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SAFE@WORK TO BALANCE SAFETY AND LIVES OF WORKERS WITH ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY



The Strategic Program to Empower the People and the Economy (PEMERKASA) aimed at jump starting and revitalising the country's economy which is currently in the fifth stage of the 6R Strategy under the Comprehensive Economic Recovery Plan. In order to ensure the competitiveness and sustainability of the industrial sector and commercial enterprises in contributing to the country's economic recovery, the protection of the safety and health of workers is paramount.

Based on data by the Crisis Preparedness and Response Center (CPRC) under the Ministry of Health, MITI views with concern the COVID-19 outbreak in the premises of the manufacturing and related services sectors. As at March 16, 2021, the manufacturing sector accounted for 58.1 per cent or 194 clusters of COVID-19 cases in the country.

Thus, MITI has taken a proactive and responsive step by introducing a comprehensive initiative known as Safe@Work aimed at balancing the operational sustainability of the manufacturing sector with the control of the spread of the pandemic among workers.

SAFE@WORK TO BALANCE SAFETY AND LIVES OF WORKERS WITH ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Safe@Work is a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that can be implemented by companies in the manufacturing sector requiring employers to provide safe accommodation for employees as well as comply with standards under the Minimum Standards of Accommodation and Housing for Employees Act 1990 (Act 446). It also entails responsibilities relating to management of employees who are COVID-19 positive, close contacts, health screening as well as measures to prevent transmission among employees.

This initiative is calculated at preventing disruption of company operations and reducing the adverse impact on productivity in the event of an occurrence of a positive case of COVID-19 in business premises. Commitment and support from employers are crucial in ensuring the safety and health of employees. This effort is very important in order to contribute to the continuation of economic activity.

Safe@Work is the result of a series of engagement sessions and consultations with public and private sector stakeholders including the Ministry of Health, National Security Council, Department of Labor, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM), industry associations and chambers, local and international businesses.

Based on the current practice, in the event of an occurrence of a positive case, close contact workers must be quarantined and barred from working until all of them are certified COVID-19 free after undergoing health screening tests. Now, the Safe@Work initiative will allow close contact workers to continue working under a new protocol known as the Safe Work Bubble. In accordance with this protocol, close contact workers will be isolated from the local community as well as other workers until all of them are certified COVID-19 free based on screening test results.

Some of the main aspects emphasized under the "Safe Work Bubble" are as follows:

- i. Establishment of Safe Work Bubble for close contact workers in factory areas and employee accommodation premises;
- ii. Establishment of COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Response Team (PERT) by the company for the preparation and implementation of procedures to manage emergency cases;
- iii. Ongoing sanitation processes at manufacturing premises;
- iv. Permission to use employee vehicles at full capacity;
- v. Provision and management of conducive employee accommodation;
- vi. Implementation of targeted screening for employees of the manufacturing and related services sectors; and
- vii. Provision of information channels related to pandemic control procedures from employers to employees.

SAFE@WORK TO BALANCE SAFETY AND LIVES OF WORKERS WITH ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

As an incentive to companies implementing Safe@Work, the Government will provide additional tax deductions to companies under the manufacturing and related services sector in respect of rentals of employee hostel premises and the provision of related equipment such as CCTV, wearable tracking devices and other basic necessities needed to comply with the Safe@Work SOP.

Expenses eligible for this additional tax deduction are limited to RM50,000 per company. Companies can register in the COVID-19 Intelligent Management System (CIMS) from April 1, 2021.

MITI hopes that with Safe@Work, companies in the manufacturing and related services sectors will improve their level of compliance with their SOPs to ensure that companies can continue to operate as usual.

This is in line with the whole of society approach to foster an attitude of selfreliance and a spirit of responsibility in society. In this context, it cannot be overstressed that the role of industry is paramount in order to jointly realize the Government's desire to balance the demands of protecting lives and livelihoods.

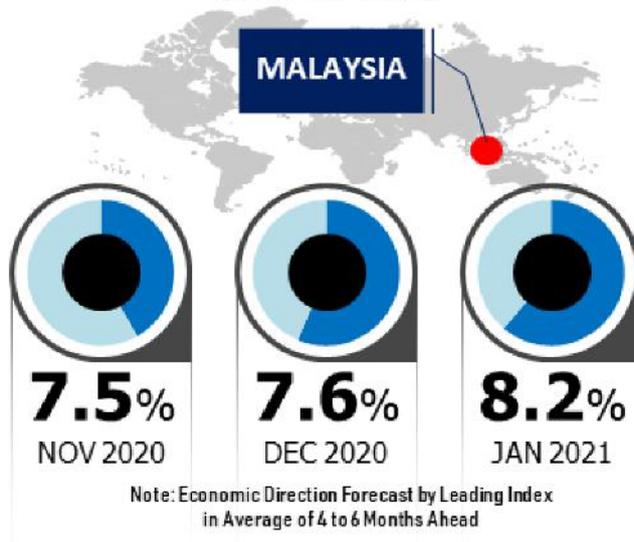
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LEADING INDEX, JAN 2021

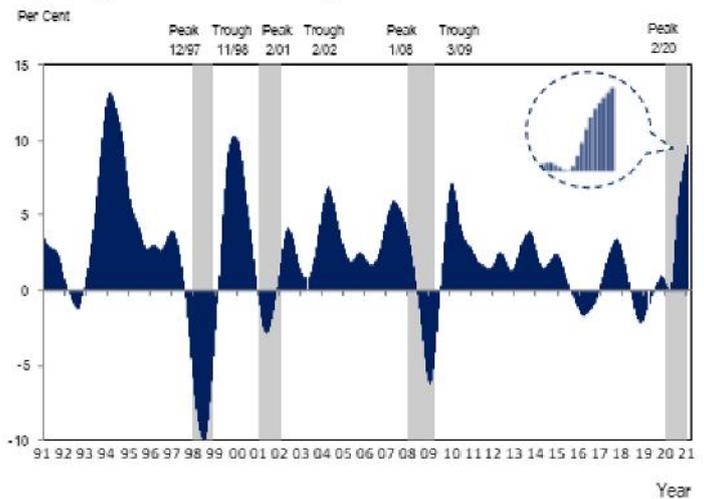
Malaysia's Leading Index (LI) increased to 110.0 points in January 2021 from 101.7 points in the same month last year to attain an annual growth of 8.2 per cent. The increase in LI was supported by the persistent increase in Bursa Malaysia Industrial Index which was attributed by the Health Care Index and Transportation & Logistic Index. At the same time, the growth rate of smoothed LI remained above the trend which indicates that the Malaysia's near term economic prospects remain upbeat, in line with the vaccine inoculation. Besides that, a more eased economic containment measures raise hopes for bringing the economic impacts under control.

NEAR TERM ECONOMIC PROSPECTS REMAIN UPBEAT

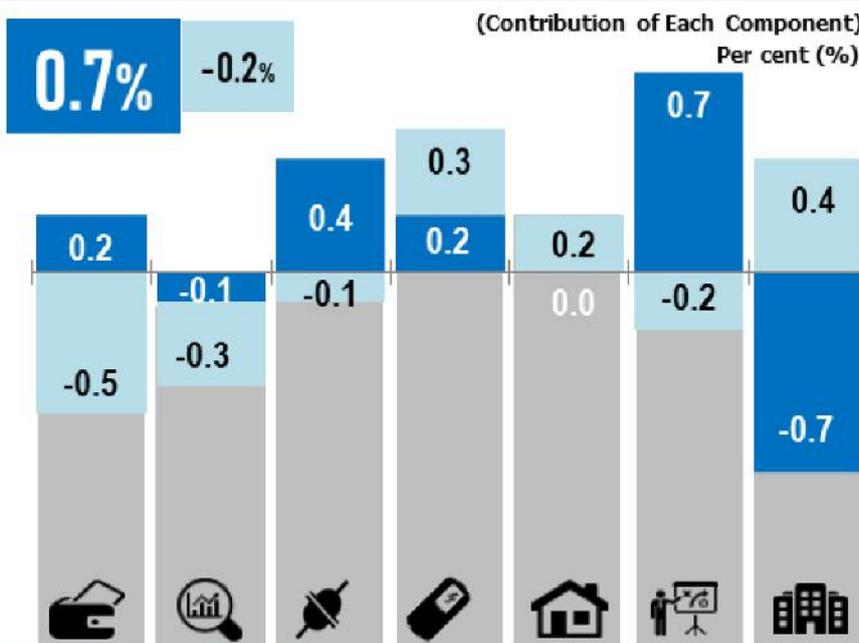
Leading Index, January 2021 (Year on Year)



Annual Growth Rate of Leading Index (Smoothed) and Business Cycle (Grey Shaded Areas), Jan 1991 to Jan 2021



Month on Month Percentage Change by Leading Index



Notes:

- Jan 2021
- Dec 2020
- Real Money Supply, M1
- Bursa Malaysia Industrial Index
- Real Imports of Semi Conductors
- Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals
- Number of Housing Units Approved
- Expected Sales Value, Manufacturing
- Number of New Companies Registered

Source: Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes, January 2021
Department of Statistics Malaysia

CPI, FEB 2021

Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.1 per cent in February 2021 to 122.5 as against 122.4 in the same month of the preceding year. The increase in the overall index was driven by the index of Miscellaneous Goods & Services (1.6%); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.4%); Alcohol Beverages & Tobacco (0.7%); Health (0.7%); Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (0.3%); Recreation Services & Culture (0.1%) and Education (0.1%) which contributed 50.7 per cent to overall weight.

On a monthly basis, CPI increased by 0.3 per cent as compared to January 2021. The increase was attributed by Transport (2.3%); Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (0.2%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (0.2%).

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 2021 as compared to JANUARY 2021

0.1%

-0.2%



0.1%

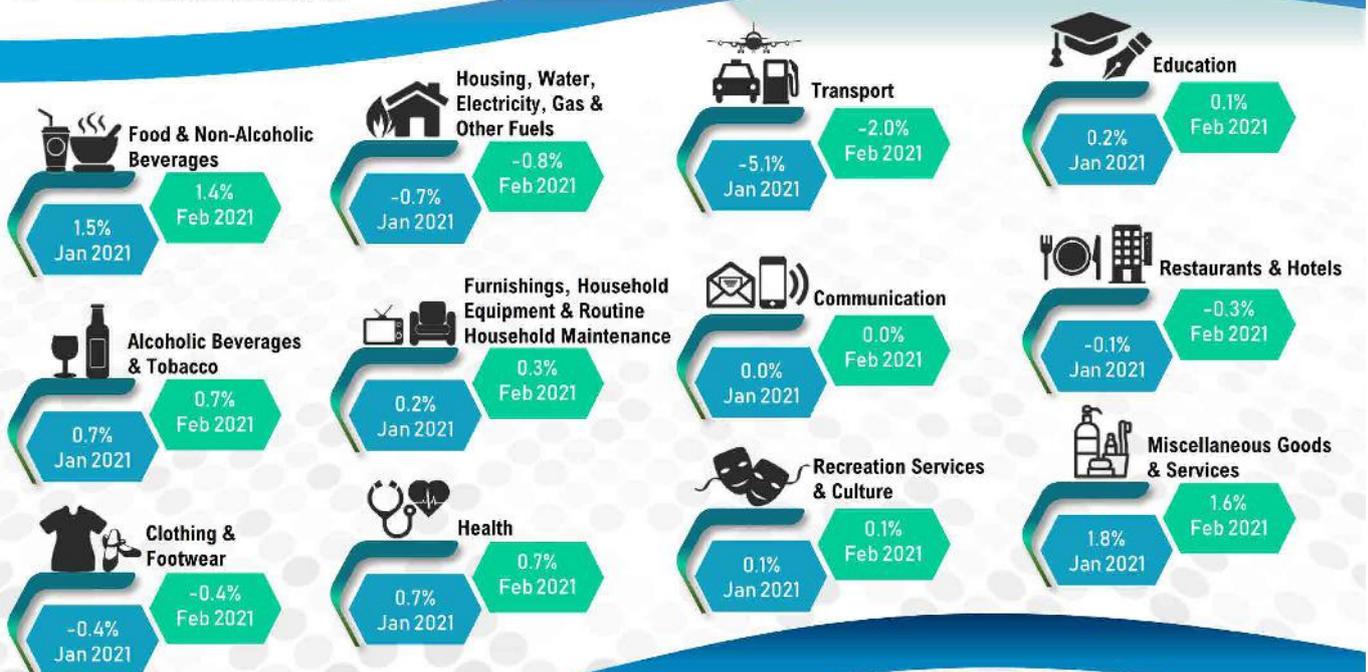
Headline Inflation

0.7%

Core Inflation

0.4%

Inflation without Fuel

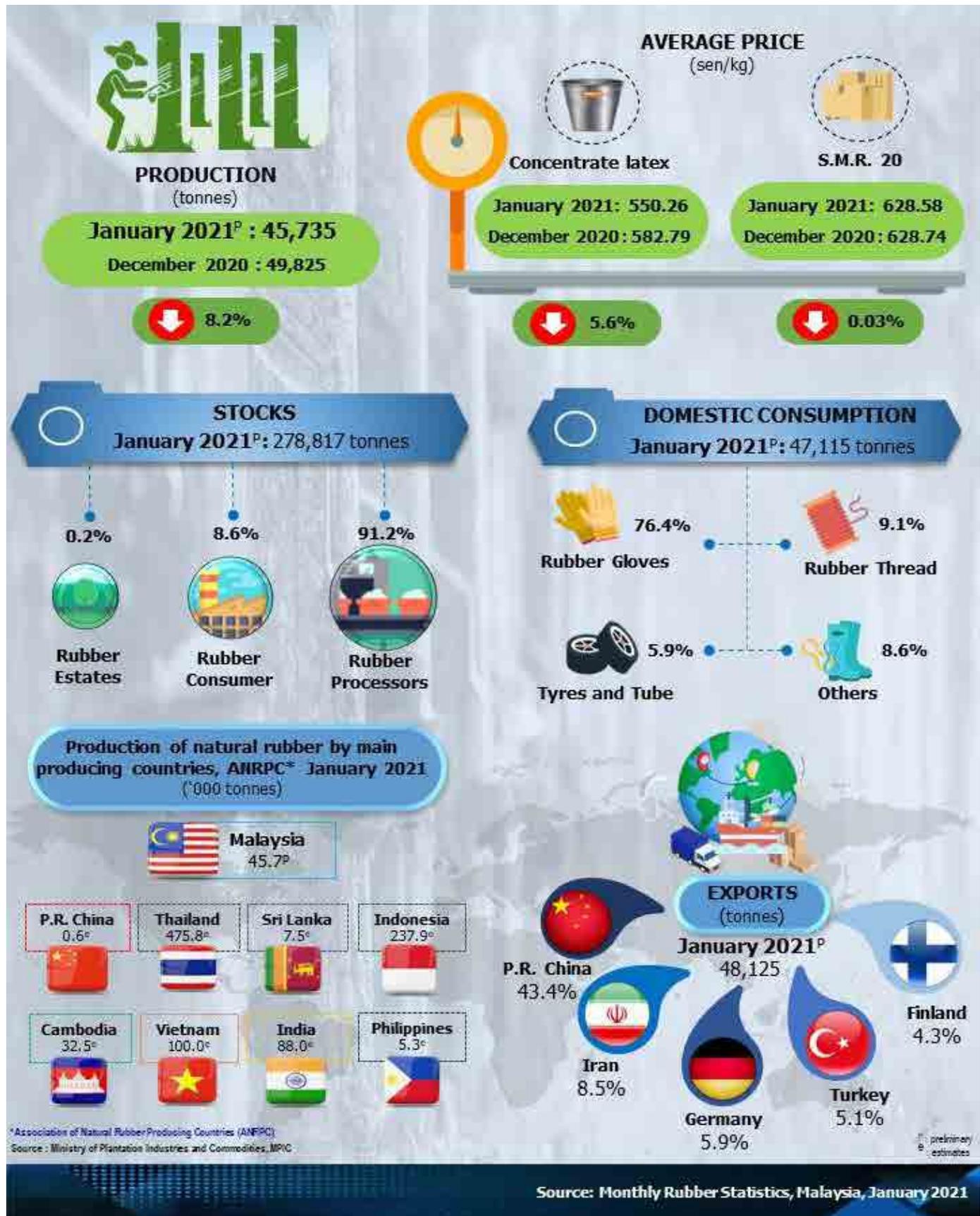


Percentage Change: Year-on-Year

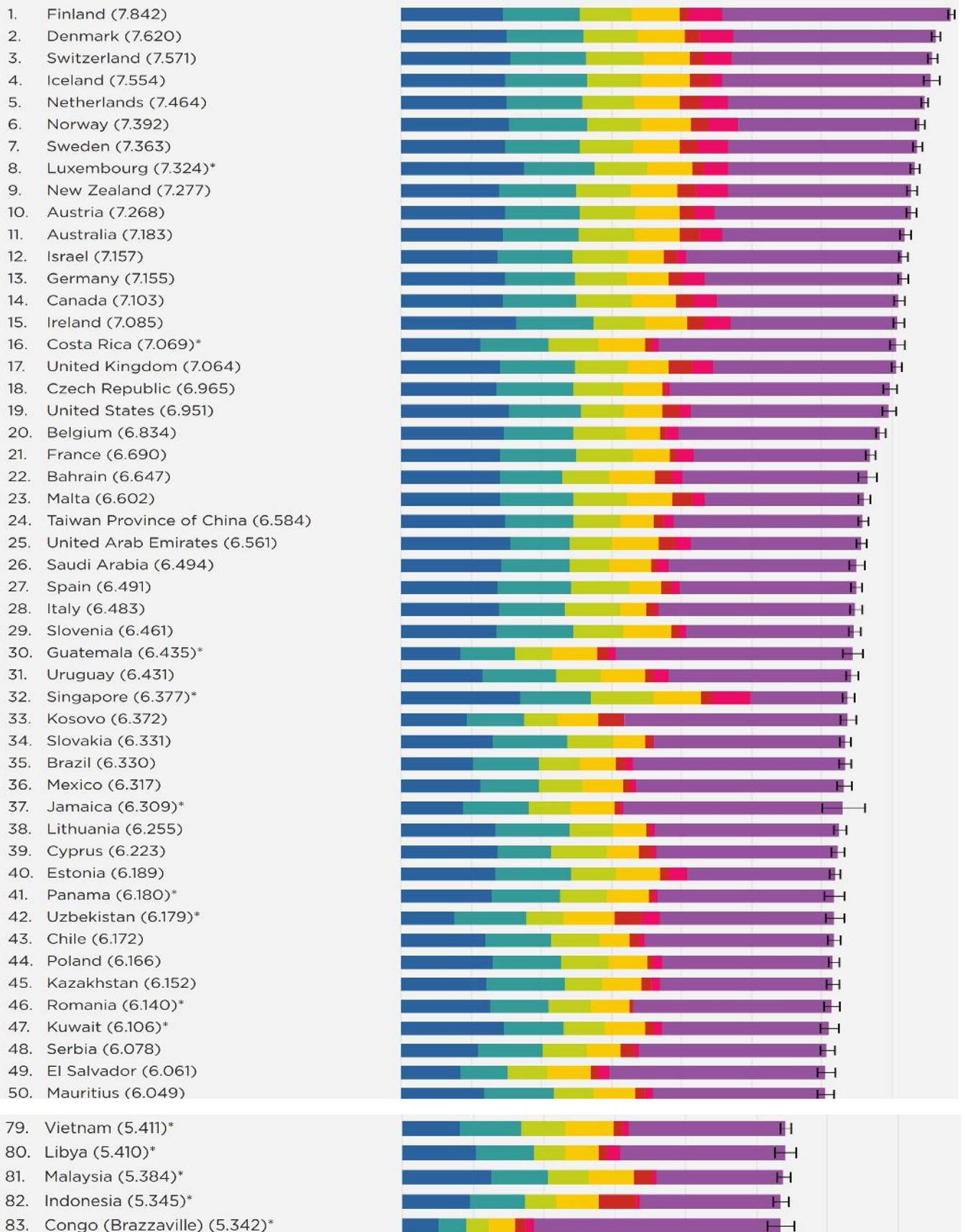
Source: Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (2010=100), Department of Statistics Malaysia

RUBBER STATISTICS, FEB 2021

Malaysia's natural rubber production in January 2021 amounted 45,735 tonnes, decreased 31.0 per cent as compared to 66,259 tonnes in January 2020 and also decreased by 8.2 per cent from last month. Smallholdings sector was the main contributor to the natural rubber production of 88.5 per cent. Production of smallholdings decreased by 32.4 per cent while estate sector decreased by 17.3 per cent as compared to January 2020.



WORLD HAPPINESS, 2018 - 2020



Explained by: GDP per capita

Explained by: social support

Explained by: healthy life expectancy

Explained by: freedom to make life choices

Explained by: generosity

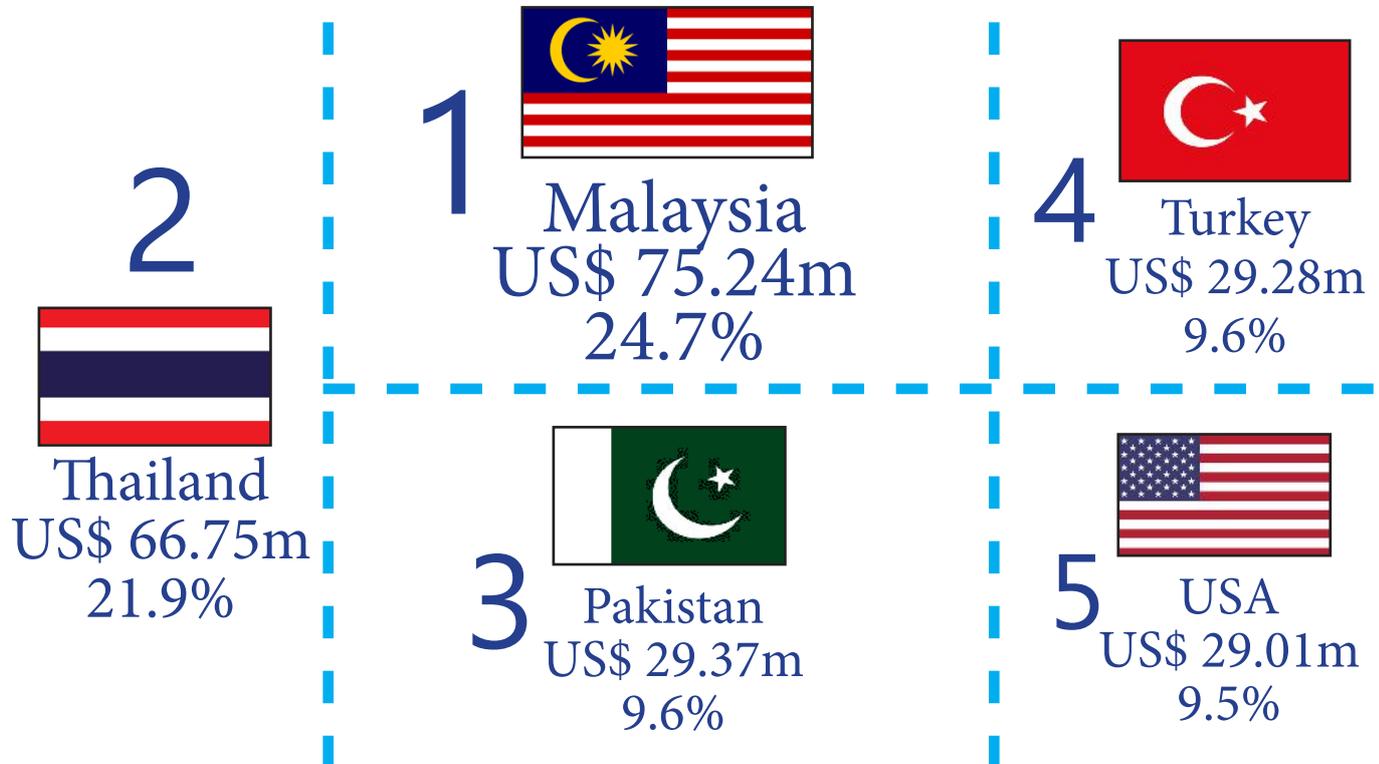
Explained by: perceptions of corruption

Dystopia (2.43) + residual

95% confidence interval

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF FIBREBOARD OF WOOD OR OTHER LIGNEOUS MATERIALS*

In 2019, Malaysia's export of Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials recorded US\$ 75.24 million which was 24.7% share of the world.

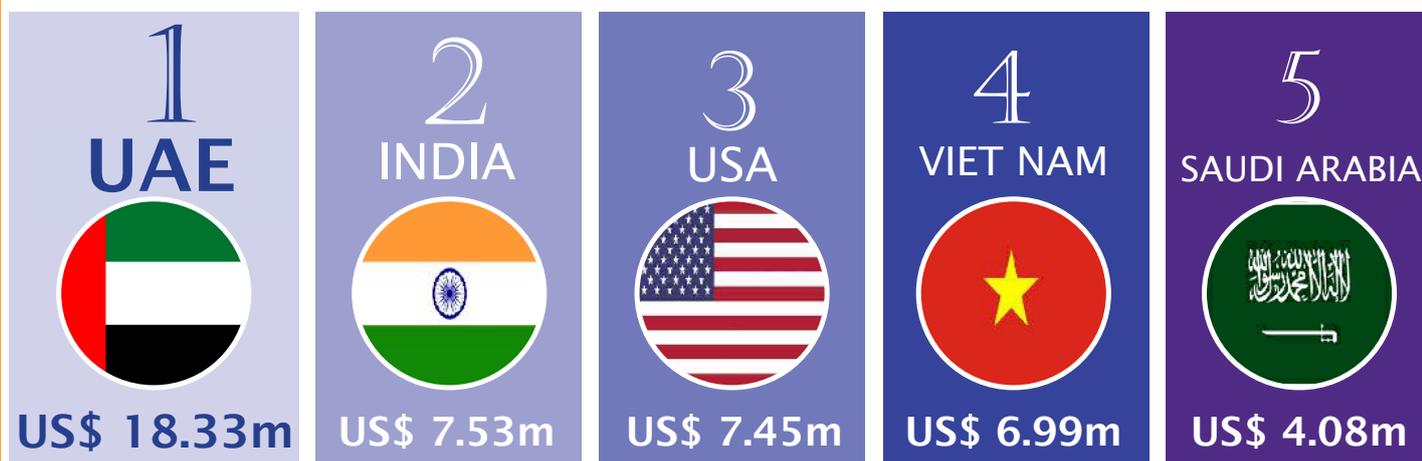


***Notes:**

- HS441879 - Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic bonding agents, of a density of > 0,5 g to 0,8 g/cm³ (excluding medium density fibreboard "MDF"; particle board, whether or not bonded with one or more sheets of fibreboard; laminated wood with a layer of plywood; cellular wood panels of which both sides are fibreboard; paperboard; identifiable furniture components)

- % refer to share in world exports

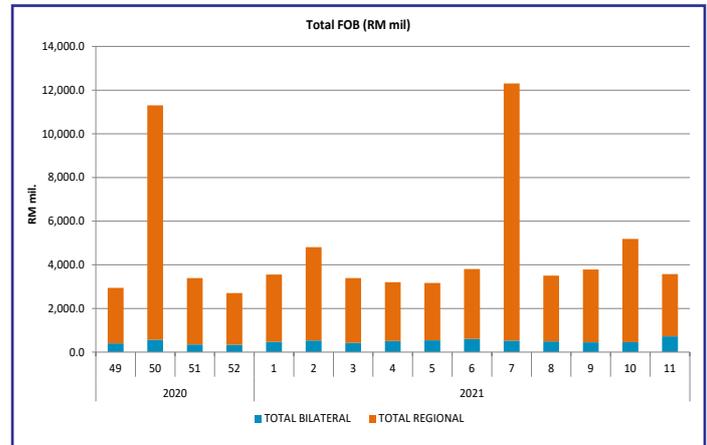
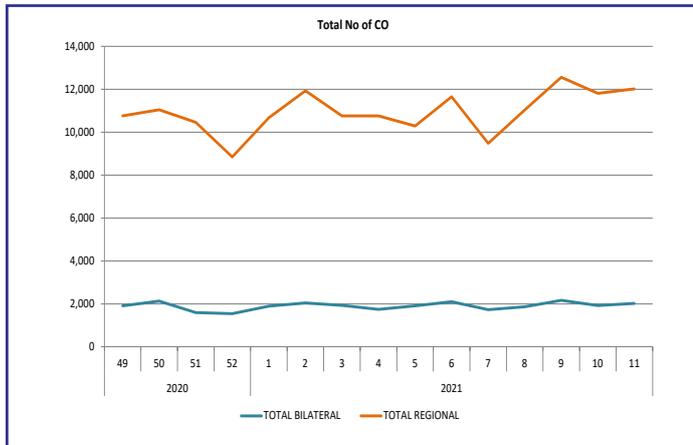
MALAYSIA'S TOP FIVE EXPORT DESTINATION



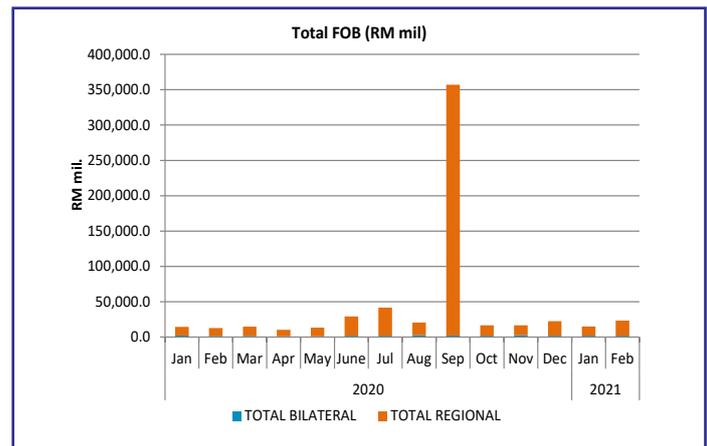
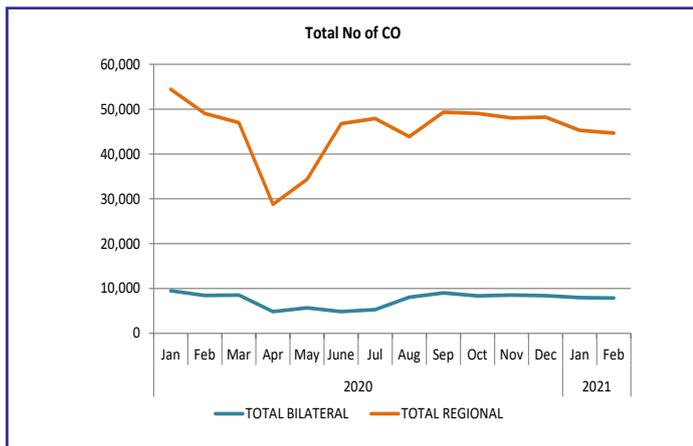
Source: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 14 March 2021 Weekly / Monthly / Annually

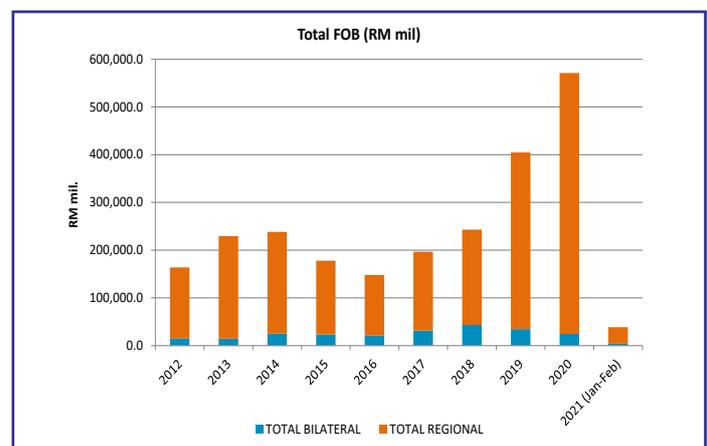
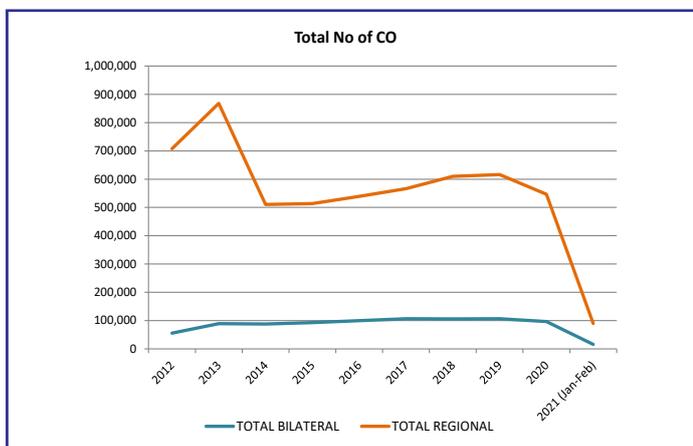
Weekly



Monthly

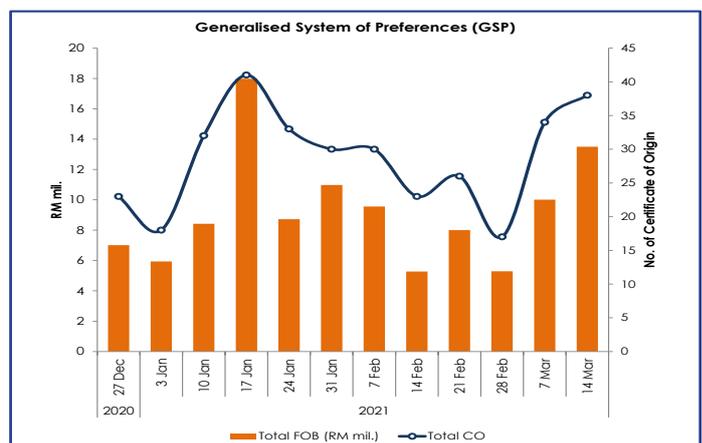
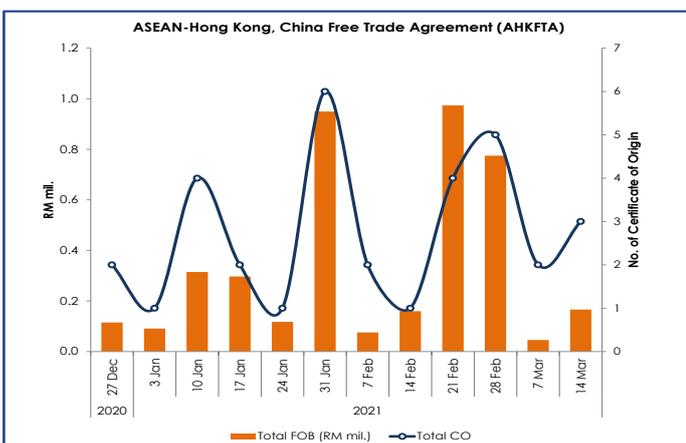
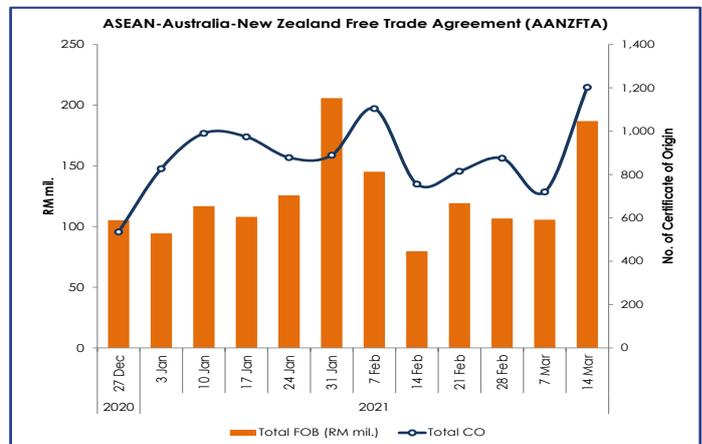
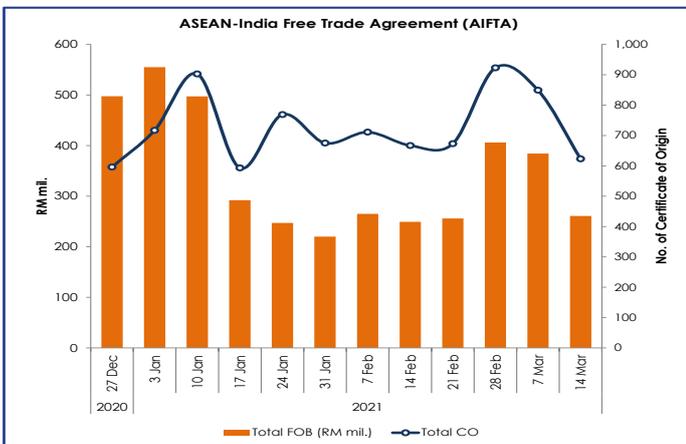
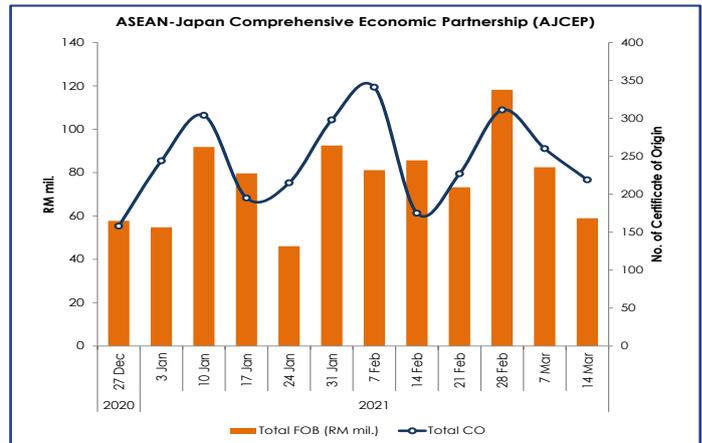
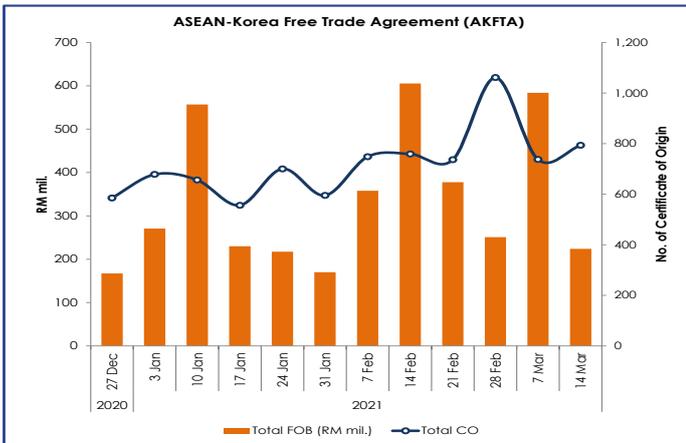
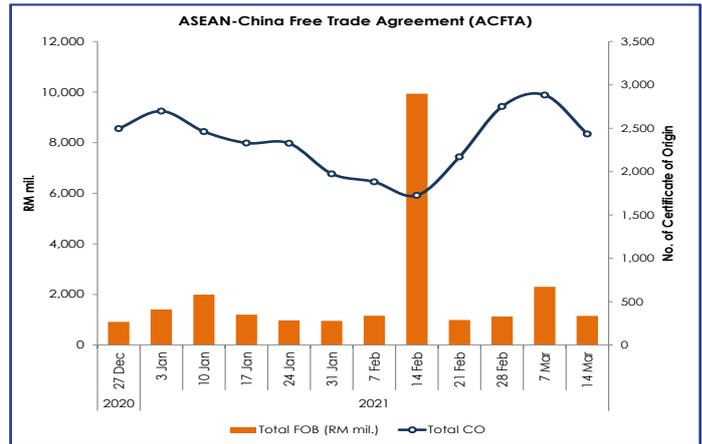
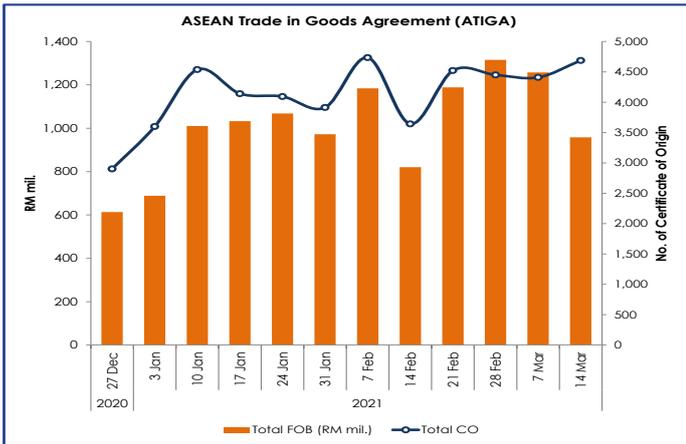


Annually



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

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

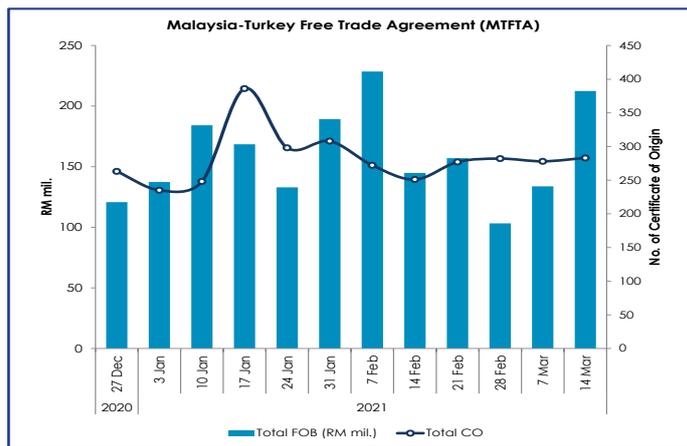
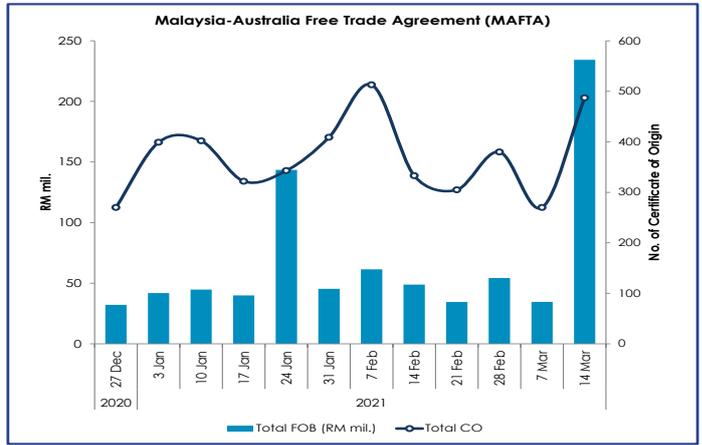
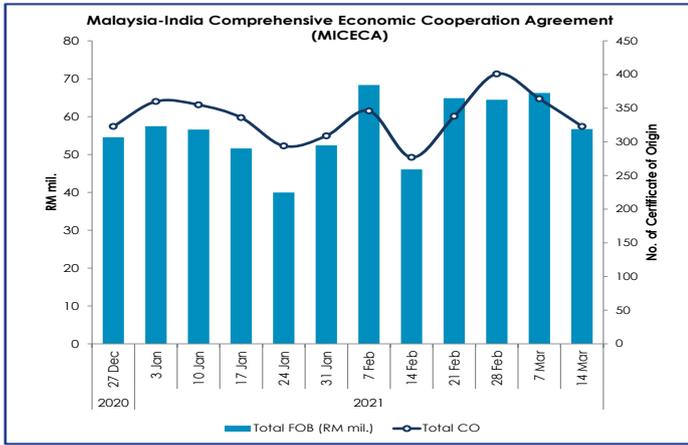
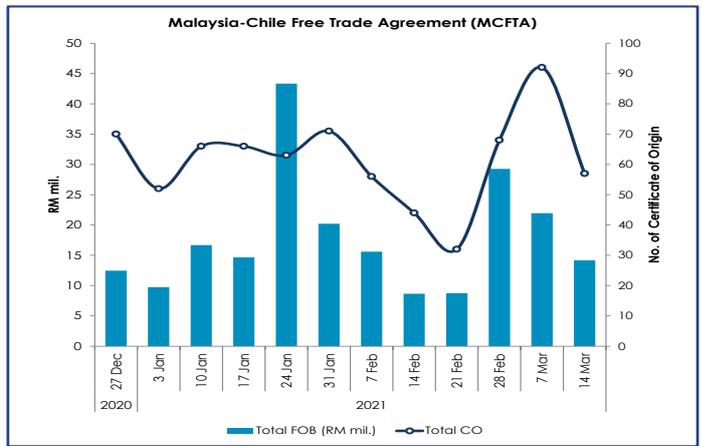
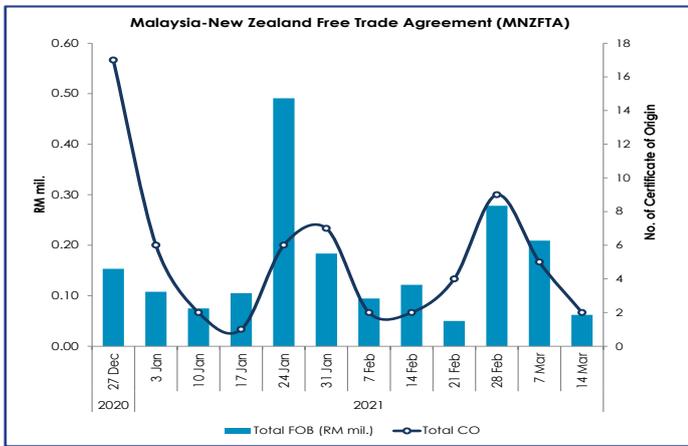
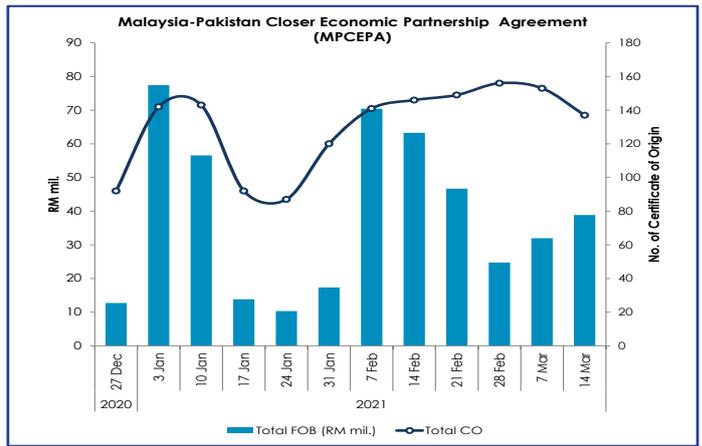
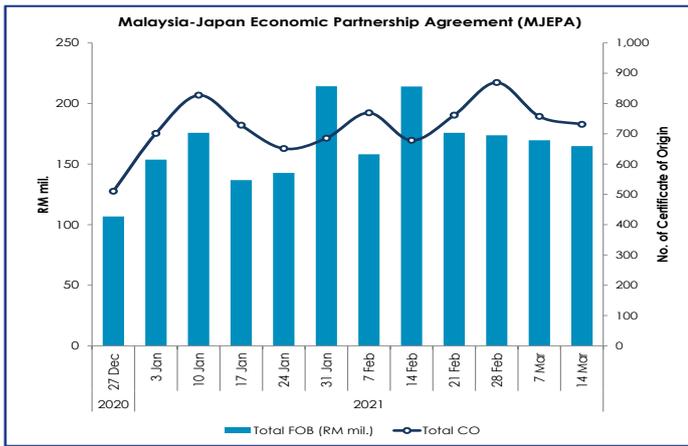


Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

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Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Bilateral FTA

Number and Value of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

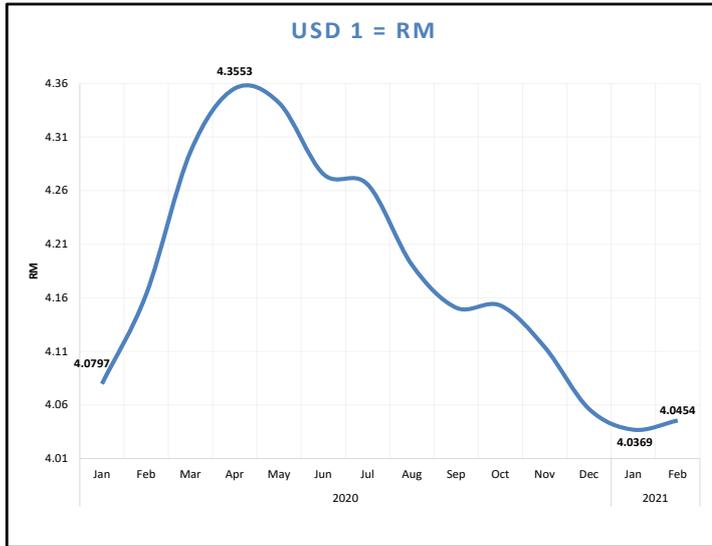


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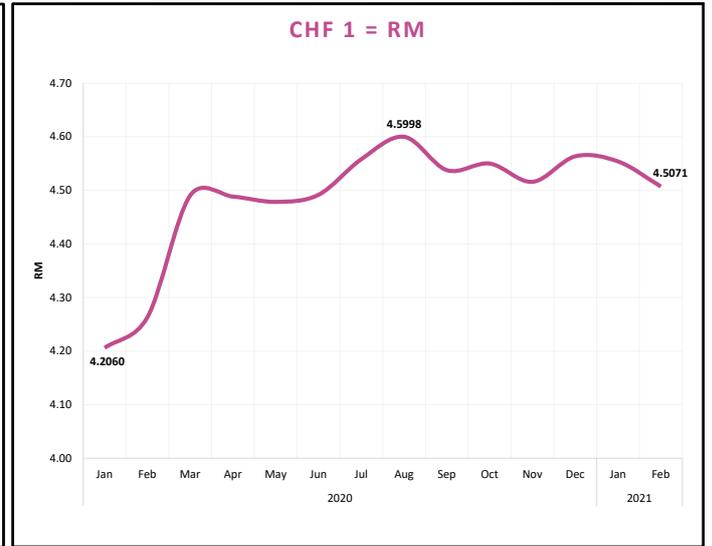
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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

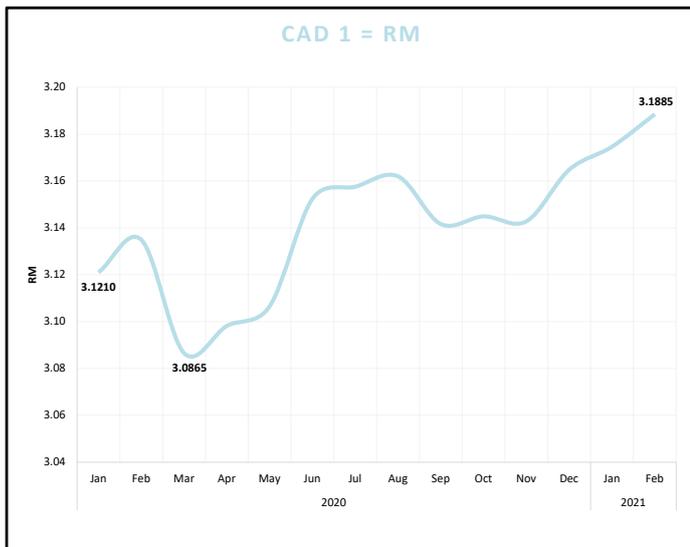
US Dollar



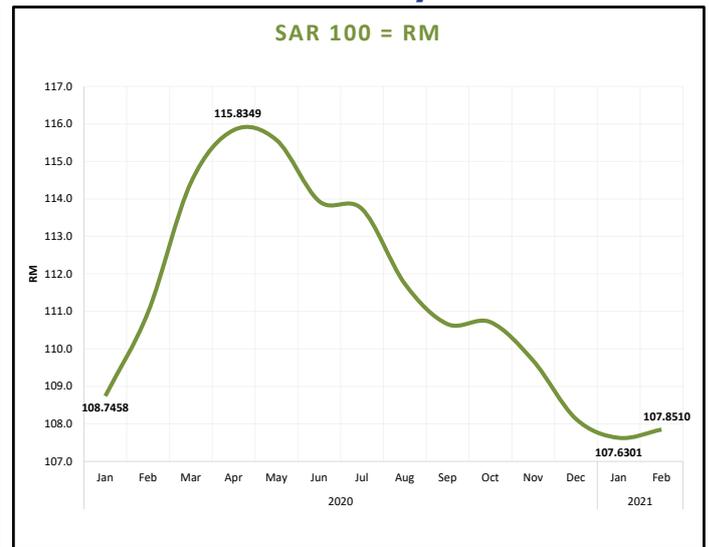
Swiss Franc



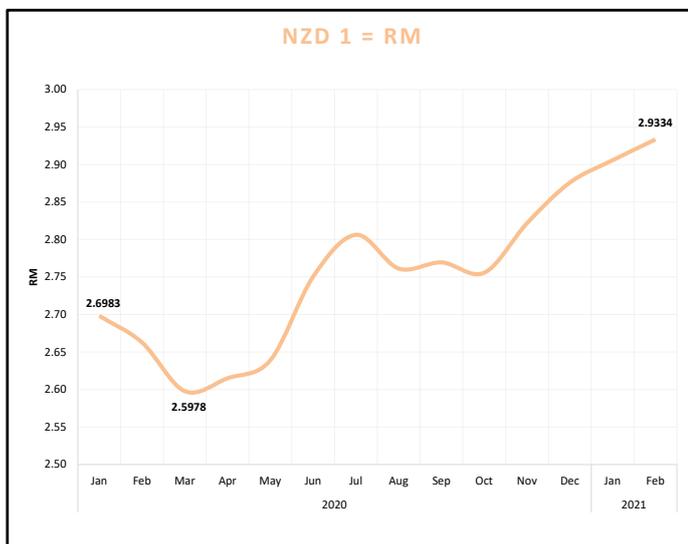
Canadian Dollar



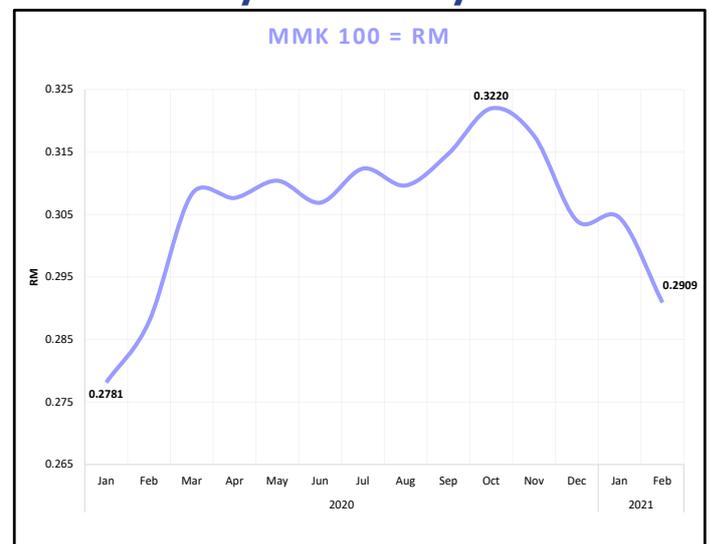
Saudi Riyal



New Zealand Dollar



Myanmar Kyat



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼ **6.8%***
US\$64.5
19 Mar 2021

Highest
2020/2021

5 Mar 2021 : US\$69.4
03 Jan 2020 : US\$68.6

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

Lowest
2020/2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$43.5

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▼ **5.1%***
US\$968.1
19 Mar 2021

Highest
2020/2021

12 Mar 2021 : US\$1,019.9
24 Dec 2020 : US\$944.2

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

Lowest
2020/2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$668.3

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ **1.0%***
US\$1,779.0
19 Mar 2021

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ **1.8%***
US\$1,594.5
19 Mar 2021

SUGAR -per lbs-

▼ **2.3%***
US\$15.8
19 Mar 2021



Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,333.4

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,576.6

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$12.9

COAL -per MT-



▲ **3.6%***
US\$68.5
19 Mar 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$47.7

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



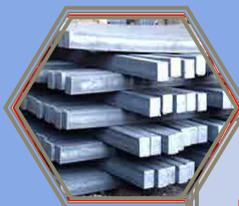
⊖ **%*** : ⊖ **%***
US\$470.0 : US\$455.0
(high) : (low)
19 Mar 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$307.9 (high)

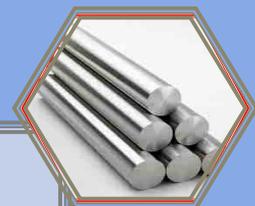
Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$284.7 (low)

Domestic Prices

19 Mar 2021



Billets
(per MT)
RM2,350- RM2,450



Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,600 – RM2,750

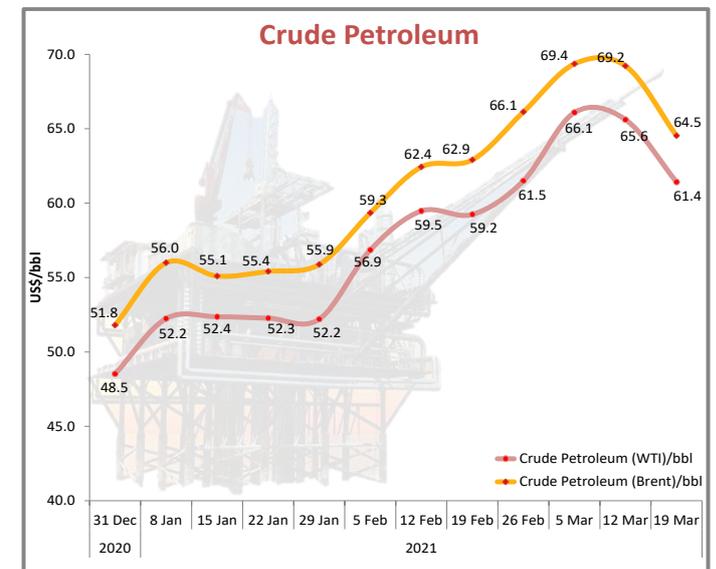
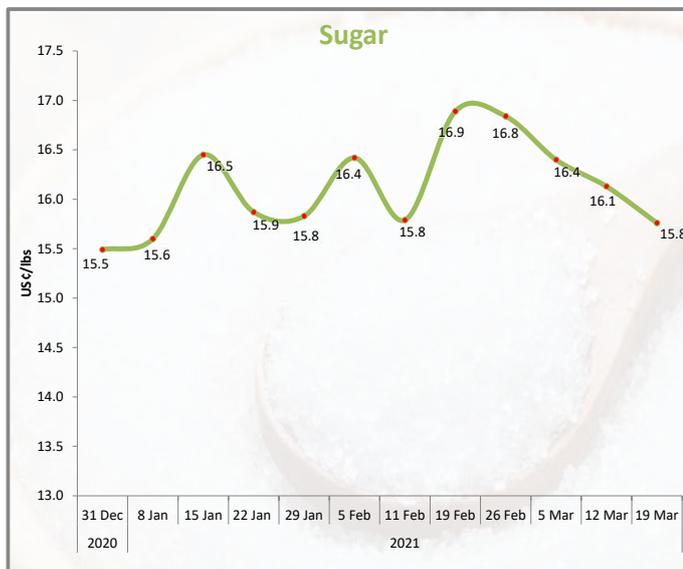
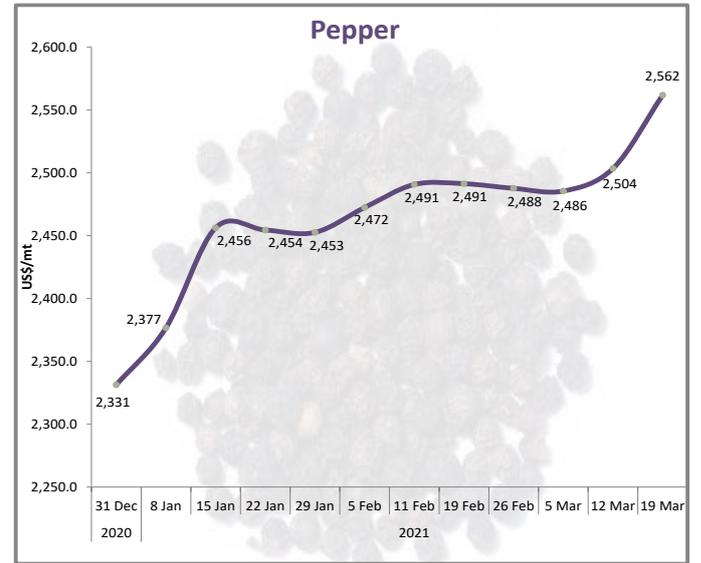
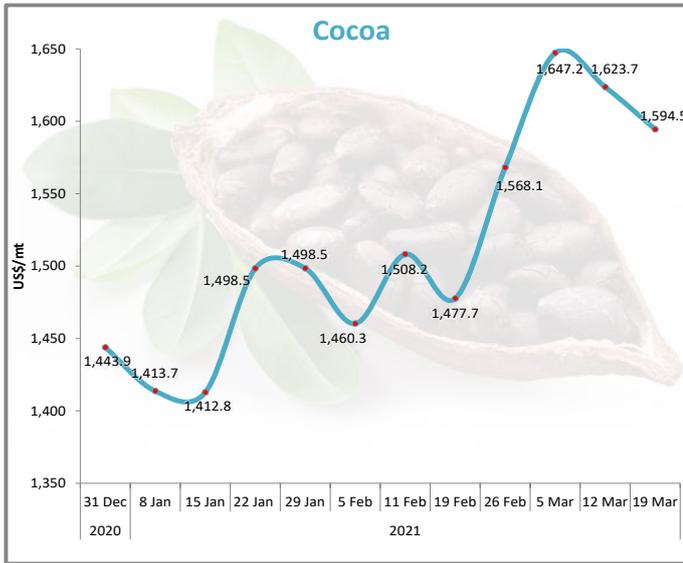
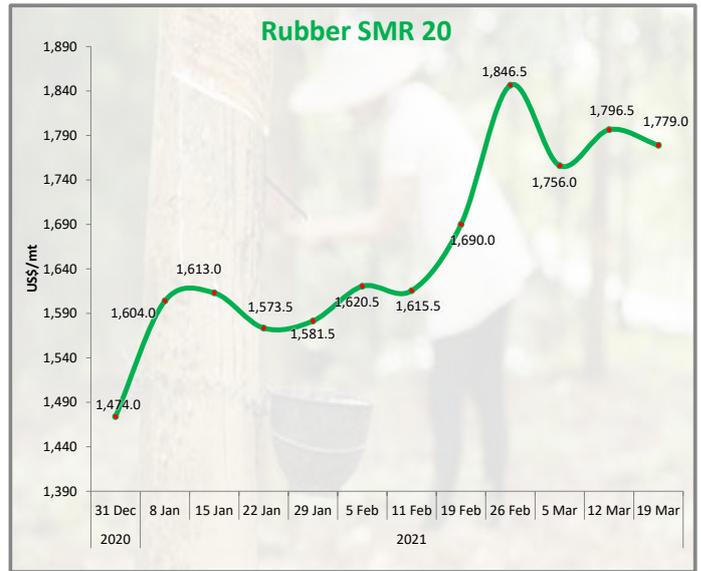
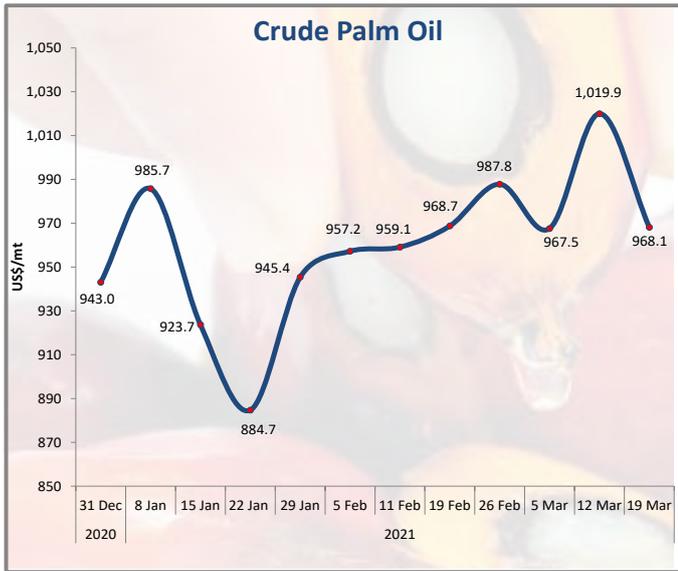
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

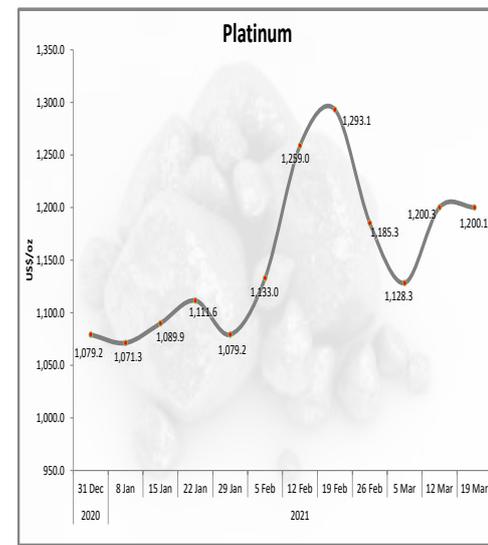
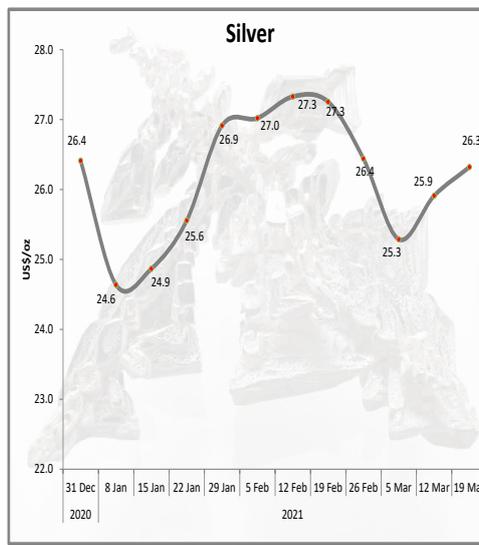
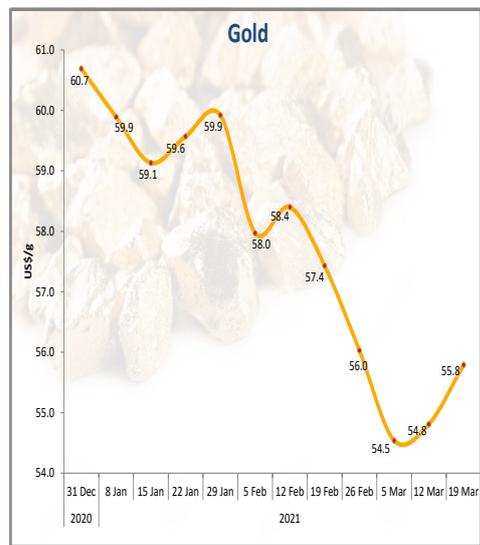
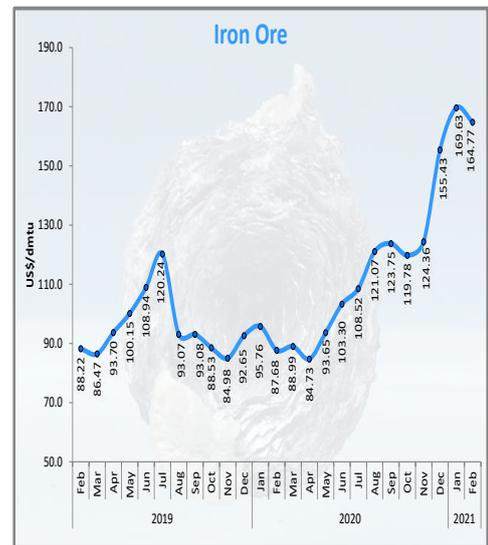
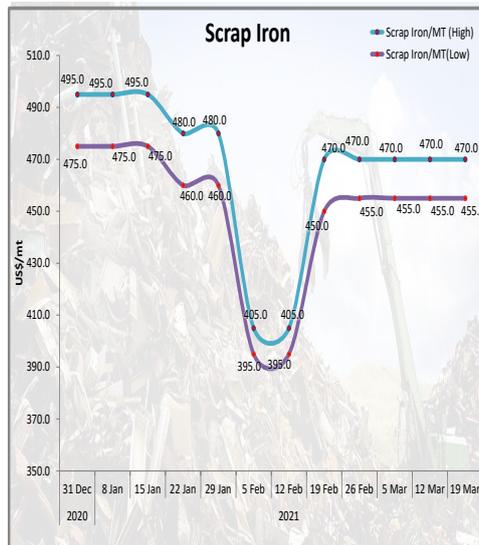
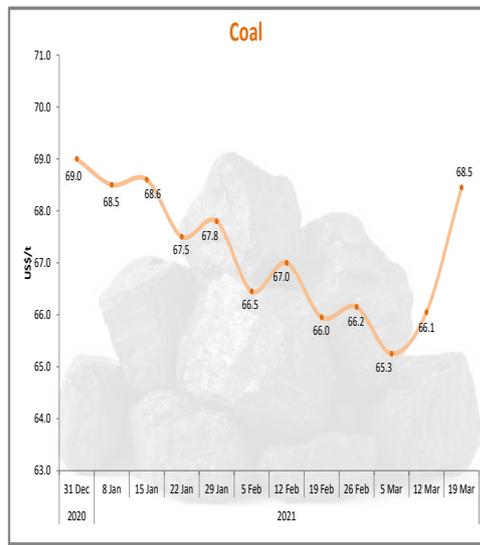
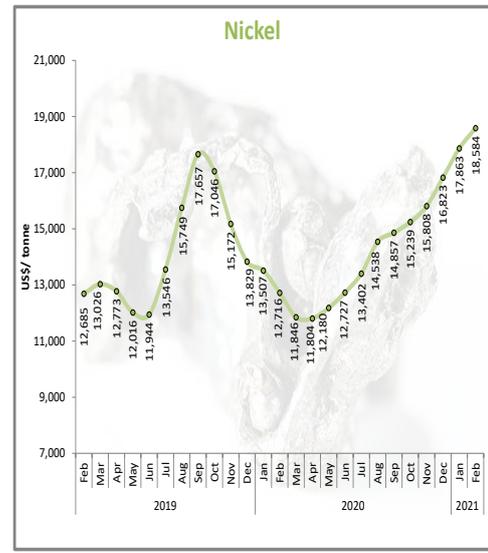
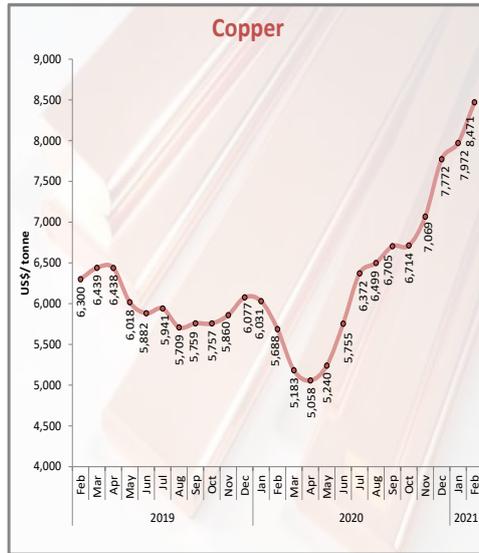
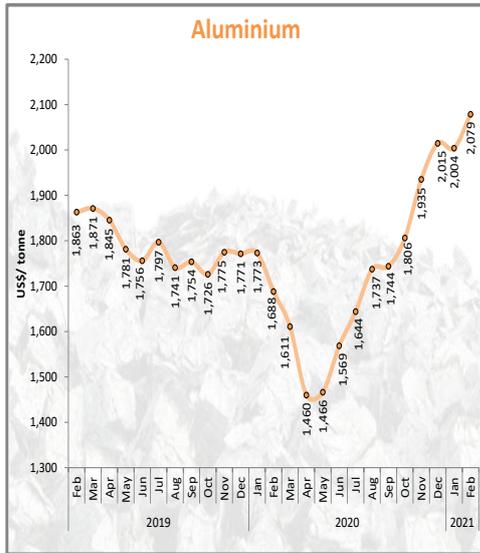
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Commodity Price Trends



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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

- General: i4.0@miti.gov.my
- 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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A risk mitigation plan on COVID-19 outbreak at the work place

What is it?

Isolation of close contacts among workers at their accommodation, work place as well as workers vehicles

Complements the general SOPs in place

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Placement of workers based on 'Safe Work Bubble'

How to isolate?

Close contacts in 'Safe Work Bubble' A

Non-close contacts in 'Safe Work Bubble' B and so forth

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Workers accommodation

Where to isolate?

Work place

Workers vehicles

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1.Preparedness and Emergency Response Team (PERT) team

What do we need to have?

2.Workers screening protocol

3.Regular briefing to staff including security guards

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4.Workers' health report

What do we need to have?

5.Clear health screening protocol

6.24-hour monitoring through wearable devices and e-tracing

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7.Physical distancing and self protection measures

What do we need to have?

8.Guidelines on ethics at common areas in the work place

9.Sanitisation of the work place, including workers vehicles

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Additional tax deductions to companies under the manufacturing and related services sectors

What's the incentive?

Up to RM50,000

Expenditure on rental of employee hostels and provision of related equipment and other necessities

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Registration to implement Safe@Work opens on **1 April 2021**

- Open to companies in the manufacturing sector and its related services
- Register at CIMS, notification.miti.gov.my
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##ECONOMICFRONTLINERS

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

21 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)

21 Oktober 2020

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.

21 Oktober 2020

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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-  **Electronic Point of Sale System**
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-  **Customer Relationship Management System**
-  **Procurement System**




-  **Enterprise Resource Planning/Tax Accounting**
-  **Digital Marketing/Sales**
-  **e-Commerce**
-  **Remote Working**




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When? Once a month



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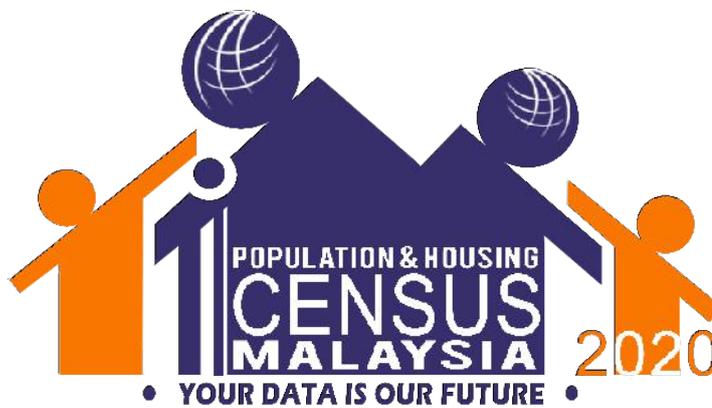
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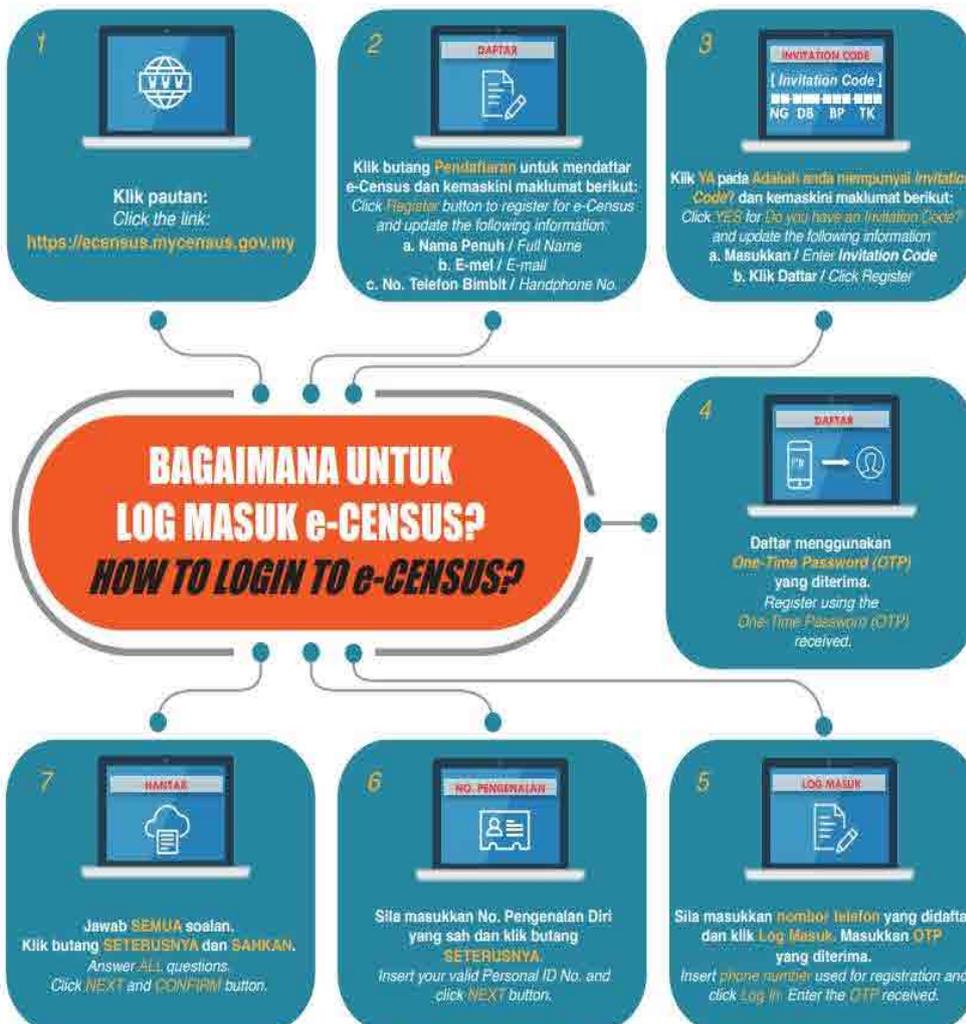
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Hotline : 1-800-88-7720

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