

## Postponement of Upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meetings

As the host for APEC 2020, Malaysia wishes to announce the postponement of the upcoming APEC Second Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM2) and Related Meetings, the 2020 APEC Tourism Ministerial Meeting, and the 2020 APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting, which were scheduled for April this year. The new tentative dates for SOM2 and Related Meetings are 15 to 26 June 2020, which will be followed by the MRT Meeting on 27 and 28 June 2020. These dates will be reassessed in May, subject to the developments surrounding COVID-19.

The decision to postpone was made after extensive consultations with all the relevant stakeholders and having considered the announcement by the World Health Organization (WHO) of the pandemic status of COVID-19, as well as recent domestic developments. Malaysia also believes that this decision is a necessary and appropriate one, in order to protect the health and safety of all APEC delegates.

Malaysia remains fully committed to host APEC in 2020. We will continue to work closely with all APEC economies to deliver on this year's theme, Optimising Human Potential towards a Future of Shared Prosperity. Malaysia will also intensify efforts to ensure that there is continuity in the work undertaken by APEC, for this year and beyond, particularly in advancing the inter-sessional work on Post-2020 Vision.

**Ministry of International Trade & Industry**  
17 March 2020

## MITI and Agencies to Operate Remotely During Restricted Movement Order

The Ministry of International Trade & Industry (MITI) and its Agencies will operate remotely during the 14-day Restricted Movement Order from 18 to 31 March 2020. However, essential services will still be delivered through conventional means.

These services include the endorsement of Certificates of Origin (COO), which will be done physically at Menara MITI, from 9am to 1pm daily, except on weekends. All other services such as applications for Approved Permit (AP), Strategic Trade Act (STA) permit, grant, loan and other relevant facilities will be done via digital means. This move is consequent to the announcement on Restricted Movement Order made by the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tan Sri Dato' Hj. Muhyiddin bin Hj. Mohd. Yassin, last night.

The Malaysian business community and industry players are encouraged to reach out to MITI and Agencies through our official Facebook page, 'MITI & Agencies Hotline' group page, and via Whatsapp at +6012-6072750 to seek any clarification on issues pertaining to industries, trade and investment.

MITI remains committed to facilitating our industry players in mitigating the challenges that may arise during this Restricted Movement period. For more information, please email to [covid19sec@miti.gov.my](mailto:covid19sec@miti.gov.my).

**Ministry of International Trade & Industry**  
18 March 2020

## Kebenaran Bekerja Untuk Pekerja Sektor Swasta Diberikan Kepada Syarikat Yang Mendapat Kelulusan Untuk Beroperasi

Mesyuarat Khas Menteri-Menteri Mengenai Pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) pagi ini telah menekankan perlunya majikan menyediakan surat kebenaran kepada pekerja untuk memudahkan pergerakan mereka sekiranya ditahan pihak berkuasa yang membuat rondaan sepanjang tempoh PKP. Langkah ini juga bagi memastikan adanya penguatkuasaan yang lebih ketat ke atas pekerja-pekerja industri yang diarahkan bertugas.

Sehubungan itu, Mesyuarat telah memutuskan kebenaran untuk pergerakan pekerja bagi pihak industri yang diluluskan dipertanggungjawabkan kepada Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa & Industri (MITI).

Menjurus kepada keputusan ini, MITI telah mengambil langkah proaktif pagi ini dengan menyatakan kebenaran untuk beroperasi dan bekerja tersebut di dalam surat kelulusan kepada syarikat-syarikat yang akan beroperasi sepanjang PKP. Kelulusan ini juga terhad kepada syarikat-syarikat di dalam sektor pembuatan produk penting yang telah mendapat kelulusan untuk meneruskan operasi pada kadar minima.

Kebenaran bekerja ini juga terhad kepada jumlah pekerja-pekerja yang diluluskan kepada syarikat untuk beroperasi, dan kebenaran untuk meletakkan mesin kilang dalam keadaan siap siaga.

Syarikat-syarikat yang juga pemilik kilang ini wajib memberi surat kebenaran perjalanan kepada pekerja-pekerja yang bertugas, serta melampirkan bersama surat kebenaran beroperasi yang dikeluarkan MITI. Syarikat perlu juga menyenaraikan nama-nama pekerja yang dikenalpasti membawa surat kebenaran perjalanan tersebut untuk pergerakan mereka dari kediaman ke kilang/premis masing-masing.

Jumlah surat kebenaran ini hanya boleh dikeluarkan oleh pihak syarikat kepada pekerja mereka sahaja mengikut bilangan pekerja yang telah diluluskan mengikut syarat-syarat yang telah ditetapkan Majlis Keselamatan Negara. Walau bagaimanapun, kelulusan yang diberikan boleh dibatalkan dan ditarik balik sekiranya syarat-syarat yang ditetapkan tidak dipatuhi oleh syarikat.

**Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa & Industri (MITI)**  
20 Mac 2020

## Perkhidmatan Logistik dan Pengangkutan yang Menyokong Syarikat Pembuatan Produk Penting Dibenarkan Beroperasi

Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Permohonan Pengecualian Industri Bil. 2/2020 hari ini telah memperakukan keputusan bahawa kebenaran beroperasi di dalam tempoh Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) yang diberikan kepada syarikat-syarikat di dalam sektor pembuatan yang penting dan kritikal oleh Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa & Industri (MITI), turut terpakai kepada perkhidmatan logistik dan pengangkutan di bawah syarikat-syarikat berkenaan.

Ini adalah bagi memastikan bekalan produk-produk penting dan kritikal yang dikeluarkan oleh kilang-kilang yang terlibat sampai ke pelanggan dan destinasi dalam masa dan keadaan yang sempurna. Justeru, perkhidmatan logistik dan pengangkutan yang berkenaan tidak perlu memohon kebenaran berasingan daripada mana-mana agensi Kerajaan bagi meneruskan operasi mereka di dalam tempoh PKP ini.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, perkhidmatan logistik dan perkhidmatan ini hanyalah dibenarkan membawa atau mengangkut barang-barang dan hasil produk yang dihasilkan syarikat yang telah diberi kebenaran oleh MITI, dan perlunya beroperasi pada kadar tenaga kerja yang minima.

Adalah diharapkan syarikat-syarikat perkhidmatan logistik dan pengangkutan yang beroperasi akan mematuhi syarat-syarat ini, bagi mengelak dari sebarang tindakan diambil ke atas mereka dan syarikat yang dibenarkan beroperasi. Ini akan dapat memastikan mereka memberi perkhidmatan terbaik kepada pelanggan dan masyarakat tanpa sebarang halangan.

Bagi kilang pembuatan yang telah dibenarkan untuk beroperasi tetapi menggunakan perkhidmatan syarikat logistik dan pengangkutan swasta/individu, syarikat/individu tersebut perlu memohon kebenaran kepada Jawatankuasa Permohonan Pengecualian Industri untuk diperakukan jua.

**YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali**  
**Menteri Kanan dan Menteri**  
**Kementerian Perdagangan Antarabangsa & Industri (MITI)**  
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**Announcement**



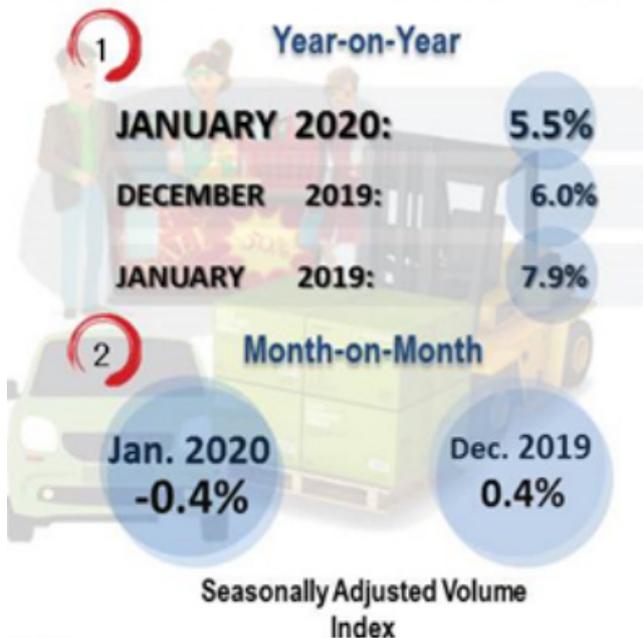
# Wholesale & Retail Trade January 2020

Sales value stood at RM114.8 billion



## VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, JANUARY 2020

Volume index rose 5.5 per cent

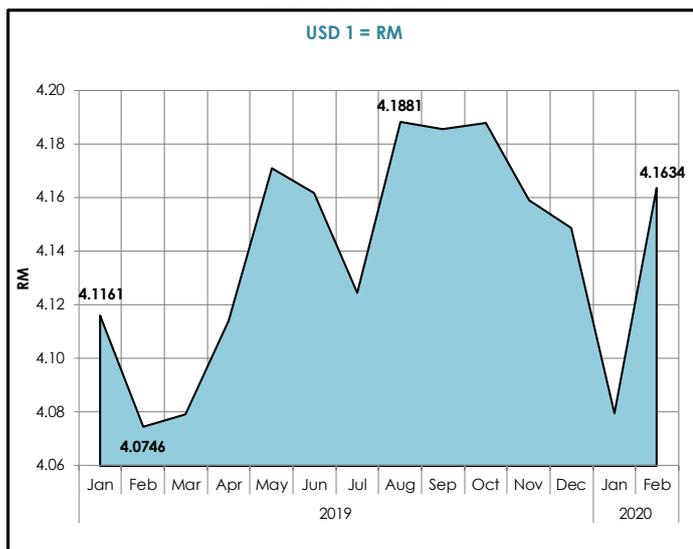


Note: Percentage change (year-on-year)

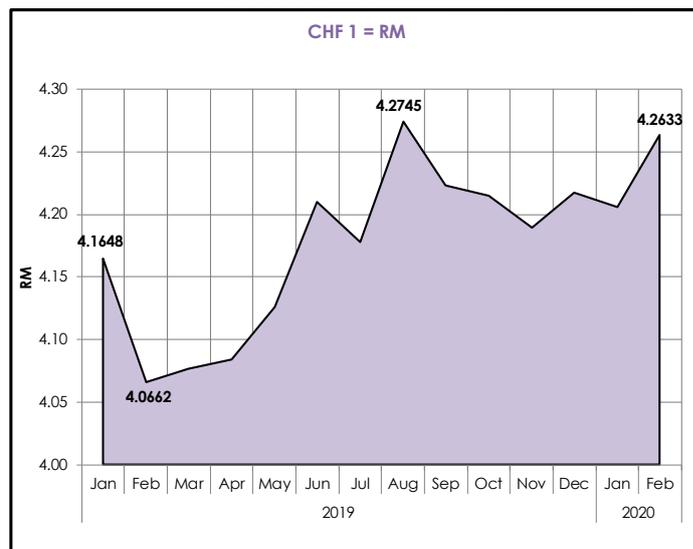
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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

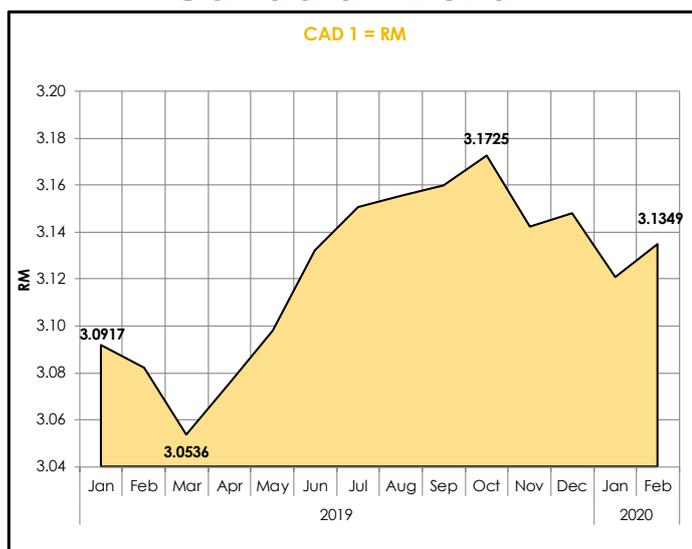
## US Dollar



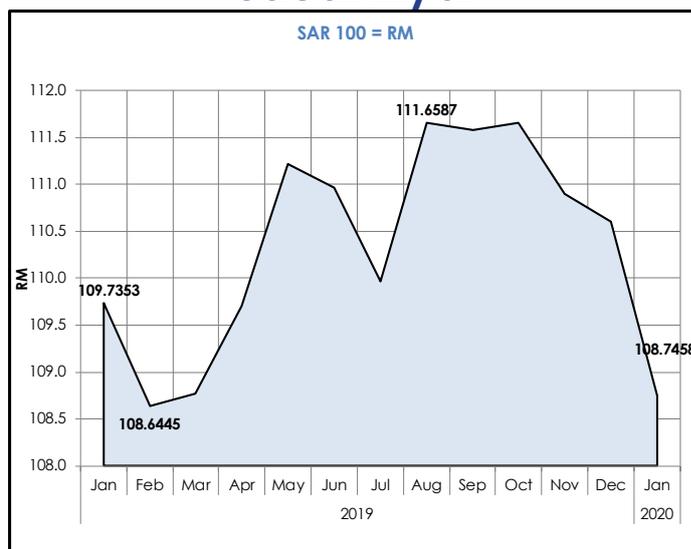
## Swiss Franc



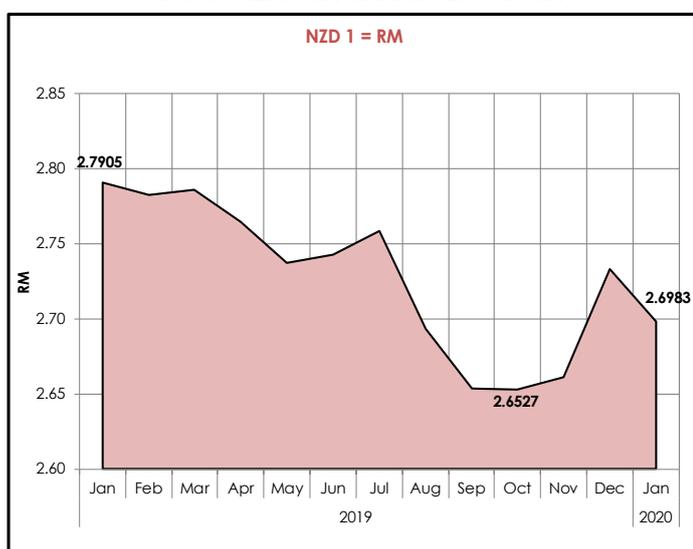
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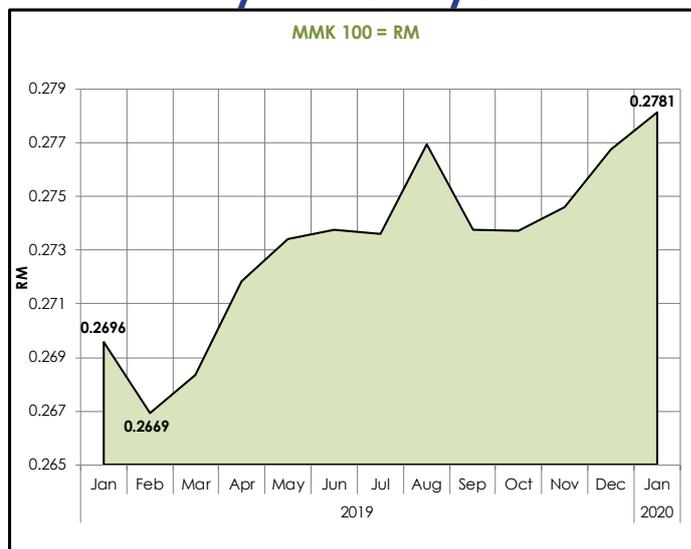
## Saudi Riyal



## New Zealand Dollar



## Myanmar Kyat



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

# Commodity Prices

## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼ **33.9%\***  
US\$22.4  
**20 March 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$64.2

Highest  
2019/2020

03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6  
17 May 2019 : US\$72.2

20 Mar 2020 : US\$22.4  
09 Aug 2019 : US\$54.5

Lowest  
2019/2020

## CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▼ **2.3%\***  
US\$524.6  
**20 March 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$557.1

Highest  
2019/2020

10 Jan 2020 : US\$761.9  
27 Dec 2019 : US\$794.5

20 Mar 2020 : US\$524.6  
26 Jul 2019 : US\$488.5

Lowest  
2019/2020

## RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ **4.6%\***  
US\$1,193.0  
**20 March 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,414.6

## COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ **8.2%\***  
US\$1,555.2  
**20 March 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$1,592.4

## SUGAR -per lbs-



▼ **6.8%\***  
US¢10.9  
**20 March 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US¢12.4

## COAL -per MT-



▼ **5.5%\***  
US\$34.1  
**20 March 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$56.5

## SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



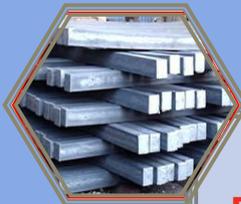
⊖ **0%\***      ⊖ **0%\***  
US\$275.0      US\$255.0  
(high)      (low)  
**20 March 2020**

Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$316.9 (high)

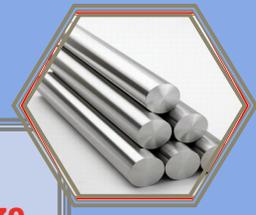
Average Price 2019<sup>i</sup>: US\$291.6 (low)

## Domestic Prices

13 March 2020



**Billets**  
(per MT)  
**RM1,750 - RM1,800**



**Steel Bars**  
(per MT)  
**RM2,020 - RM2,170**

Note: No transaction in sales or purchase of billets and steel bars at 20 March due to MCO.

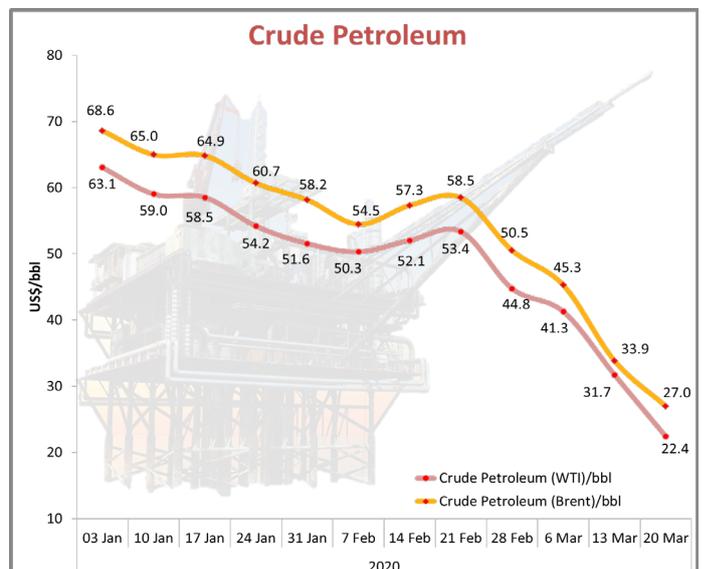
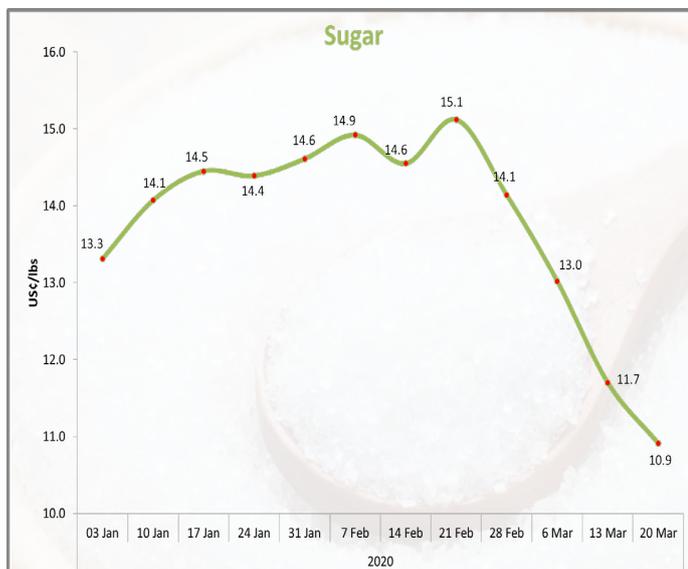
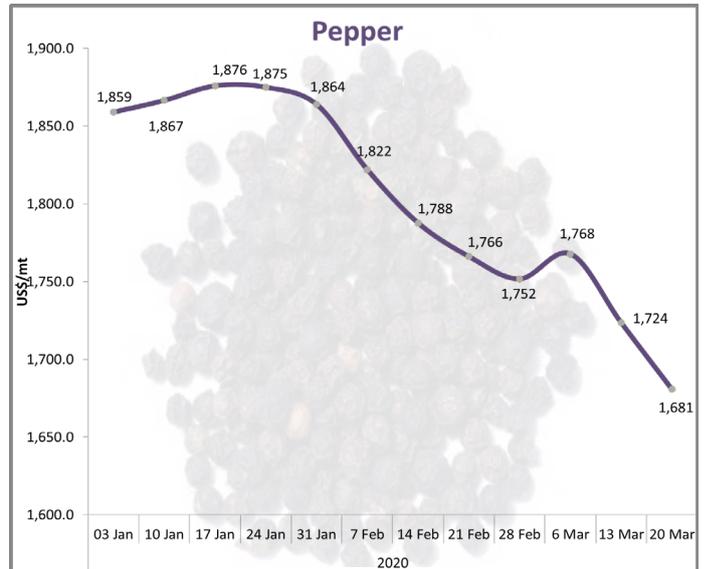
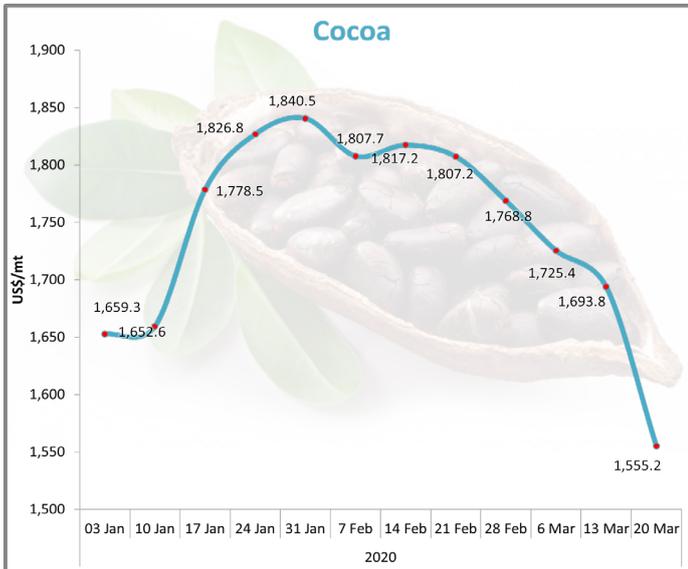
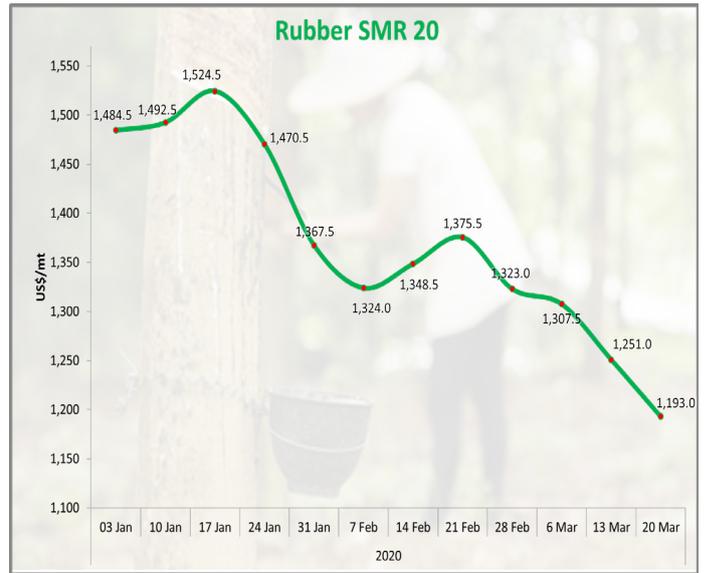
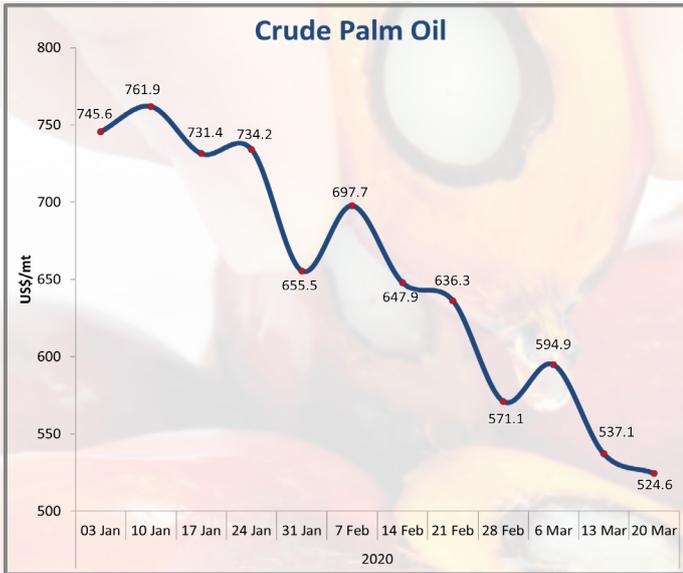
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

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

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

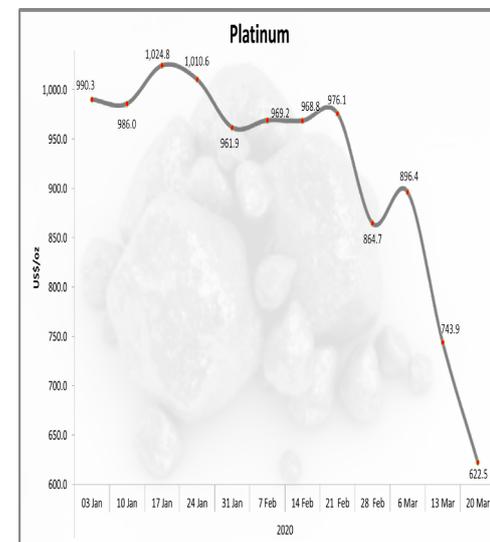
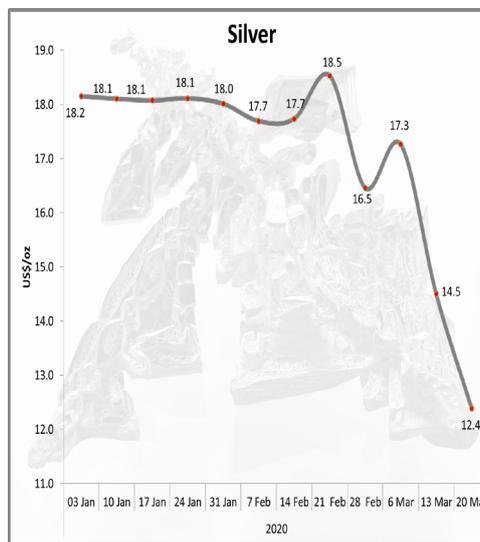
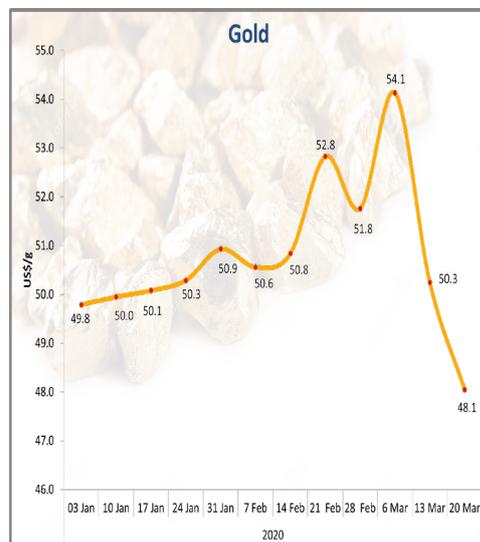
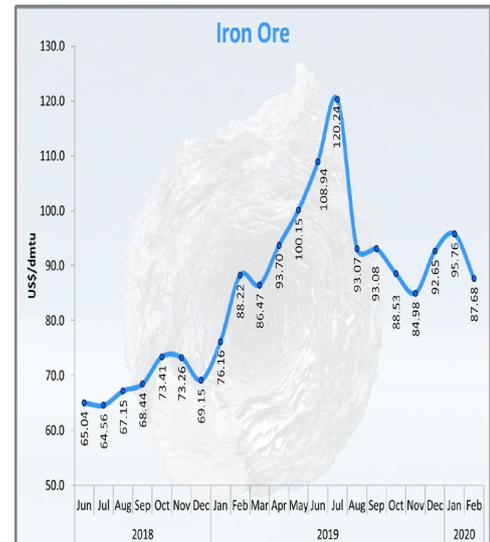
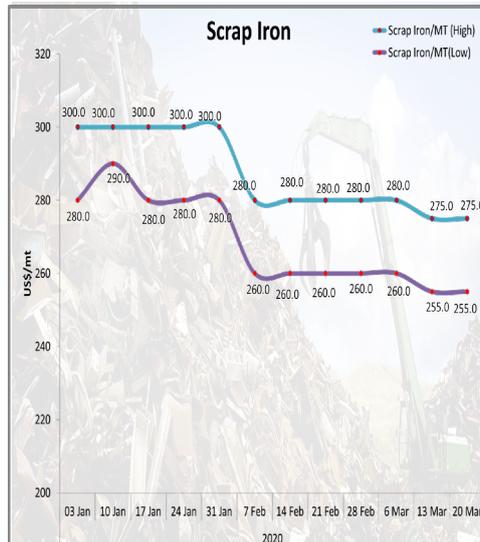
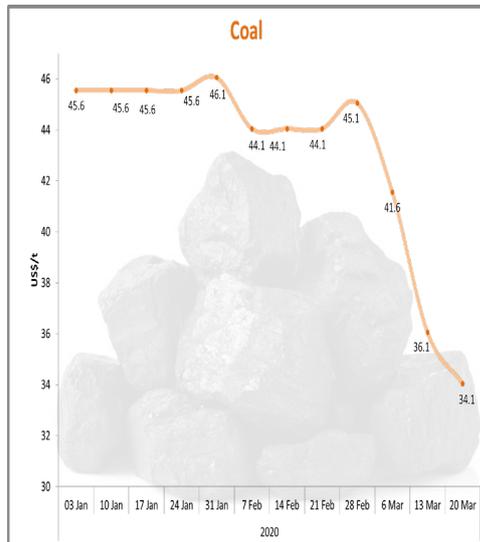
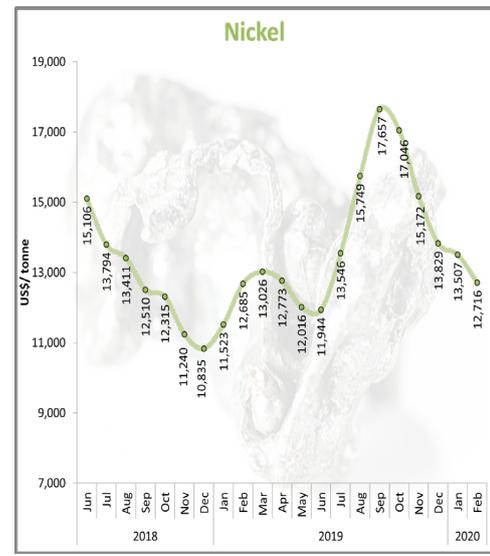
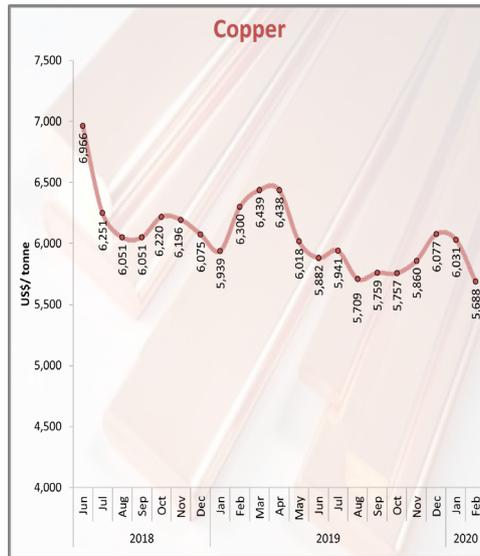
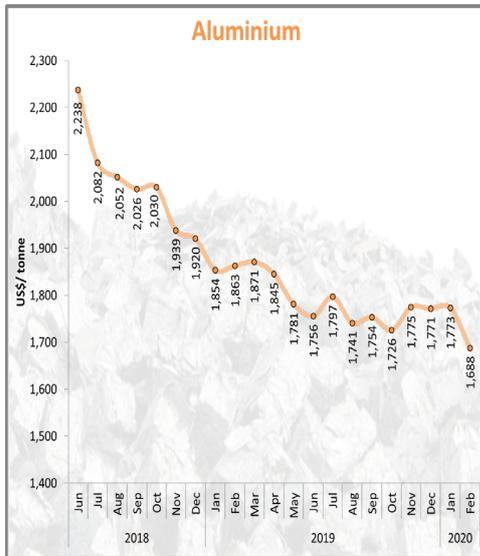
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# Commodity Price Trends



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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)
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### 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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For more information, kindly click the following links:

[https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD?mid=559#tab\\_547\\_2202](https://www.miti.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/industry4WRD?mid=559#tab_547_2202)



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## NOTICE OF CHANGE IN OPERATING HOURS FOR ENDORSEMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (CO) & BUSINESS ADVISORY CENTRE DURING THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER PERIOD FROM 18 TO 31 MARCH 2020



If any urgent matters arise during this closure time, please do not hesitate to email the respective desk officers for further assistance

For more information, kindly click the following links:  
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## UTILISATION OF ASEAN TRADE IN GOODS AGREEMENT (ATIGA) E-FORM D DURING THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER PERIOD FROM 18 TO 31 MARCH 2020



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



EFFECTIVE **1 JANUARY 2020**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT &gt;



## 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](mailto:allatiga@miti.gov.my)

For more information, kindly click the following links:  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**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**

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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)

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

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



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**Where?**

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### Tentative Schedule for MITI Pocket Talks 2020

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