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Congratulations & Welcome



Ministry of
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MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY

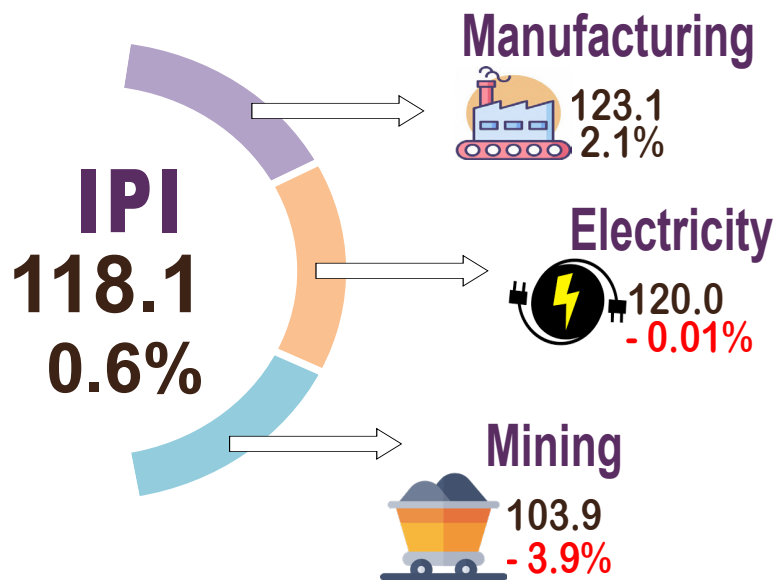


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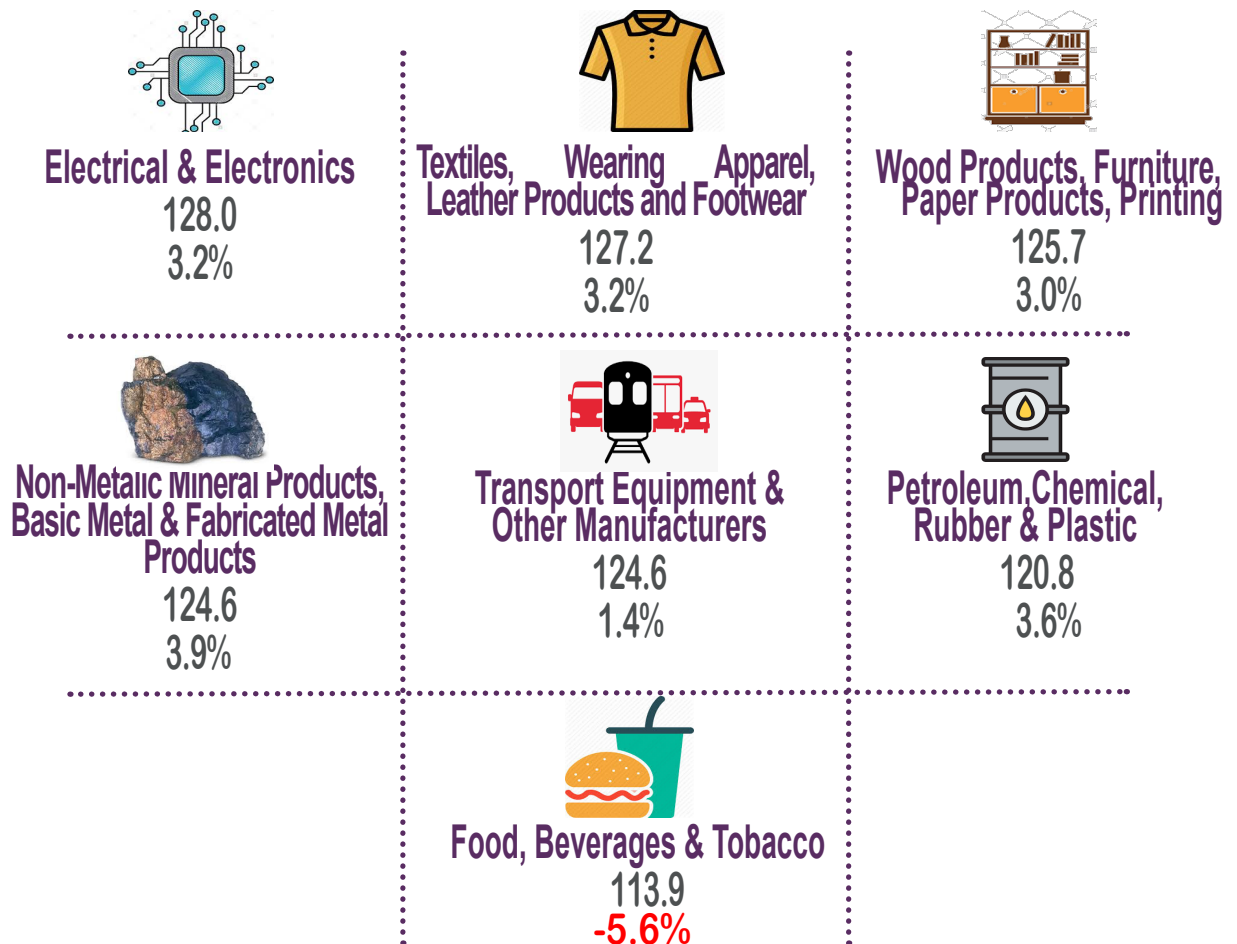


Industrial Production Index (IPI)

Malaysia's IPI grew 0.6 % in January 2020



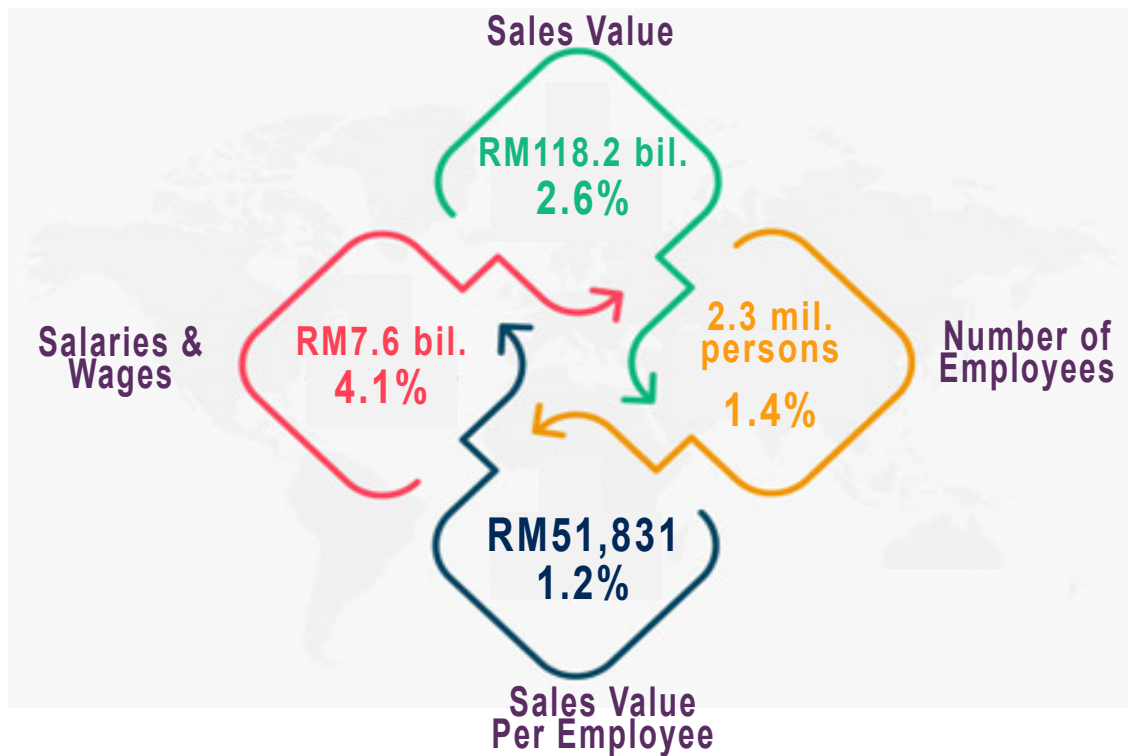
Manufacturing Production Index by Sub-sector



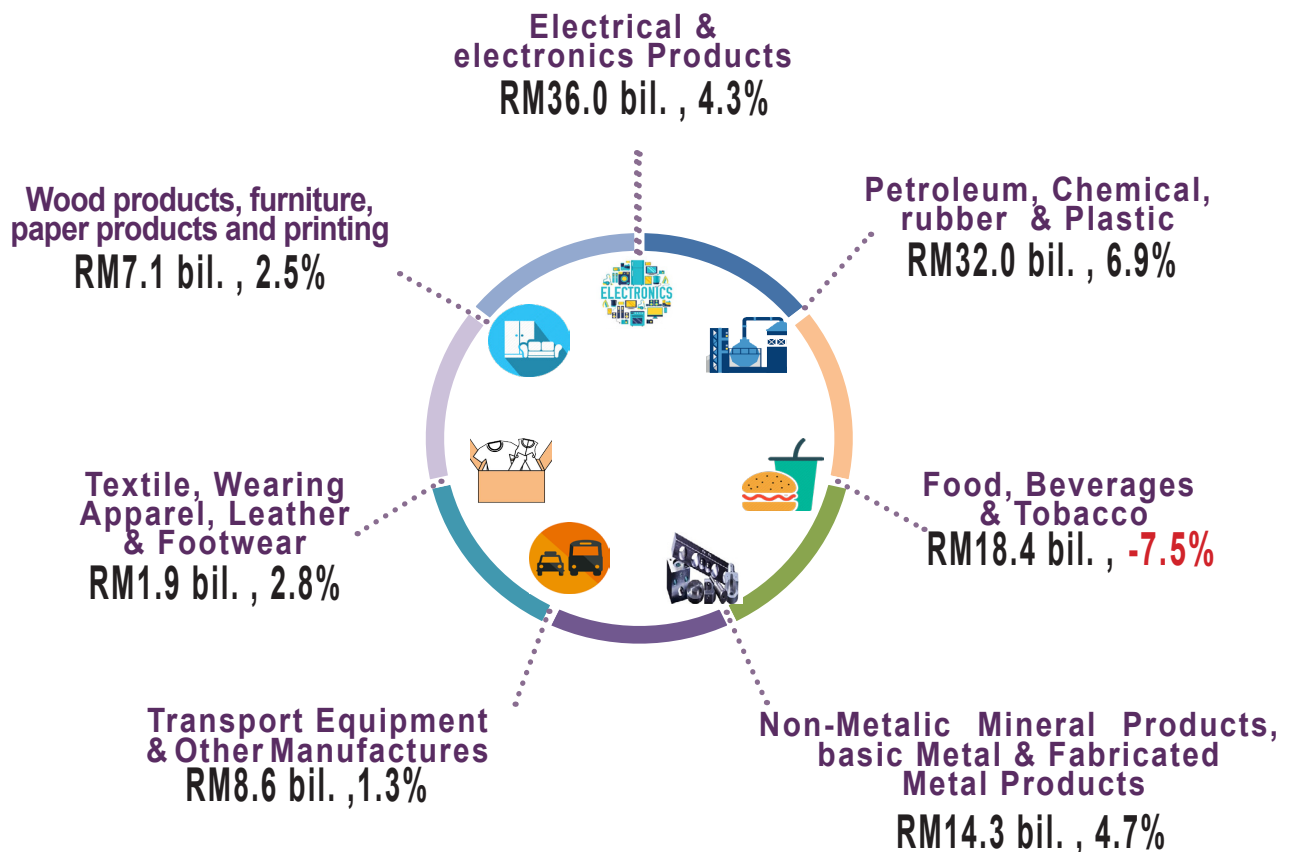
Note: % refer to Y-o-Y Growth
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Manufacturing Statistics

Malaysia's manufacturing sales recorded RM118.2 billion
an increase of 2.6 per cent in January 2020



Seven sub-sectors (sales value)



Note: % refer to Y-o-Y Growth
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

LABOUR FORCE IN MALAYSIA JANUARY 2020

The number of labour force in January 2020 increased 2.1 per cent compared to January 2019



Labour Force ('000)

Jan. 2020 : 15,829.0

Jan. 2019 : 15,508.5

2.1%



Employed ('000)

Jan. 2020 : 15,317.6

Jan. 2019 : 14,992.8

2.2%



Unemployed ('000)

Jan. 2020 : 511.7

Jan. 2019 : 515.6

-0.8%



Outside Labour Force ('000)

Jan. 2020 : 7,128.9

Jan. 2019 : 7,095.9

0.5%

Labour Force Participation Rate



▲ 0.3%

Jan
2020

68.9%

Jan
2019

68.6%

Unemployment Rate



▼ 0.1%

Jan
2020

3.2%

Jan
2019

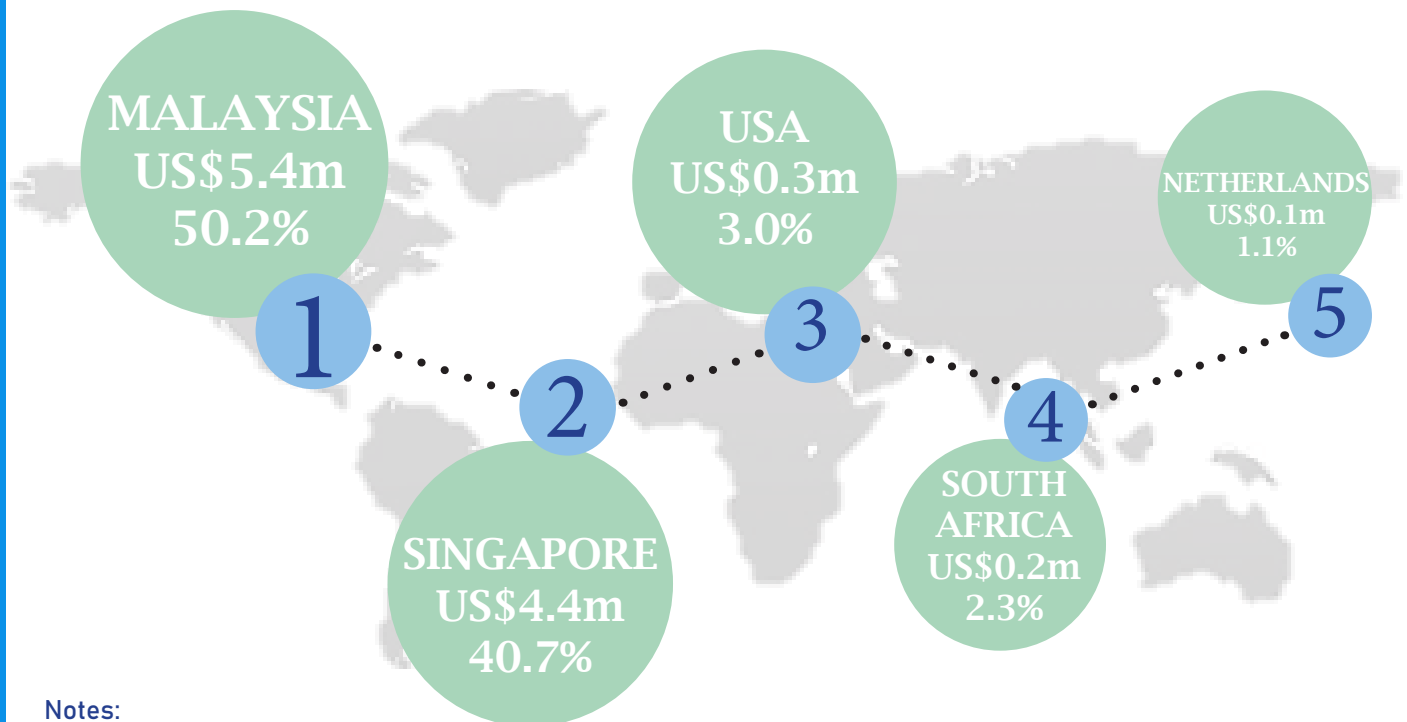
3.3%

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Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

World largest exports of Dark red meranti, light red meranti and meranti bakau wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared (excluding rough-cut wood for walking sticks, umbrellas, tool shafts and the like; wood cut into boards or beams, etc.; wood treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives)*

In 2018, Malaysia's export of Dark red meranti, light red meranti and meranti bakau wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared (excluding rough-cut wood for walking sticks, umbrellas, tool shafts and the like; wood cut into boards or beams, etc.; wood treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives) recorded US\$5.4 million with 50.2% share to the world exports.

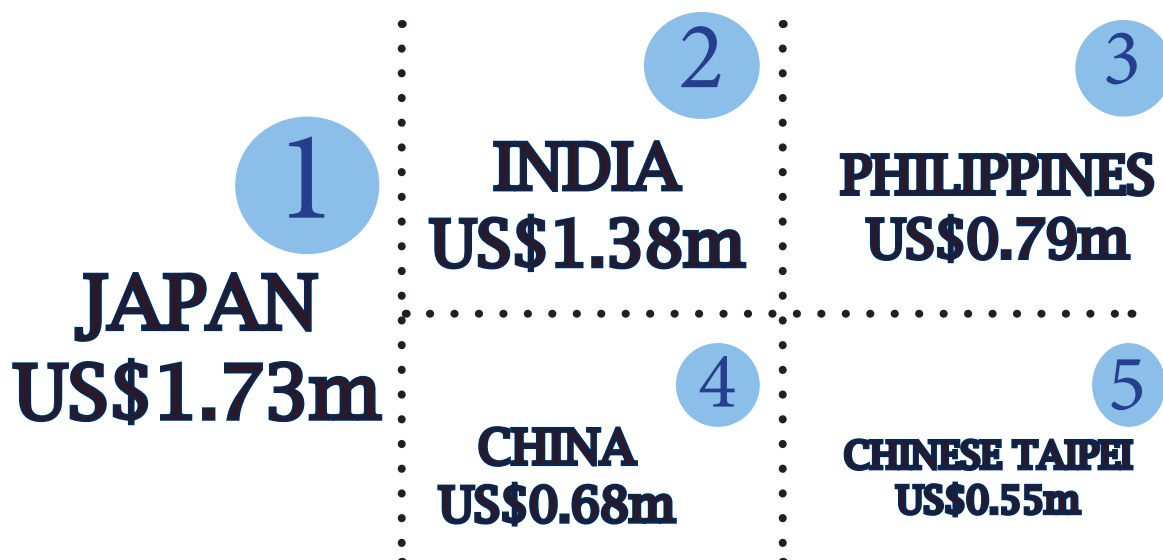


Notes:

-*HS 440341

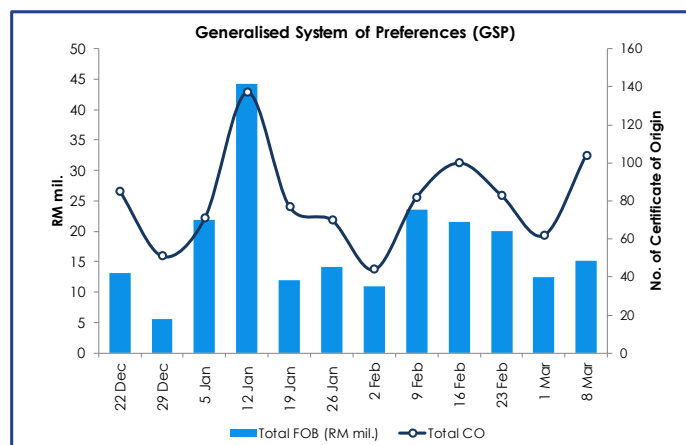
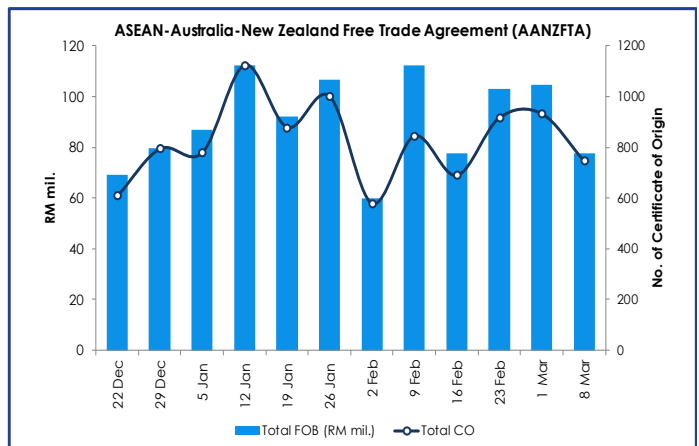
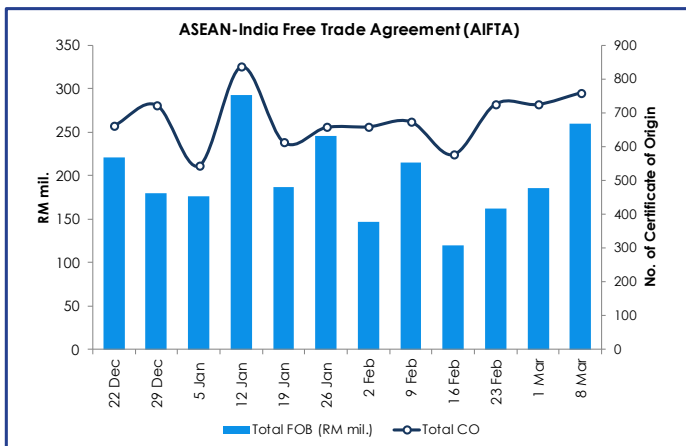
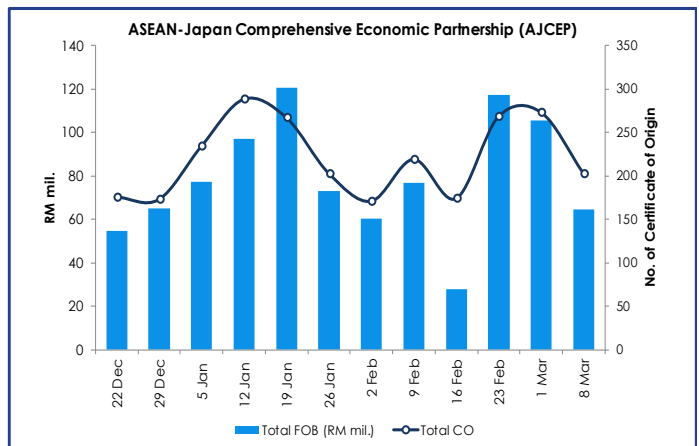
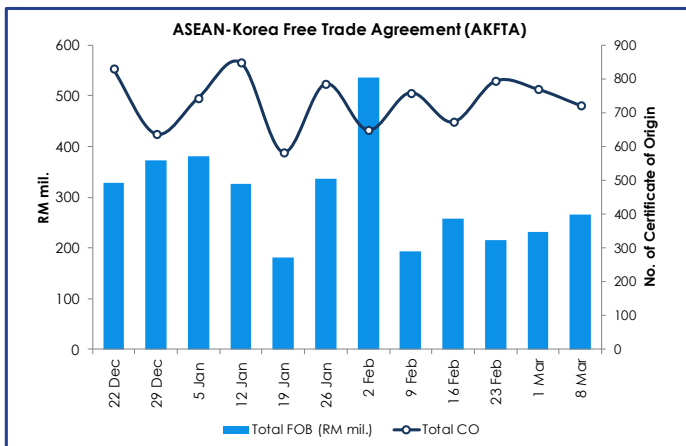
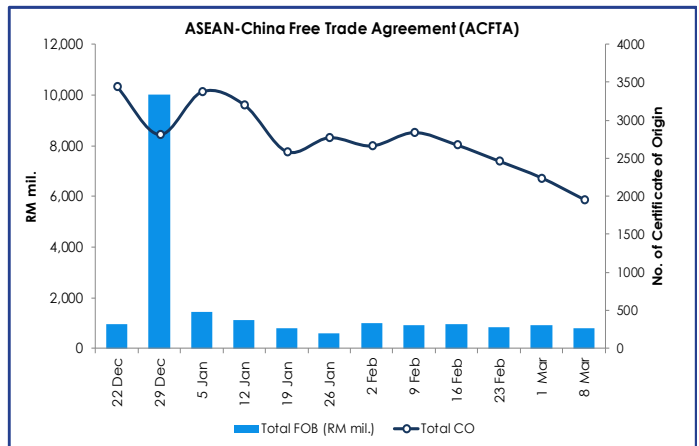
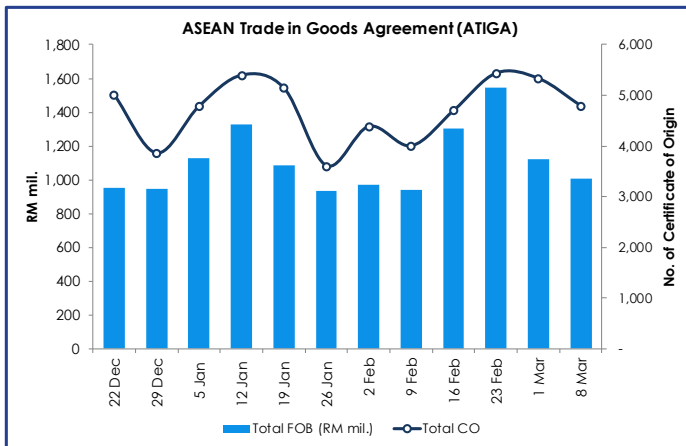
-% refer to share in world exports

Top Five Malaysia Export Destinations



Sources: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

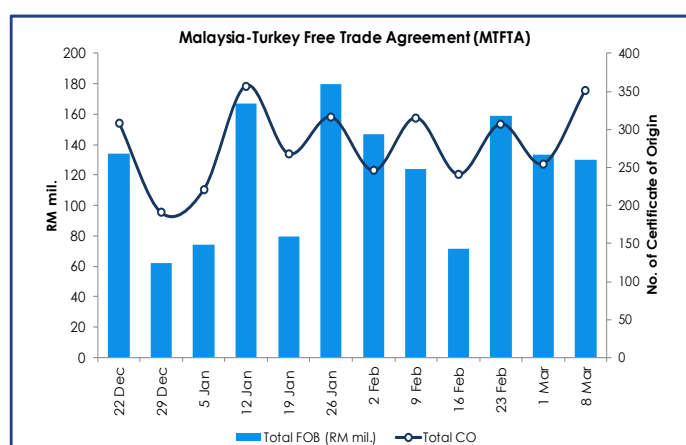
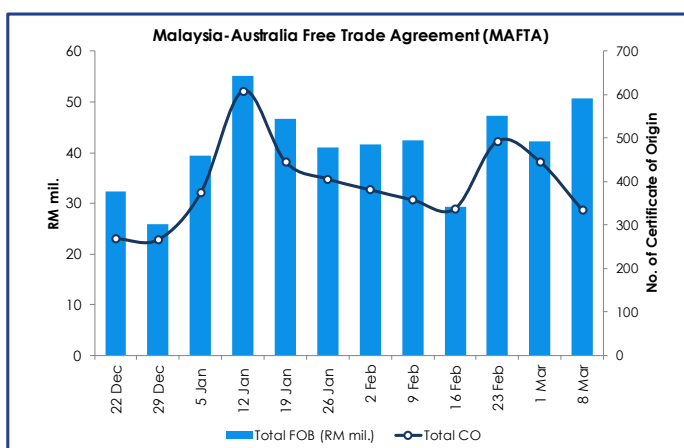
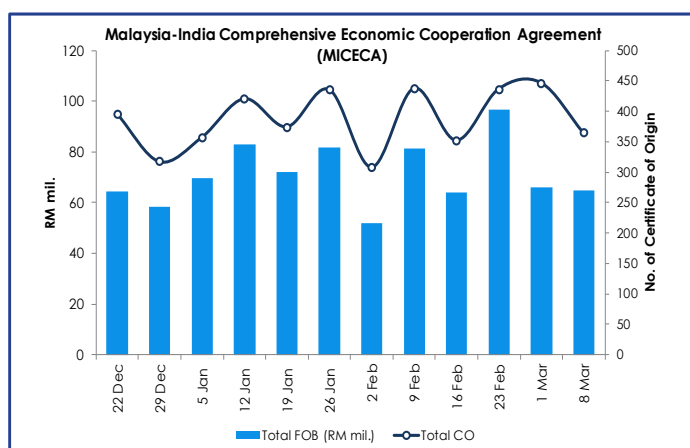
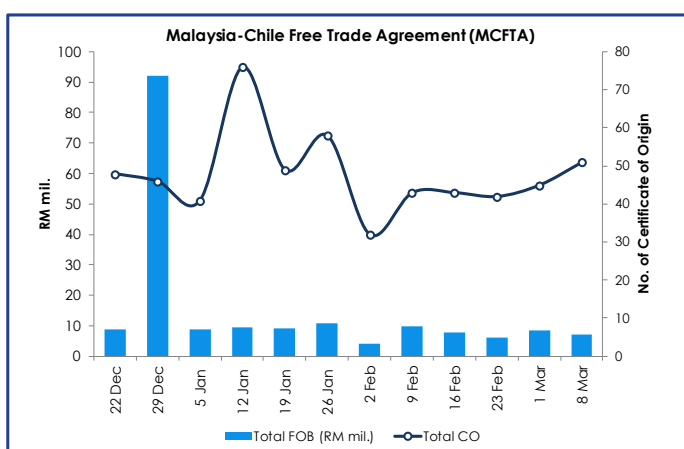
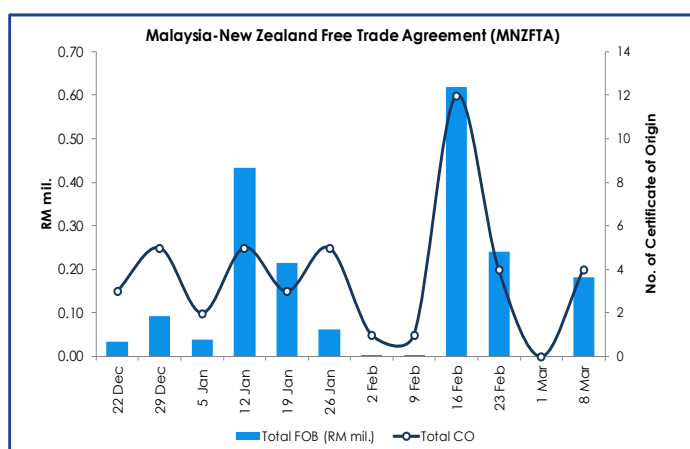
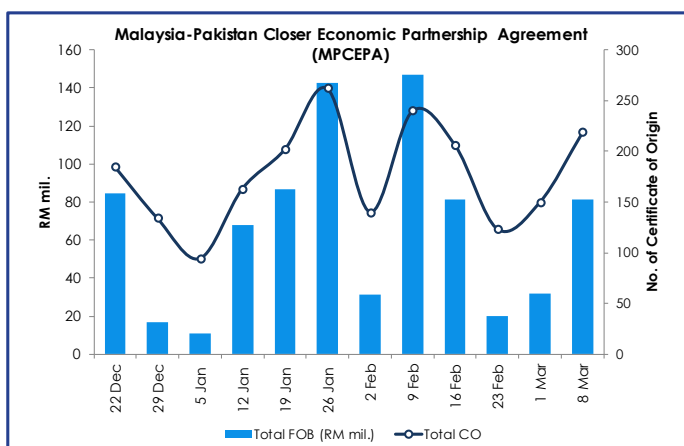
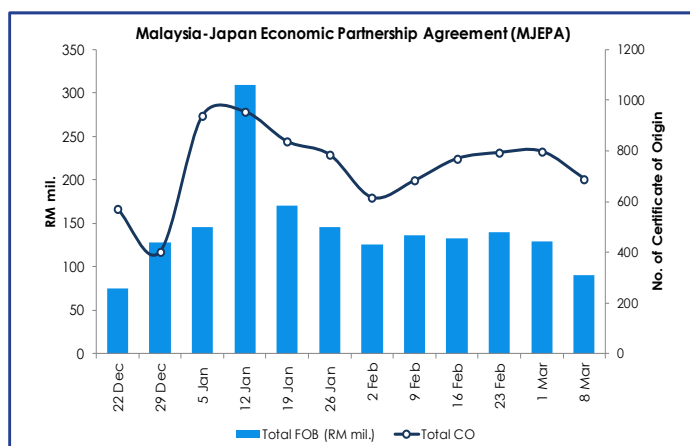


Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Norway.

Note: *Provisional Data

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

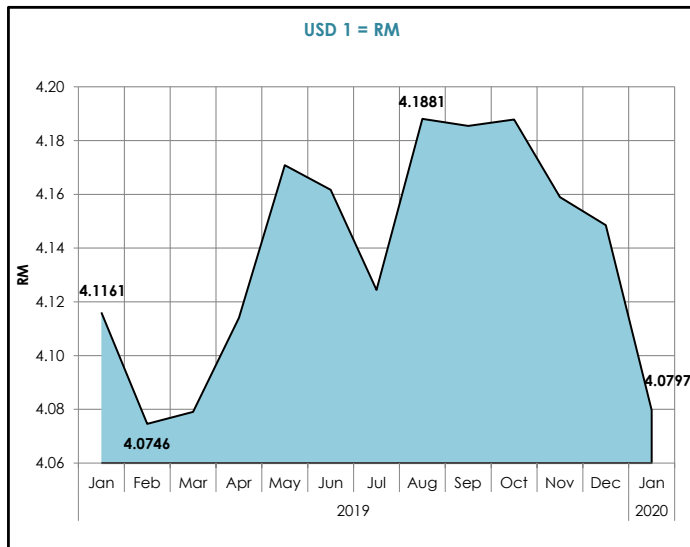
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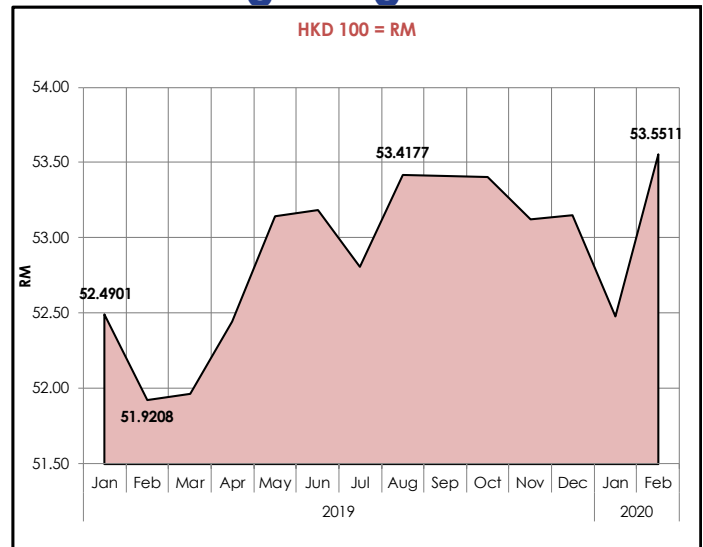
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2019 - February 2020

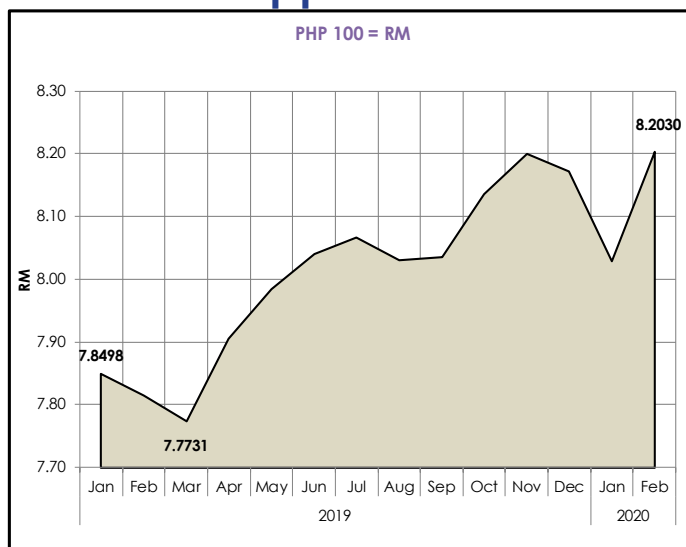
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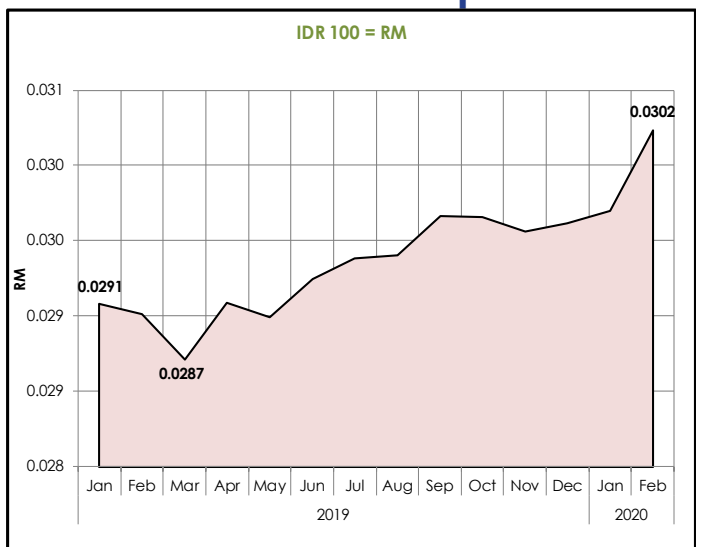
Hong Kong Dollar



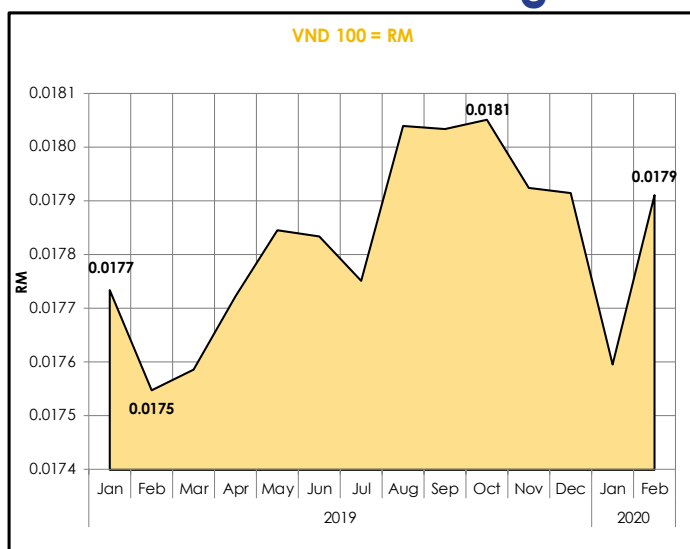
Philippine Peso



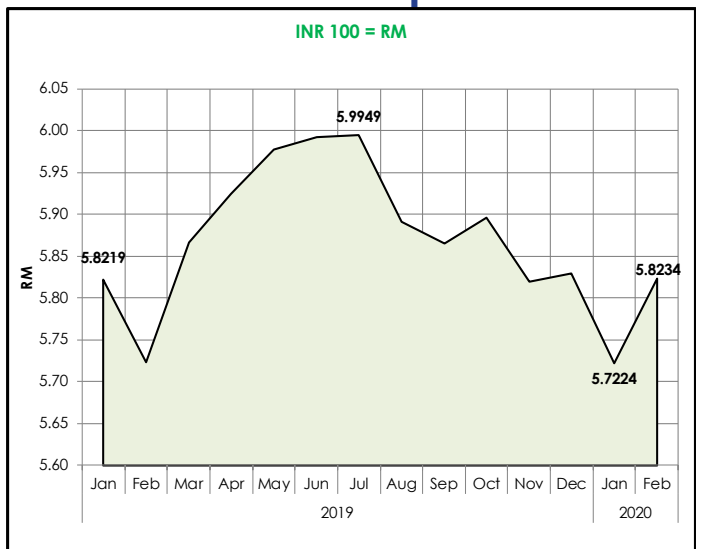
Indonesian Rupiah



Vietnamese Dong



Indian Rupee



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼ 25.2%*

US\$33.9

13 March 2020

Highest
2019/2020

03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6

17 May 2019 : US\$72.2

13 Mar 2020 : US\$33.9

09 Aug 2019 : US\$54.5

Lowest
2019/2020

Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$64.2

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▼ 9.7%*

US\$537.1

13 March 2020

Highest
2019/2020

10 Jan 2020 : US\$761.9

27 Dec 2019 : US\$794.5

13 Mar 2020 : US\$537.1

26 Jul 2019 : US\$488.5

Lowest
2019/2020

Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$557.1

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ 4.3%*

US\$1,251.0

13 March 2020

Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$1,414.6

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ 1.8%*

US\$1,693.8

13 March 2020

Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$1,592.4

SUGAR -per lbs-

▼ 10.1%*

US\$11.7

13 March 2020



Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$12.4

COAL -per MT-



▼ 13.2%*

US\$36.1

13 March 2020

Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$56.5

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



⊖ %*

US\$280.0

(high)

13 March 2020

⊖ %*

US\$260.0

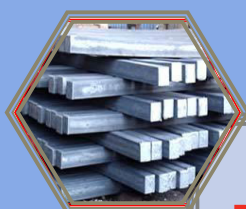
(low)

Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$316.9 (high)

Average Price 2019 ⁱ: US\$291.6 (low)

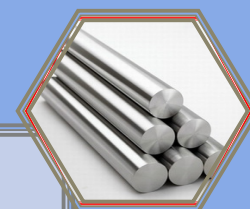
Domestic Prices

13 March 2020



Billets
(per MT)

RM1,800 - RM1,850



Steel Bars
(per MT)

RM2,040 - RM2,190

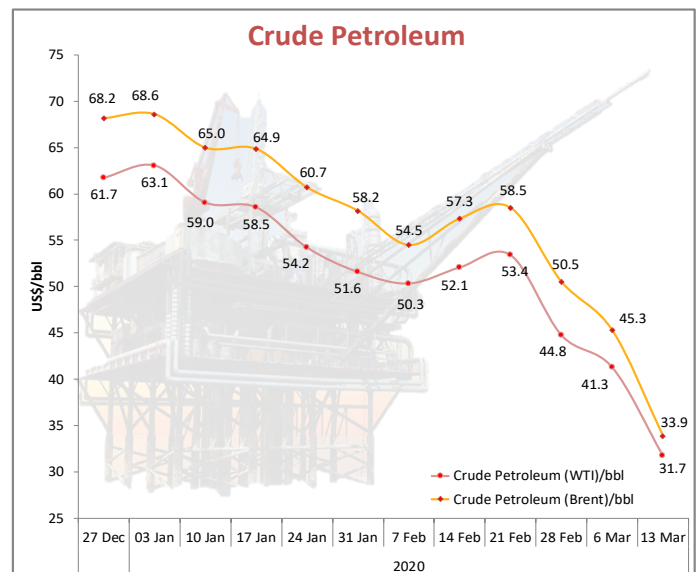
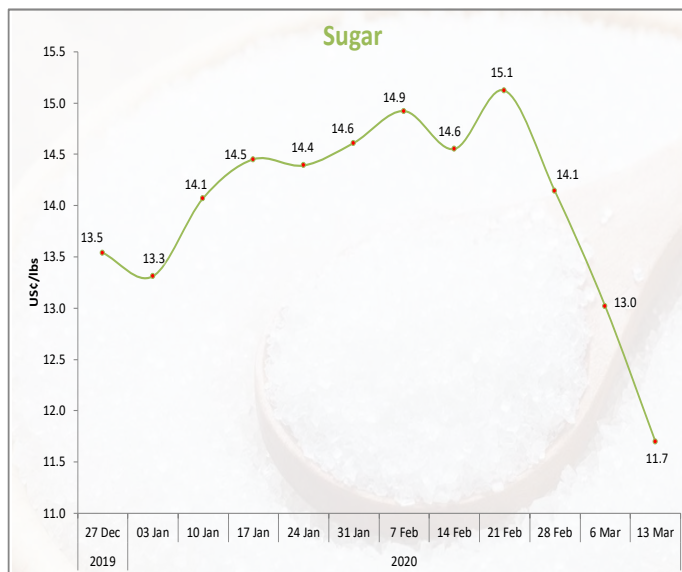
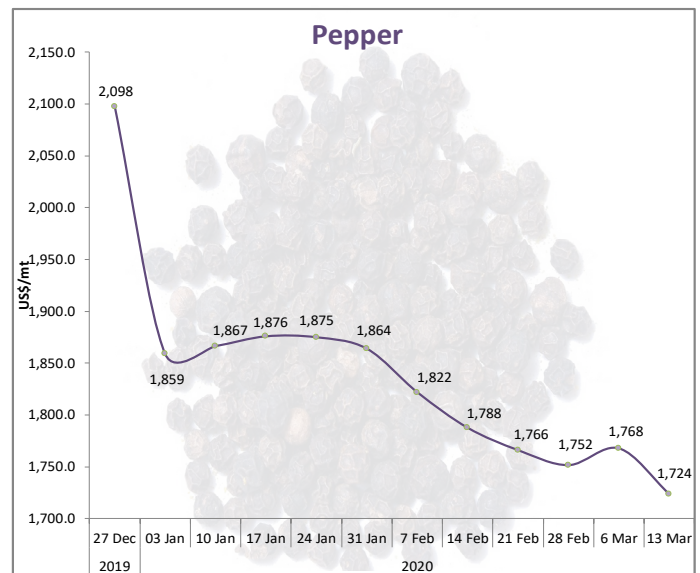
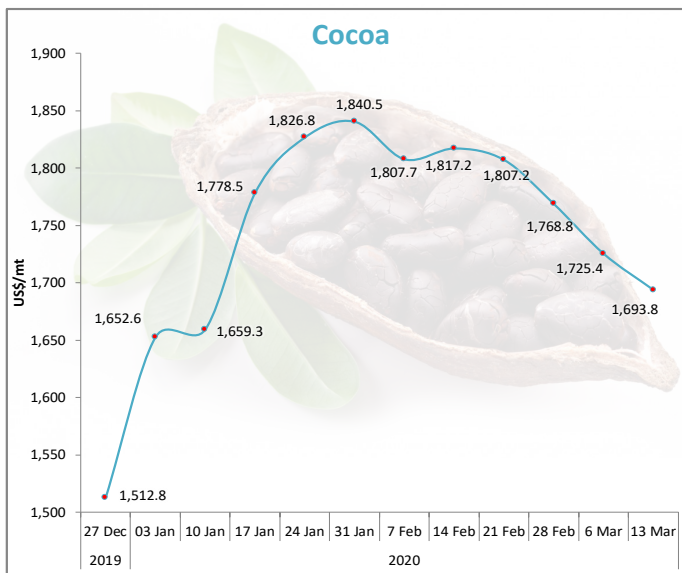
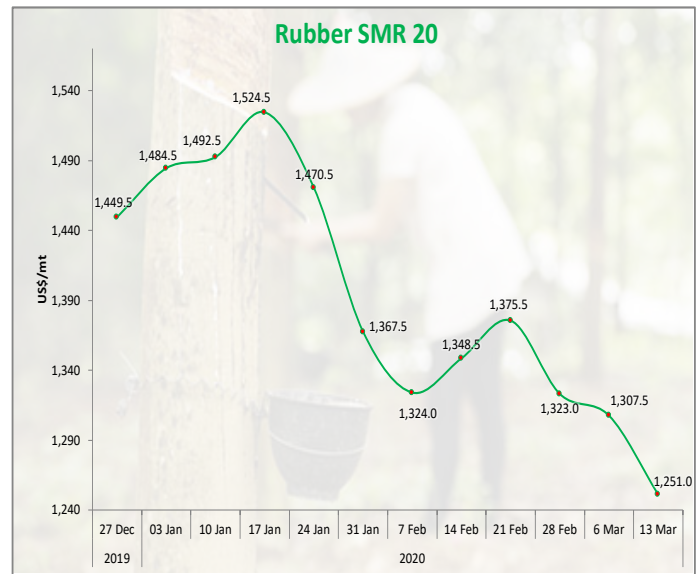
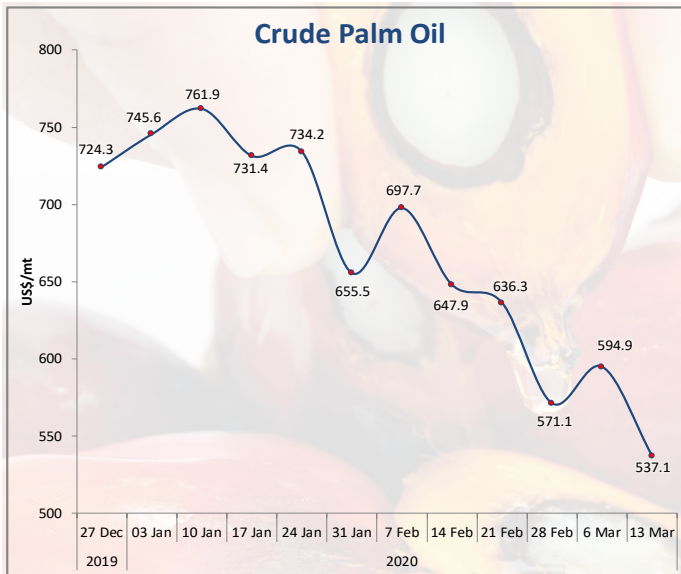
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

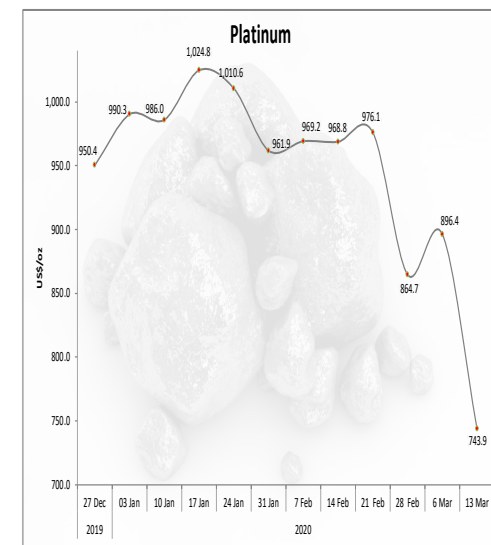
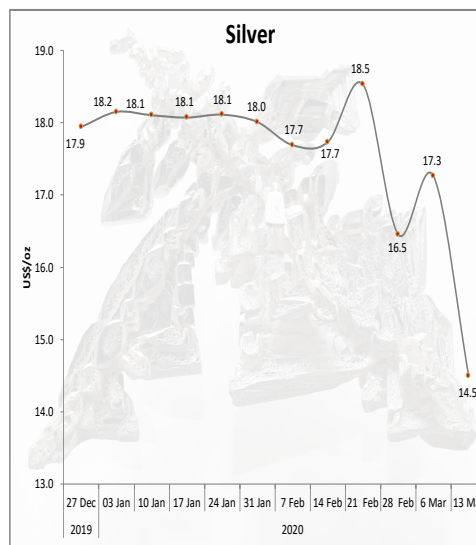
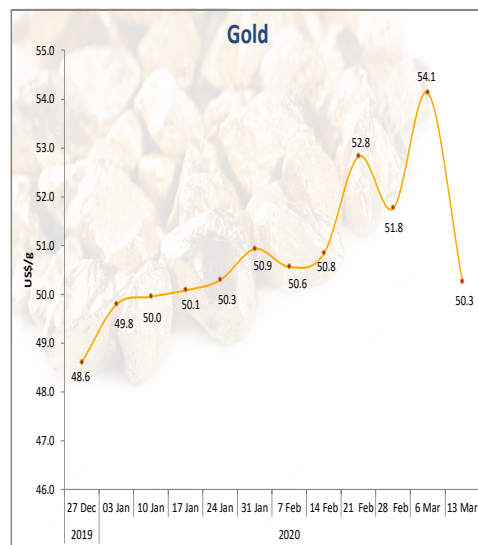
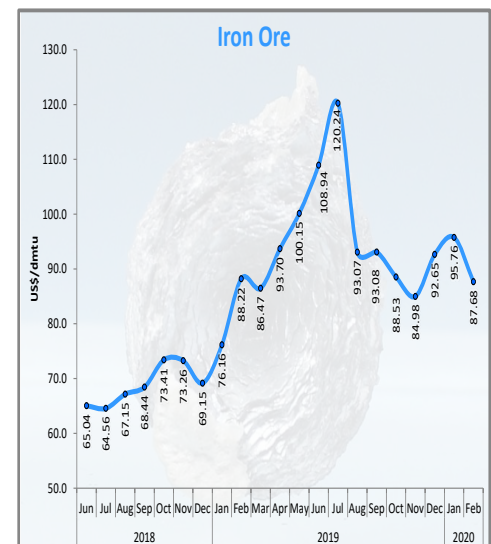
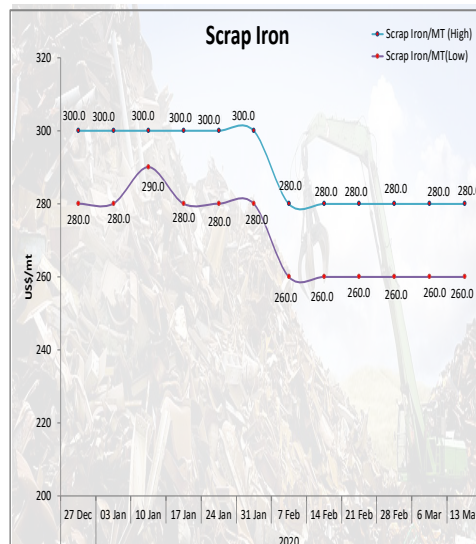
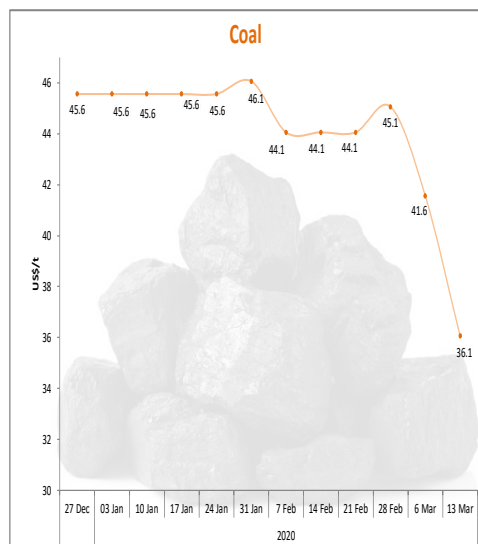
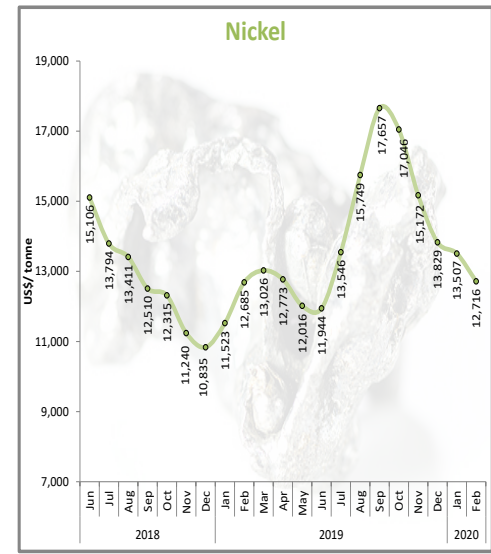
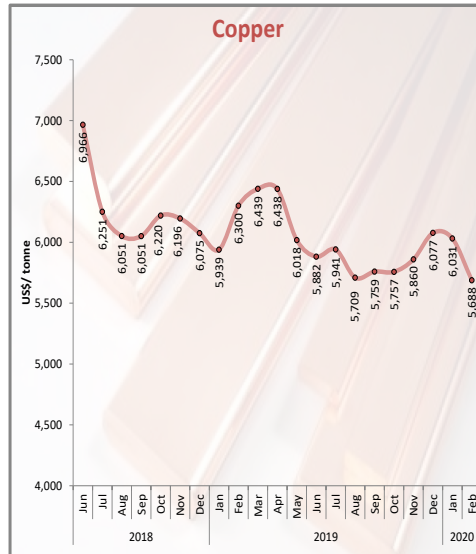
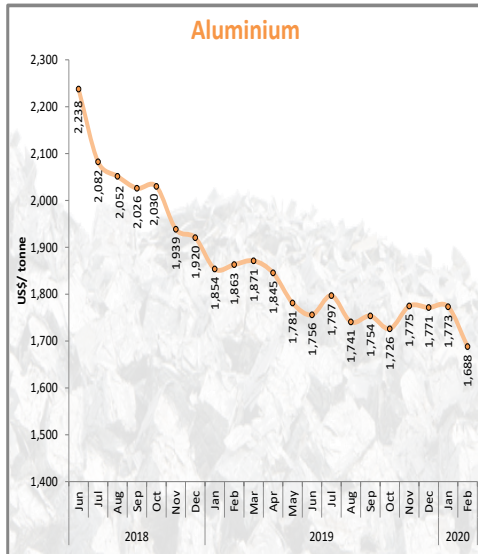
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Commodity Price Trends



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YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and Datuk Lim Ban Hong clock in for duty, 11 March 2020



Top Management Briefing to MITI Minister 11 March 2020





GLOSSARY

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

SITS Components:

■ Insurance and Pension Services:

Covers the services of providing life insurance, non-life insurance, reinsurance, freight insurance, pensions and auxiliary services to insurance.

■ Telecommunications, Computer, and Information Services:

Telecommunications services encompass the broadcast of transmission of sound, image, data, or other information by telephone, telex, telegram, radio, and television satellite, electronic mail and facsimile including business network services, teleconferencing and support services.

Computer services consist of hardware and software related services and data processing services. These include sales of customized and non-customized software, installation and consultancy services. Information services include news agencies services, database services (database conception, storage, and dissemination), and direct non-bulk subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, whether by mail, electronic transmission or other means.

■ Other Business Services:

Other business services comprise research and development services, professional and management consulting services, technical, trade related and other business services. Research and development services cover those services associated with basic research, applied research, and experimental development of new products and processes. This includes outright sales as a result of research and development work, such as; patents, copyrights, information or industrial processes. Professional and management consulting services cover advisory, guidance and operational assistance services provided to businesses for business policy and strategy and the overall planning, structuring and control of an organization. This include legal services, accounting, management consulting, managerial services, public relations services, advertising, market research and public opinion polling services. Technical, trade-related and other business services comprise of services related to architectural, engineering, other technical, waste treatment and de-pollution, agricultural, mining, operating leasing, trade-related and other business services.

■ Financial Services:

Covers both explicit and implicit charges for financial intermediation and auxiliary services (except those of insurance enterprises and pension funds) conducted between residents and non-residents. The explicit charges included deposit and lending services (e.g. application and commitment fees, fees for one-off guarantees, early or late repayment fees or penalties, and account charges). Also included are commissions and other fees related to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances, lines of credit, financial leasing, foreign exchange transactions, commissions and other fees related to transactions in securities, commissions of commodity futures traders, services related to asset management, financial market operational and regulatory services, security custody services but excluded interest. The implicit charges is measured by FISIM which using reference rate concept to represent services element between actual and reference interest rate on loans and deposits.

■ Charges for the use of intellectual property:

Charges for the use of intellectual property include:

- i. chargers for the use of propriety rights, such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, industrial processes and designs, trade secrets, and franchises, where rights arise from research and development, as well as from marketing; and
- ii. charges for licenses to reproduce and/or distribute intellectual property embodied in produced originals or prototypes, such as copyrights on books and manuscripts, computer software, cinematographic works and sound recordings, and related rights, such as for the recording of live performances and for television, cable or satellite broadcast.



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

Industry Digitalisation Transformation Fund (IDTF)

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

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
- www.mida.gov.my

For more information, kindly click the following links:

https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD?mid=559#tab_547_2202



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

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- RA: industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my



Readiness Assessment



Apply online at www.miti.gov.my/industry4wrd



Evaluation by Committees



Onsite Assessment



Receive RA Report

Business Intervention



Develop Intervention Proposal



Apply for Financial Incentives



Implement the Intervention Plan

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All you need to know...

Industry4WRD



NOTIFICATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PRODUCT SPECIFIC RULES (PSR) IN HS 2017 FOR ASEAN-KOREA FREE TRADE AREA (AKFTA)

EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020



For more information, kindly click the following links: <https://bit.ly/2xbCwSU>

ANNOUNCEMENT >



NOTIFICATION ON THE LIVE OPERATION OF ASEAN SINGLE WINDOW (ASW) BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF LAO AND THE REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES

Effective date 30 DECEMBER 2019

For more information or inquiries, kindly contact the ATIGA team at allatiga@miti.gov.my

For more information, kindly click the following links: <https://bit.ly/2UmkAyo>



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NOTIFICATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PRODUCT SPECIFIC RULES (PSR) FOR ASEAN-AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (AANZFTA) IN HS 2017

Effective Date 1 OCTOBER 2019



Please click for the full notification 

For more information, kindly click the following links: <https://bit.ly/2UoZwrg>



MITI MALAYSIA

INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

For more information and application, kindly click the following links: <https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/3720>



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Be part of volunteers for APEC 2020

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Be part of something BIG?

Come and join us, be a volunteer for APEC 2020!

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ANUGERAH KECERLANGAN INDUSTRI (AKI) 2019/2020

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
Submission of documents until 30 April 2020



For more information, kindly click the following links:
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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)

For more information, kindly click the following links:
<http://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/4761>



APPROVED PERMIT (AP) APPLICATION OF PERSONAL VEHICLES

Effective 1st August 2019, Approved Permit (AP) applications for the
importation of personal vehicles must be made through the ePermit System.



For more information, kindly click the following links:
<https://bit.ly/2MyIPFt>

MITI POCKET TALK

A SERIES OF SESSION FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Information on the benefits of
Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and current updates

Introduction on **Preferential
Certificates of Origin (PCO)**
application procedures



When?
Once a month

Where?
MITI Tower Kuala Lumpur
OR
MITI Regional Offices

Fees?
Free of Charge
with light refreshments

For more information, please contact the Secretariat

03-8200 0488/69/57 allaki@miti.gov.my

Tentative Schedule for MITI Pocket Talks 2020

Date	Venue	Topic
8 April	MITI HQ	Introduction to FTAs Introduction to Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)
10 June	MITI Johor	
24 June	MITI HQ	
15 July	MITI Penang	
12 August	MITI HQ	
2 September	MITI Kelantan	
14 October	MITI HQ	
4 November	MITI Pahang	

For information, kindly click
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