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EXTERNAL TRADE INDICES, FEB 2021

The export volume index declined 3.5% in February 2021, in line with the decrease in Malaysia's export value as compared with the previous month. The decline was attributed to the weak performance of the index of beverages & tobacco (-20.2%), machinery & transport equipment (-13.6%) and manufactured goods (-3.8%).

The import volume index also contracted by 5.3% in February 2021 as compared to the preceding month. The downtrend in the import volume index was in accordance with the decline in Malaysia's import value, attributed to the weak performance of the index of machinery & transport equipment (-7.6%), manufactured goods (-7.3%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (-6.3%).

VALUE (RM BILLION)

Exports and Imports declined 2.3% and 4.5%, respectively.



TERMS OF TRADE

▲ 0.4%



EXPORTS

Unit Value Index ▲ 1.2%

Volume Index ▼ 3.5%

3 MAIN CONTRIBUTORS

UNIT VALUE INDEX

▲ 4.8%
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats

▲ 3.6%
Mineral Fuels

▲ 0.4%
Machinery & Transport Equipment

VOLUME INDEX

▼ 20.2%
Beverages & Tobacco

▼ 13.6%
Machinery & Transport Equipment

▼ 3.8%
Manufactured Goods

IMPORTS

Unit Value Index ▲ 0.8%

Volume Index ▼ 5.3%

3 MAIN CONTRIBUTORS

UNIT VALUE INDEX

▲ 6.3%
Mineral Fuels

▲ 0.6%
Manufactured Goods

▲ 0.3%
Machinery & Transport Equipment

VOLUME INDEX

▼ 7.6%
Machinery & Transport Equipment

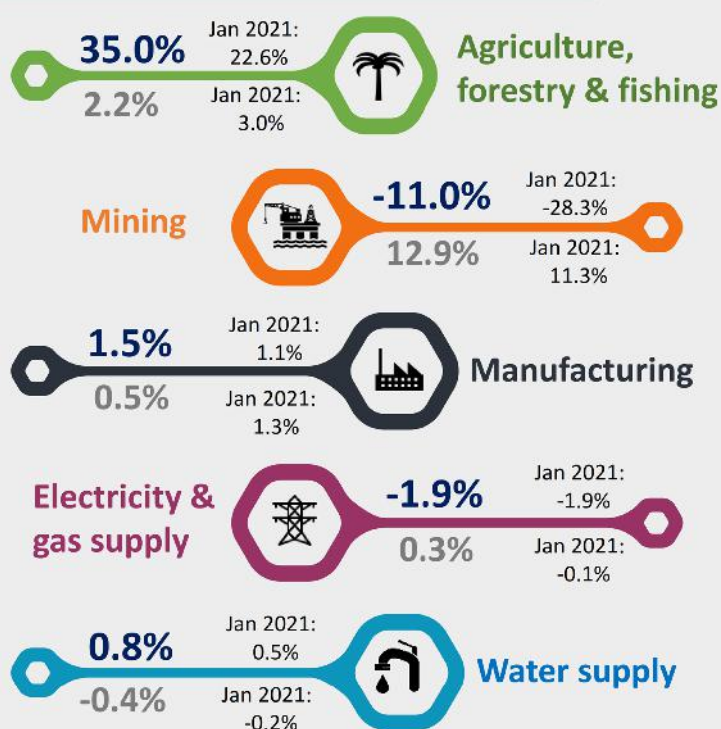
▼ 7.3%
Manufactured Goods

▼ 6.3%
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI), FEB 2021

Producer Price Index (PPI) local production recorded an increase of 2.7 per cent in February 2021 as compared to negative 0.1 per cent in January 2021. This is the first positive shift after experiencing a negative growth for 11 consecutive months since March 2020. Index of Agriculture, forestry & fishing continued to increase 35.0 per cent as compared to 22.6 per cent in the previous month. Index of Manufacturing and Water supply increased 1.5 per cent and 0.8 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, the index of Mining recorded a negative change of 11.0 per cent, improved from negative 28.3 per cent in January 2021. However, the index of Electricity & gas supply recorded a decrease of 1.9 per cent, similar to the previous month.

PPI by sector



Producer Price Index (PPI)

Local Production February 2021 **increased 2.7%** year-on-year as compared to negative 0.1% in January 2021

PPI January 2010 – February 2021



Source: Producer Price Index Local Production (2010=100), Department of Statistics Malaysia

2.7%

Jan 2021: -0.1%
year-on-year

1.5%

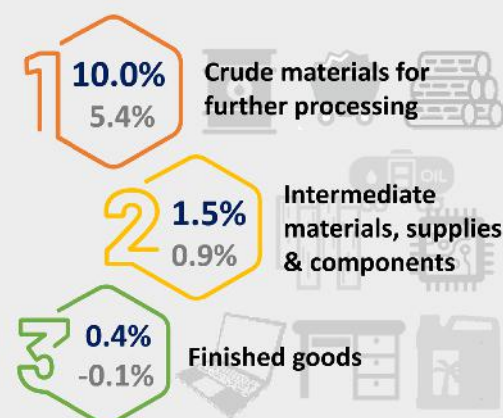
Jan 2021: 2.0%
month-on-month

PPI selected countries



Source: tradingeconomics.com

PPI by stage of processing



WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

WORLD GDP 2020 - 2022

Stronger recovery projected

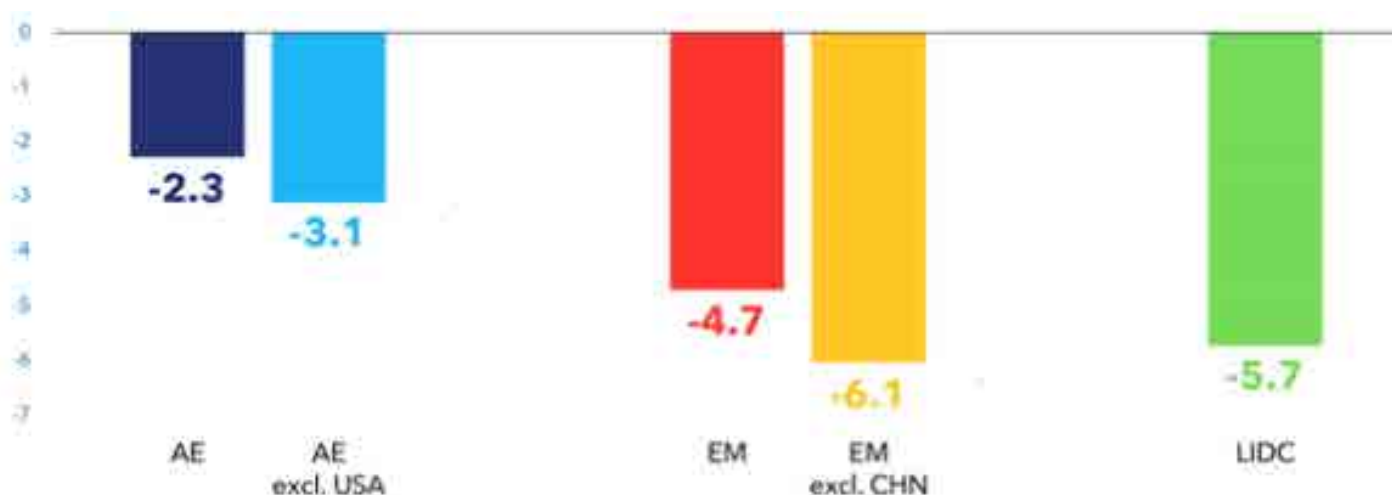
Policy support and vaccines are expected to lift economy.



AVERAGE PER CAPITA INCOME LOSS, 2020 - 2024 (percent deviation from pre-crisis trend)

Wider Income Gaps

Average annual per capita income losses are projected to be highest in emerging markets (excluding China), reversing gains in poverty reduction.

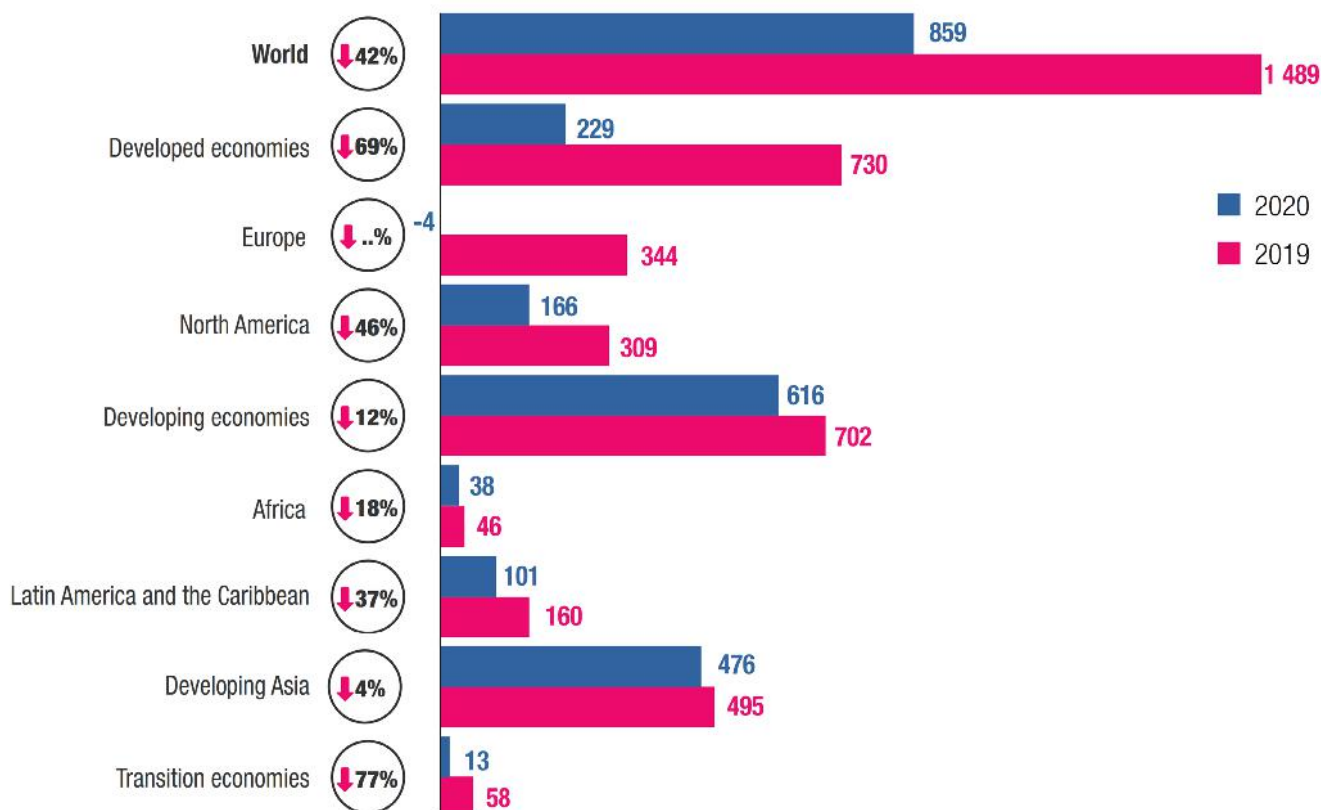


Notes : AE - Advanced Economies, EM - Emerging Markets, LIDC - Low-income Developing Countries

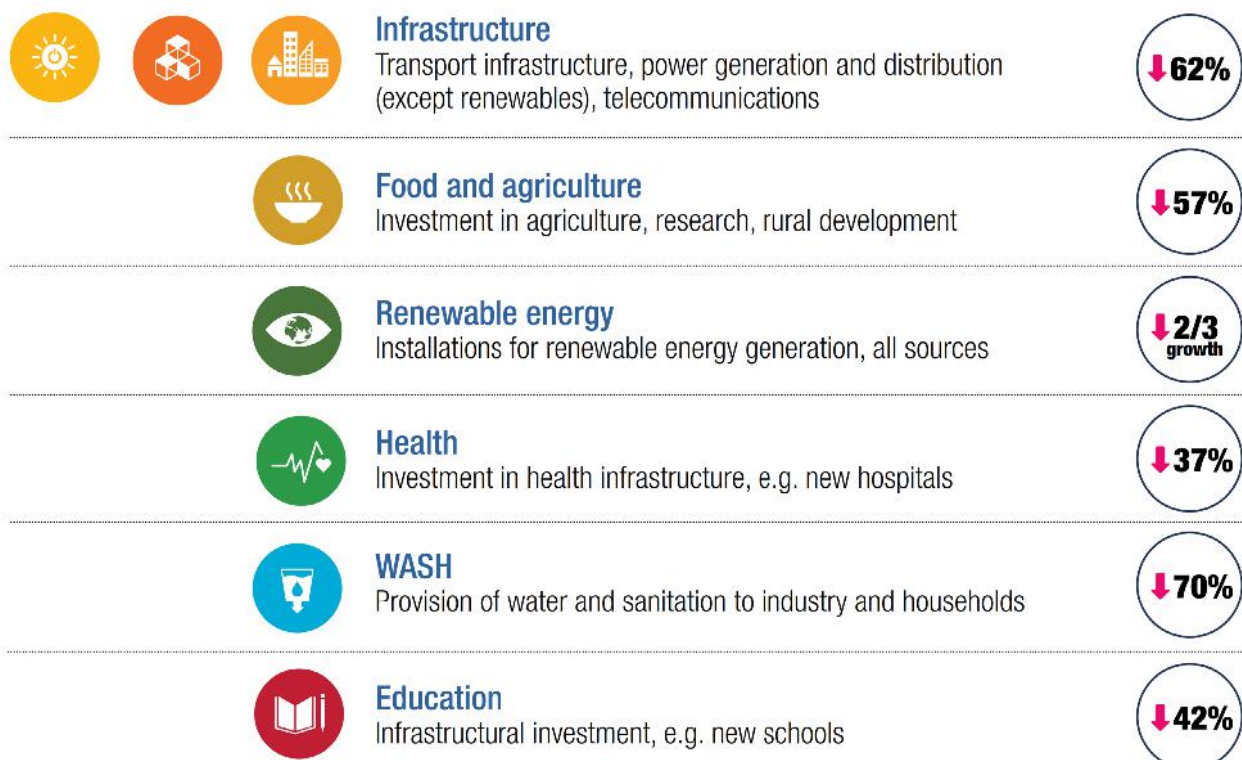
Source: <https://blogs.imf.org/>

INVESTMENT UNDER COVID-19

FDI INFLOW TRENDS IN 2020 BY REGION AND DEVELOPMENT STATUS (USD BILLION)



IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON INVESTMENT IN GOALS-RELEVANT INVESTMENT SECTOR

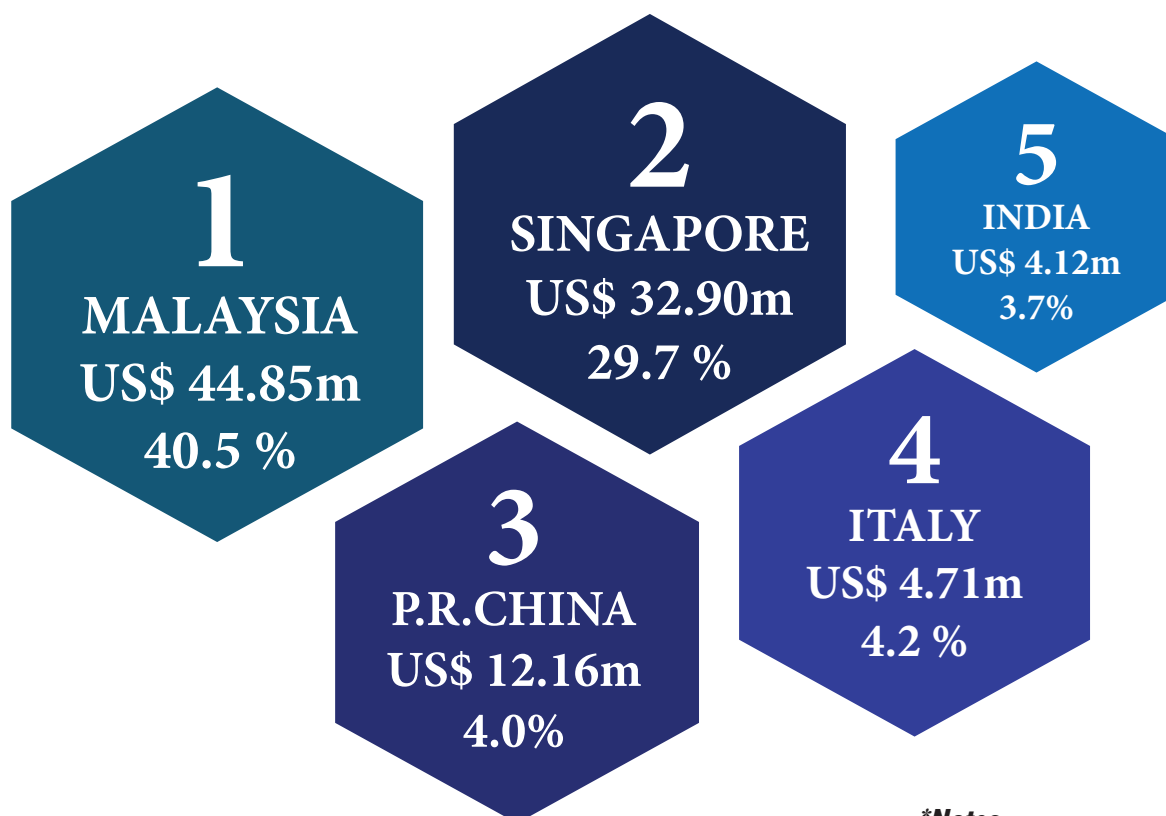


Source: Trade and investment under COVID-19

<http://unctad.org/>

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER *LOOPED PILE FABRICS, KNITTED OR CROCHETED (EXCLUDING OF COTTON OR MAN-MADE FIBRES)

In 2019, Malaysia's export of Looped pile fabrics, knitted or crocheted (excluding of cotton or man-made fibres) recorded US\$ 44.85 million which was 40.5 % share of the world exports.

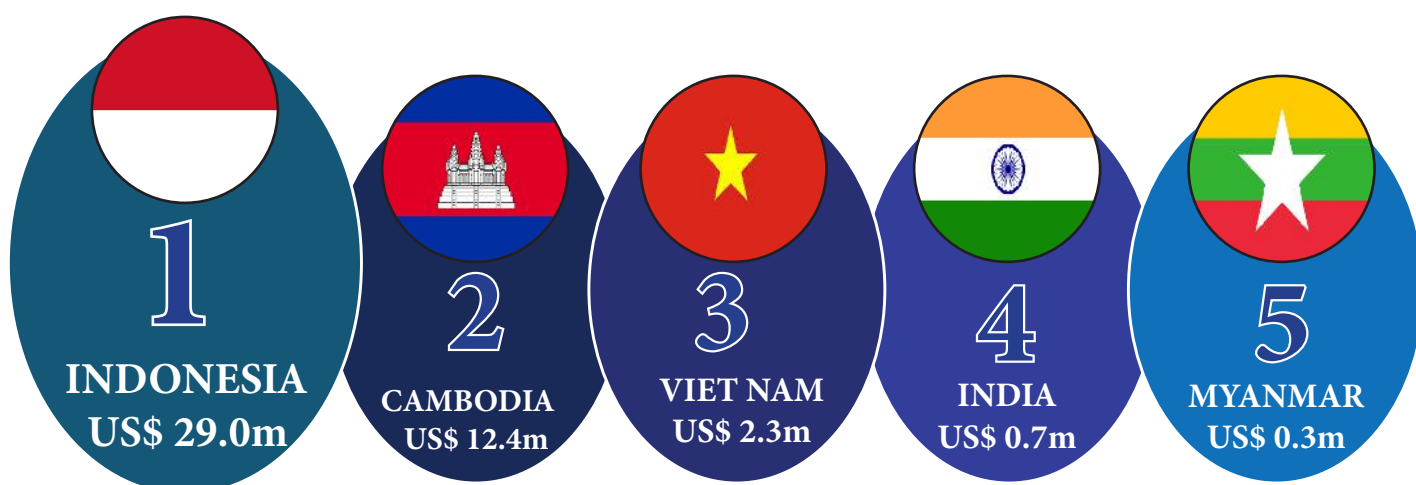


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- % refer to share in world exports

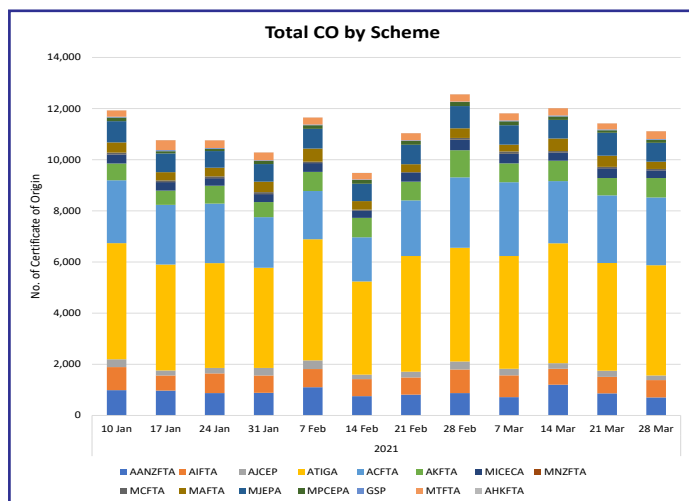
MALAYSIA'S TOP FIVE EXPORT DESTINATION



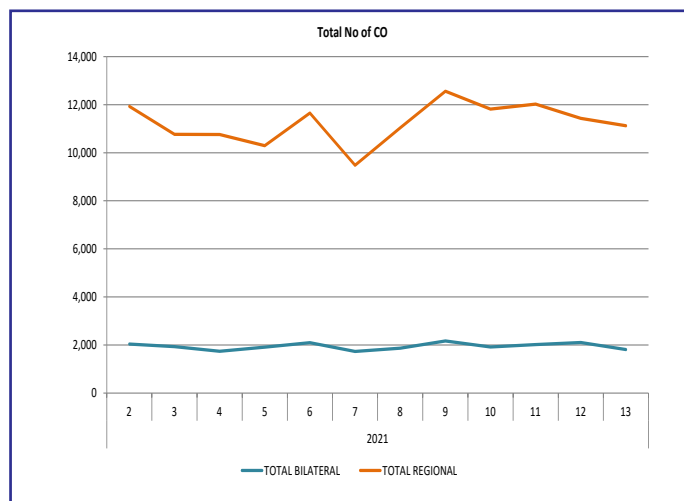
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Number of PCO as at 28 March 2021 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

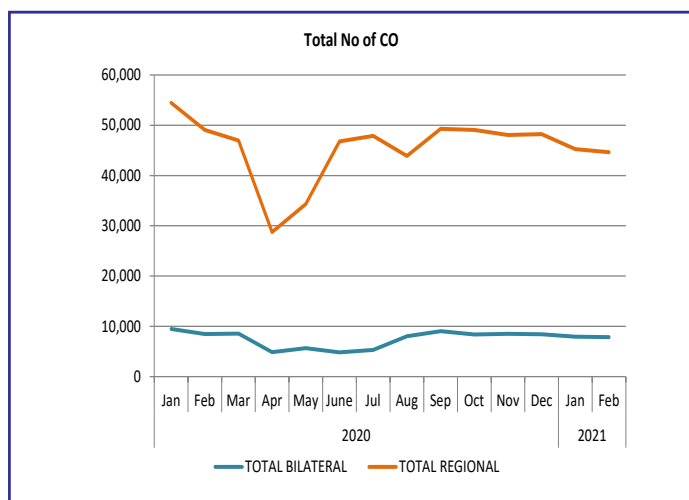
Weekly Total Scheme



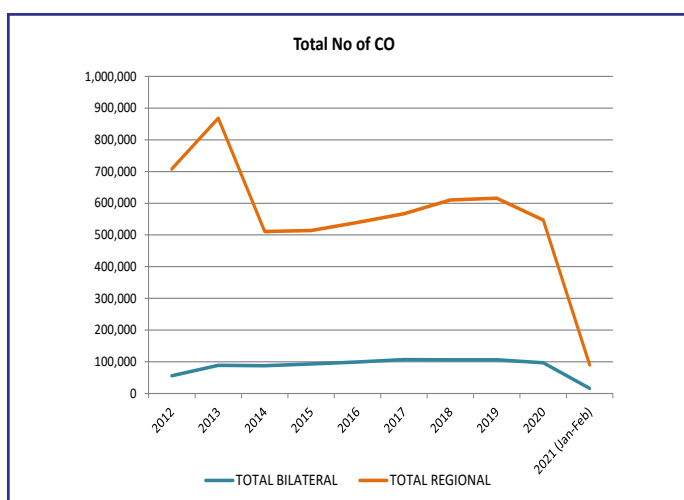
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Monthly



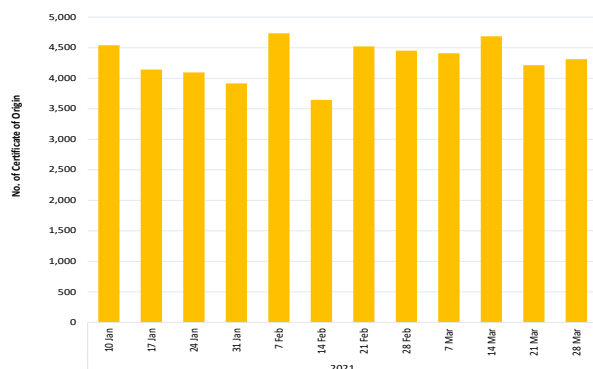
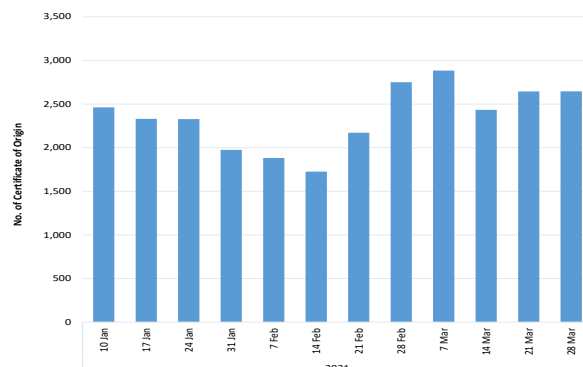
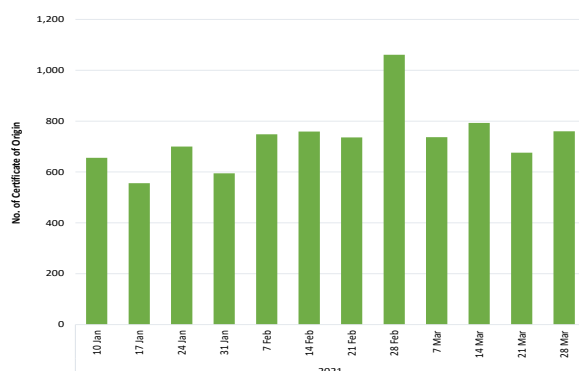
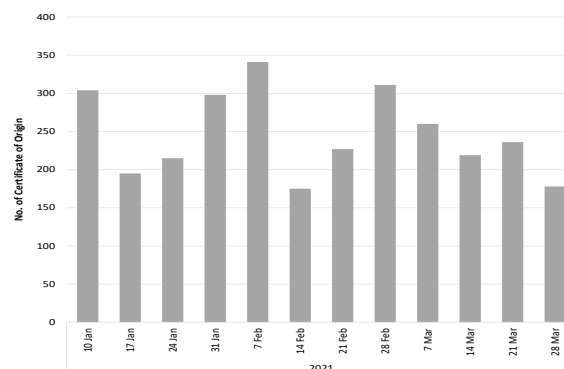
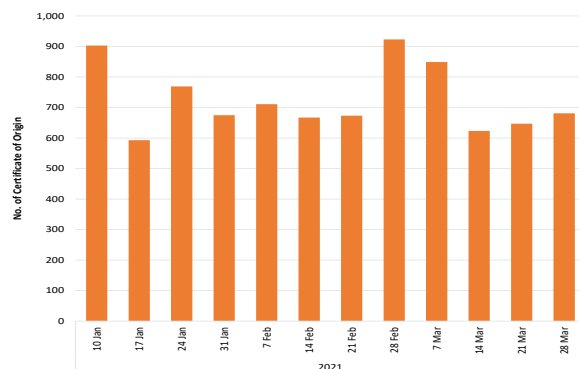
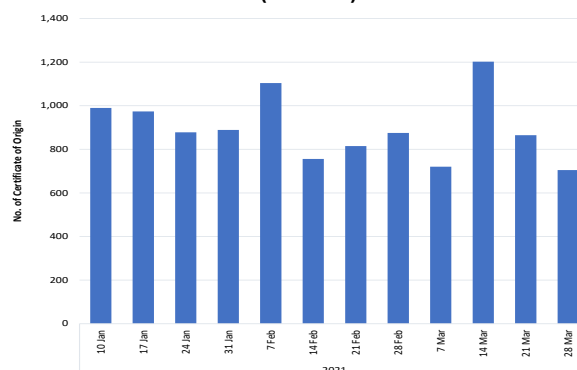
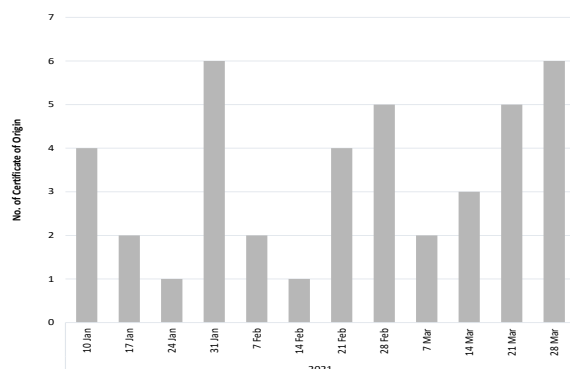
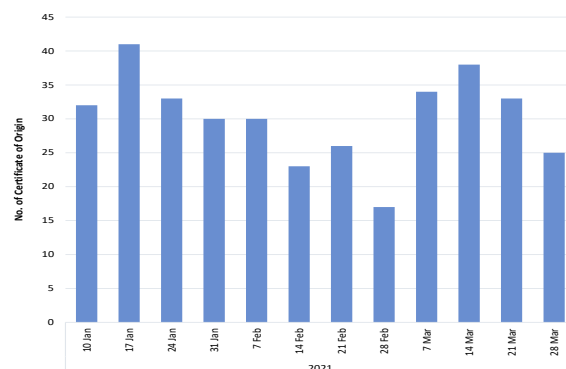
Annually



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

Regional FTA

Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs)

ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)

ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)

ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)

ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP)

ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AIFTA)

ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA)

ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)

Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)


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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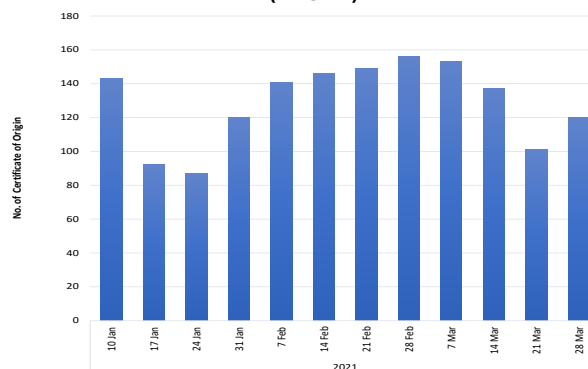
Bilateral FTA

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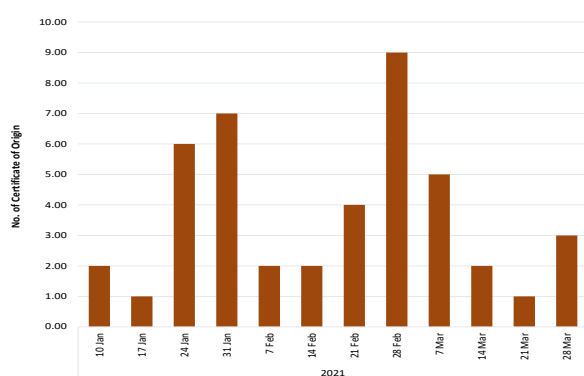
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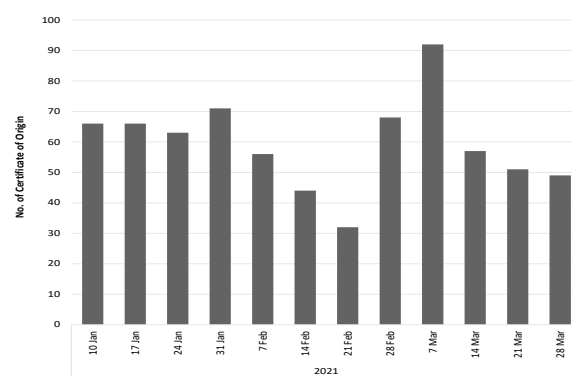
Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)



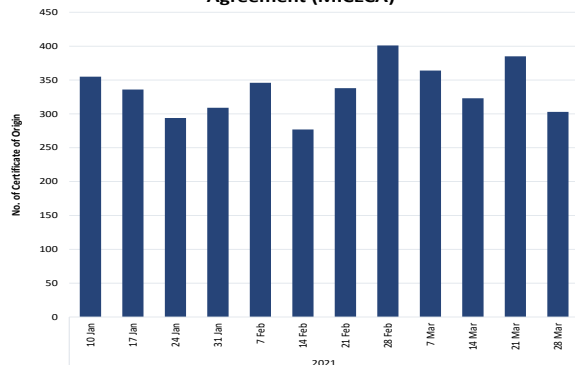
Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA)



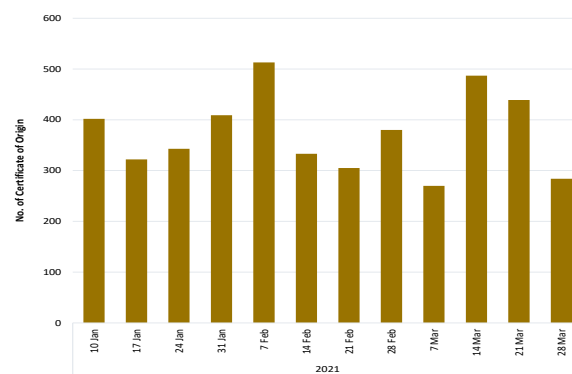
Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)



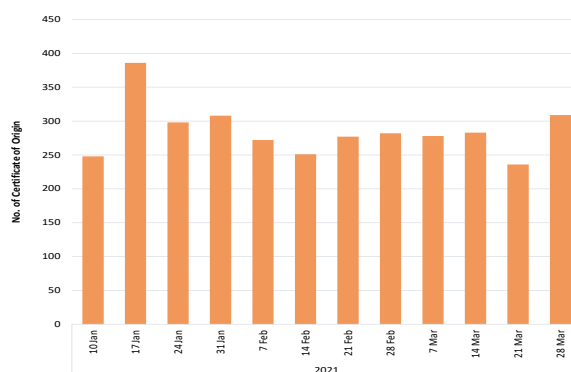
Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)



Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)



Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)

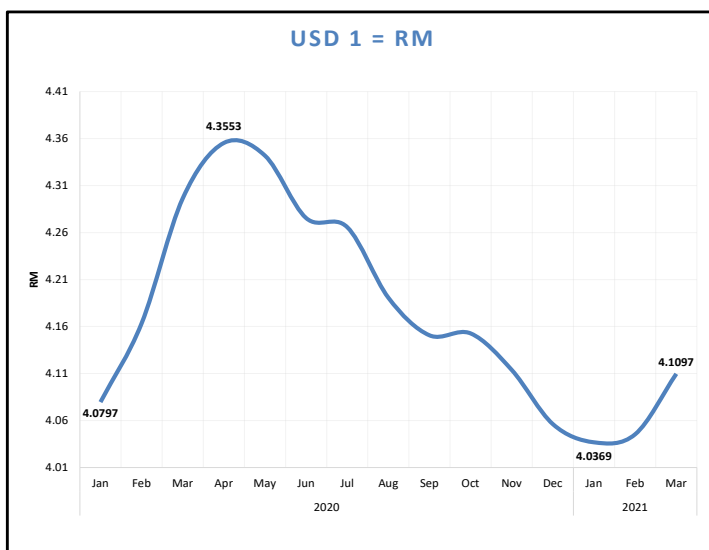


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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2020 - March 2021

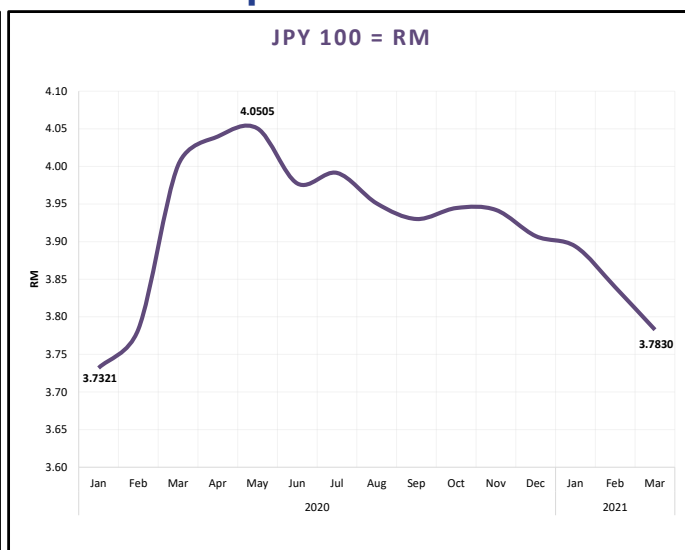
US Dollar

USD 1 = RM



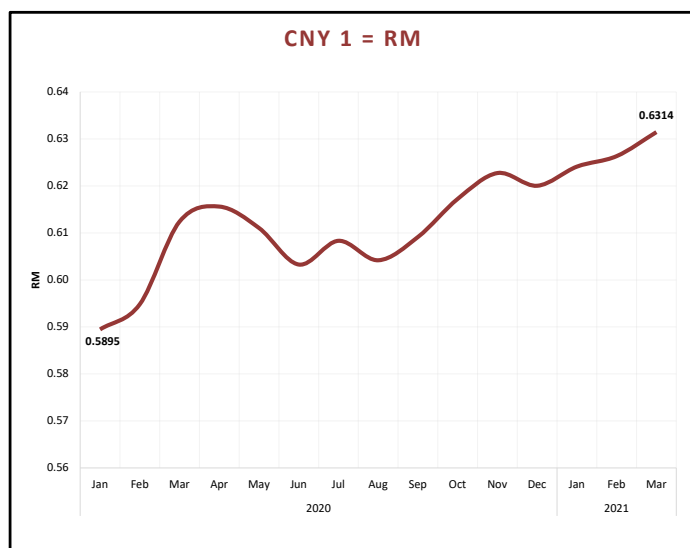
Japanese Yen

JPY 100 = RM



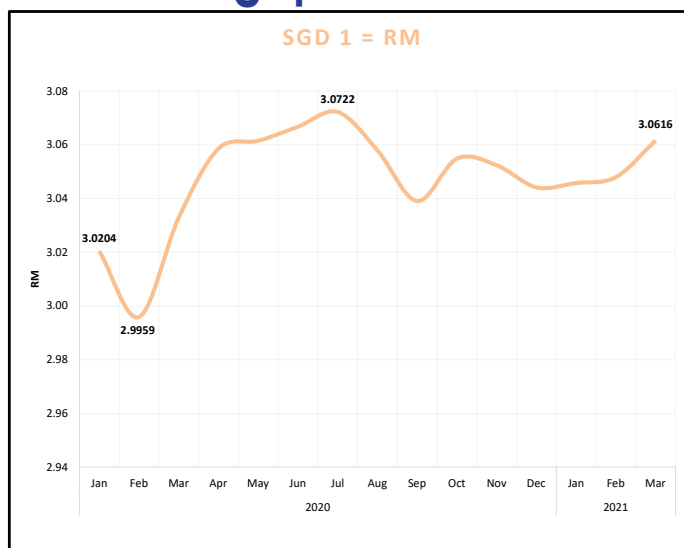
Chinese Yuan

CNY 1 = RM



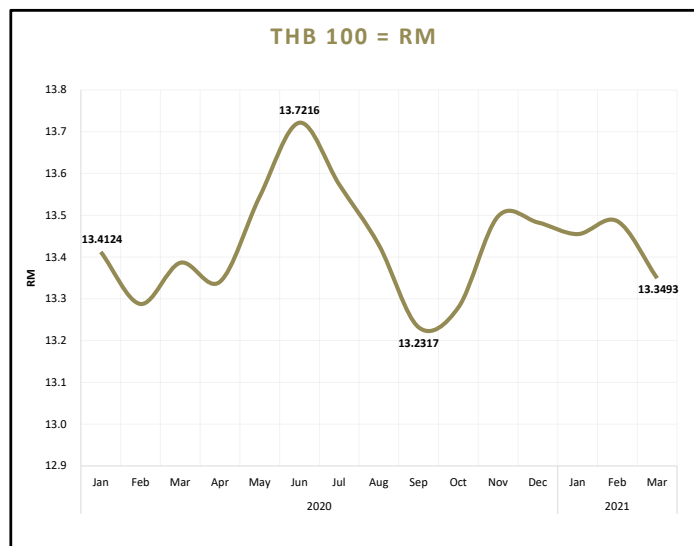
Singapore Dollar

SGD 1 = RM



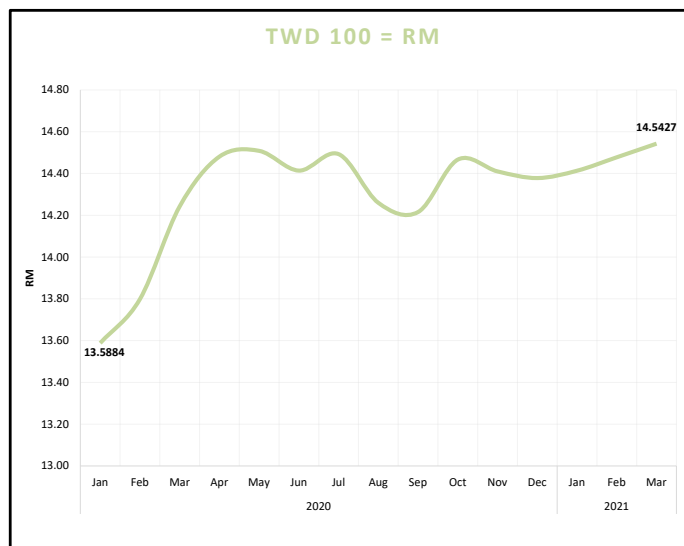
Thai Baht

THB 100 = RM



New Taiwan Dollar

TWD 100 = RM



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▲ 0.4%*
US\$64.9
01 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$43.5

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

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▲ 2.4%*
US\$990.8
01 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$668.3

Highest
2020/2021
12 Mar 2021 : US\$1,018.5
24 Dec 2020 : US\$944.2
22 Jan 2021 : US\$884.7
8 May 2020 : US\$473.0
Lowest
2020/2021

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ 2.4%*
US\$1,652.0
01 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,333.4

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ 2.7%*
US\$1,501.3
01 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,576.6

SUGAR -per lbs-



▼ 3.2%*
US\$14.7
01 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$12.9

COAL -per MT-



▲ 2.5%*
US\$70.2
01 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$47.7

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

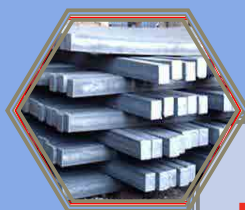


▲ 0.7%*
US\$455.0
(high)
▼ 0.5%*
US\$425.0
(low)
01 Apr 2021

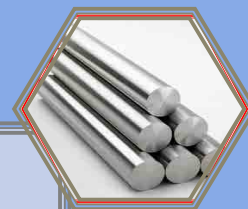
Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$307.9 (high)
Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$284.7 (low)

Domestic Prices

01 Apr 2021



Billets
(per MT)
RM2,450- RM2,550

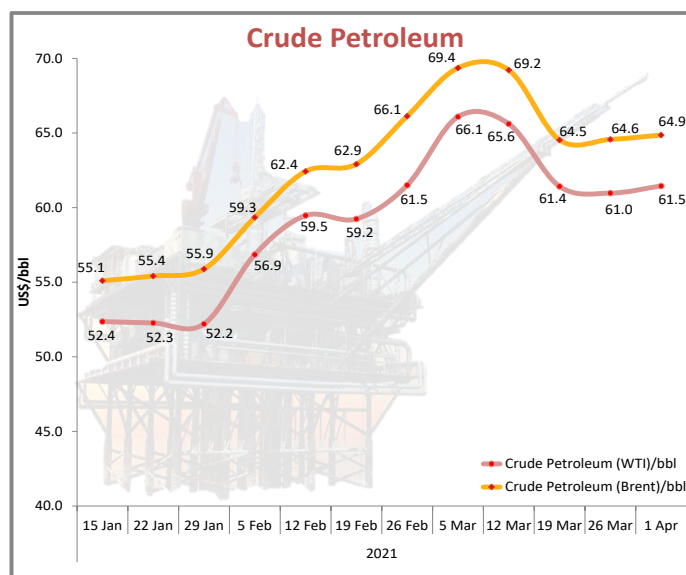
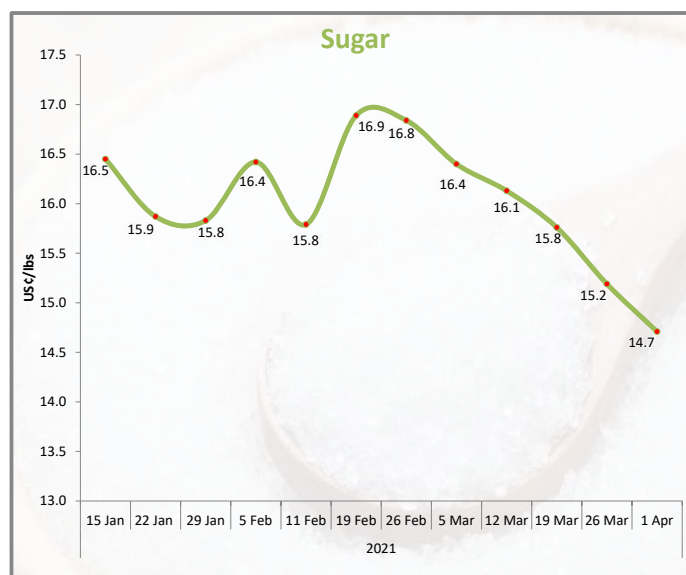
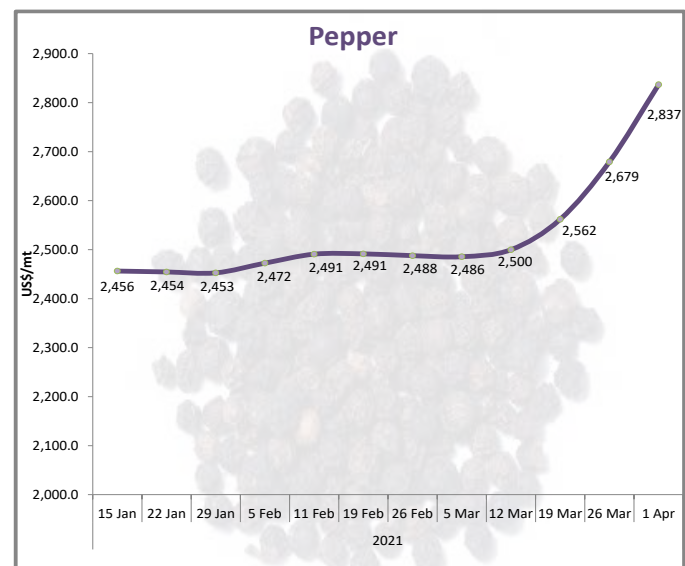
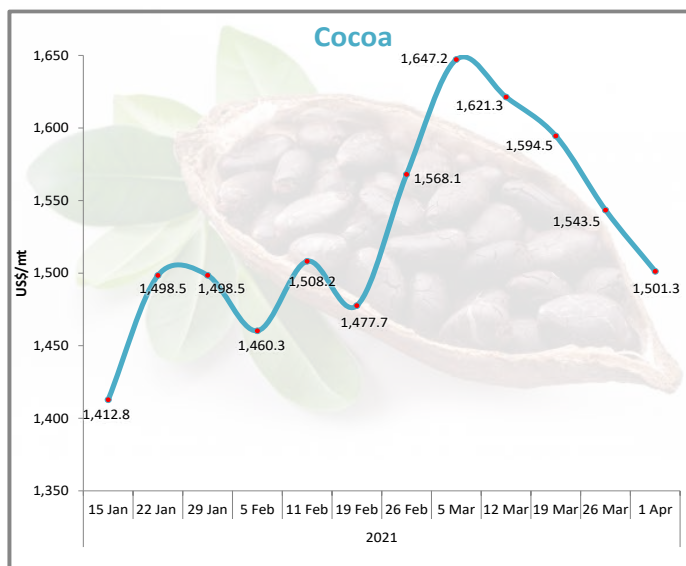
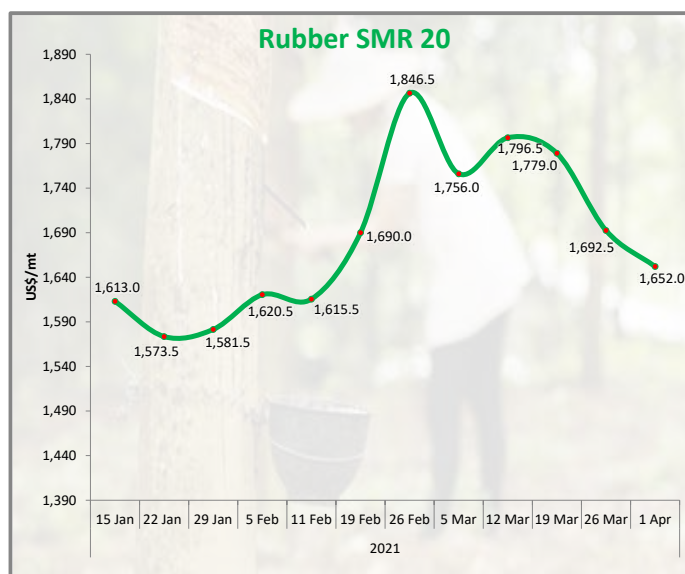
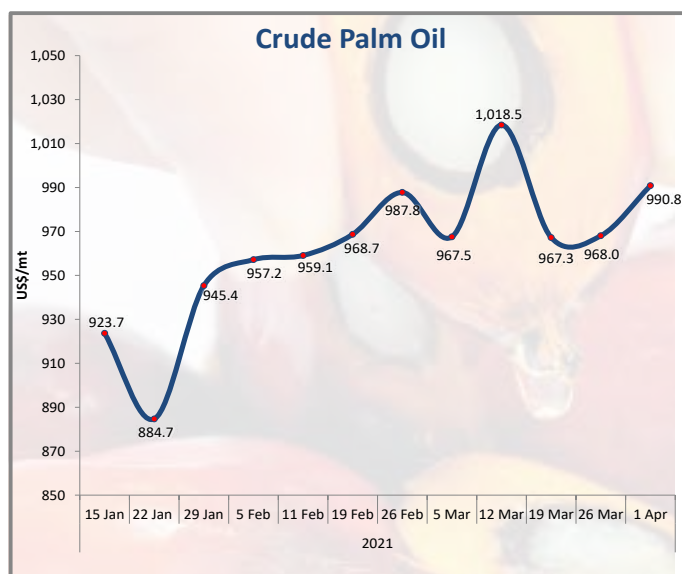


Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,700 – RM2,850

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

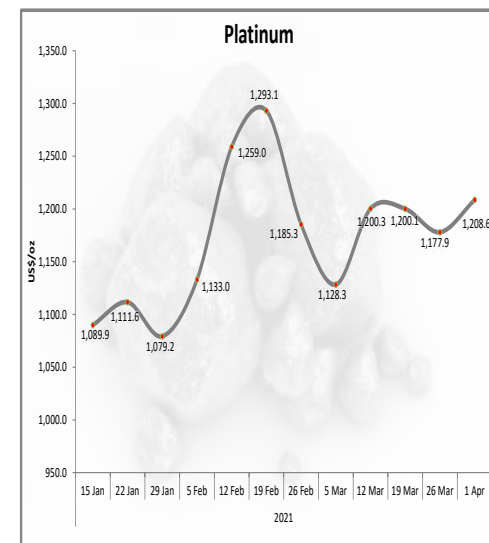
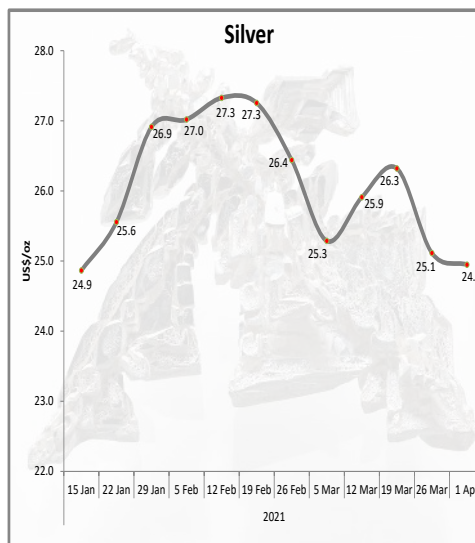
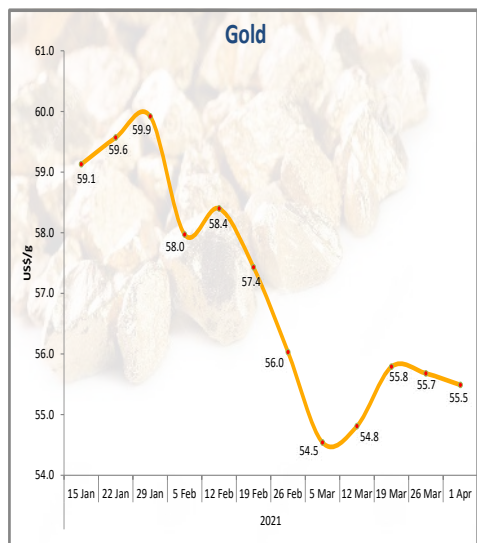
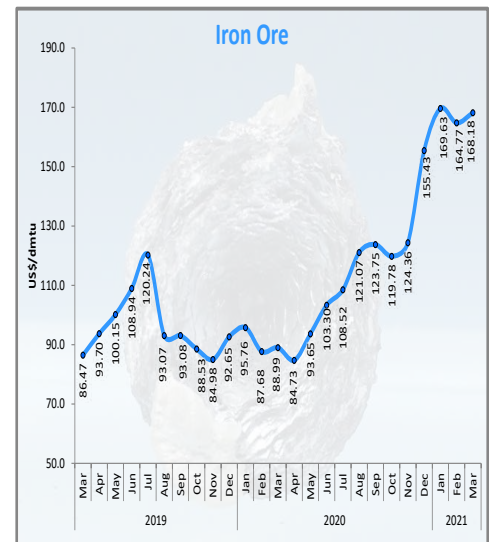
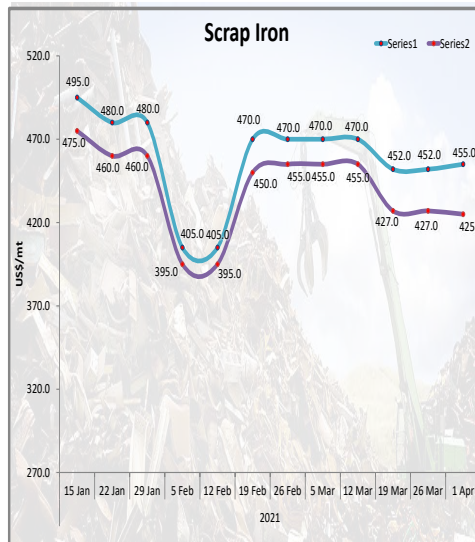
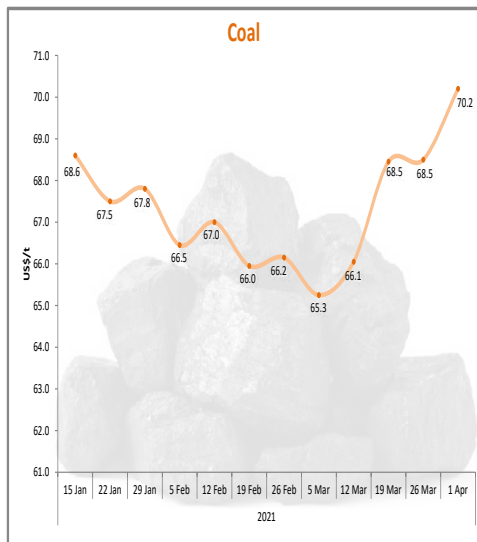
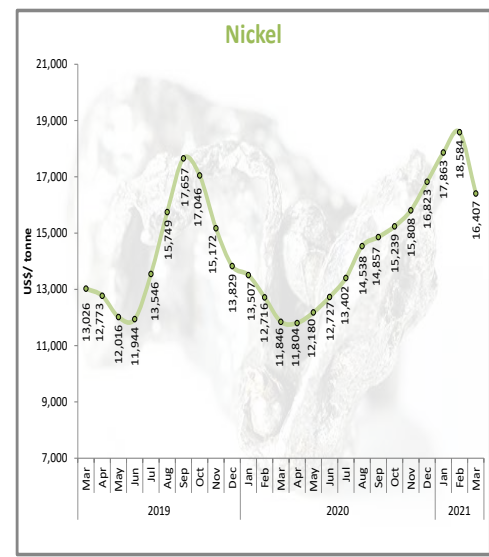
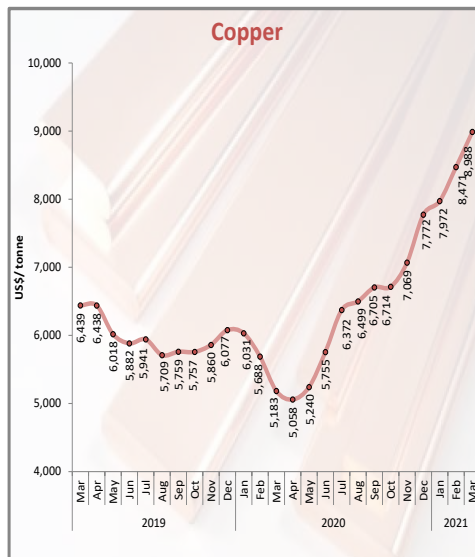
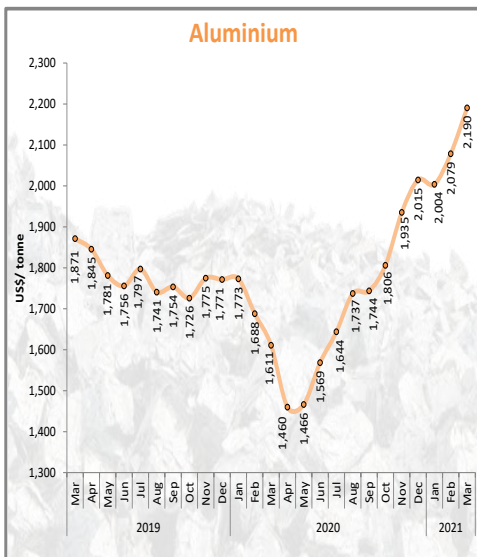
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Commodity Price Trends



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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.bpmib.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
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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



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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

Business Intervention



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

2



Evaluation by
Committees

3



Onsite
Assessment

4



Receive RA
Report

5



Develop
Intervention
Proposal

6



Apply for
Financial
Incentives

7



Implement the
Intervention
Plan

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SAFE@
WORK

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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WORK

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



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

Up to RM50,000

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

What's the incentive?



Email your questions to admin.safework@miti.gov.my



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
- For more information go to, www.miti.gov.my

##ECONOMICFRONTLINERS

COVID & MCO

30 Mac 2021

Bersama Hentikan Wabak COVID-19

NEGERI PKPP

SABAH PERAK PAHANG TERENGGANU

MELAKA PERLIS WP. PUTRAJAYA WP. LABUAN

KEDAH Kecuali Mukim Kuala Muda (PKPB) NEGERI SEMBILAN Kecuali Seremban (PKPB)

BERKUATKUASA

1 APRIL - 14 APRIL 2021

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Bersama Hentikan Wabak COVID-19

NEGERI PKPB

SELANGOR JOHOR KELANTAN

WP. KUALA LUMPUR PULAU PINANG

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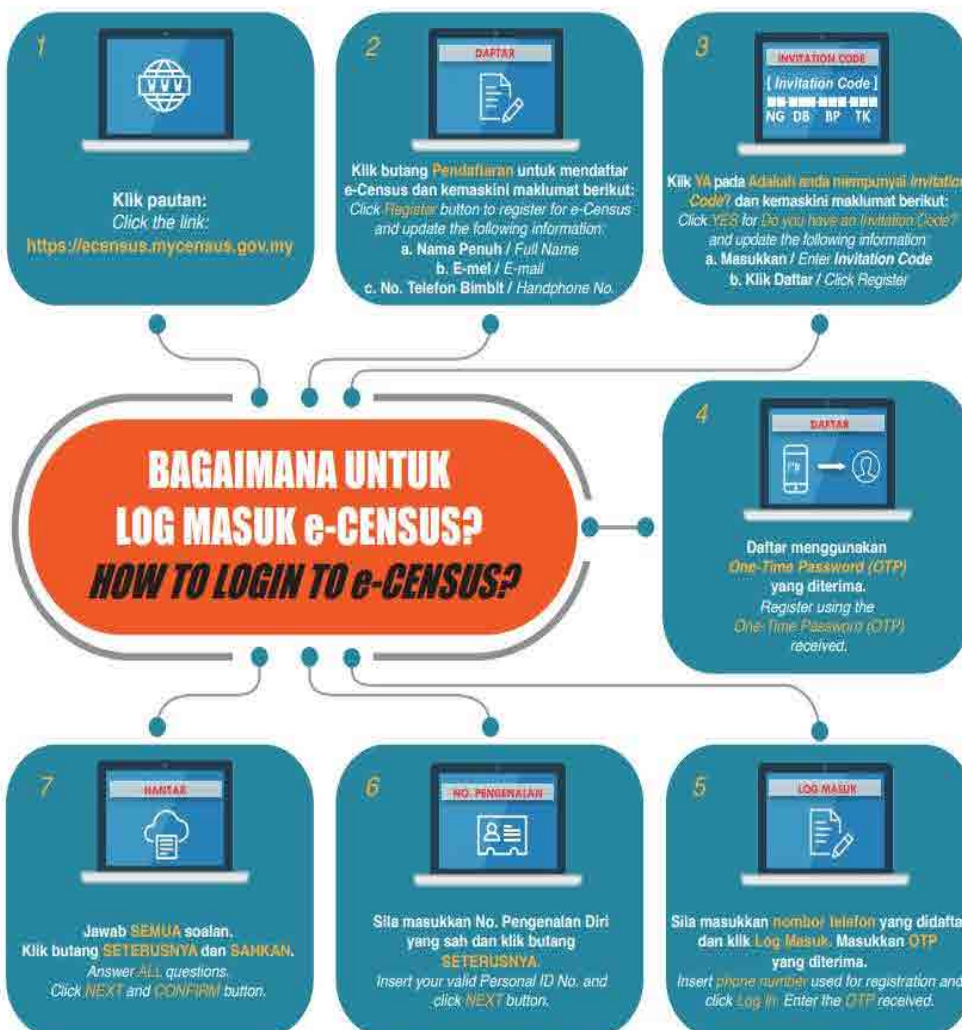
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