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MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Trade promotion

- Total trade: RM1,713.84 billion (May 2018 - March 2019)
- Total export sales through trade promotion: RM13.16 billion (May 2018 - March 2019)
- Total prospective FDI through TIM: RM8.73 billion

New Policies/Initiatives

- Industry4WRD: aims to increase manufacturing productivity and contributions to GDP, strengthen innovation capability, increase high skilled jobs
- New National Automotive Policy: RAP 2019 review - to support transformation of the automotive industry towards better future mobility
- New Industrial Masterplan 2021-2030: focus on industrialisation measures to further uplift manufacturing and services as well as economic growth
- White Paper for Iron and Steel Industry: MITI and Industry collaborates to address market challenges and agrees on way forward for sustainable development

Investment promotion

- Search
- Seek
- Secure
- Service

Empowering National Committee on Investment (NCI)

Trade and Industry Advisory Council (TIAC)

High Income Jobs (Source: MITI)

- Approved Investment:
  - RM67.1 billion
  - 567 Manufacturing Licenses
  - May 2018 - March 2019
- Total Trade:
  - RM1,713.84 billion
  - May 2018 - March 2019
- Jobs Created:
  - 73,095 jobs
  - May 2018 - March 2019
  - High Income Jobs: 8,069 jobs vs 7,949 jobs

SUCCESS STORY

MIDA and Invest KL recognitions

- MIDA ranked among best Investment Promotion Agencies in the Asia Pacific – National category in 2019
- InvestKL ranked among best IPAs in the Asia Pacific – Regional category in 2019
Malaysia’s Manufacturing sales recorded RM72.4 billion an increase of 5.7% in March 2019

Sales Value
- RM72.4 billion 5.7%

Number of Employees
- 1,087,760 persons 1.8%

Salaries & Wages
- RM 4,060.5 million 5.1%

Manufacturing Top Five Sub-sectors

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<th>Sub-sector</th>
<th>Y-o-Y Growth</th>
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<td>Food, Beverages &amp; Tobacco</td>
<td>8.8%</td>
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<td>Petroleum, Chemical, Rubber &amp; Plastic</td>
<td>8.4%</td>
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<td>Transports Equipment &amp; Other Manufactures</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
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<td>Textile, Wearing Apparel, Leather &amp; Footwear</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
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<td>Electrical &amp; Electronics Products</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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Note: % refers to year-on-year changes

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia
Labour Force in Malaysia, March 2019

The number of labour force rose 2.1% against March 2018 to 15.56 million persons

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<th>Labour Force (‘000)</th>
<th>Mar 2019: 15.56 million</th>
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<td>Employed (‘000)</td>
<td>Mar 2019: 15,035.2</td>
<td>Mar 2018: 14,732.5</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
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<td>Unemployed (‘000 Person)</td>
<td>Mar 2019: 521.3</td>
<td>Mar 2018: 508.7</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
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<td>Labour Force Participation Rate</td>
<td>Mar 2019: 68.5%</td>
<td>Mar 2018: 68.2%</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate</td>
<td>Mar 2019: 3.4%</td>
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Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia
Labour force in Malaysia increased 2.2 per cent as compared to the first quarter of 2018 to 15.53 million persons

Source:
Department of Statistics, Malaysia
Labour Force in Malaysia, First Quarter (Q1) 2019

Profile of employed persons, Malaysia Q1 2019

Composition by Occupation (%)

- Managers: 4.7%
- Professionals: 12.9%
- Technicians and associate professionals: 10.2%
- Clerical support workers: 8.4%
- Services and sales workers: 23.0%
- Skilled agricultural, forestry, livestock and fishery workers: 6.1%
- Craft and related trades workers: 10.3%
- Plant and machine operators and assemblers: 11.1%
- Elementary occupations: 13.2%

Note:
Occupation was classified according to Malaysia Standard Classification of Occupation (MASCO) 2013.
Skilled workers – 1. Managers; 2. Professionals; 3. Technicians and associate professionals;

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia
International Statistics

USA Economic Indicators 2017

325.7 million
Population

0.7% annual
Growth rate

US$17.3 trillion
GDP at constant prices

2.3% annual
Growth rate

79.4% Employment in Services
18.9% Employment in Industry
1.7% Employment in Agriculture

US$275.2 billion
FDI Flow Inward

US$342.3 billion
FDI Flow Outward

US$7.8 trillion
FDI Stock Inward

US$7.8 billion
FDI Stock Outward

US$761.7 billion
Commercial Services Exports

US$516.0 billion
Commercial Services Imports

FDI Flow

US$2.4 trillion
Merchandise Goods Exports

US$1.5 trillion
Merchandise Goods Imports

Malaysia's Trade with USA 2008 - 2018

Source: www.statistics.apec.org

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia
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
Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)

Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)

Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA)

Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)

Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)

Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)

Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MITFTA)

Note: *Provisional Data

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia
Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2018 - April 2019

US Dollar

EURO

Australian Dollar

South Korean Won

Brunei Dollar

Pound Sterling

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia
Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-

\[ \downarrow 0.3\% \]
US$70.6
10 May 2019

Highest
2018/2019
26 Apr 2019: US$72.2
5 Oct 2018: US$84.2

Lowest
2018/2019
4 Jan 2019: US$57.1
28 Dec 2018: US$52.2

Average Price 2018: US$71.5

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-

\[ \downarrow 2.0\% \]
US$523.1
10 May 2019

Highest
2018/2019
22 Feb 2019: US$557.0
9 Mar 2018: US$591.5

Lowest
2018/2019
4 Jan 2019: US$503.8
23 Nov 2018: US$448.5

Average Price 2018: US$600.1

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-

\[ \downarrow 1.4\% \]
US$1,502.5
10 May 2019

Average Price 2018: US$1,371.0

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-

\[ \downarrow 2.1\% \]
US$1,696.5
10 May 2019

Average Price 2018: US$1,535.6

SUGAR -per lbs-

\[ \downarrow 2.6\% \]
US$11.7
10 May 2019

Average Price 2018: US$12.3

COAL -per MT-

\[ \equiv \% \]
US$63.0
10 May 2019

Average Price 2018: US$66.9

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

\[ \equiv \% \]
US$350.0 (high)
US$330.0 (low)
10 May 2019

Average Price 2018: US$380.7 (high)
Average Price 2018: US$359.6 (low)

Domestic Prices

10 May 2019

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

Steel Bars (per MT)
RM2,150 – RM2,300

Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point
* Refer to % change from the previous week's price
i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, and Bloomberg.
Commodity Price Trends

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MITI Minister at the Grow with Google Workshop
10 April 2019
MITI Minister at the launching of Oracle Cloud Solution Hub
9 April 2019
MITI Deputy Minister at the opening of SEMICON SEA 2019
7 April 2019
KSU MITI merasmikan Majlis Pelancaran Ihya' Ramadhan 1440H/ 2019
Glossary

Flora
All plant life.
Source : Environment  Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM

Forest Cover
All the trees and other woody plants (underbrush) covering the ground in a forest. It includes trees and all shrubs, herbs and shrubs growing thereunder or in openings in the forest or brush fields, litter or fallen leaves, branches, fallen trees and other vegetable material on the forest floor and the rich humus of partially decayed matter at the surface and top layer of the soil.
Source : Environment  Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM

Forest Plantation
Area planted with trees or forest plants, whether from local or foreign species, the method of cultivation as wide open no less than 50ha. Forest plantations can include areas that are located within or outside the PRF.
Source : Environment  Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM

Forested Land
A land area of more than 0.5 ha. The trees should be able to reach a minimum height of 5 metre with a tree canopy cover of more than 10 percent. It does not include land under agricultural or urban land use (stand of trees in agricultural areas, parks, etc.). Forested land is divided into permanent forest reserve (PRF), forest land government (FLG), forest wildlife outside the PRF, others forested reserve and alienated land.
Source : Environment  Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM

Formal Education
Formal education refers to the education system that requires student’s registration, having fixed curriculum, fixed educational centres and was provided by registered agencies. It includes public and private institutions, which cover:-
• Pre-schools
• Primary and secondary schools
• Technical skills and commerce institutions
• Colleges/polytechnics, and
• Universities
All you need to know about Industry4WRD RA

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.

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

Process Flow
A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

1. APPLY NOW!
   Apply online at www.miti.gov.my/industry4wrd

2. Evaluation by Committees
3. Onsite Assessment
4. Receive RA Report

5. Business Intervention
6. Develop Intervention Proposal
7. Apply for Financial Incentives
8. Implement the Intervention Plan

Enquiries
- General: i4.0@miti.gov.my
- RA: industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my

Trained assessors will help you to understand your readiness for Industry 4.0 and make recommendations on where to start your transformation.
INDUSTRY4WRD RELATED INCENTIVES

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

### LOANS

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

- targets manufacturing sectors
- 4.0% interest rate per annum for SMEs

### Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

- targeted sectors: AI, Robotics, Automation etc.
- provides a 2% interest rate subsidy

### 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)

### 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)

### 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
NEXT AWARD CYCLE

Anugerah Kecemerlangan Industri (AKI) 2019/2020

NOMINATIONS OPENING SOON

For more information, kindly click the following links:

RMK-11 HIGH VALUE ADDED AND
COMPLEX PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME

CALLING INTERESTED APPLICANTS TO APPLY FOR GRANT
UNDER RMK-11 HIGH VALUE ADDED COMPLEX PRODUCT
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (PDP) AND MARKET
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MDP)

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Industry4WRD

NATIONAL POLICY ON INDUSTRY 4.0
INNOVATE, CREATE, TRANSFORM

For more information, kindly click the following links:

Industry4WRD

READINESS ASSESSMENT
REGISTRATION FOR ASSESSING BODY IS NOW OPEN

For more information, kindly click the following links:

Whistleblower Protection Act 2010 (Act 711)

Contact: Mr. Husaini Hashim (MI1 Investigation Officer) husaini@miti.gov.my / 03-6202 0189

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Thank you for helping us in ensuring the success of this policy.
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Tentative Schedule for MITI Pocket Talks 2019

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Wholesale & Retail Trade Census 2019

“Data Drives Business”
March - September 2019

For more information, kindly visit [https://www.dosm.gov.my/v1/index.php?r=column/cone&menu_id=N0FVaDR4Y1hGMk1NNi9jS2ZQRFFLZz09#](https://www.dosm.gov.my/v1/index.php?r=column/cone&menu_id=N0FVaDR4Y1hGMk1NNi9jS2ZQRFFLZz09#)

62nd ISI WORLD STATISTICS CONGRESS 2019

18 - 23 August 2019, Kuala Lumpur

Early Bird Registration : 1st December 2018 - 31st May 2019

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'Aizul Kamil Ibrahim
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