

ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) 2019 25th APEC MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE (MRT) MEETING



The 25th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting was held on 17 and 18 May 2019 in the port city of Valparaiso, Chile. All 21 APEC Economies attended the Meeting, namely Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the United States and Viet Nam. Representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) and The Pacific

attended the Meeting as observers, together with the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC). The Malaysian Delegation was led by YB Datuk Darrell Leiking, Minister of International Trade and Industry. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Roberto Ampuero, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile.

Chile, as host, has chosen "Connecting People, Building the Future" as the theme of APEC throughout 2019. Ministers deliberated their ideas in regards to APEC's supports to the WTO, deepening regional economic integration in responding to opportunities and challenges emerged from the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the need to take concrete actions in implementing Bogor Goals which will expire in 2020, future of APEC post-2020, as well as strengthening inclusive and sustainable growth in the digital era.

Responding to the video reporting on the updates of the WTO from Mr. Roberto Azevedo, Director-General of the WTO, Ministers in principle agreed that APEC has an important role to play in support of the Multilateral Trading System instituted by the WTO. Ministers also call on the WTO to modernise its rules to adapt to the current global trade environment, while to resolve its prolonged operational issues.

YB Minister emphasised that Malaysia continues to support the WTO. He also stressed that while reform is crucial to ensure its relevance to modern times, WTO must be able to provide an effective platform for developing Economies like Malaysia to ensure their trading interests are taken care of.

In deepening the regional economic integration agenda of APEC, Ministers agreed that information sharing and capacity-building need to be strengthened in APEC through the implementation of the Lima Declaration of the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP), in preparing member Economies to embark in high standard Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). Capacity-building efforts should give emphasis on next generation trade and investment issues such as digital trade and e-commerce, while intensifying work on traditional trade issues including Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs), Rules of Origin (ROO), services and investment.

In embracing the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Ministers discussed the need for Economies to provide inclusive and people-centred policies to ensure everyone reaps the opportunities and benefits that arise, while efforts to strengthen regional connectivity in the three pillars of connectivity must be enhanced for a seamless and interconnected Asia-Pacific. Ministers also agreed for APEC to continue working on unfinished business to meet the targets of Bogor Goals. In accelerating the momentum, Ministers welcomed Chile's proposal for APEC to make a 'final push' on services as part of achieving the Bogor Goals, building from the areas identified in the APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap.

YB Minister stressed that digital economy is an immediate priority area that needs to be focused on through intensified efforts in facilitating cross-border e-commerce. YB Minister also emphasised that APEC must start to envision its way forward post-Bogor Goals. He also added that, "it is time to humanise APEC, and Malaysia looks forward to take on this specific task as the host of APEC in 2020, with a focus to advance economic development in the Region, in tandem with the socio-economic well-being of its citizens."

Ministers also shared views on how to harness the benefit of the digital transformation, policies for enabling inclusive growth, focusing on women and SMEs, as well as efforts in fostering sustainable growth through potential collaboration in addressing marine debris and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. They agreed to foster collaborations towards finalisation of the respective APEC Roadmaps on Women and Inclusive Growth, IUU Fishing and Marine Debris.

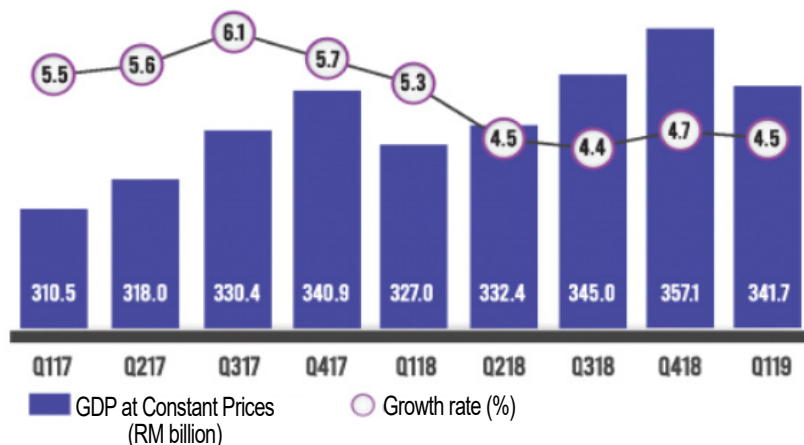
In embracing digital transformation, YB Minister urged for APEC to quickly grab the opportunity to spearhead substantive work on digital economy to become rule-makers, or risk being left behind as the rule-takers in this area. YB Minister also joined others to support Chile's proposal on the Roadmap on Women and Inclusive Growth which will complement Malaysia's domestic efforts in empowering women in the economy, as well as expressed Malaysia's support on potential work in addressing marine debris and IUU fishing.

At the end of the meeting, APEC succeeded in reaching consensus to issue a MRT Statement that reaffirms APEC's support on the multilateral trading system, strengthening collective efforts in deepening regional economic integration, as well as working towards achieving deliverables of APEC Chile 2019 which includes women, SMEs and inclusive growth, integrating APEC into IR4.0, developing digital society, and ensuring sustainable growth in the region. After a lapse of consensus since 2015, this is an achievement among member Economies in putting aside their differences to reach to a consensus Statement, and sending a positive signal on APEC's support to the Multilateral Trading System.

Ministry of International Trade & Industry
20 May 2019

Malaysia Economic Performance, Q1 2019

Malaysia's economy growth
was **4.5%** in Q1 2019



RM341.7 billion

GDP at constant 2010 prices

RM361.9 billion

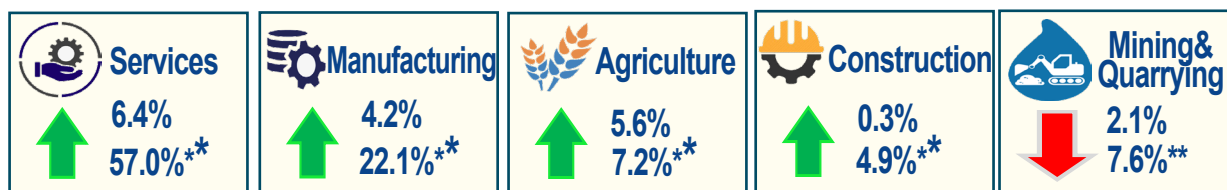
GDP at current prices

RM43,086

GNI per capita at current prices

Production

Services, manufacturing and agriculture sectors anchored the Malaysian economy



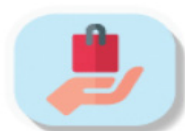
Notes:

% refers to Year on Year change

%** refers to share to GDP

Expenditure

Services, manufacturing and agriculture sectors anchored the Malaysian economy



PRIVATE FINAL
CONSUMPTION
EXPENDITURE

7.6% | **8.4%**



GOVERNMENT FINAL
CONSUMPTION
EXPENDITURE

6.3% | **4.0%**



GROSS FIXED
CAPITAL
FORMATION

3.5% | **0.6%**



EXPORTS

0.1% | **3.1%**



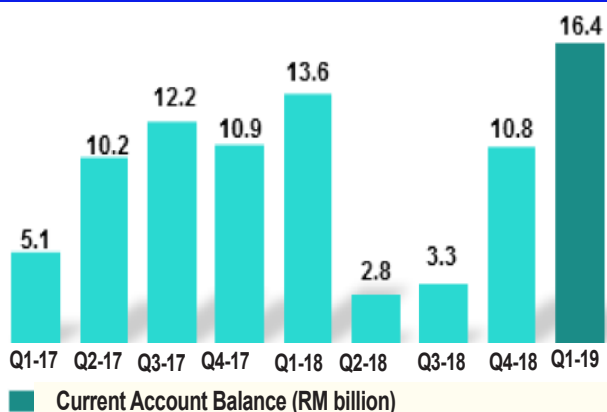
IMPORTS

-1.4% | **1.8%**

NOTE: **Q119** | **Q418**

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Balance of Payment, Q1 2019



Malaysia registered a higher current account **surplus** of **RM16.4 billion in Q1 2019** which was the largest surplus since Q1 2014 at RM19.8 billion

Current Account

Goods



+ Surplus
RM33.8b

- Deficit
RM1.8b



Services



Primary income

- Deficit
RM10.1b

- Deficit
RM5.5b



Secondary income

Financial Account



Direct Investment

Net inflow
RM16.3b

Net inflow
RM2.1b



Portfolio investment

Financial Derivatives



Net outflow
RM0.2b

Net outflow
RM31.6b

Other Investment



FDI & DIA Performance



Net inflow
Q119 RM21.7b
Q418 RM12.9b

**FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT
IN MALAYSIA**



Net outflow
Q119 RM5.5b
Q418 RM10.8b

**MALAYSIA'S DIRECT INVESTMENT
ABROAD**

Source:
Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Viet Nam Economic Indicators 2017

34.1% Employment in Services
25.1% Employment in Industry

40.9% Employment in Agriculture

95.5 million
Population

1.0% annual
Growth rate

US\$175.3 billion
GDP at constant prices

6.8% annual
Growth rate

21 Members

US\$14.1 billion
FDI Flow Inward

US\$0.5 billion
FDI Flow Outward

US\$129.5 billion
FDI Stock Inward

US\$10.5 billion
FDI Stock Outward

US\$13.0 billion
Commercial Services Exports

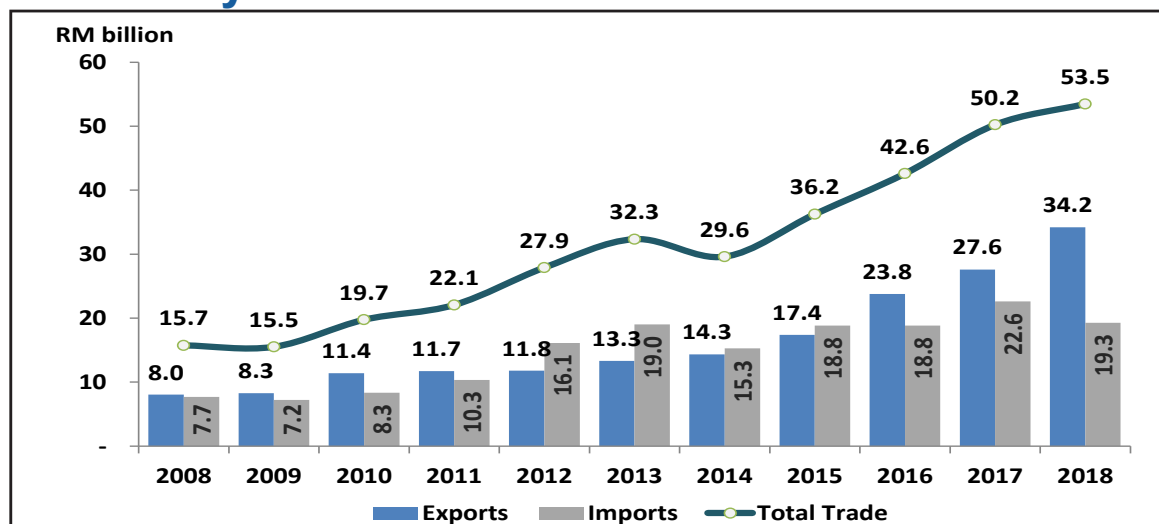
US\$16.8 billion
Commercial Services Imports

US\$214.3 billion
Merchandise Goods Exports

US\$211.5 billion
Merchandise Goods Imports

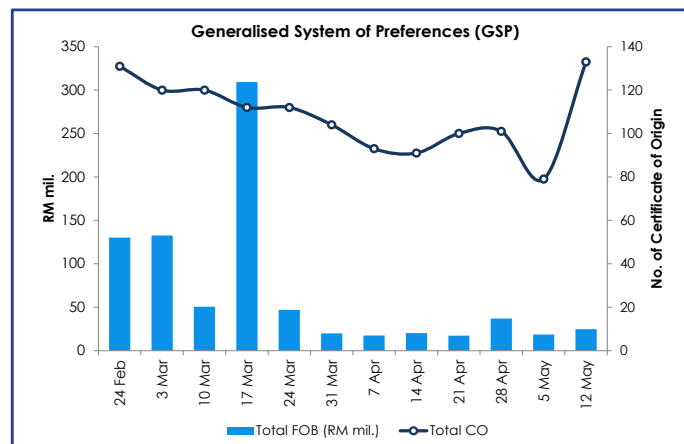
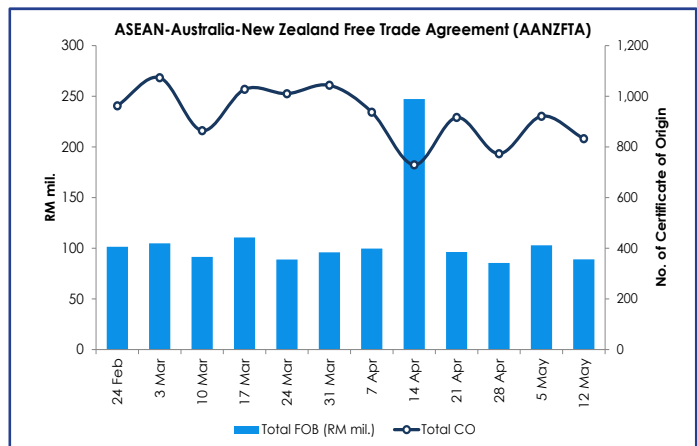
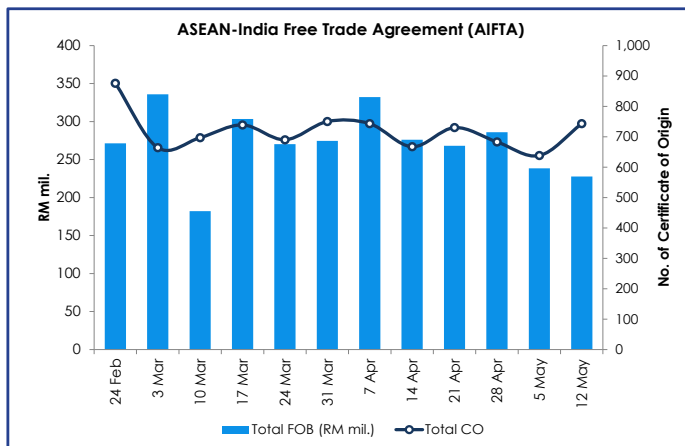
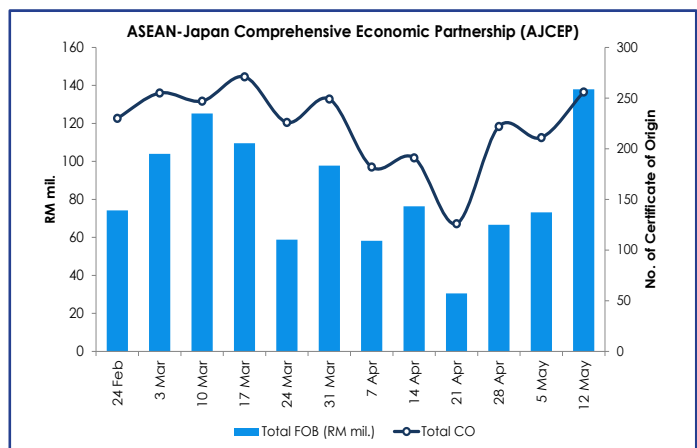
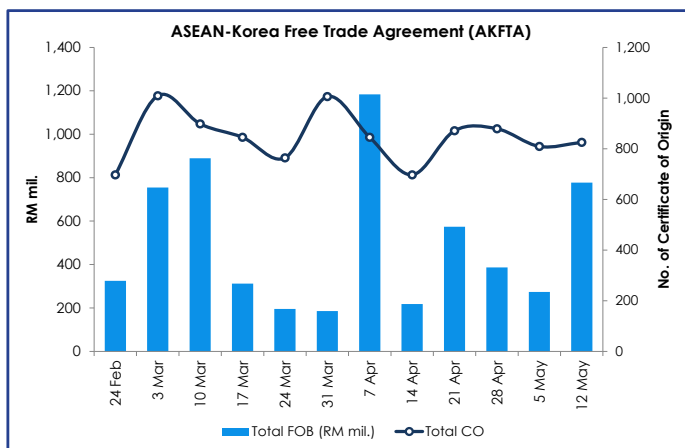
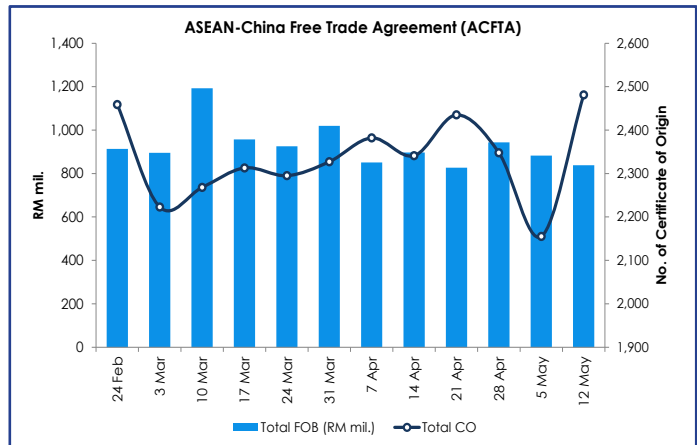
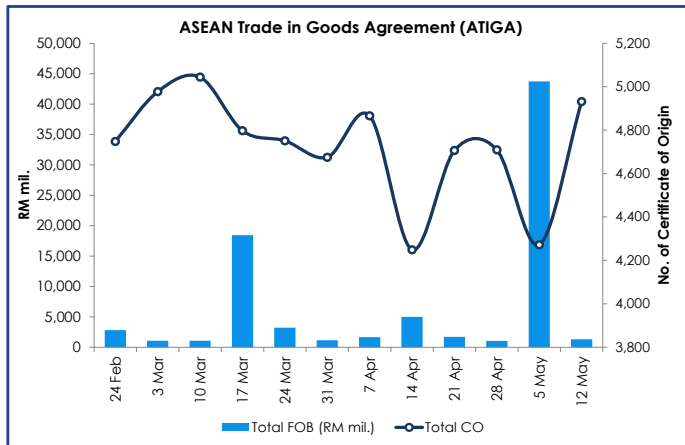
Source: www.statistics.apec.org

Malaysia's Trade with Viet Nam 2008 - 2018



Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

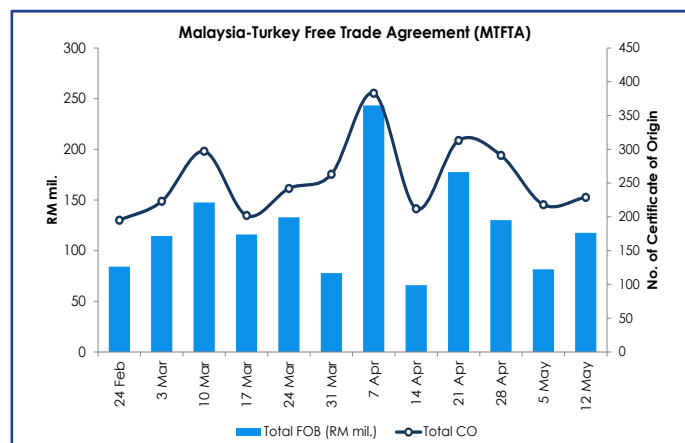
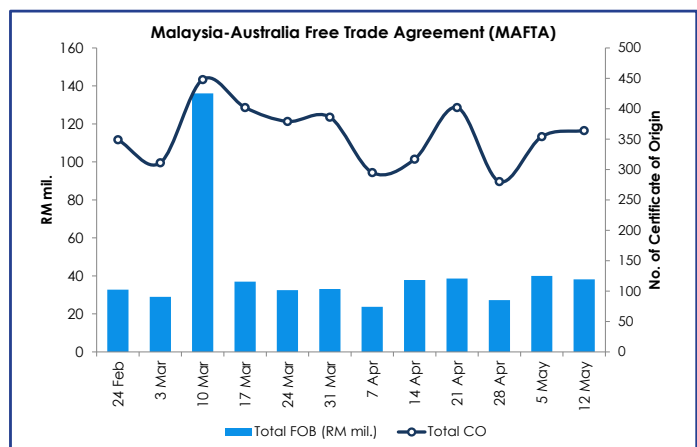
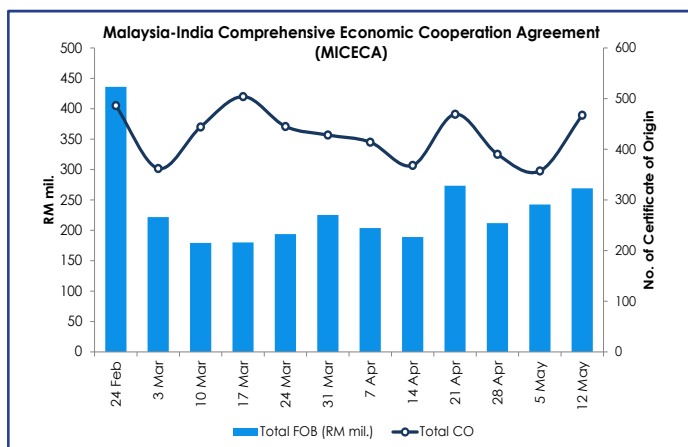
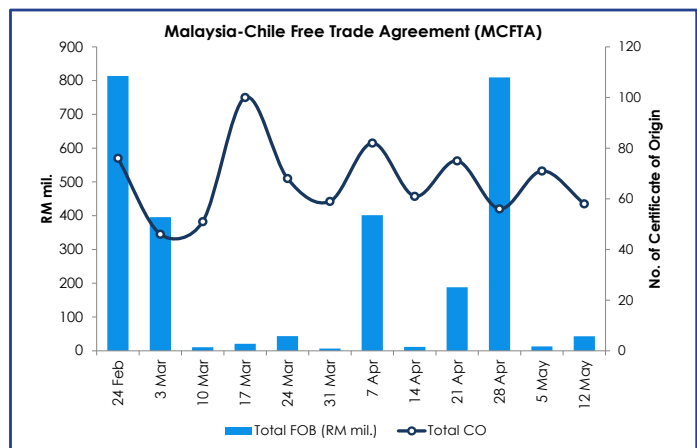
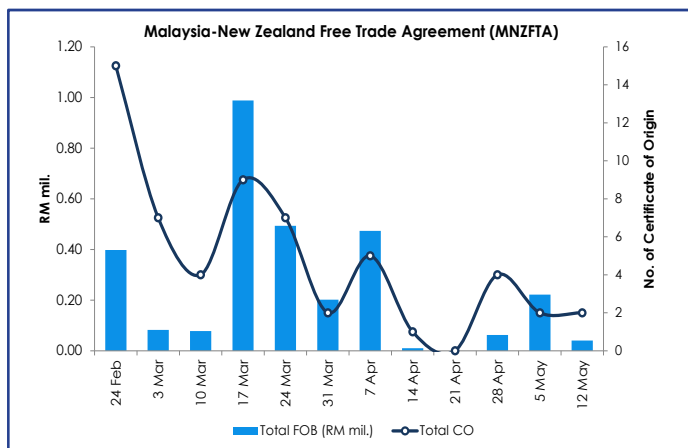
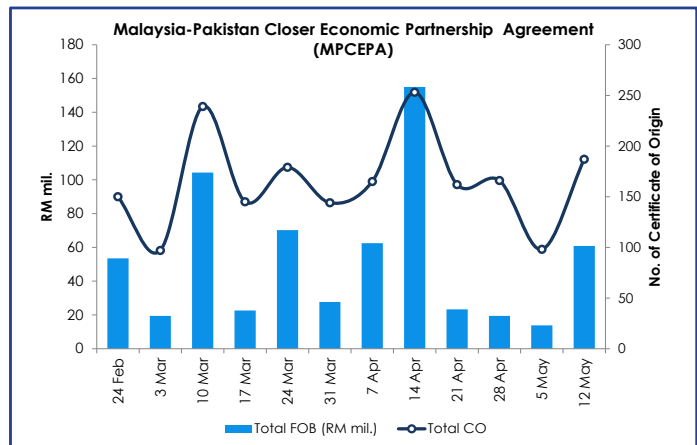
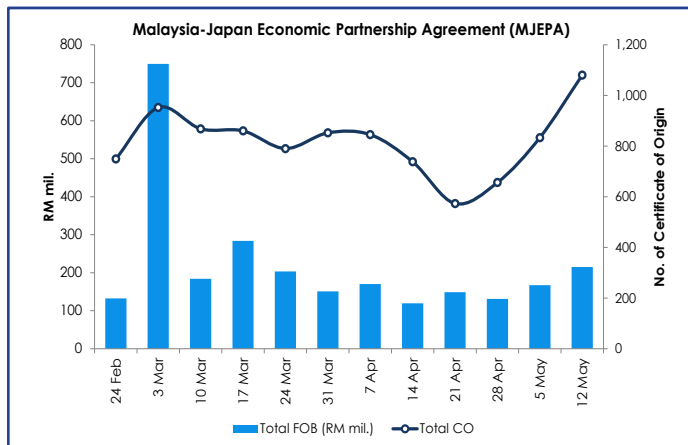


Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Norway.

Note: *Provisional Data

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

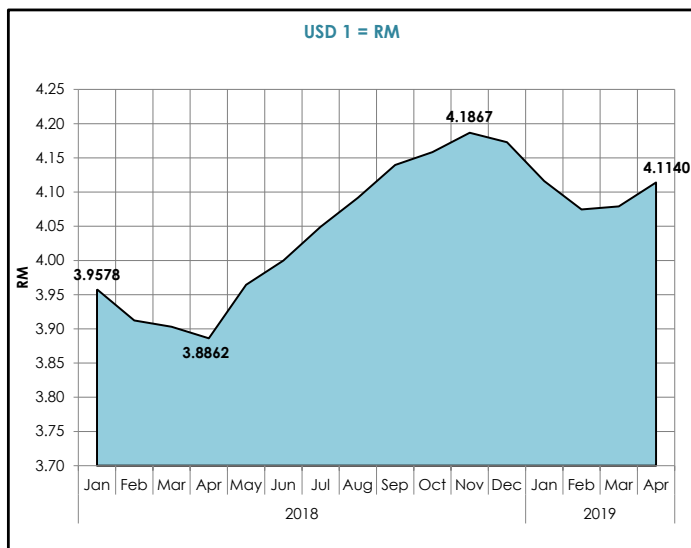
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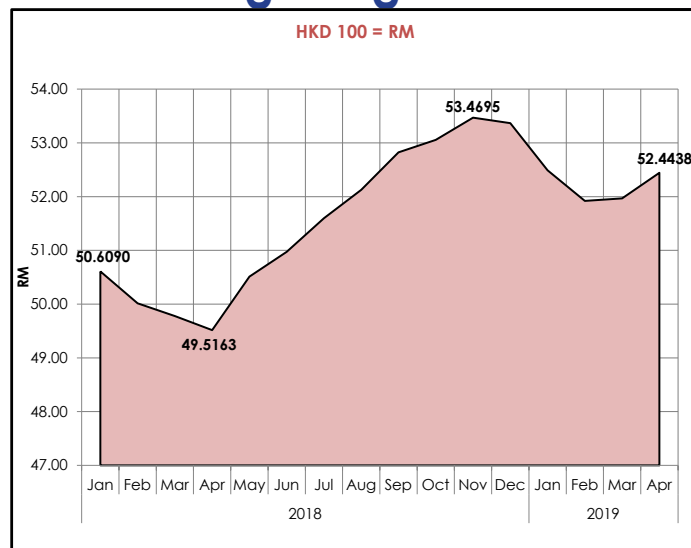
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2018 - April 2019

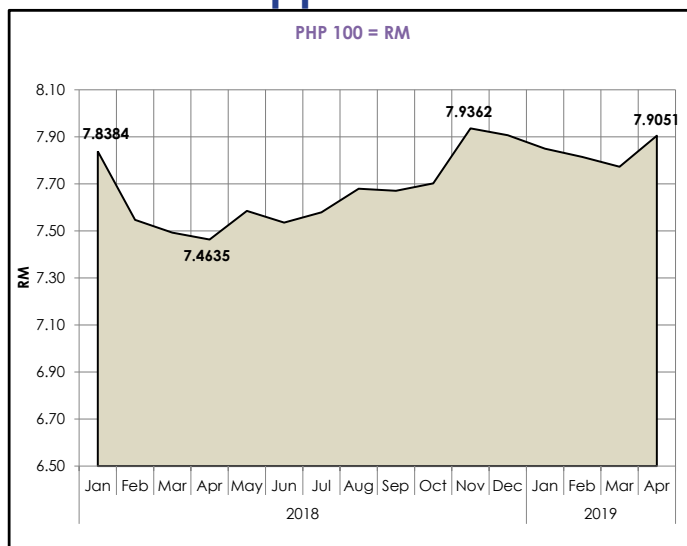
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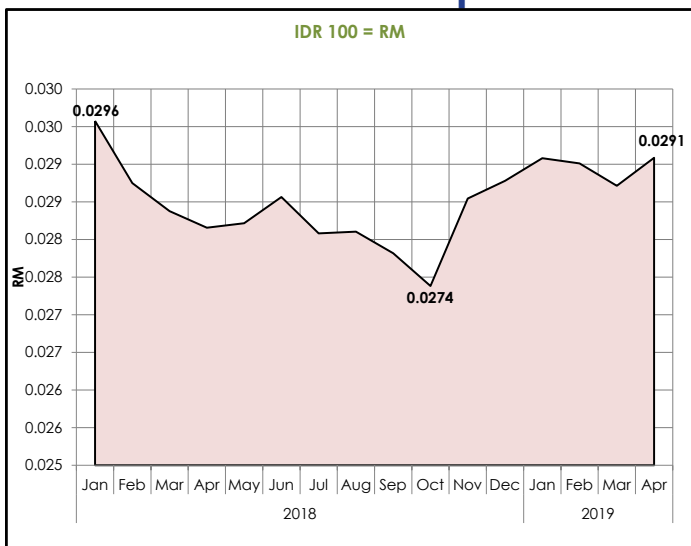
Hong Kong Dollar



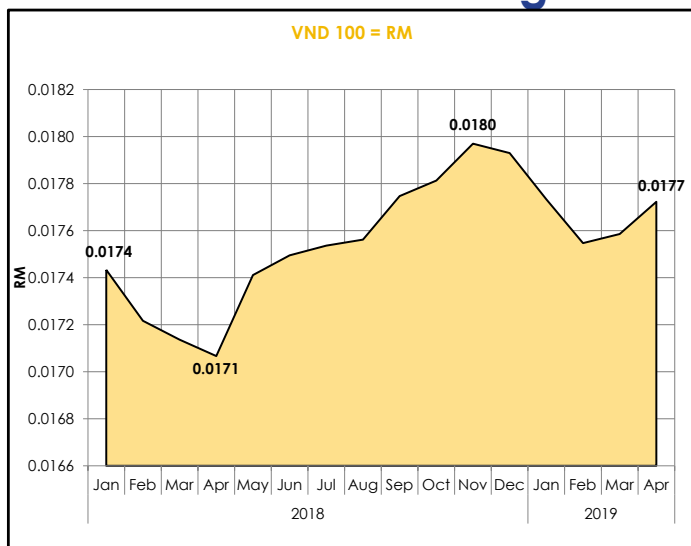
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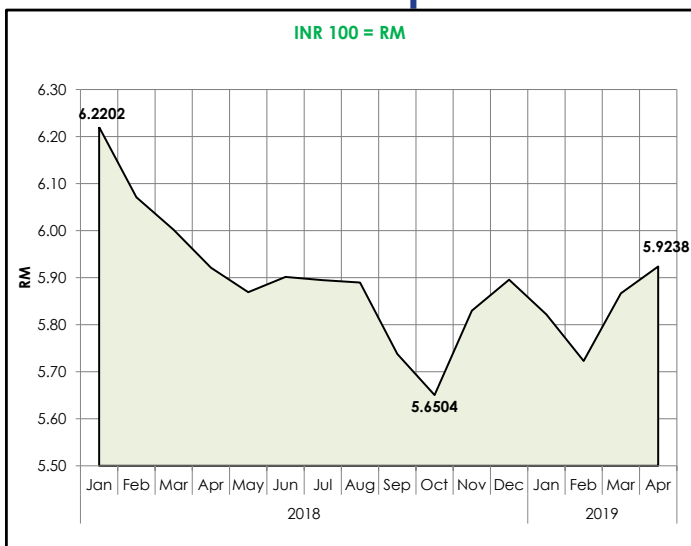
Indonesian Rupiah



Vietnamese Dong



Indian Rupee



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



2.3%*

US\$72.2

17 May 2019

Average Price 2018 ⁱ: 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-



▼ 3.0%*

US\$507.5

17 May 2019

Average Price 2018 ⁱ: 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-



▲ 1.2%*

US\$1,520.5

17 May 2019

Average Price 2018 ⁱ: US\$1,371.0

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ 7.1%*

US\$1,575.4

17 May 2019

Average Price 2018 ⁱ: US\$1,535.6

SUGAR -per lbs-



▼ 1.3%*

US\$11.6

17 May 2019

Average Price 2018 ⁱ: US\$12.3

COAL -per MT-



8.6%*

US\$57.6

17 May 2019

Average Price 2018 ⁱ: US\$66.9

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



⊖ %*

US\$350.0

(high)

⊖ %*

US\$330.0

(low)

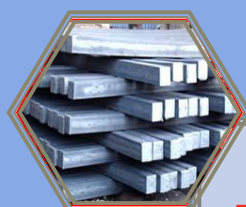
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Average Price 2018 ⁱ: US\$380.7 (high)

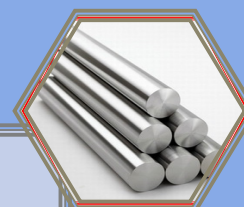
Average Price 2018 ⁱ: US\$359.6 (low)

Domestic Prices

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



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

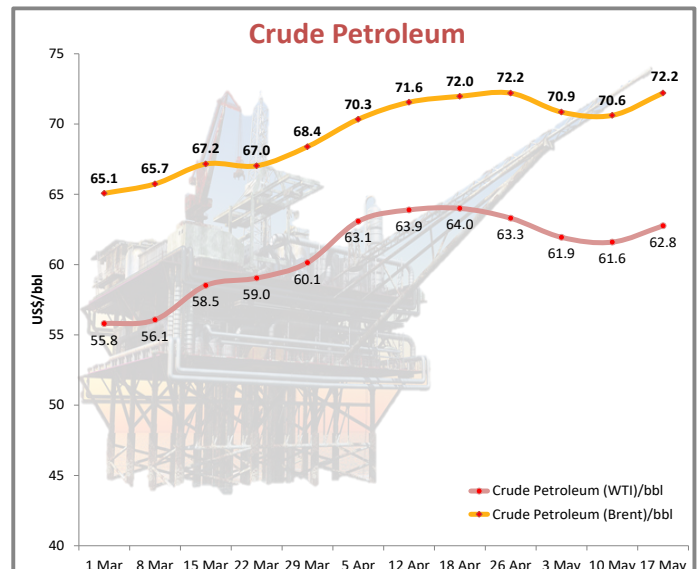
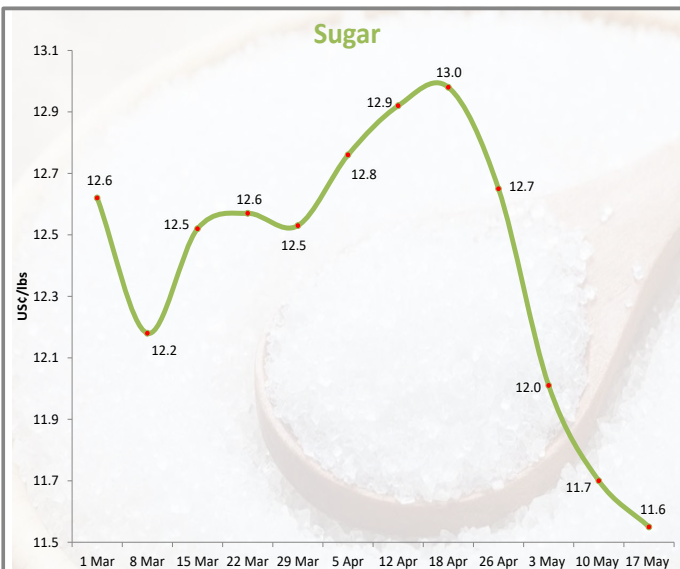
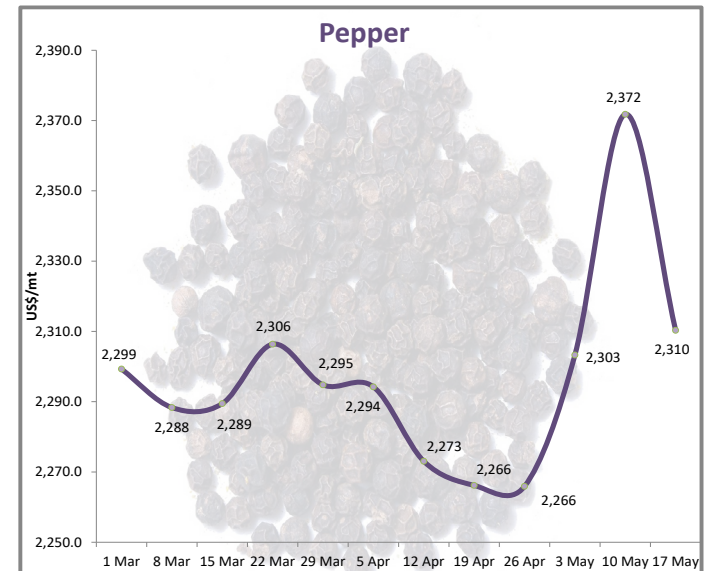
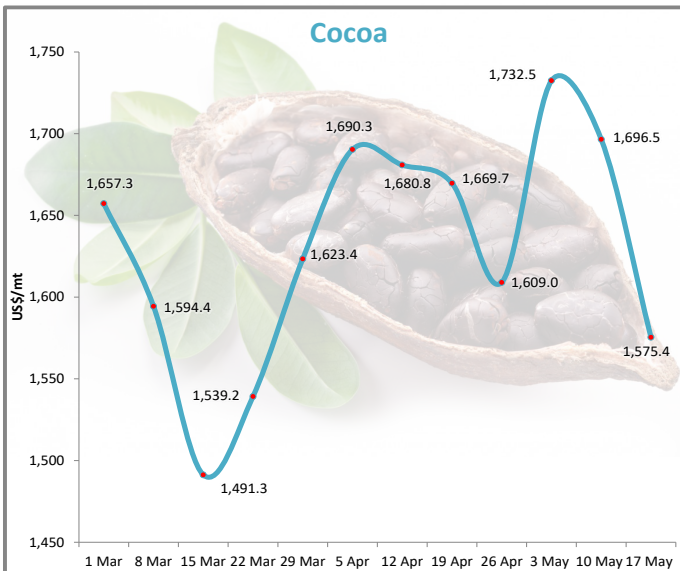
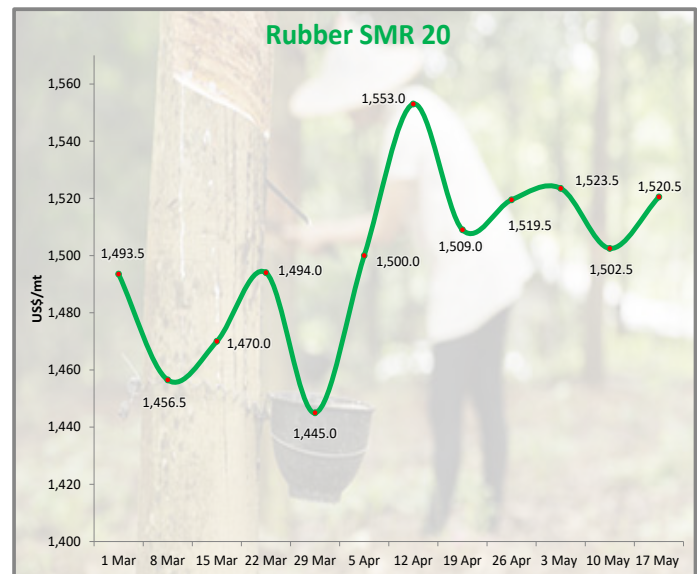
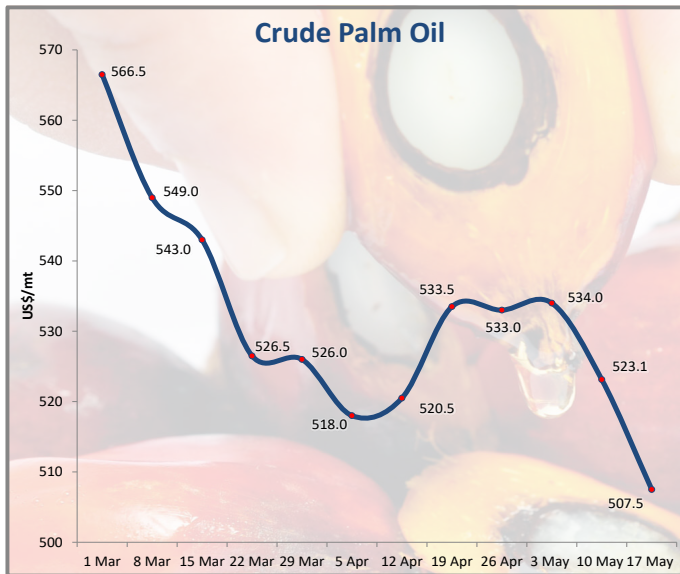
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

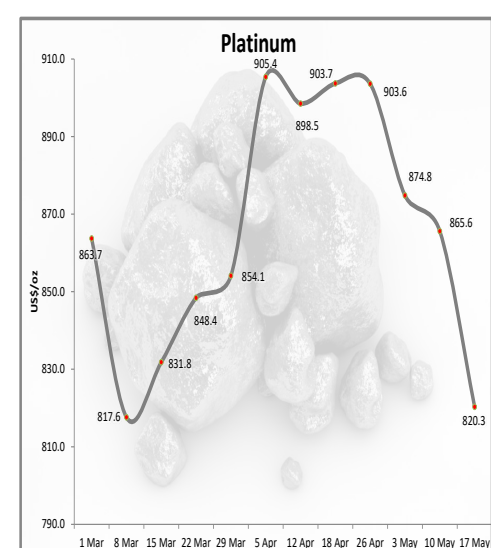
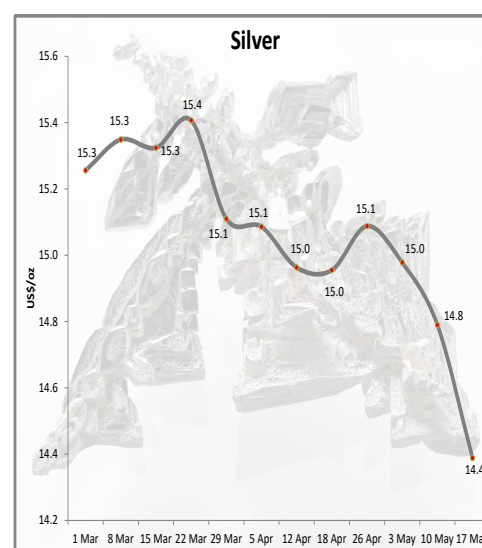
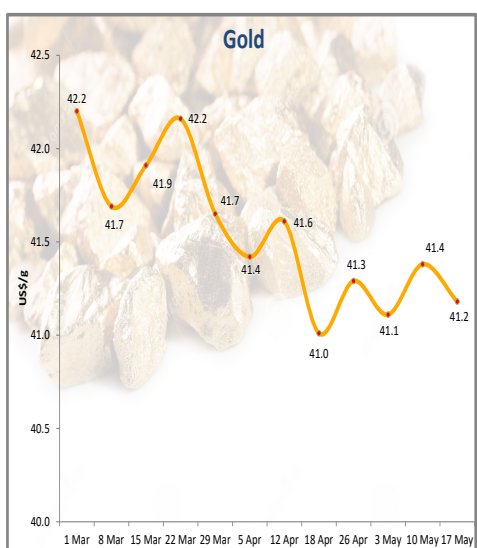
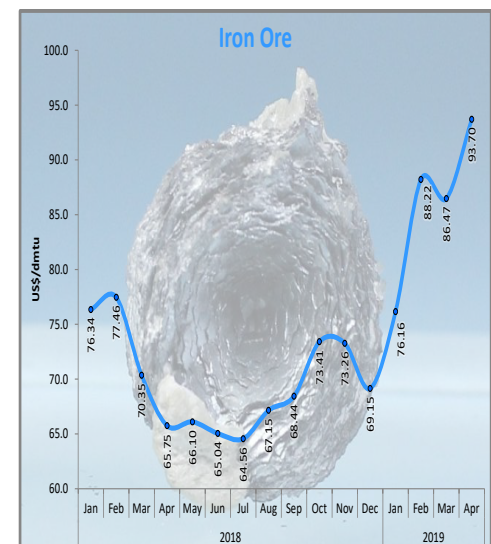
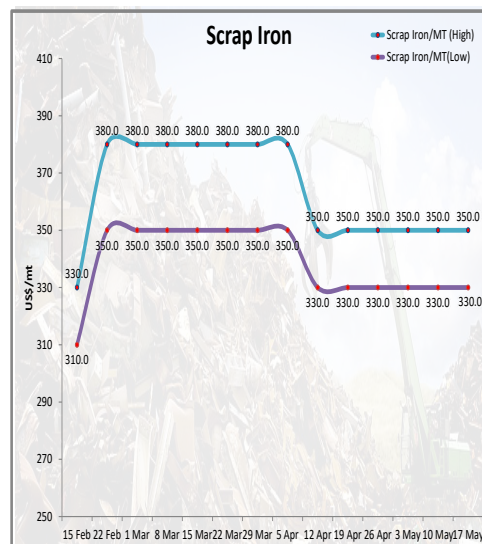
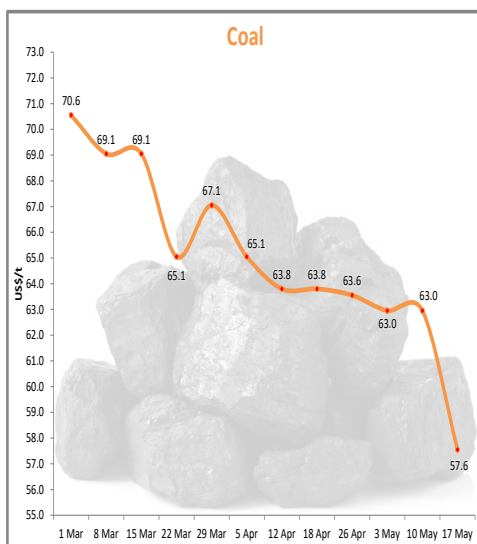
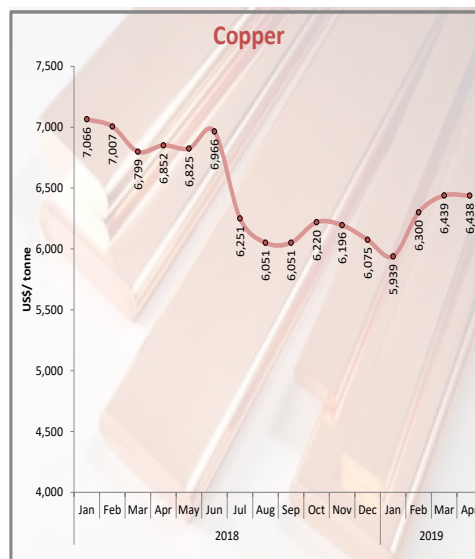
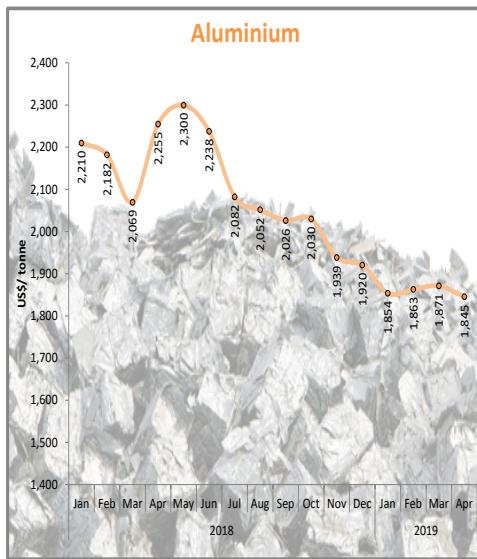
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Commodity Price Trends



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MITI Minister at 25th APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting, Chile 17-18 May 2019



MITI Deputy Minister officiated the launch of MIMOS - SEGi Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (AI) 16 May 2019





Glossary

Fossil Fuels

Coal, oil and natural gas. They are derived from the remains of decayed plant and animal life.

Source : Environment

Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM

Framework for the development of environment statistics (FDES)

Conceptual framework that assists in development, coordination and organisation of environment statistics and related social-economic and demographic statistics. It was developed by the United Nations Statistics Division in 1984, and is based on stress-response principles of environmental impacts.

Source : Environment

Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM

Freshwater

Naturally occurring water having a low concentration of salts. It is generally accepted as suitable for abstraction and treatment to produce portable water.

Source : Environment

Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM

Functional Classifications

Functional classifications provide a means of classifying, by purpose or socio-economic objective, certain transactions of producers and of three institutional sectors - namely households, general government and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs).

Source : National Accounts

Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM

General Government

The general government sector consists of the totality of institutional units which, in addition to fulfilling their political responsibilities and their role of economic regulation, produce principally non-market services (possibly goods) for individual or collective consumption and redistribute income and wealth.

Source : National Accounts

Source Detail : Gross Domestic Product (GDP), DOSM

Geographic Coverage

The Labour Force Survey covers both urban and rural areas of all states in Malaysia.

Source : Labour Force and Social Statistics

Source Detail : Labour Force Survey Report, DOSM

Global Warming

Phenomenon believed to occur as a result of the build-up of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. It has been identified by many scientists as a major global environmental threat.

Source : Environment

Source Detail : Compendium of Environment Statistics, DOSM



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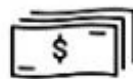
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Business Intervention



Develop Intervention Proposal



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Implement the Intervention Plan



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Soft Loan Scheme for Automation and Modernisation (SLSAM)

- targets manufacturing sectors
- 4.0% interest rate per annum for SMEs
- www.midf.com.my

Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

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

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
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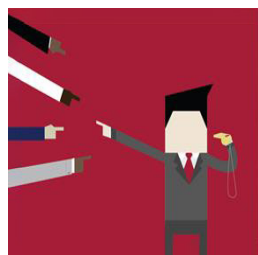
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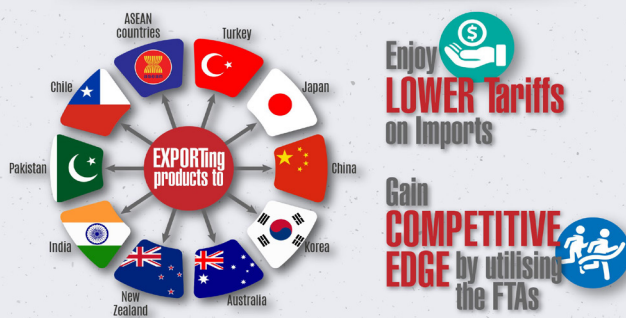


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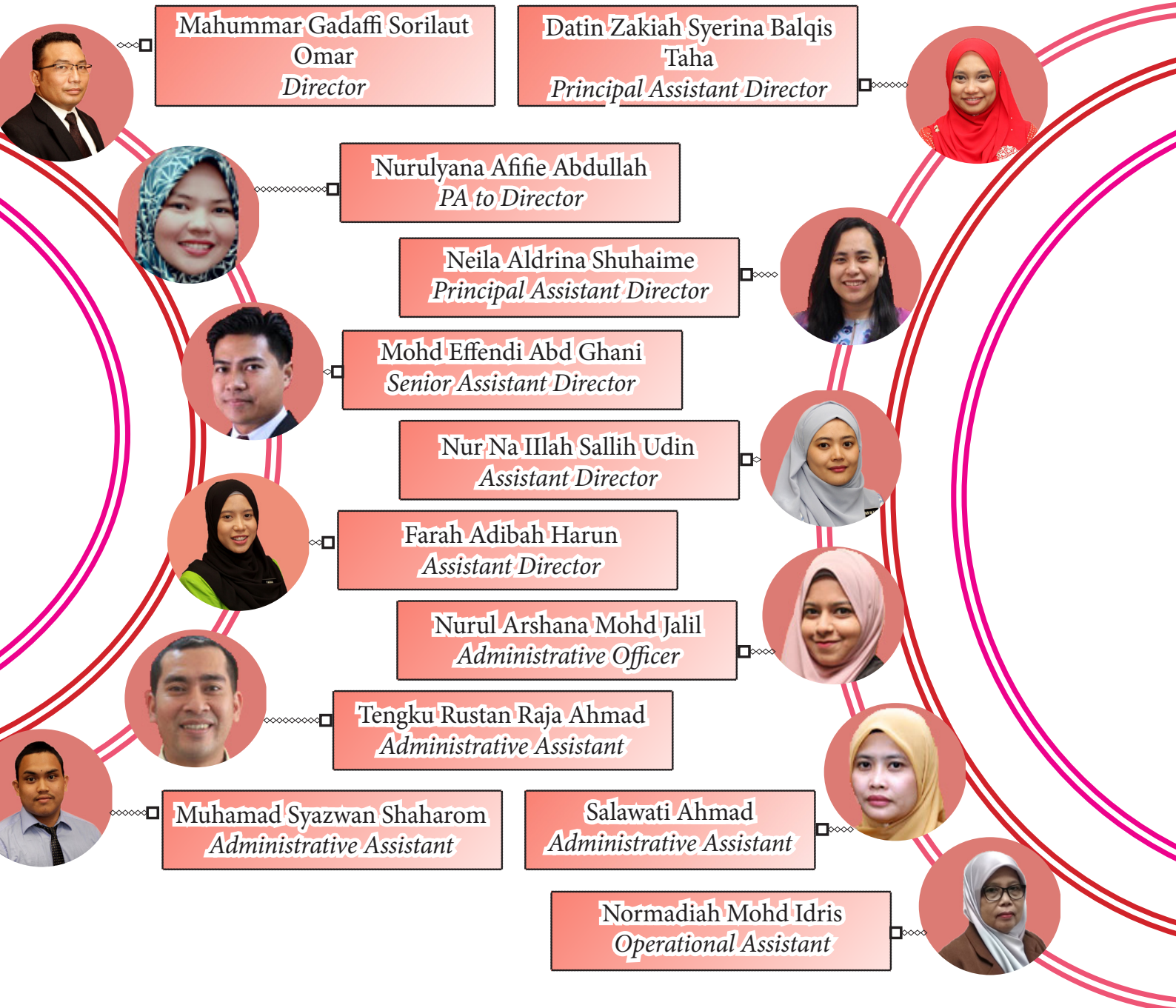
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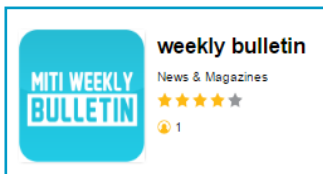


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