interest

**Source : National Accounts**

**Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM**

### **Finished Goods - Inventories**

Inventories of finished goods consist of goods that are ready for sale or shipment by the producer but which are still held by the producer.

**Source : National Accounts**

**Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM**

### **Fixed Assets - Existing**

An existing fixed asset is one which has already been acquired by at least one resident user, or produced on own account, and whose value has, therefore, already been included in the gross fixed capital formation of at least one user at some earlier point in time in the current or some previous accounting period.

**Source : National Accounts**

**Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM**

### **Flood**

A body of water, rising, swelling and overflowing land not usually thus covered. Also, overflowing of the bank of a stream, lake or drainage system of water onto adjacent land as a result of storm tidal action and channel obstruction.

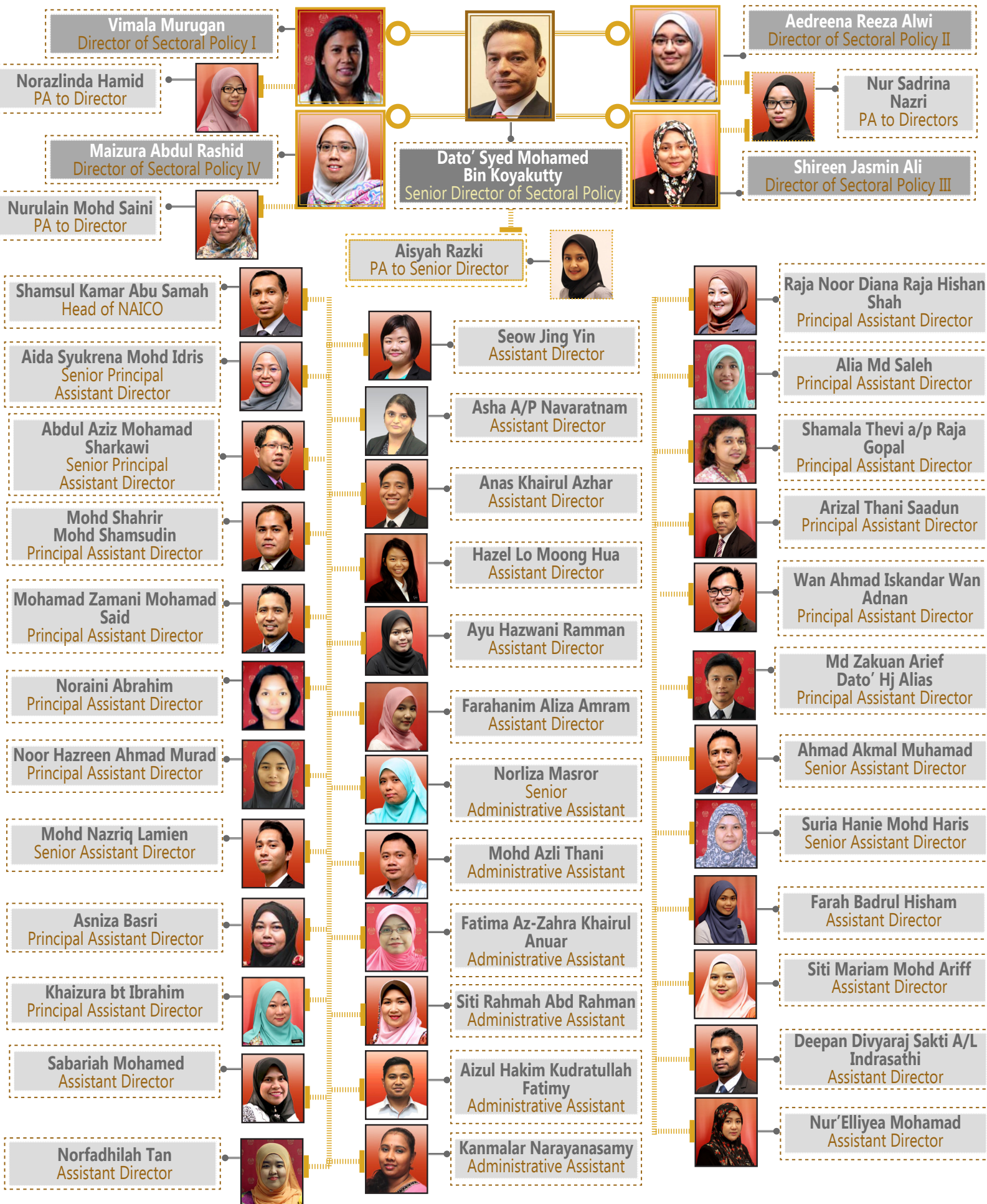
**Source : Environment**

**Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM**

## MITI @ Your Service

## Sectoral Policy

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NEXT AWARD CYCLE

## ANUGERAH KECERMERLANGAN INDUSTRI (AKI) 2019/2020

NOMINATIONS OPENING SOON

Read More on AKI

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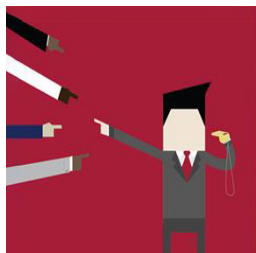
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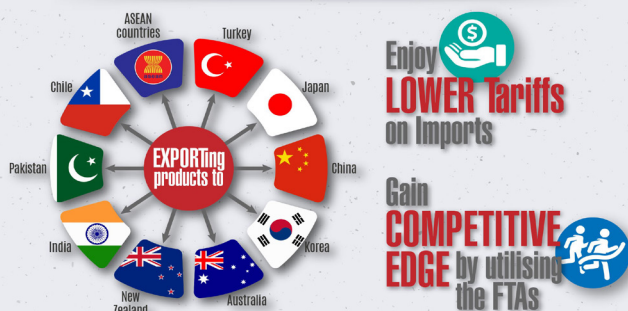
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| NO | DATE                       | VENUE                  | TOPIC  |
|----|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1  | 16 May<br>(Thursday)       | MITI JOHOR             | Introduction to<br>FTA &<br>Preferential<br>Certificate of<br>Origin (PCO) |
| 2  | 20 June<br>(Thursday)      | MITI HQ<br>(SEMINAR 1) |  |
| 3  | 18 July<br>(Thursday)      | MITI<br>PAHANG         |  |
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