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## MALAYSIA CURRENT ACCOUNT RECORDED 19 BILLION SURPLUS IN Q4 2020

Malaysia's current account continued a surplus by recording RM19.0 billion in the final quarter of 2020, led by the higher net exports of Goods and smaller deficit in Primary income.

RM billion



**GOODS**  
Surplus RM42.9b  
(Q3-20: Surplus RM41.5b)



**SERVICES**  
Deficit RM14.2b  
(Q3-20: Deficit RM13.3b)



**PRIMARY INCOME**  
Deficit RM7.1b  
(Q3-20: Deficit RM9.2b)



**SECONDARY INCOME**  
Deficit RM2.5b  
(Q3-20: Surplus RM7.1b)



**DIRECT INVESTMENT**  
Net inflow RM0.8b  
(Q3-20: Net outflow RM3.1b)



**PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT**  
Net outflow RM6.9b  
(Q3-20: Net outflow RM23.1b)



**FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES**  
Net outflow RM0.9b  
(Q3-20: Net outflow RM0.5b)

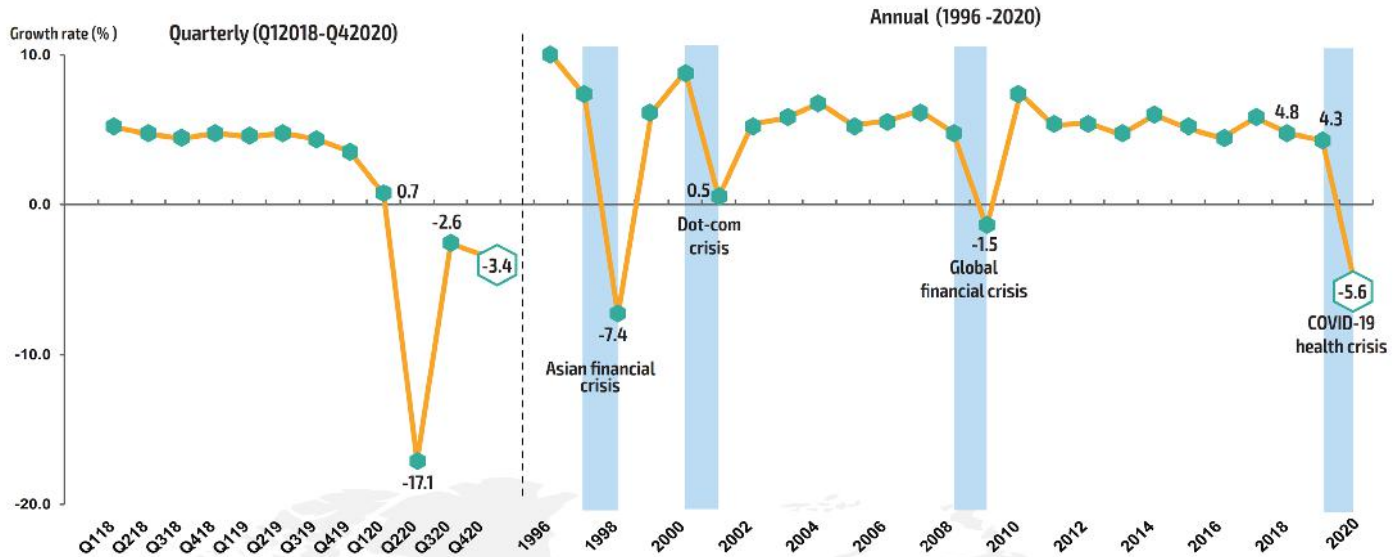


**OTHER INVESTMENT**  
Net outflow RM3.7b  
(Q3-20: Net outflow RM8.5b)

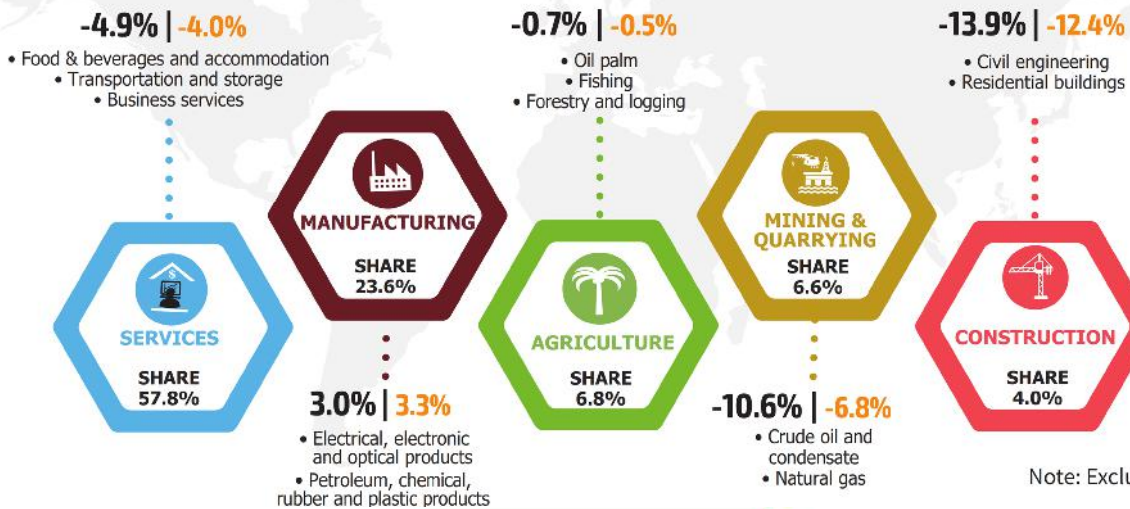
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# GDP, Q4 2020

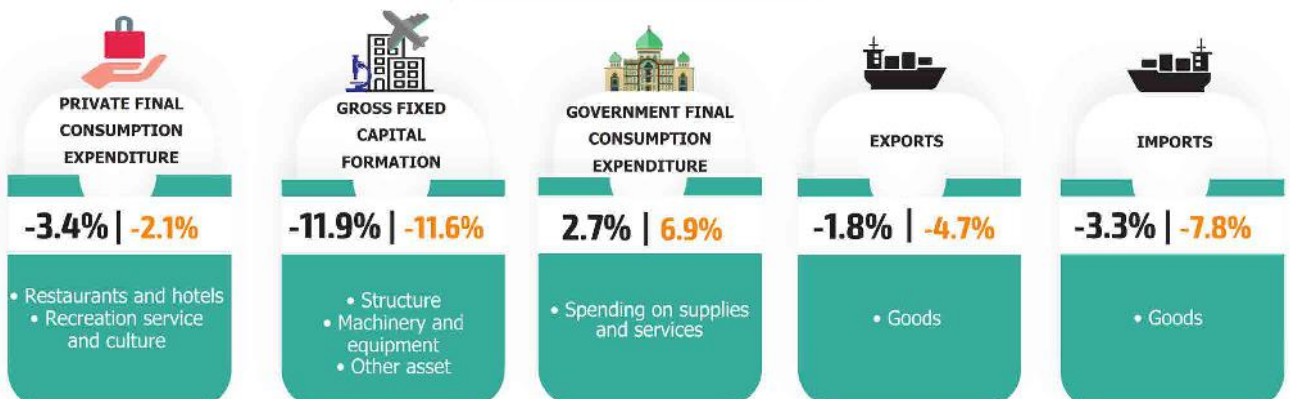
Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the fourth quarter of 2020 registered a contraction of 3.4 per cent as compared to negative 2.6 per cent in the preceding quarter. On the supply side, all economic sectors registered a negative growth except Manufacturing sector in this quarter. On the demand side, all components expenditure declined except Government final consumption expenditure in the fourth quarter of 2020.



## PRODUCTION



## EXPENDITURE



Note: Q420 | Q320

# FDI & DIA, Q4 2020

FDI in Malaysia turned around to an inflow of RM6.1 billion in Q4 2020 from an outflow of RM0.8 billion in preceding quarter due to higher injection of equity and debt instruments. Whereas, DIA made by Malaysian investors recorded RM5.4 billion, climbed by RM3.2 billion due to higher investment in Equity.

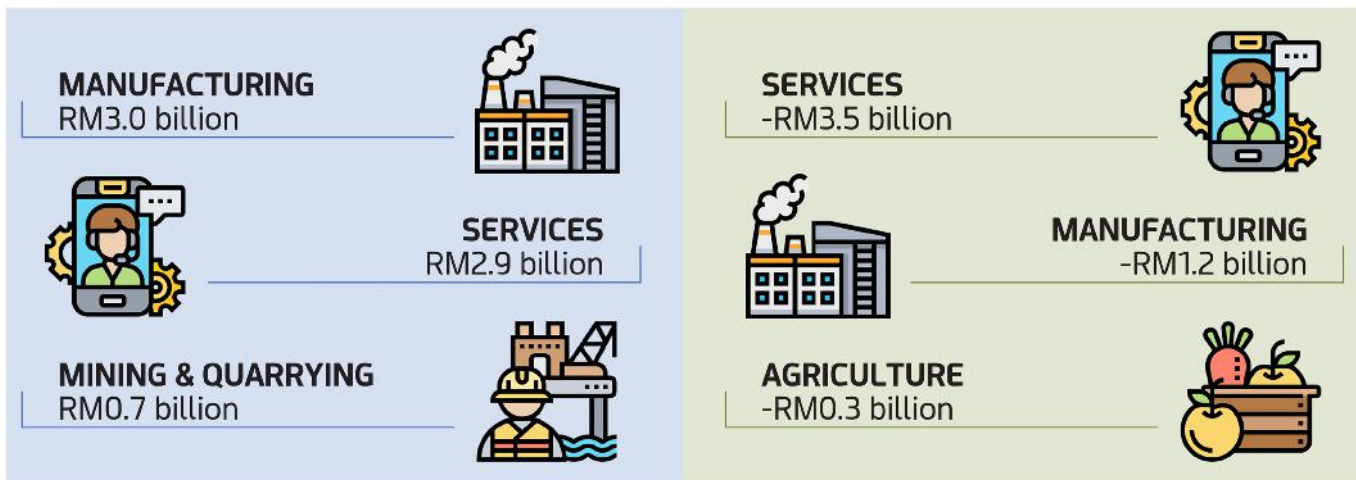
## FDI

## DIA

### FLOWS BY REGION



### TOP SECTOR



### TOP COUNTRY



Notes:

- Negative value refers to net outflow
- 'b' refer to billion
- Any differences in the aggregated data are due to rounding





Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

## SERVICES STATISTICS, Q4 2020

Total revenue of Services sector in fourth quarter 2020 recorded RM435.9 billion, increased 1.7 per cent as compared to third quarter 2020. The growth was contributed by Wholesale & Retail Trade, Food & Beverages and Accommodation segment (+RM5.1 billion; +1.5%). Meanwhile, total revenue on annual comparison contracted by 5.1 per cent in the fourth quarter, from -4.7 per cent in the previous quarter.

	Q4 2020	QoQ	
		Q3 2020	Q4 2020
 Revenue	RM435.9b	27.7%	1.7%
 Number of Persons Engaged	3.7m	1.1%	-0.3%
 Salaries & Wages	RM24.7b	4.9%	-0.1%

### PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES SECTOR BY SEGMENT

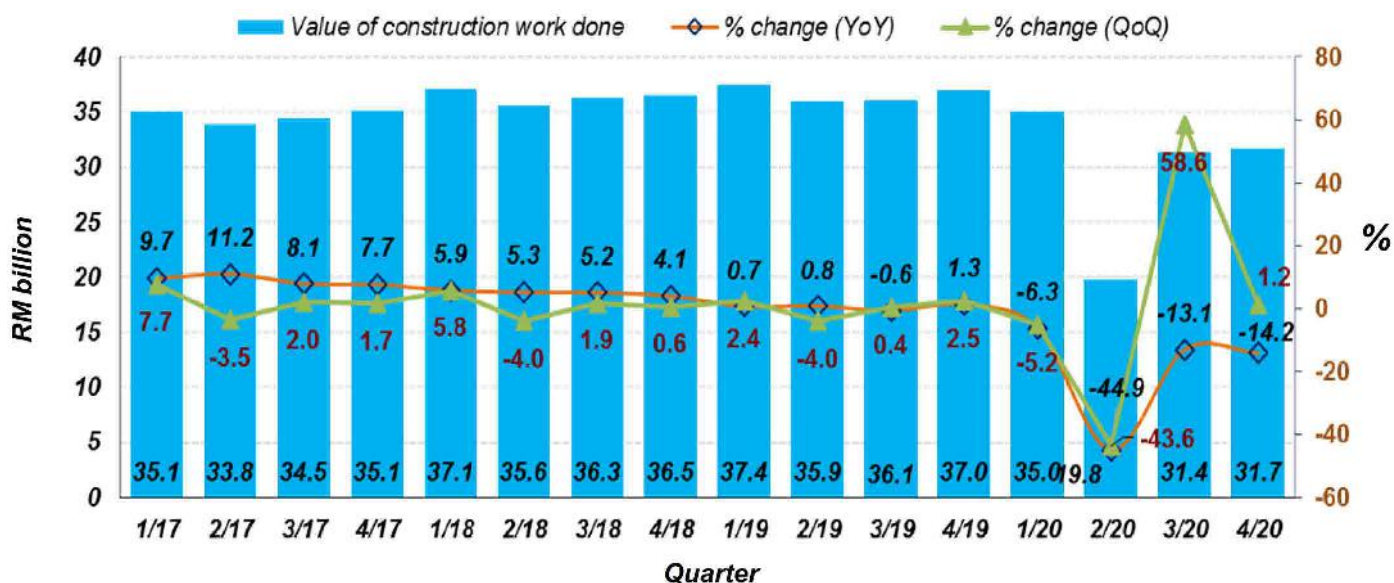
	REVENUE	NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED (persons)	SALARIES & WAGES
 Wholesale & Retail Trade, Food & Beverages and Accommodation	<b>RM351.3b</b> Q4 2020: 1.5% Q3 2020: 29.9%	<b>2,766,988</b> Q4 2020: -0.1% Q3 2020: 1.5%	<b>RM15.0b</b> Q4 2020: 0.4% Q3 2020: 3.6%
 Information & Communication and Transportation & Storage	<b>RM61.9b</b> Q4 2020: 3.4% Q3 2020: 15.5%	<b>452,491</b> Q4 2020: -1.9% Q3 2020: -0.3%	<b>RM4.8b</b> Q4 2020: -1.2% Q3 2020: 13.3%
 Health, Education and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	<b>RM13.4b</b> Q4 2020: -3.1% Q3 2020: 45.1%	<b>282,630</b> Q4 2020: 0.02% Q3 2020: 0.5%	<b>RM2.4b</b> Q4 2020: -1.7% Q3 2020: 2.6%
 Professional and Real Estate Agent	<b>RM9.2b</b> Q4 2020: 9.1% Q3 2020: 11.0%	<b>177,885</b> Q4 2020: -0.2% Q3 2020: -0.2%	<b>RM2.5b</b> Q4 2020: 0.4% Q3 2020: -0.01%

Percentage change: Quarter-on-quarter

Note: Revenue for Wholesale & Retail Sub-Sector refers to Sales Value  
Sources: Quarterly Services Statistics, Fourth Quarter 2020, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

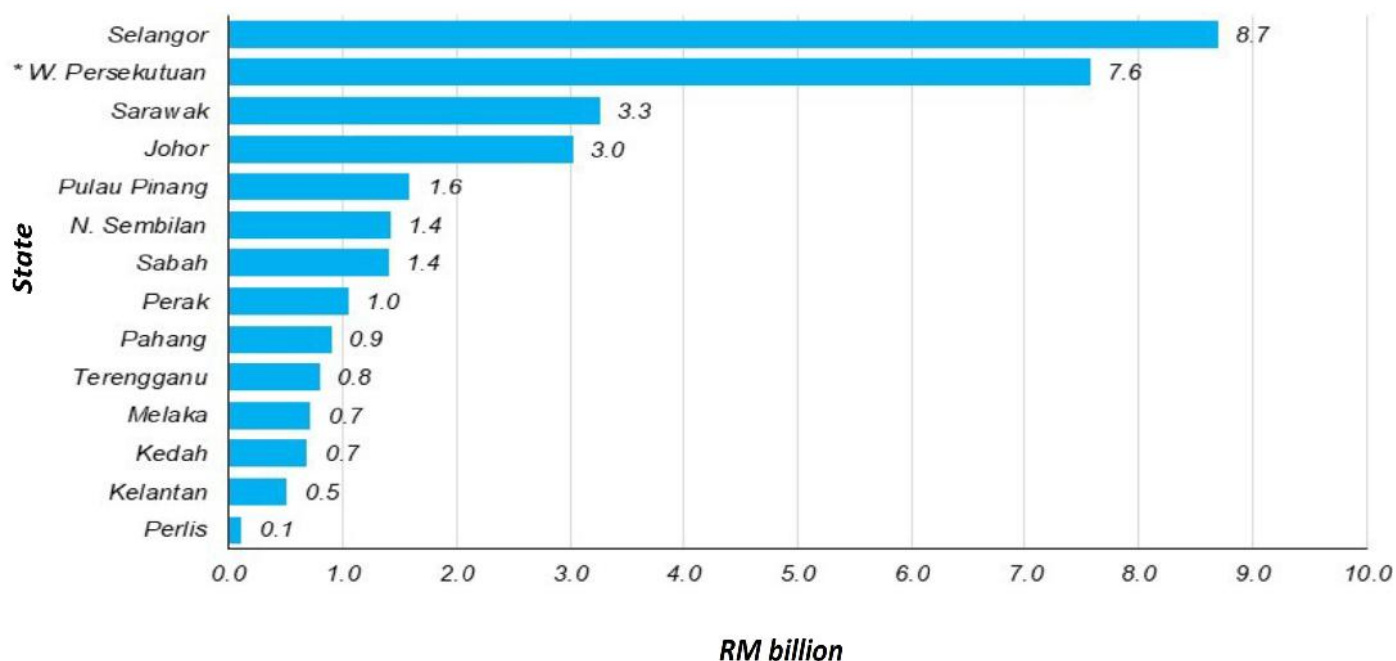
## CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS, Q4 2020

### VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE & GROWTH



The value of construction work done in the fourth quarter 2020 contracted by 14.2 per cent (Q3 2020: -13.1%) year-on-year basis, amounting to RM31.7 billion (Q3 2020: RM31.4 billion).

### VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE BY STATES



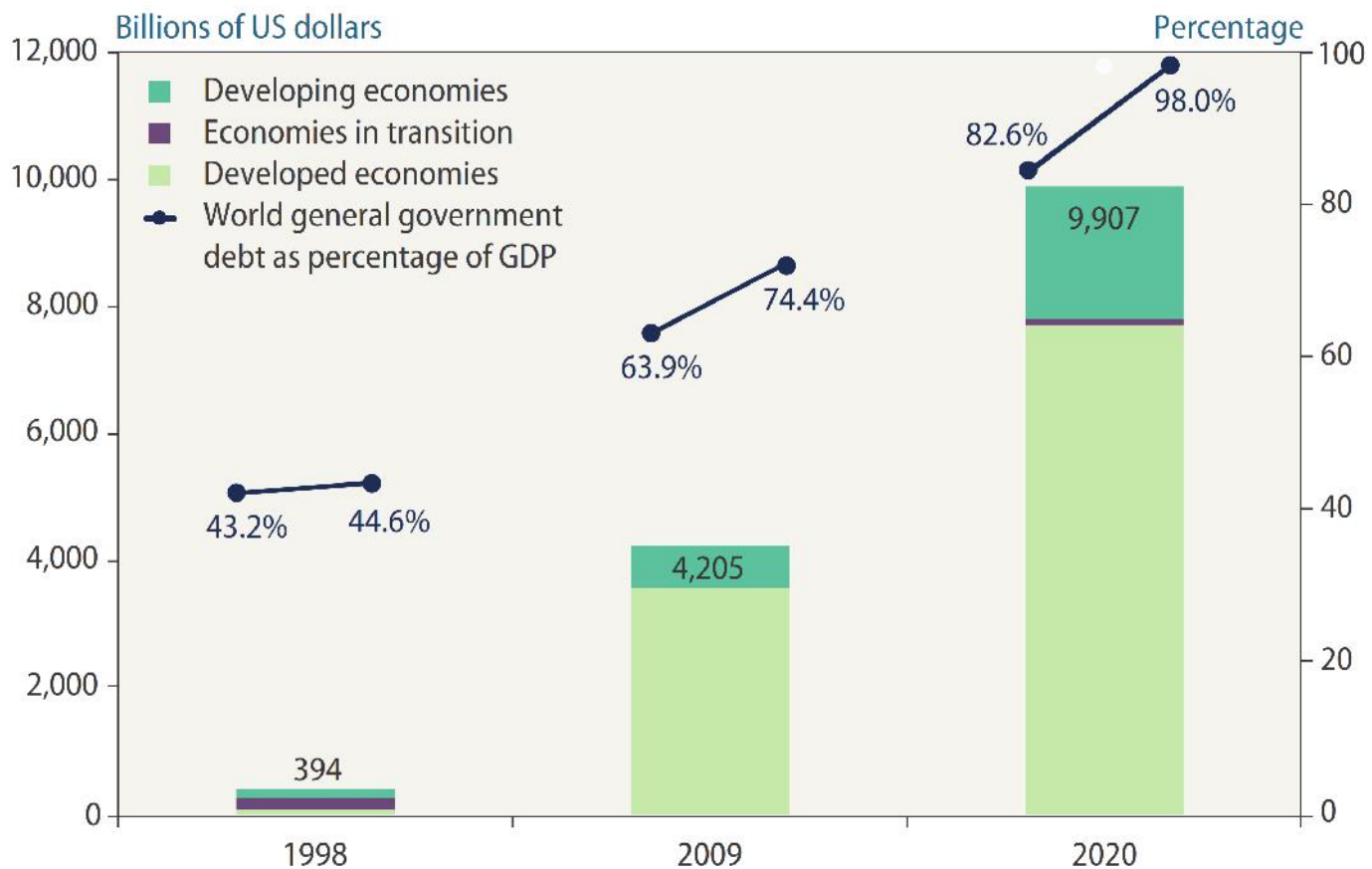
Note: \* Include W.P. Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya

Selangor recorded the highest value of construction work done with RM8.6 billion or 27.4 per cent share. This was followed by the Wilayah Persekutuan and Sarawak respectively by 23.9 per cent and 10.3 per cent. The performance of other states are depicted in chart above.

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

# COVID-19 : GOVERNMENT DEBT

## INCREASE IN GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEBT



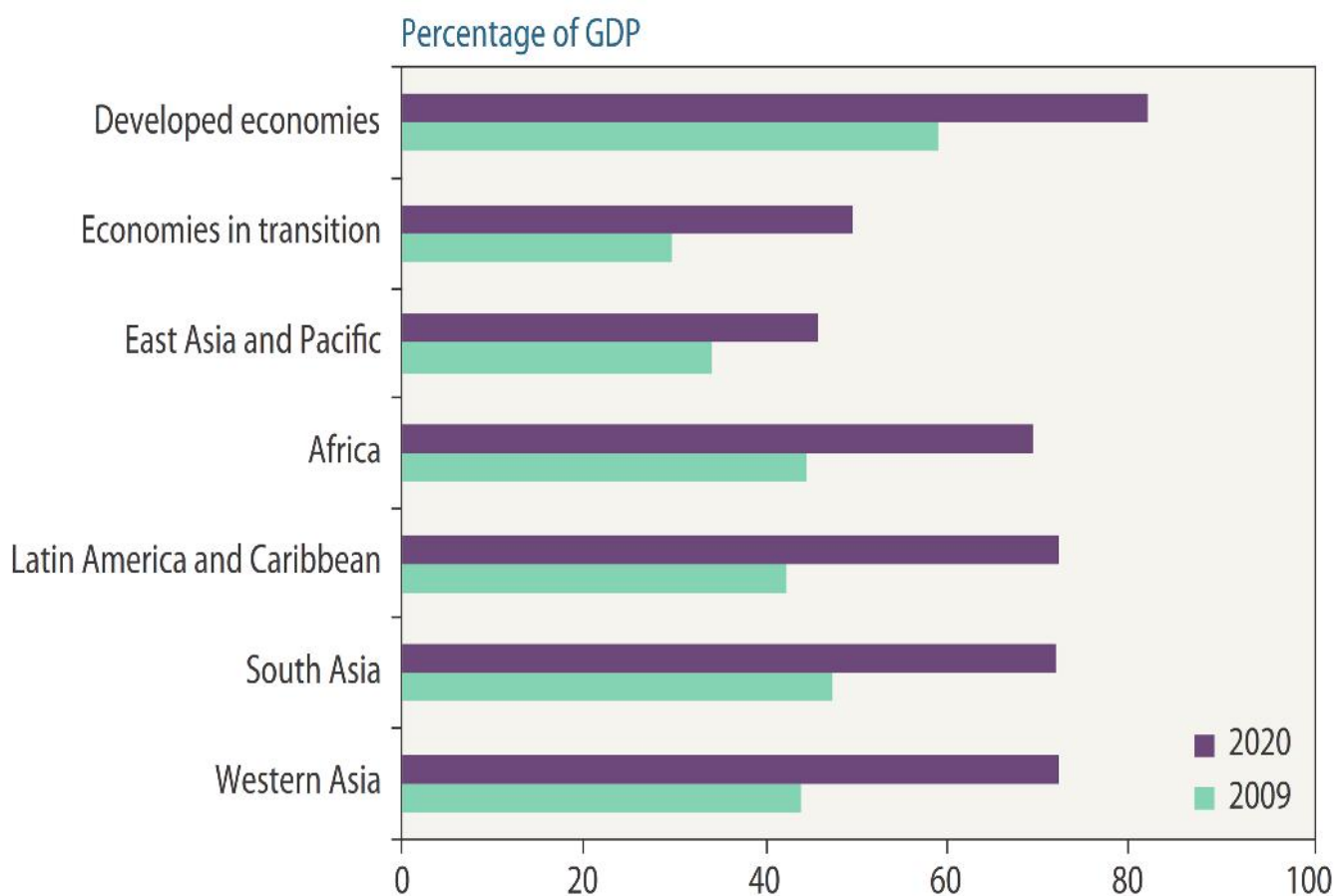
On a GDP-weighted basis, the global public debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to have increased from 106 per cent in 2019 to 127 per cent in 2020. While borrowing costs have declined for most Governments because of extraordinary monetary responses to the crisis (interest rate cuts, expansion of large-scale asset purchase programmes, provision of unprecedented amounts of liquidity), reduced borrowing costs will not be sufficient to bridge large financing gaps and improve fiscal balances. In an environment of low inflation, interest rates and borrowing costs will likely remain low in the foreseeable future, as central banks have pledged to keep interest rates at current levels for some time. Globally, government gross debt is projected to have increased by \$9.9 trillion—12.3 per cent of world output—in 2020. This represents the largest increase in public debt in any given year. In contrast, public debt increased by \$4.2 trillion in 2009, when Governments hurriedly deployed their financial resources to confront the fallout of the global financial crisis.

Source: World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021

<http://www.un.org/en/desa>

# COVID-19 : GOVERNMENT DEBT

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROSS DEBT, 2009 AND 2020

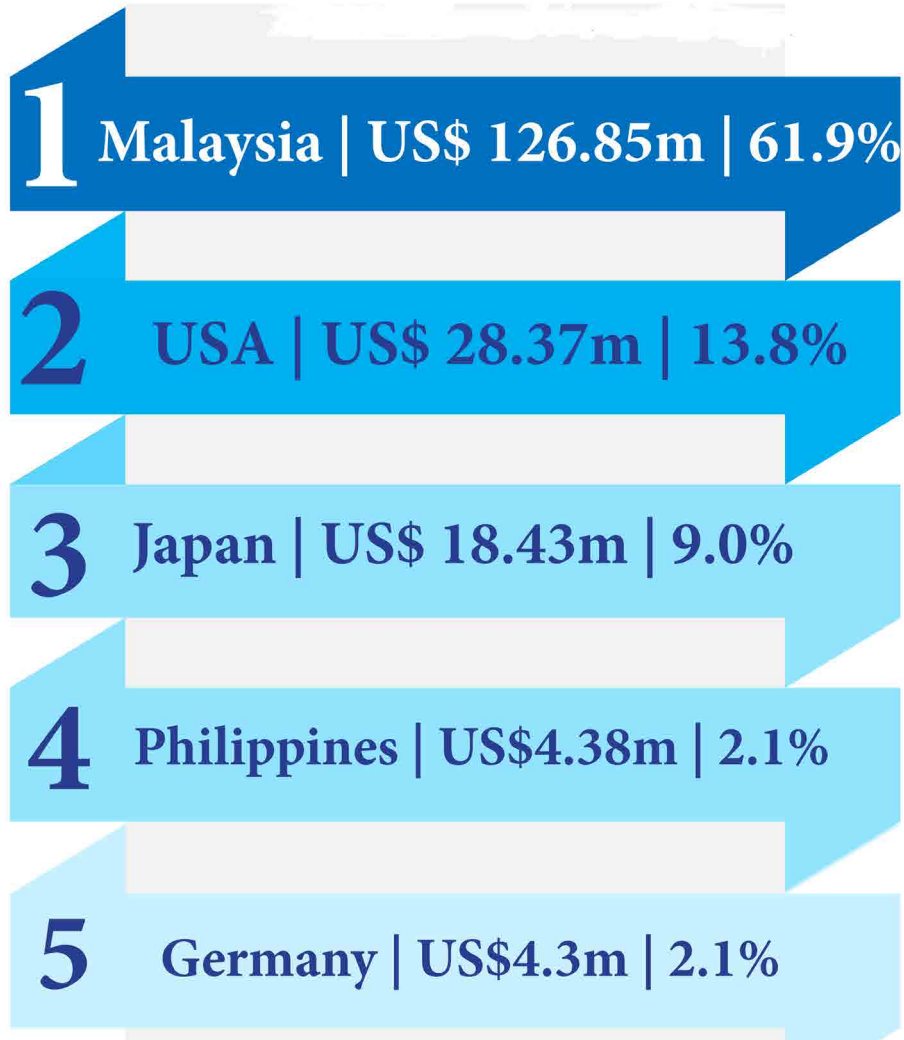


Most developed countries with high levels of public debt—particularly Germany, Japan and the United States—were able to increase their debt significantly without facing any borrowing constraints. Government debt of the United States is projected to increase by 17 per cent in 2020, without any commensurate increase in government bond yields. The yield on 10-year United States Treasuries remains at a record low. Germany and Japan will see their public debt increase by 8 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively. Borrowing constraints—the limits on fiscal space—clearly do not apply to large economies with the ability to borrow domestically and internationally in their own currencies. A large number of developing countries in Latin America and Western Asia also experienced massive increases in public debt relative to increases in debt during the global financial crisis.

Source: World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021  
<http://www.un.org/en/desa>

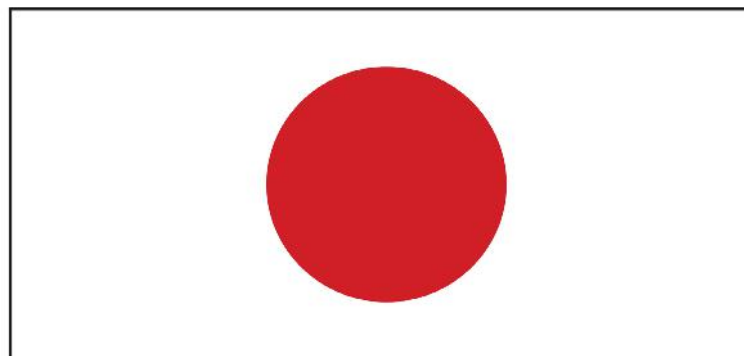
## WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF BASE METALS, SILVER OR GOLD, CLAD WITH PLATINUM, NOT FURTHER WORKED THAN SEMI-MANUFACTURED

In 2019, Malaysia's export of Base metals, silver or gold, clad with platinum, not further worked than semi-manufactured recorded US\$ 126.85 million which was 61.9 % share of the world exports.



Notes:  
-HS711100  
-% refer to share  
in world exports

### MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATION



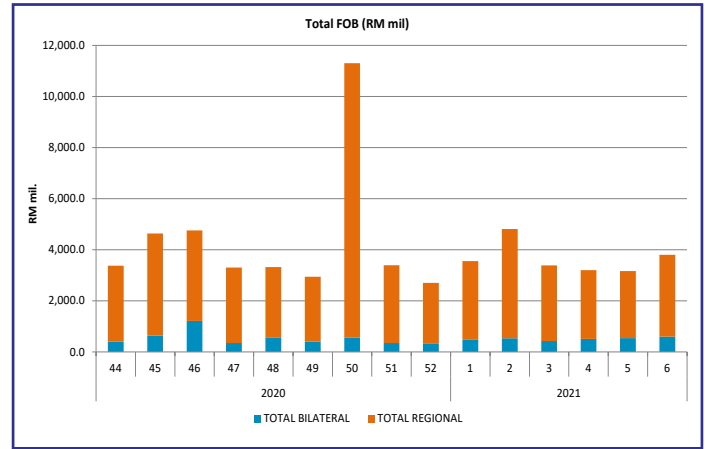
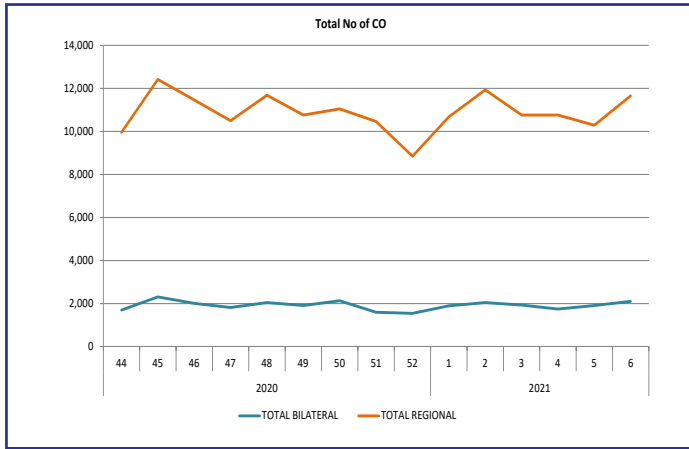
**JAPAN**  
**US\$ 126.85m**

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

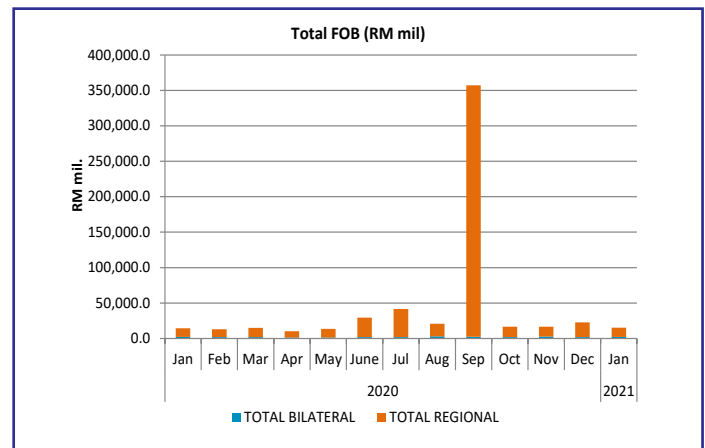
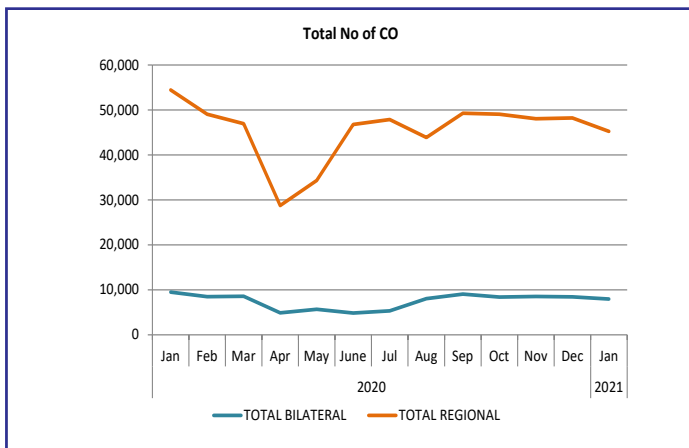


# Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 7 February 2021 Weekly / Monthly / Annually

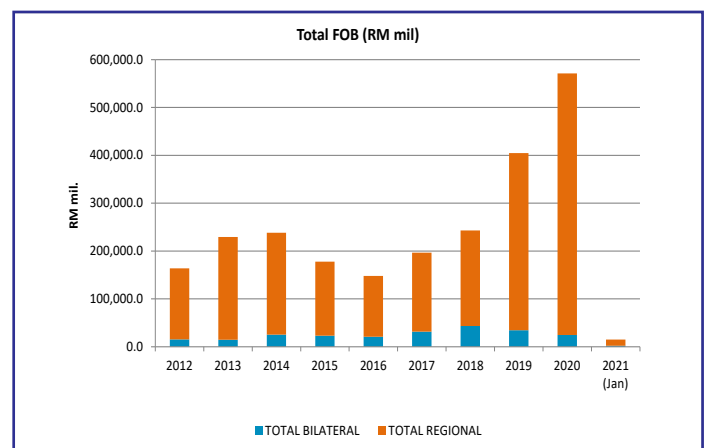
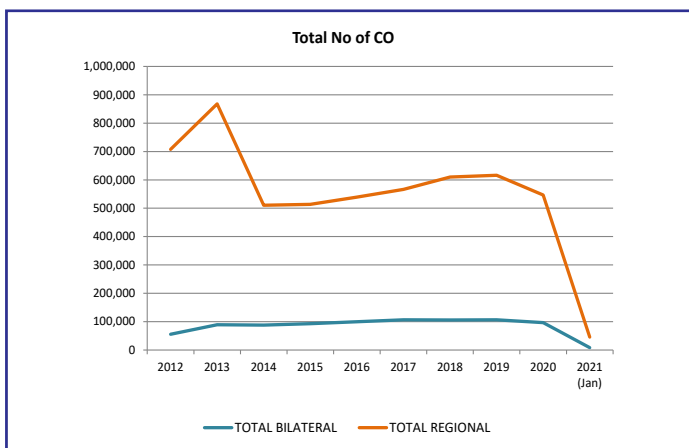
## Weekly



## Monthly

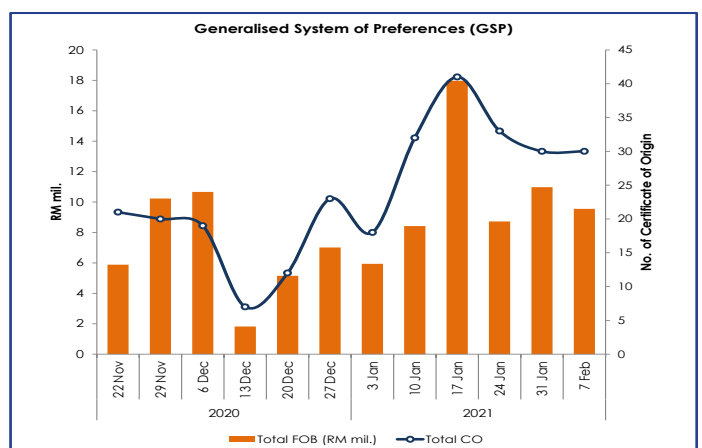
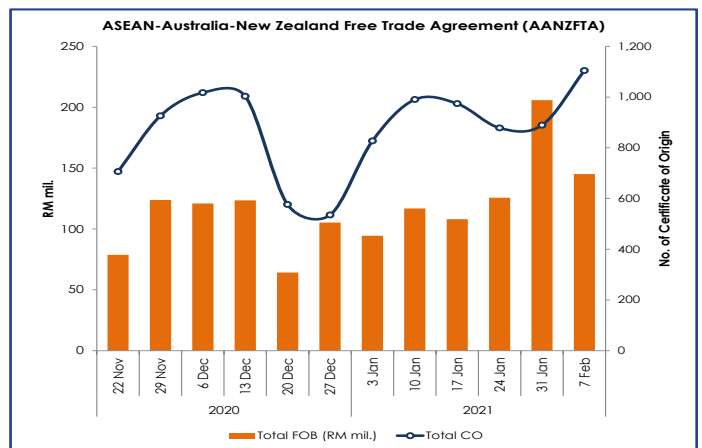
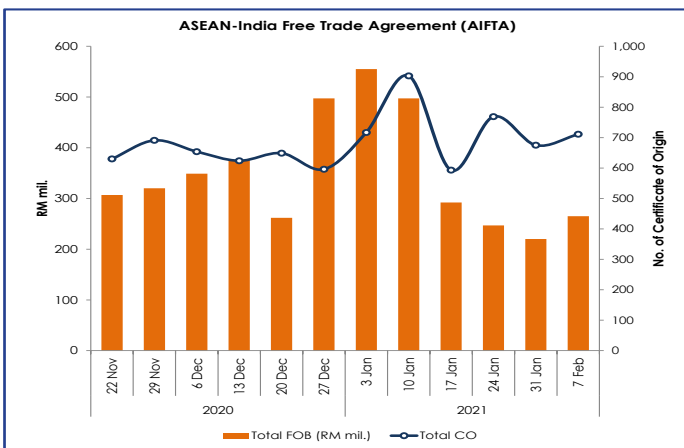
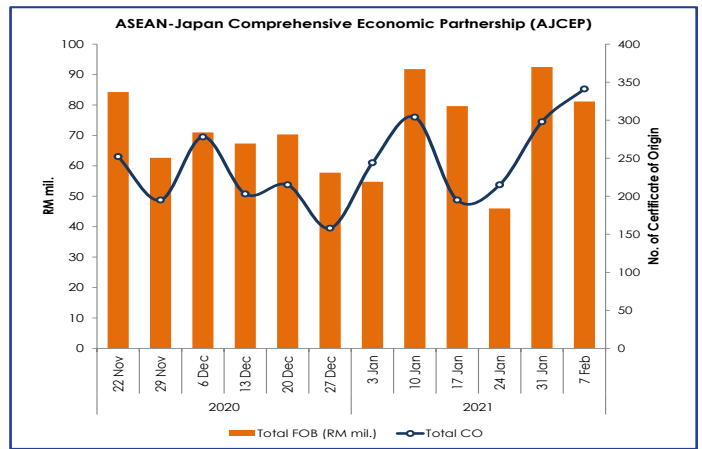
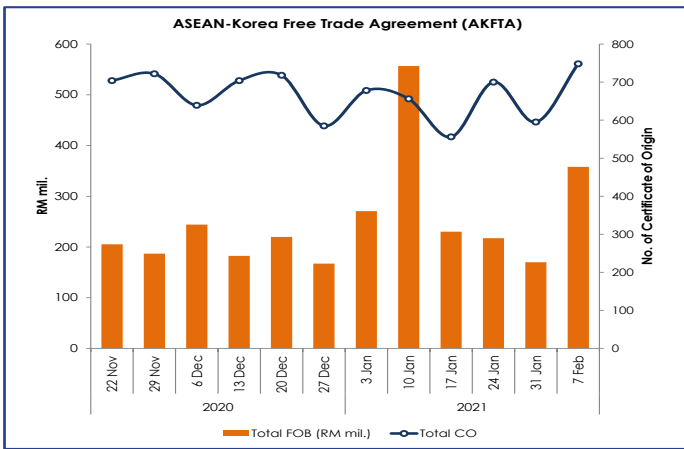
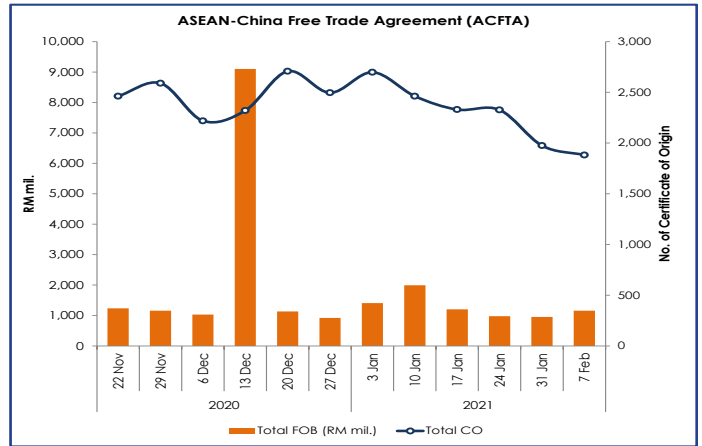
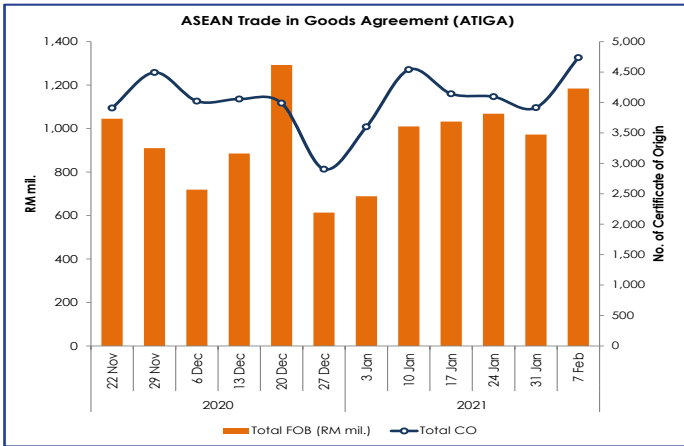


## Annually



Note: \*Provisional Data  
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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

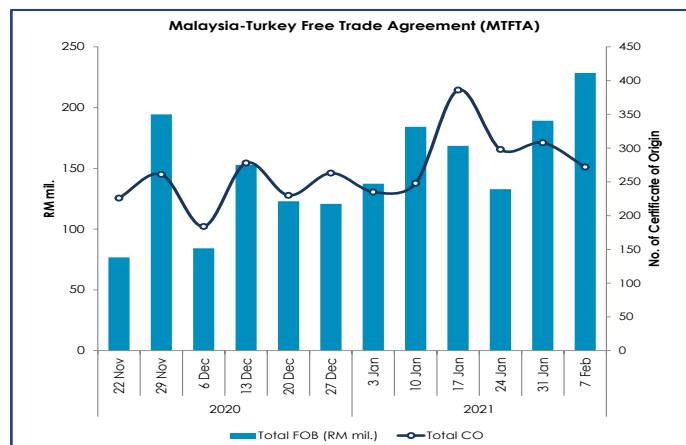
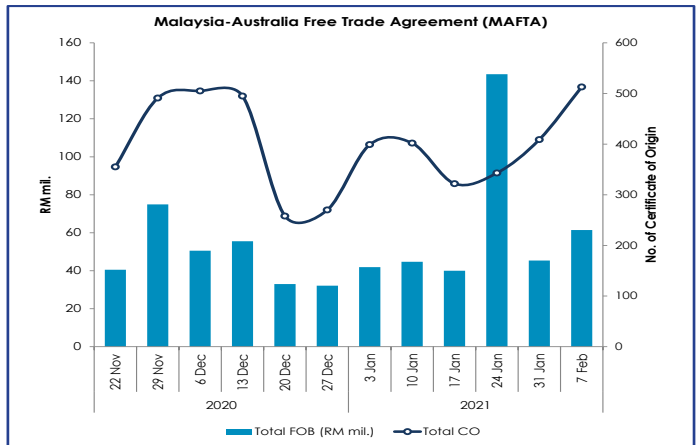
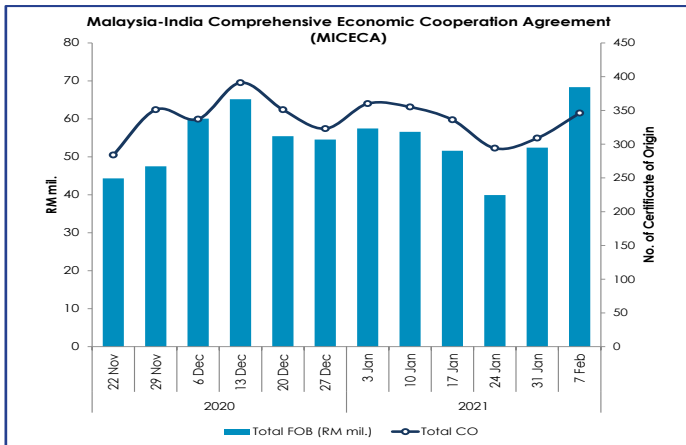
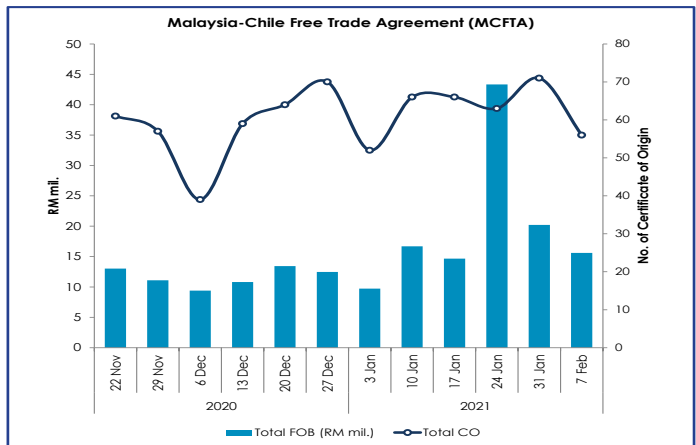
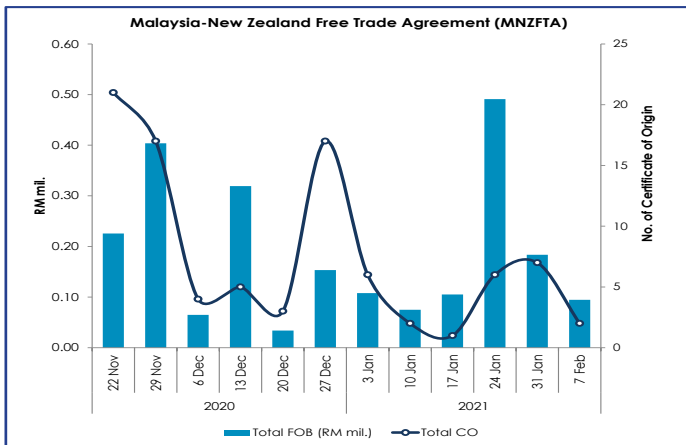
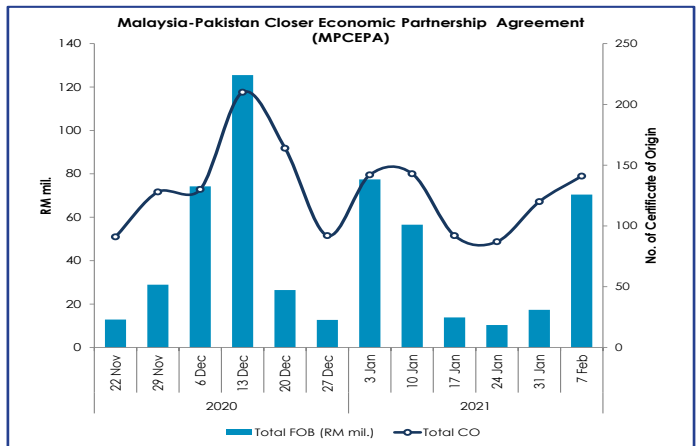
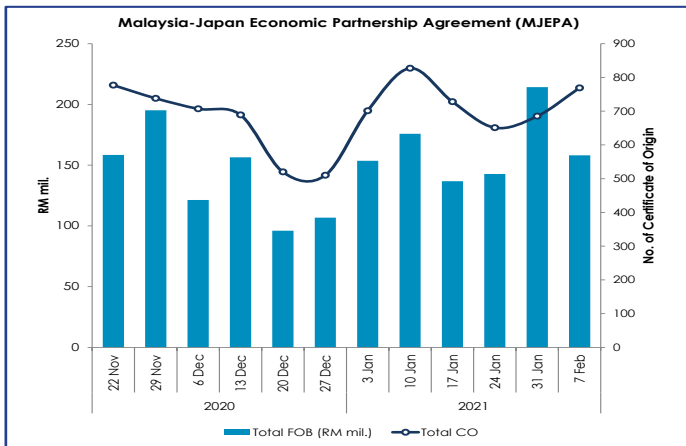


Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

Note: \*Provisional Data  
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

# Bilateral FTA

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

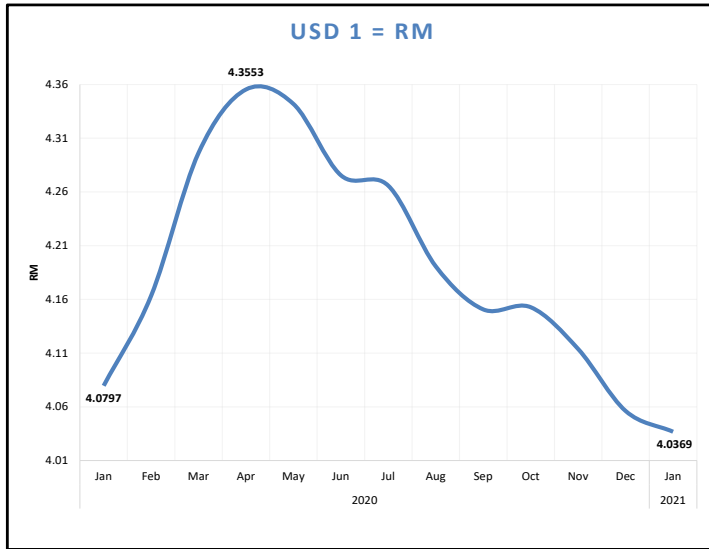


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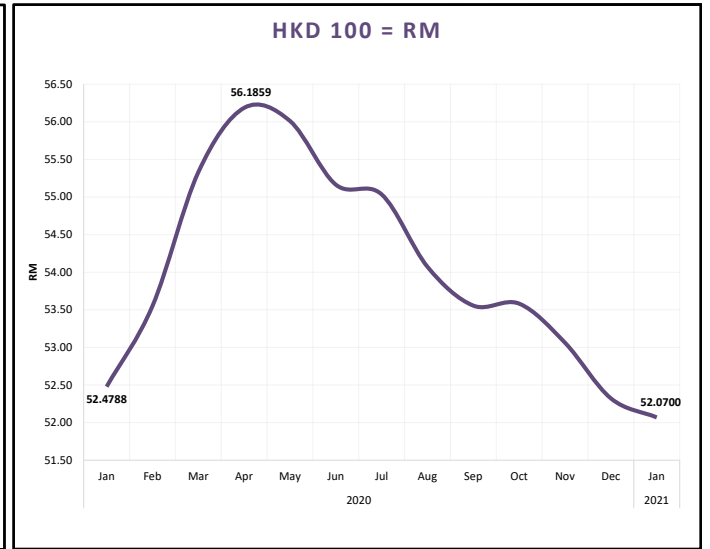
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

# Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2020 - January 2021

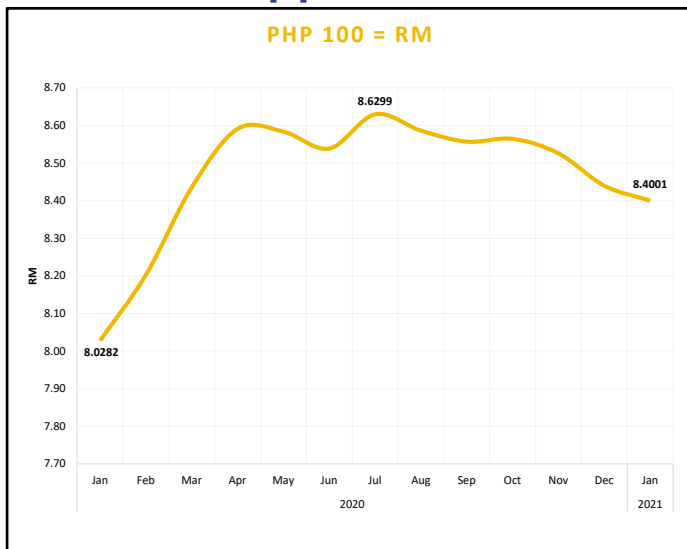
## US Dollar



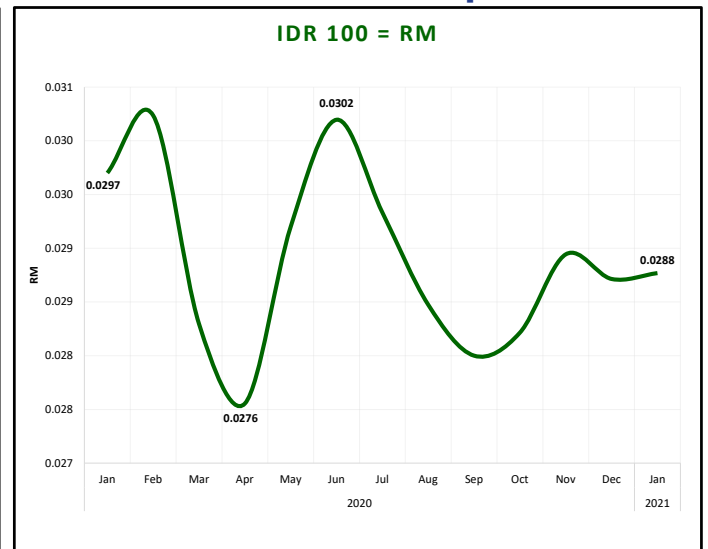
## Hong Kong Dollar



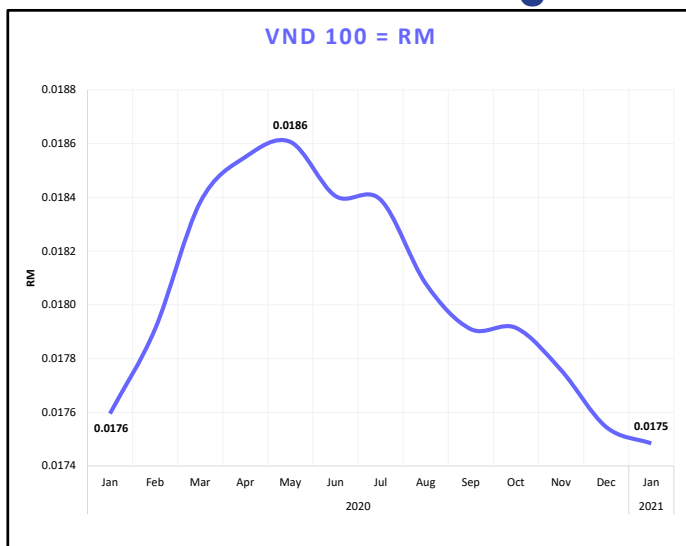
## Philippine Peso



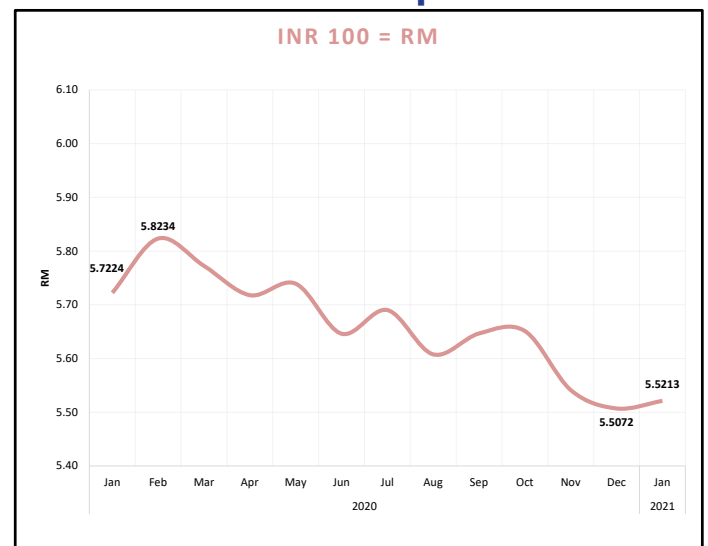
## Indonesian Rupiah



## Vietnamese Dong



## Indian Rupee



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

# Commodity Prices

## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▲ 5.2%\*  
US\$62.4  
12 Feb 2021

Highest  
2020/2021

12 Feb 2021 : US\$62.4  
03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6

15 Jan 2021 : US\$55.1  
24 Apr 2020 : US\$21.4

Lowest  
2020/2021

Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$43.5

## CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▲ 0.1%\*  
US\$957.8  
11 Feb 2021

Highest  
2020/2021

8 Jan 2021 : US\$985.7  
24 Dec 2020 : US\$944.2

22 Jan 2021 : US\$884.7  
8 May 2020 : US\$473.0

Lowest  
2020/2021

Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$668.3

## RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ 0.3%\*  
US\$1,615.5  
11 Feb 2021

Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$1,333.4

## COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▲ 3.1%\*  
US\$1,506.2  
11 Feb 2021

Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$1,576.6

## SUGAR -per lbs-



▼ 3.8%\*  
US\$15.8  
12 Feb 2021

Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$12.9

## COAL -per MT-



▲ 0.8%\*  
US\$67.0  
12 Feb 2021

Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$47.7

## SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

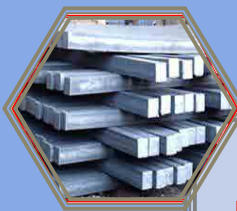


⊖ %\*  
US\$405.0  
(high)  
⋮  
⊖ %\*  
US\$395.0  
(low)  
12 Feb 2021

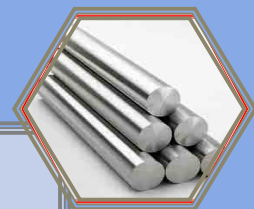
Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$307.9 (high)  
Average Price 2020<sup>i</sup> : US\$284.7 (low)

## Domestic Prices

12 Feb 2021



**Billets**  
(per MT)  
RM2,200- RM2,250

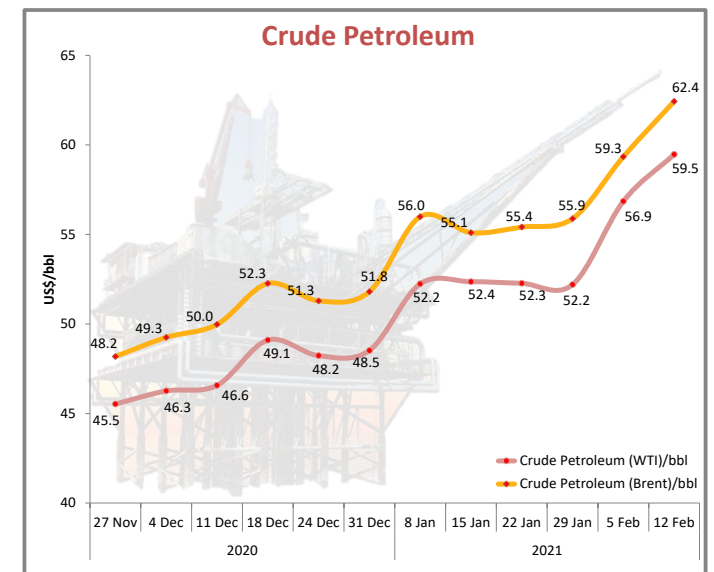
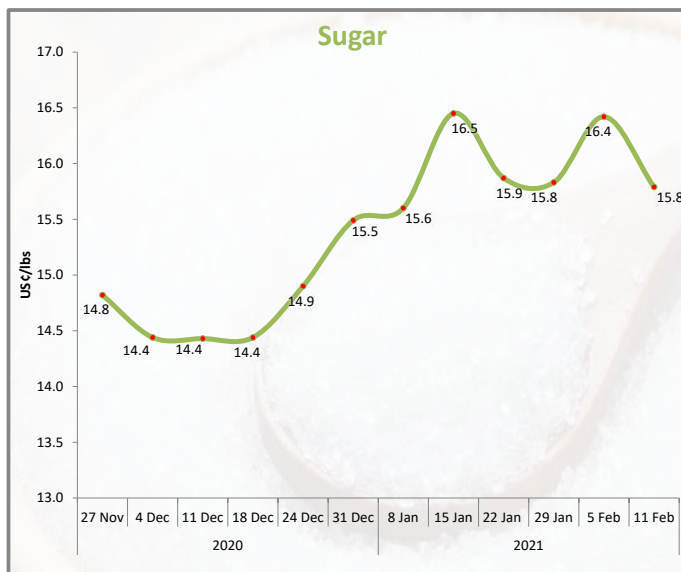
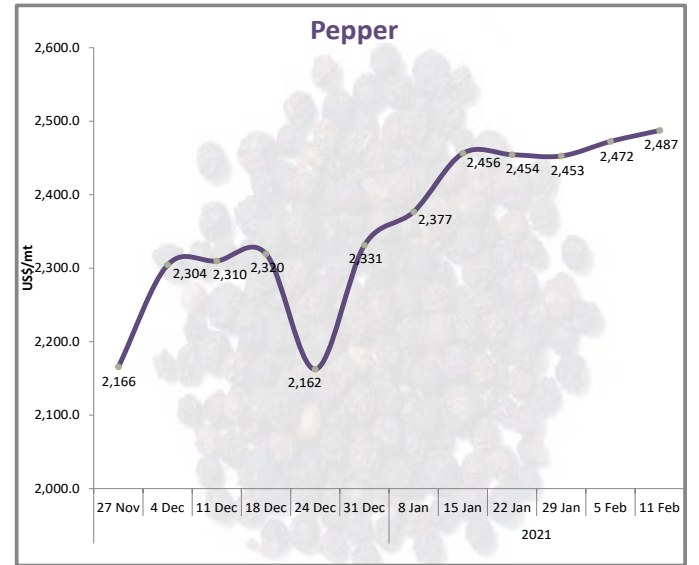
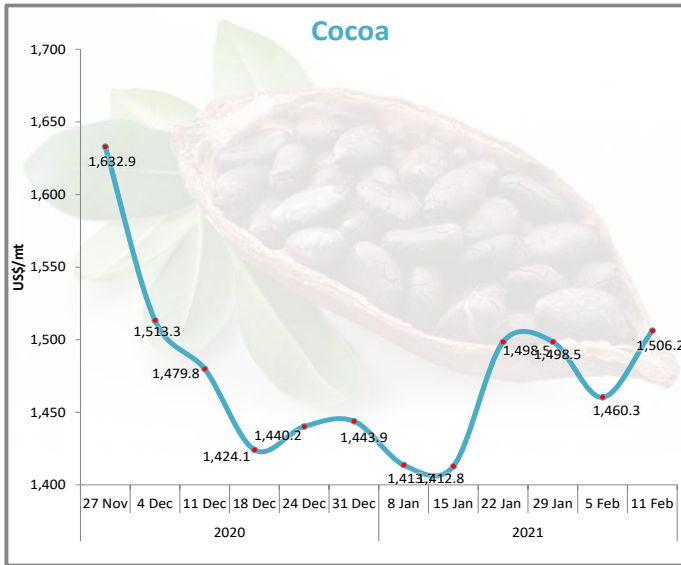
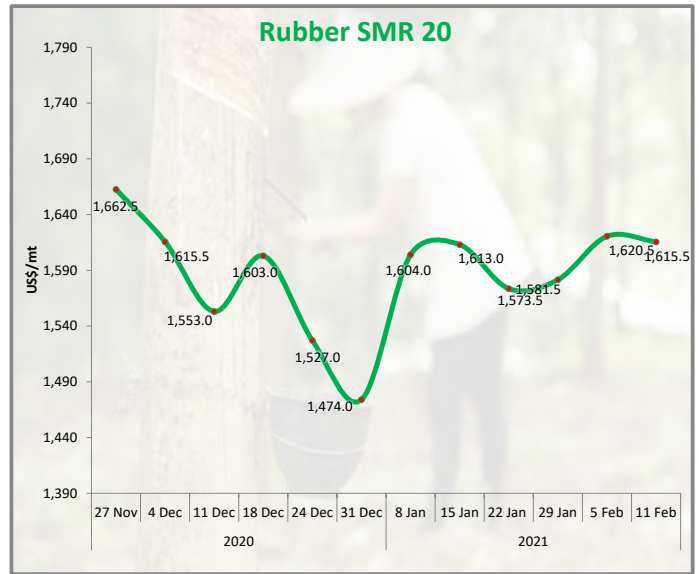
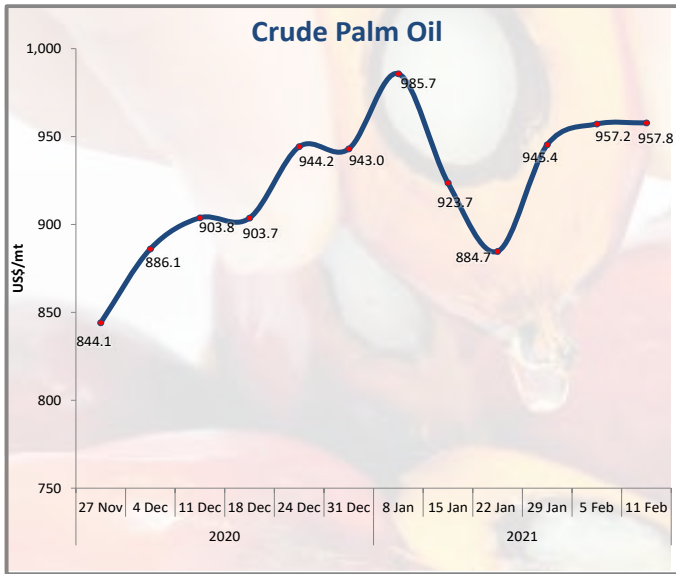


**Steel Bars**  
(per MT)  
RM2,630 – RM2,780

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

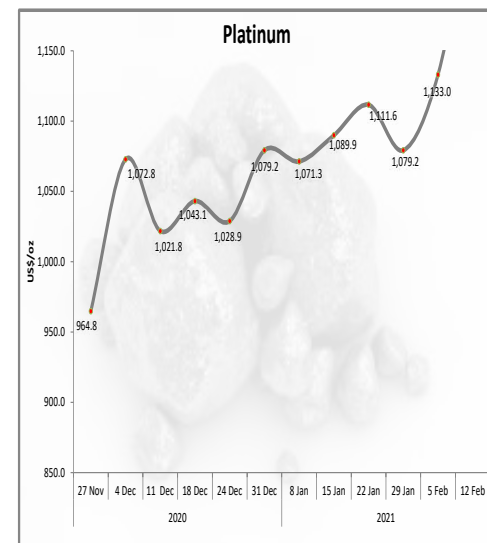
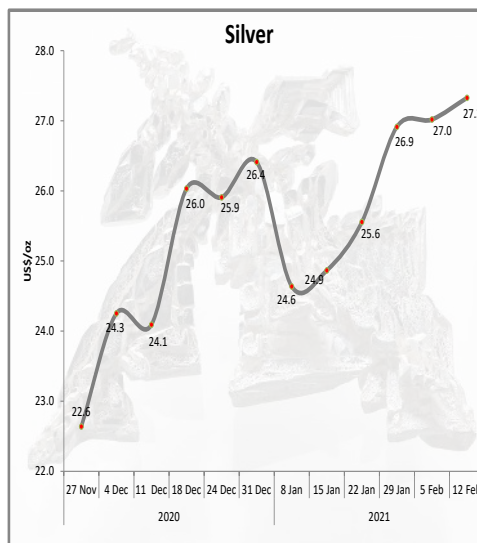
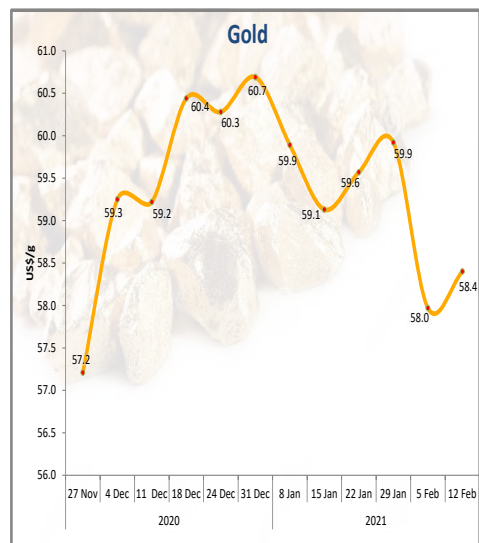
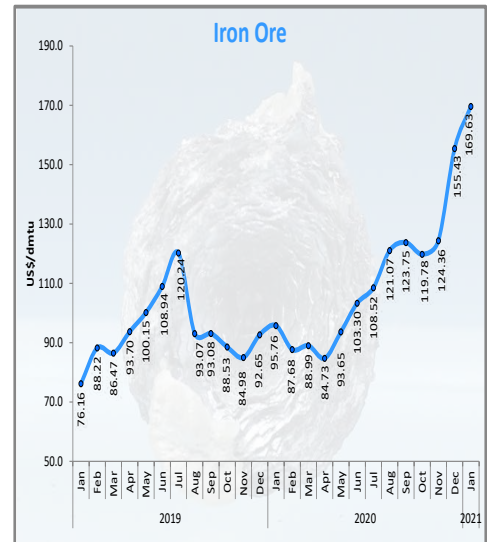
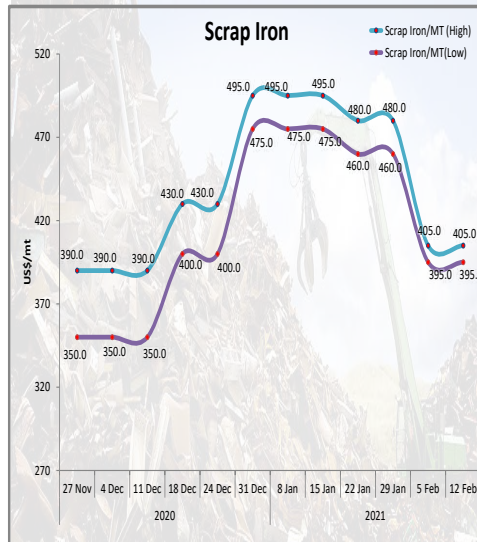
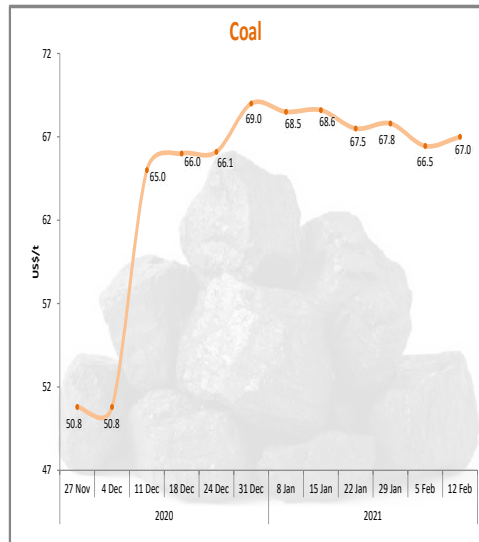
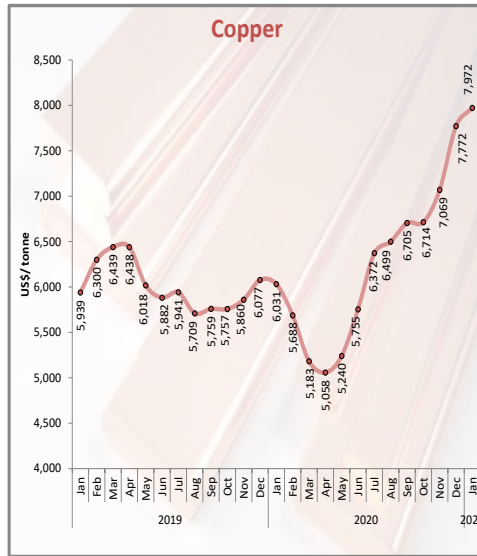
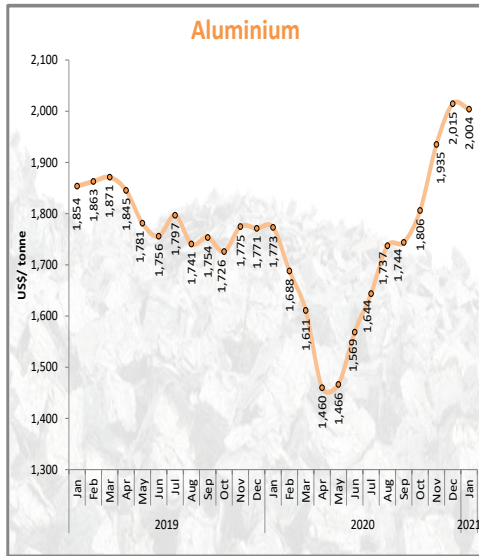
Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, and Bloomberg.

# Commodity Price Trends



Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Rubber Board, Malaysian Cocoa Board, Malaysian Pepper Board, Bloomberg and Czarnikow Group, World Bank, World Gold Council, The Wall Street Journal.

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# 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)

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)





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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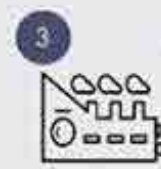
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Develop Intervention Proposal



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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**WORK FROM HOME (WFH) INSTRUCTIONS ARE STILL APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE EXTENDED CMCO PERIOD**

The WFH instructions announced earlier is still applicable to all office management and supervisory roles. Should this group of workers are required to be present at the office, only 10% of them are allowed to do so starting from 10.00am - 2.00pm for 3 days a week.

#STAYCALM #BARISANHADAPANEKONOMI

**Dasar Bekerja Dari Rumah (BDR) @ Work From Home (WFH)**

**Wajib bagi kakitangan pengurusan dan penyeliaan di kawasan yang sedang menjalani PKPB**

**bermula 22 Oktober 2020**

Pekerja daripada kumpulan pengurusan dan penyeliaan yang boleh hadir ke pejabat jika perlu:

**KAPASITI 10 PERATUS SAHAJA DARIPADA SKOP TUGAS DI BAWAH**

- Perakaunan
- Perundangan
- Kewangan
- Perancangan
- Pentadbiran
- ICT

**Had berada di pejabat 4 jam sahaja**  
10.00 pagi - 2.00 petang (3 hari bekerja dalam seminggu)

**Contoh situasi amalan Bekerja Dari Rumah (BDR)**

Syarikat A terlibat dalam industri pembuatan. Syarikat ini mempunyai:

- ▶ 1000 pekerja operasi
- ▶ 100 pekerja kumpulan pengurusan dan penyeliaan pejabat.

**Siapa perlu BDR?**

1000 pekerja operasi boleh bekerja seperti biasa dan tidak perlu BDR

10 peratus atau 10 orang daripada kumpulan pengurusan dan penyeliaan pejabat boleh datang bekerja.

**Aplikasi yang boleh membantu anda kekal produktif walau bekerja dari rumah.**

**Aplikasi persidangan video seperti Zoom, Google Meets dan Microsoft Teams.**



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-  **Customer Relationship Management System**
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# IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SEAL THROUGH THE EPCO SYSTEM



EFFECTIVE FROM 13 APRIL 2020

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## HOW COMPANY CAN CHECK THE STATUS OF ATIGA E-FORM D TRANSACTIONS IN THE ELECTRONIC PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (EPCO) SYSTEM



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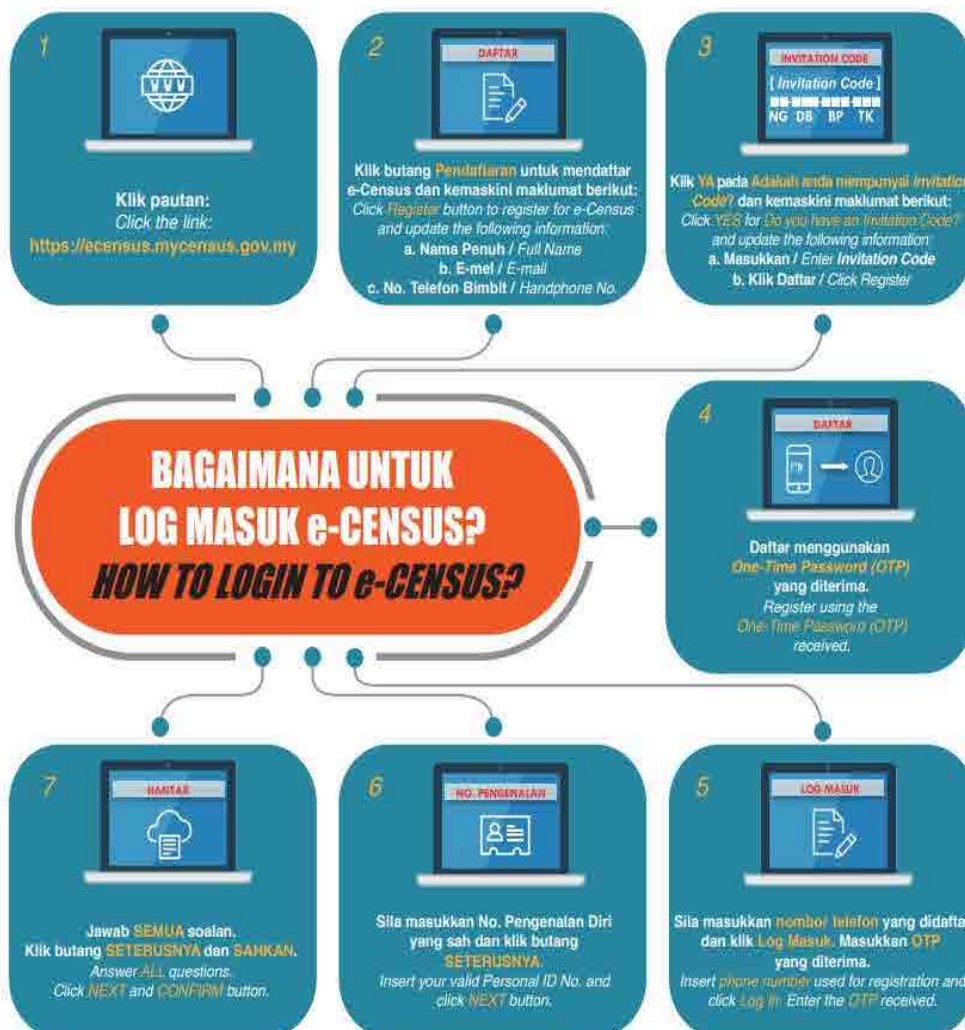
Due to the recent announcement of Movement Control Order (MCO/PKP) by the Government, the Population and Housing Census 2020 will not conduct the face-to-face interview. Please be counted by participating in e-Census at :

<http://ecensus.mycensus.gov.my>

Please contact @MyCensus2020 helpdesk for further assistance.

Hotline : 1-800-88-7720

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