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MONTHLY MANUFACTURING, FEB 2021

Malaysia's Manufacturing sales in February 2021 stood at RM118.4 billion, grew 6.4 per cent as compared to RM111.2 billion reported a year ago. On month-on-month growth, the sales value went down by 3.6 per cent (RM4.5 billion) while in a seasonally adjusted terms, the sales value increased by 8.3 per cent. The year-on-year increase in February 2021 was driven by Electrical & Electronics Products (10.3%), Food, Beverages & Tobacco Products (9.0%) and Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures Products

Manufacturing sales continued to grow at 6.4 per cent in February 2021

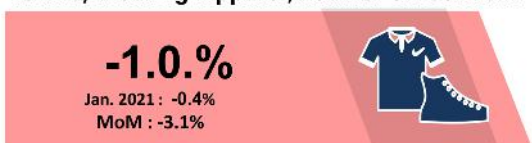
 SALES VALUE	 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	 SALARIES & WAGES	 SALES VALUE PER EMPLOYEE
RM118.4 billion 6.4% Jan. 2021 : 4.1% MoM : -3.6%	2,228,415 persons -2.2% Jan. 2021 : -2.4% MoM : 0.1%	RM7,518.8 million -1.2% Jan 2021 : -1.4% MoM : -0.5%	RM53,138 8.8% Jan. 2021 : 6.7% MoM : -3.8%

SALES VALUE BY SUB-SECTOR

Food, Beverages & Tobacco



Textile, Wearing Apparel, Leather & Footwear



Wood, Furniture, Paper Products & Printing



Petroleum Chemical, Rubber & Plastic



Non-Metallic Mineral Products, Basic Metal & Fabricated Metal Products



Electrical & Electronics Products



Transport Equipment & Other Manufactures



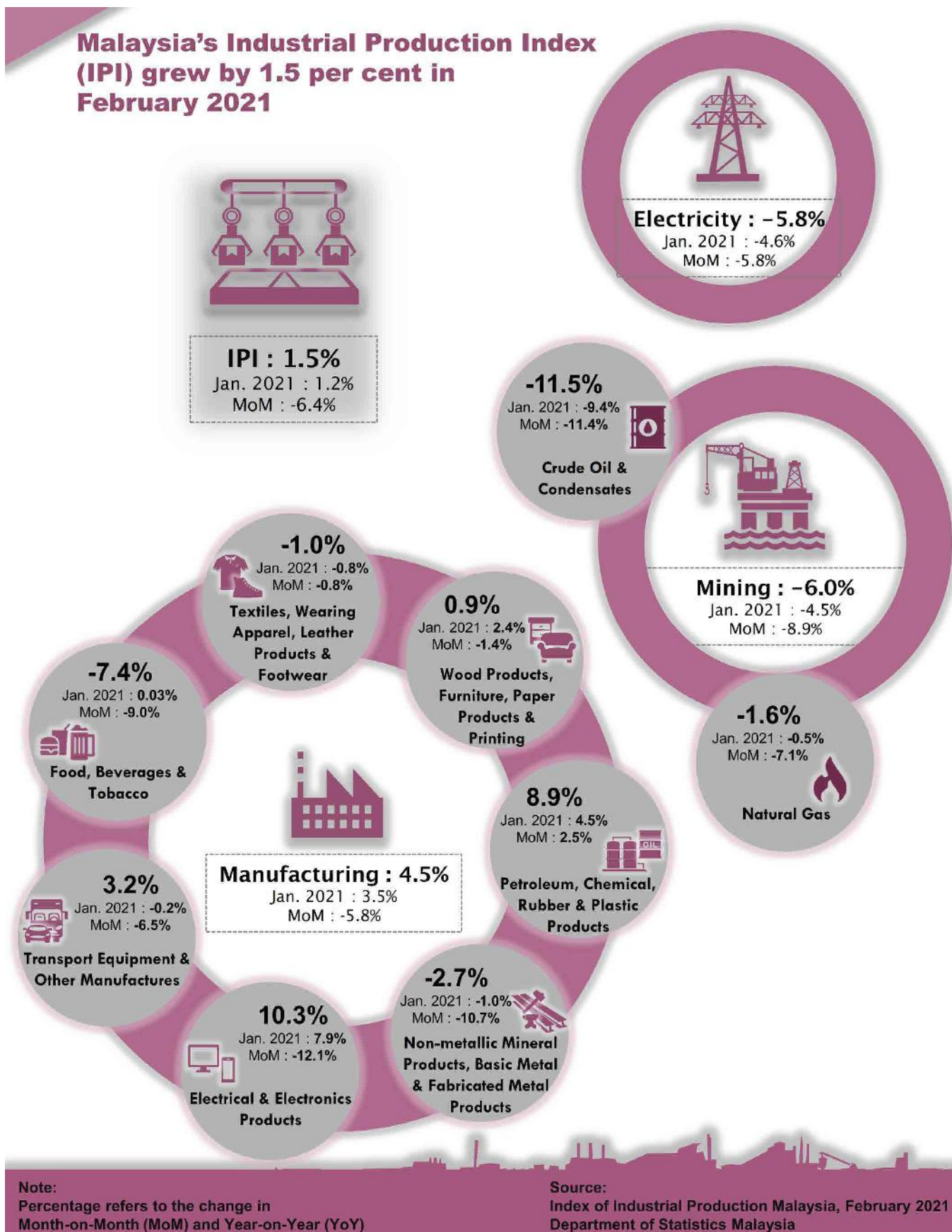
Note : Percentage growth refers to Year-on-Year (YoY) and Month-on-Month (MoM) changes

Source : Monthly Manufacturing Statistics, Malaysia
February 2021
Department of Statistics Malaysia

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (IPI), FEB 2021

The Industrial Production Index (IPI) grew 1.5 per cent in February 2021 as compared to the same month of the previous year. The growth of IPI in February 2021 was driven by the Manufacturing index with an increase of 4.5 per cent. Meanwhile, Mining and Electricity index dropped 6.0 per cent and 5.8 per cent respectively.

Malaysia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) grew by 1.5 per cent in February 2021



DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE, FEB 2021

Sales value of Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded RM108.0 billion in February 2021, registering -0.9 per cent contraction year-on year. The contraction was due to Retail Trade which slipped -2.1 per cent. Similarly, Motor Vehicles and Wholesale Trade also decreased -0.1 per cent respectively. In terms of volume index, Wholesale & Retail Trade registered a growth of -1.1 per cent year-on-year to record 126.5 points. The decline was due to the decrease of -2.1 per cent and -1.0 per cent in Retail Trade and Motor Vehicles respectively. Wholesale Trade also recorded a negative growth to register 0.1 per cent.



VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, FEBRUARY 2021

Volume Index Records -1.1 per cent Growth



Percentage change: Year-on-Year

Source: Performance of Wholesale & Retail Trade February 2021, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

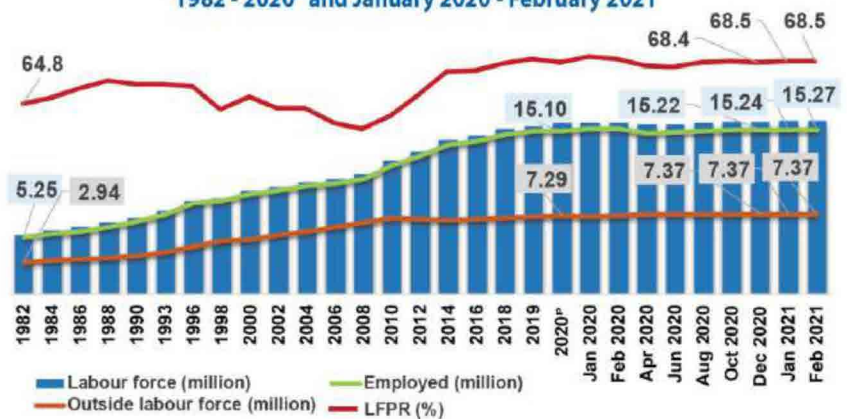
LABOUR FORCE, FEB 2021

February 2021 saw the number of employed persons rose by 0.2 per cent or equivalent to 33.3 thousand persons to 15.27 million persons (January 2021: 15.24 million persons). The employment-to-population ratio which indicates the ability of an economy to create employment remained stagnant at 65.2 per cent in February 2021.

Marginal improvement in February's labour force in parallel with the encouraging signs of the economy



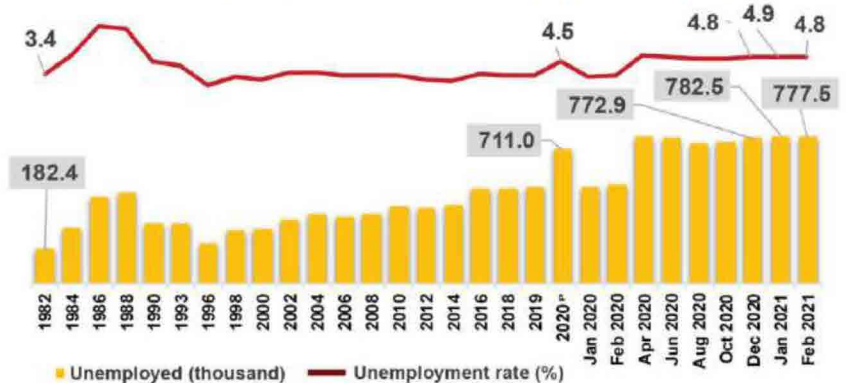
Labour Force, Employed and Outside Labour Force, 1982 - 2020* and January 2020 - February 2021



Employed persons was **15.27 million** persons, increased by 33.3 thousand persons as compared to the previous month



Unemployment, 1982 - 2020* and January 2020 - February 2021



Number of unemployed persons decreased to **777.5 thousand** persons

Source: Labour Force Survey, Department of Statistics Malaysia

WORLD AGRICULTURE, 2020

AGRICULTURE VALUE ADDED



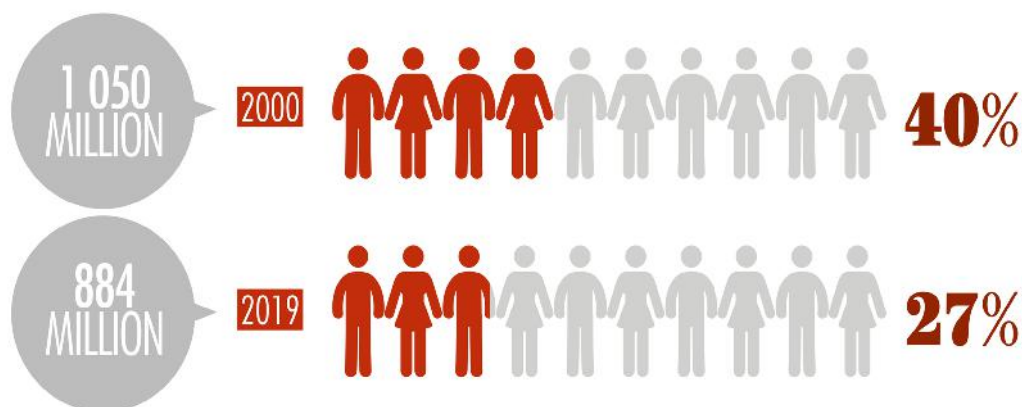
Agriculture value added went up 68% between 2000 and 2018 to around USD 3.4 trillion.

SHARE OF AGRICULTURE IN GLOBAL GDP



The share of agriculture in global GDP has been stable at around 4% since 2000.

GLOBAL WORKFORCE EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE



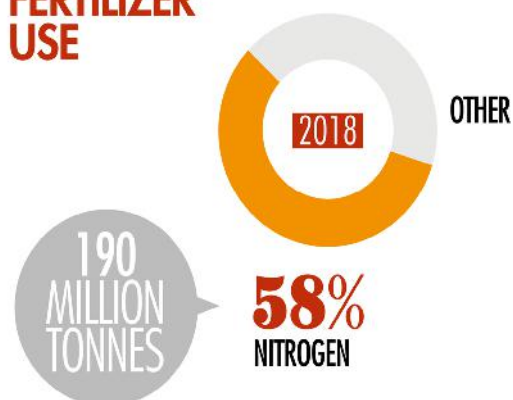
Agriculture employed 884 million people in 2019, or 27% of the global workforce, compared with 1 050 million (or 40%) in 2000.

PESTICIDE USE



Pesticide use went up by one-third between 2000 and 2018, but has plateaued since 2012.

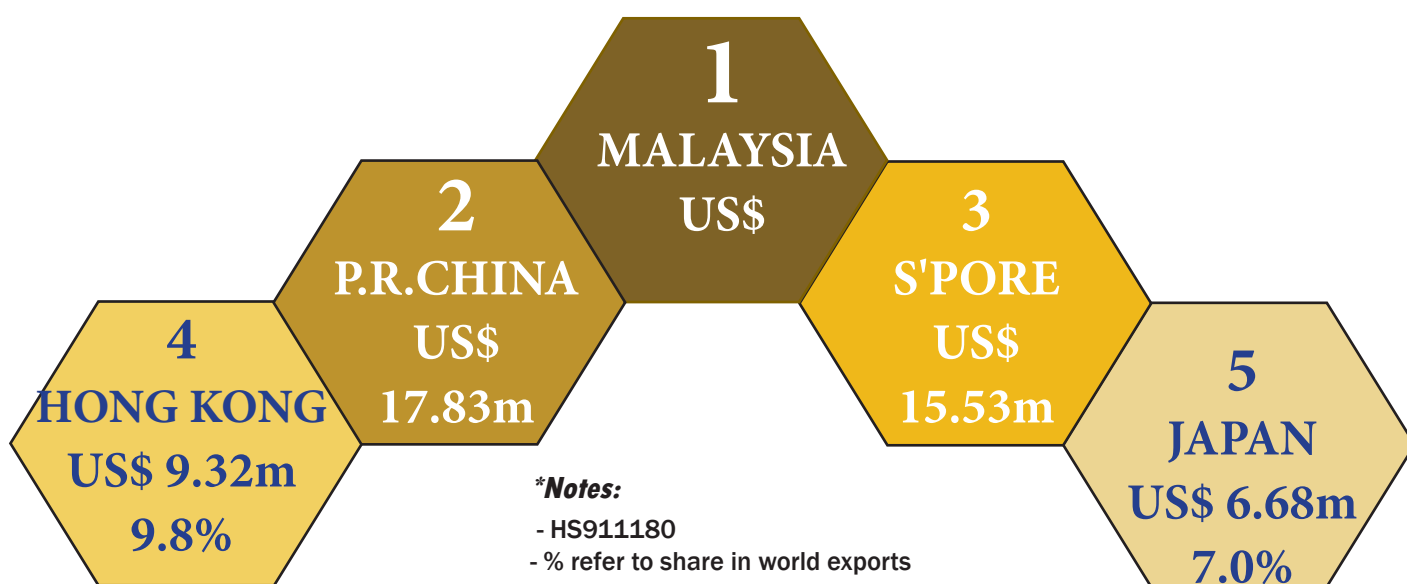
FERTILIZER USE



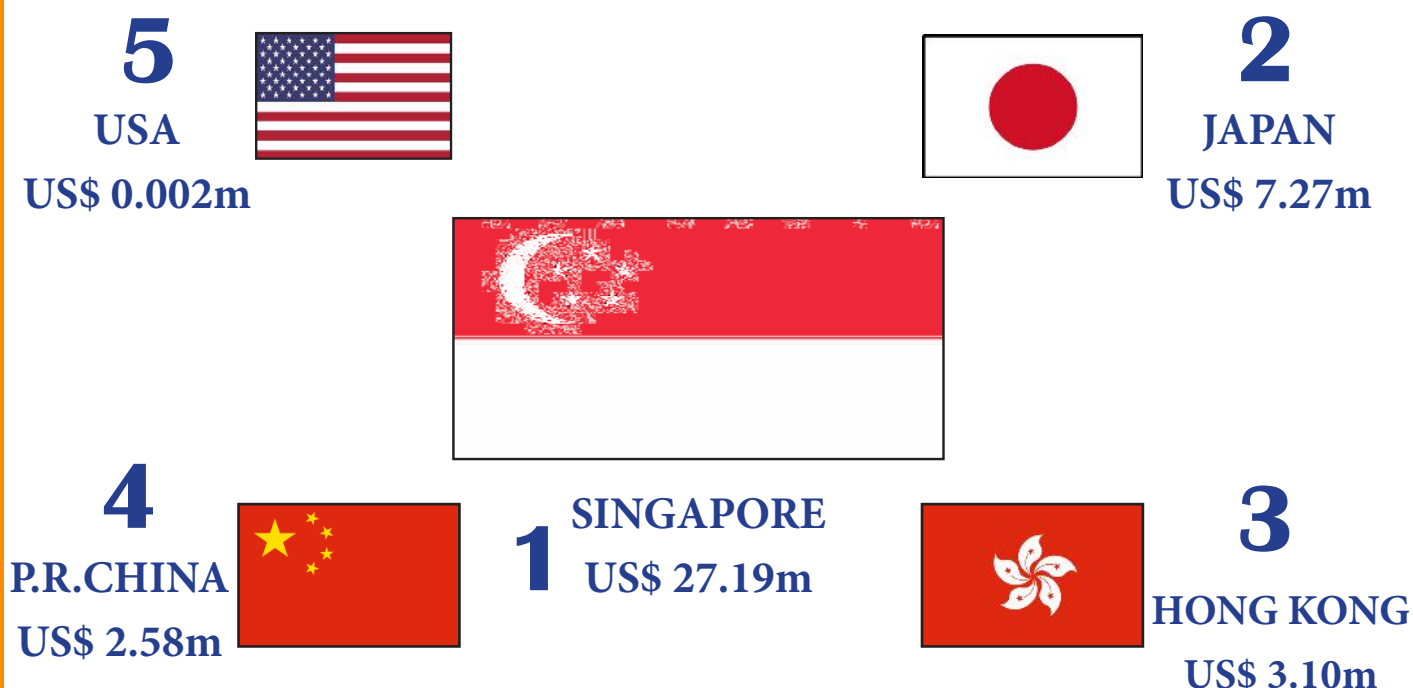
About 190 million tonnes of fertilizer were used in 2018, of which 58% was nitrogen.

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER CASES FOR WRIST-WATCHES, POCKET-WATCHES AND OTHER WATCHES OF HEADING 9101 OR 9102, OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN PRECIOUS METAL, CLAD WITH PRECIOUS METAL OR BASE METAL

In 2019, Malaysia's export of cases for wrist-watches, pocket-watches and other watches of heading 9101 or 9102, of materials other than precious metal, clad with precious metal or base metal recorded US\$ 40.13 million which was 42 % share of the world exports.



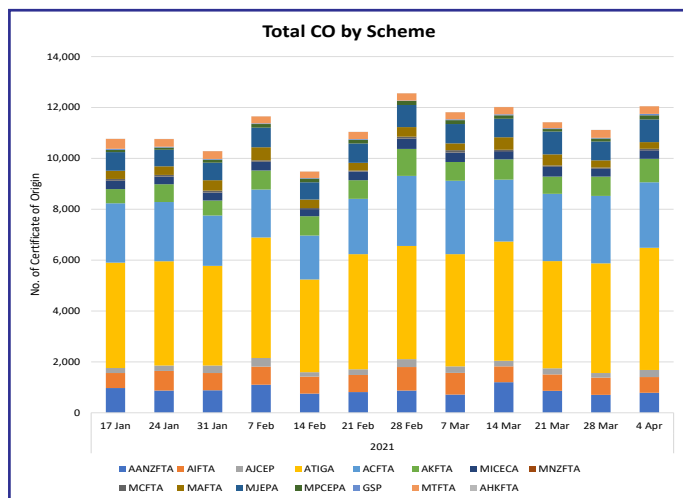
MALAYSIA'S TOP FIVE EXPORT DESTINATION



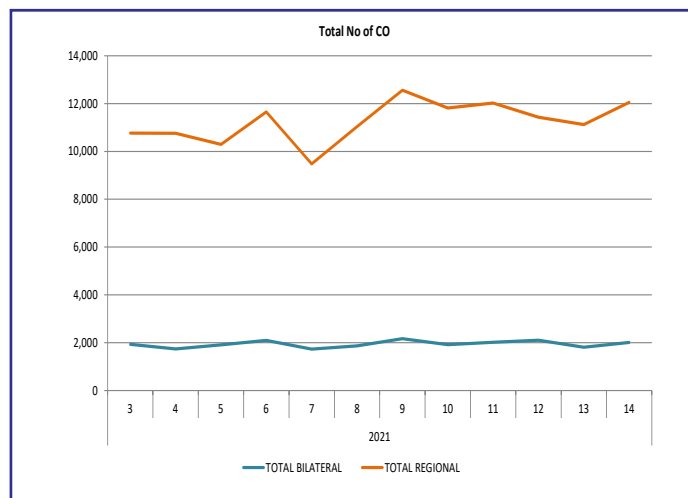
Source: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

Number of PCO as at 4 April 2021 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

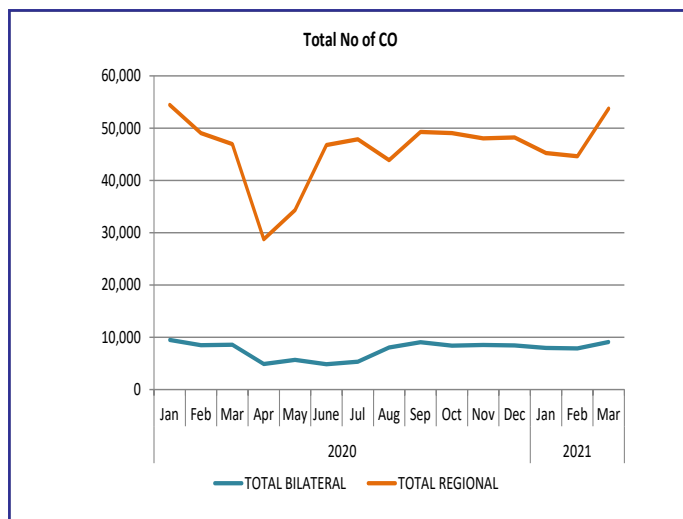
Weekly Total Scheme



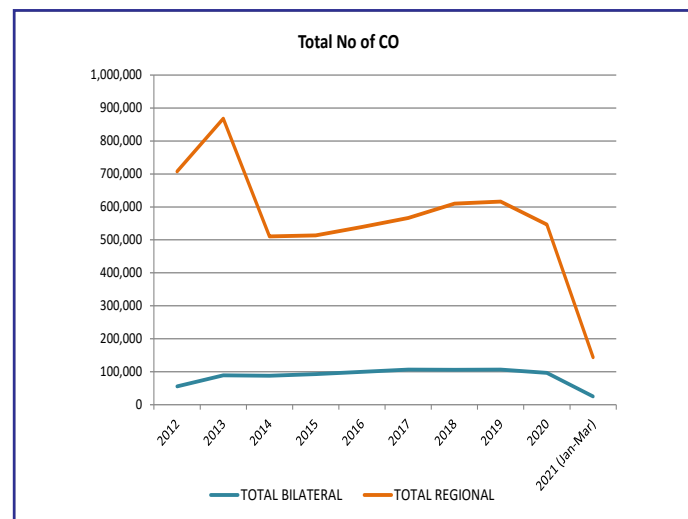
Weekly



Monthly



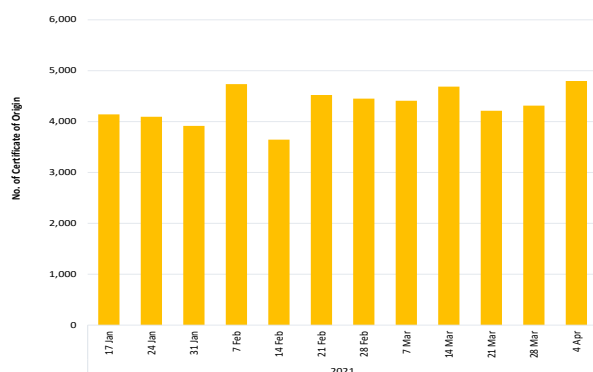
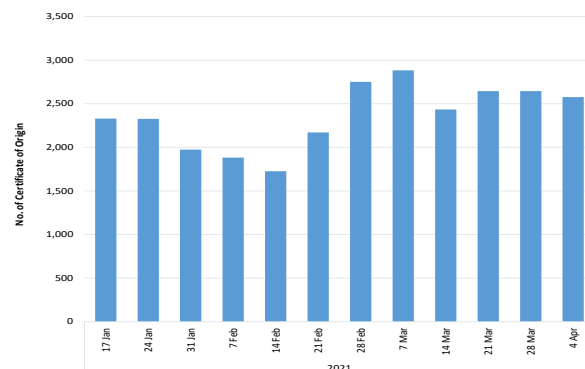
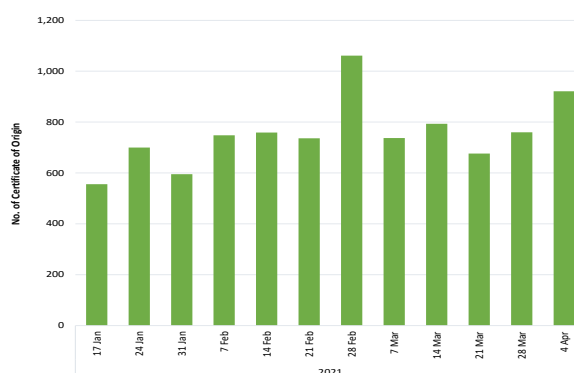
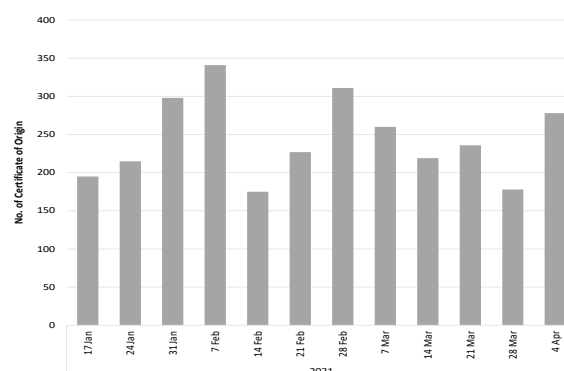
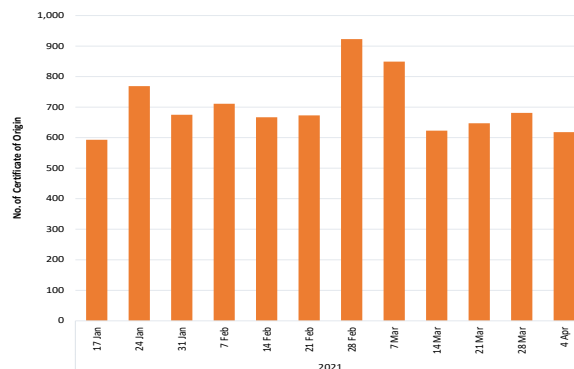
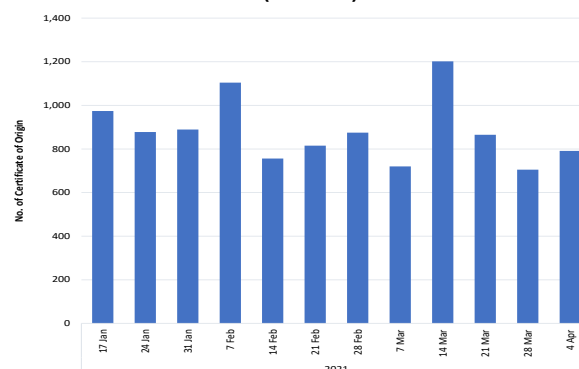
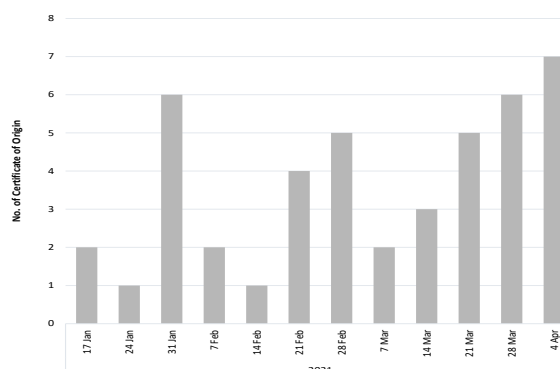
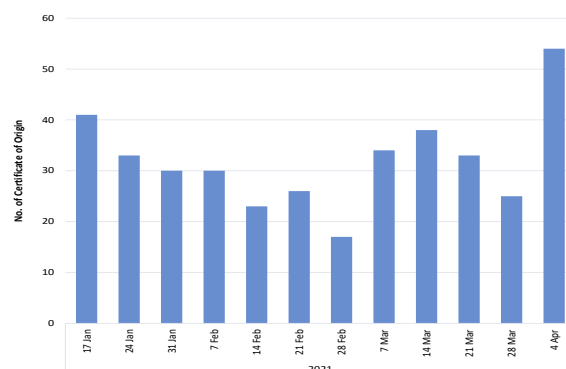
Annually



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)


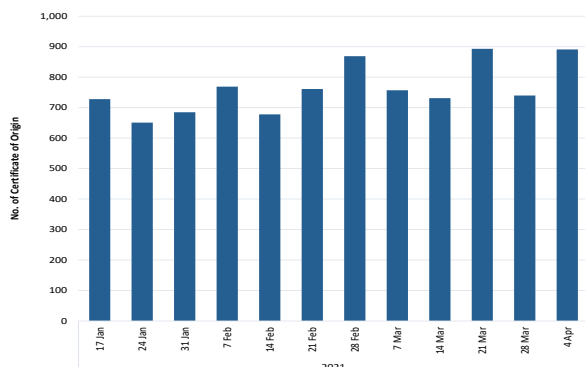
Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

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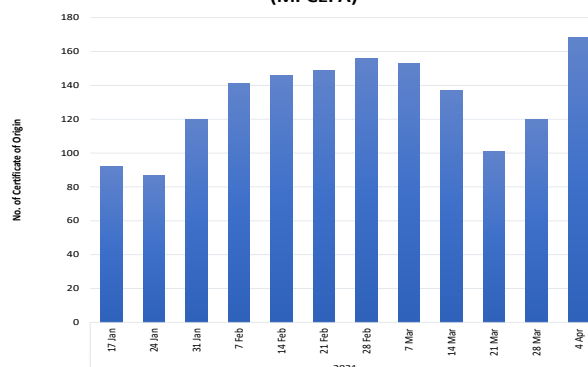
Bilateral FTA

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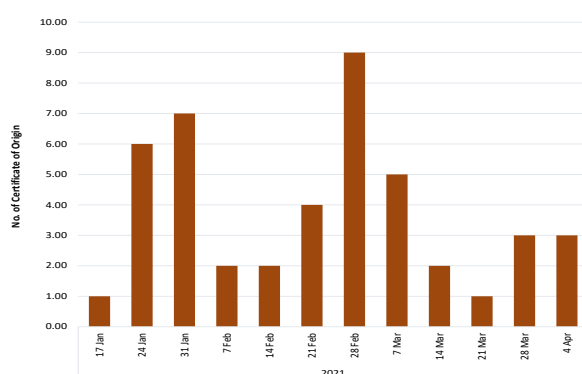
Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)



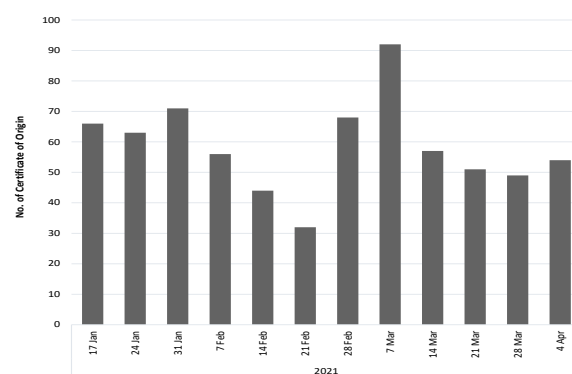
Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)



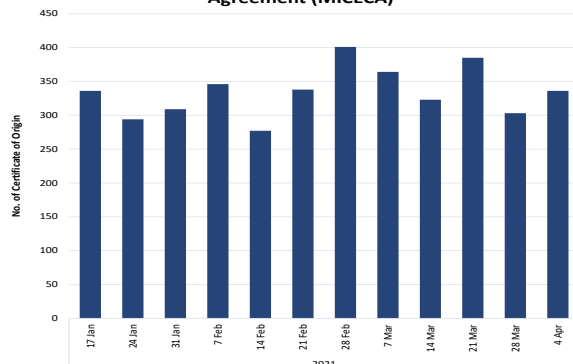
Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA)



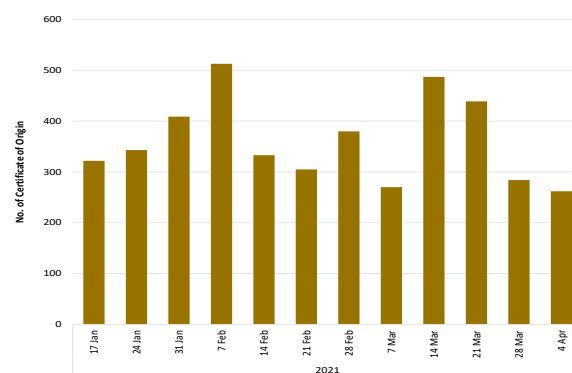
Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)



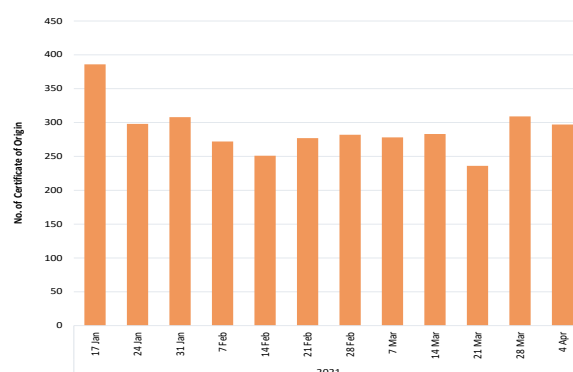
Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)



Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)



Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)



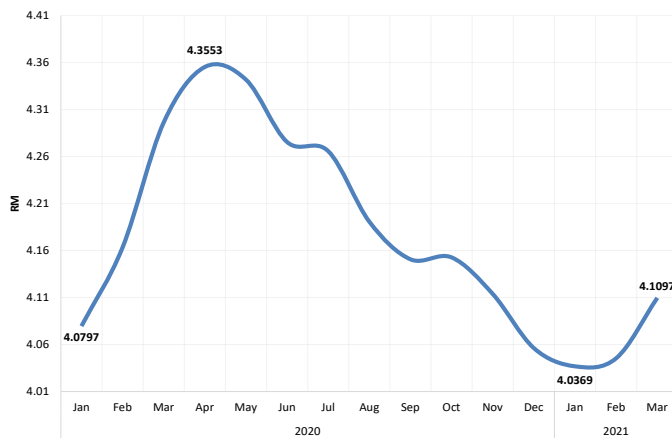
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Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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

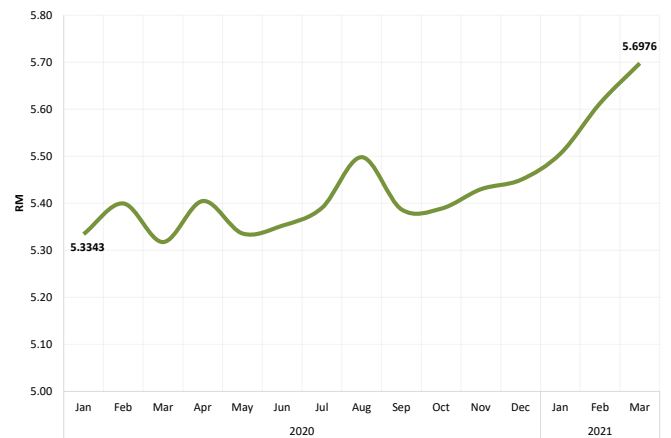
US Dollar

USD 1 = RM



Pound Sterling

GBP 1 = RM



Euro

EUR 1 = RM



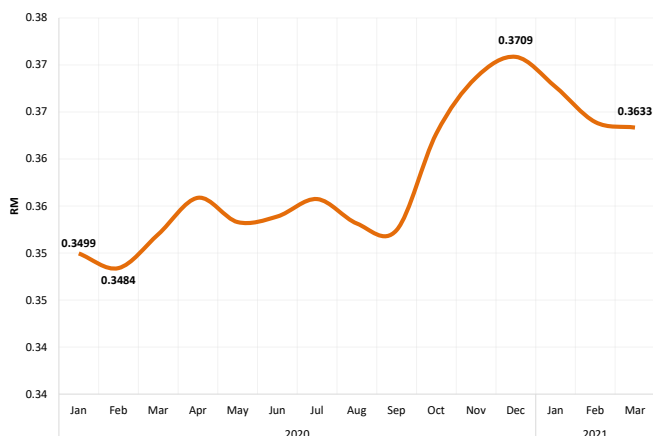
Australian Dollar

AUD 1 = RM



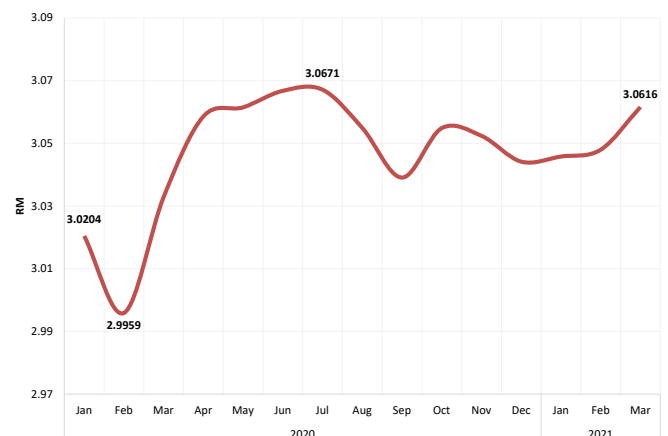
South Korean Won

KRW 100 = RM



Brunei Dollar

BND 1 = RM



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼ **2.9%***
US\$63.0
9 Apr 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-



▲ **4.3%***
US\$1,033.3
9 Apr 2021

Highest
2020/2021

9 Apr 2021 : US\$1,033.3
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-



▼ **1.6%***
US\$1,626.0
9 Apr 2021

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ **2.9%***
US\$1,458.0
9 Apr 2021

SUGAR -per lbs-

▲ **4.8%***
US\$15.4
9 Apr 2021



Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,333.4

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$1,576.6

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$12.9

COAL -per MT-



▼ **3.8%***
US\$67.6
9 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$47.7

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



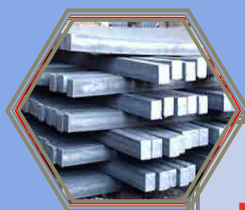
⊖ **%*** : ⊖ **%***
US\$455.0 : US\$425.0
(high) : (low)
9 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$307.9 (high)

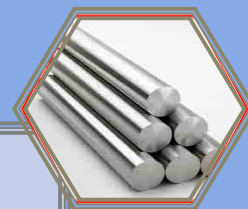
Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$284.7 (low)

Domestic Prices

9 Apr 2021



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



**Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,700 – RM2,850**

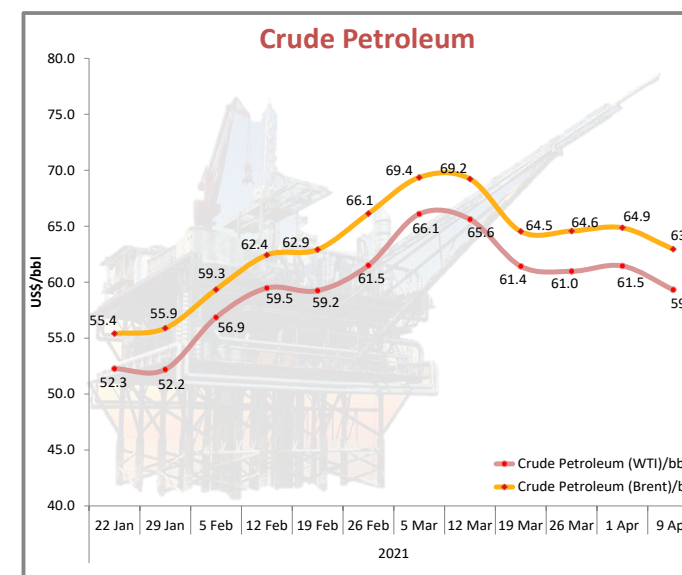
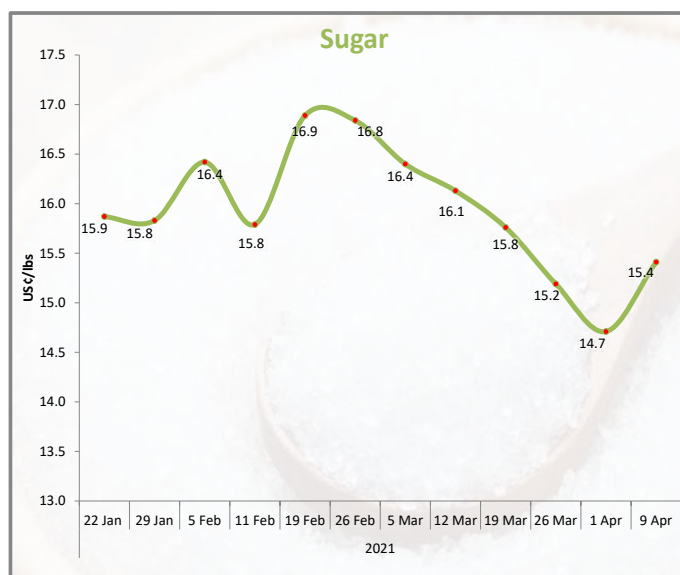
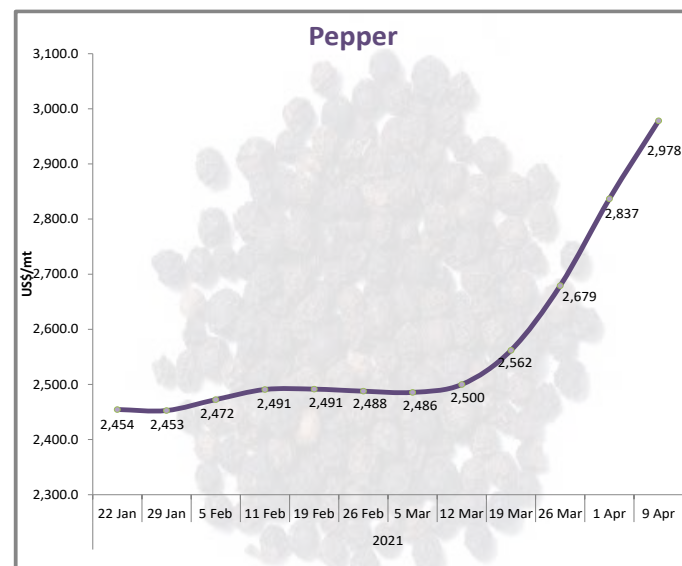
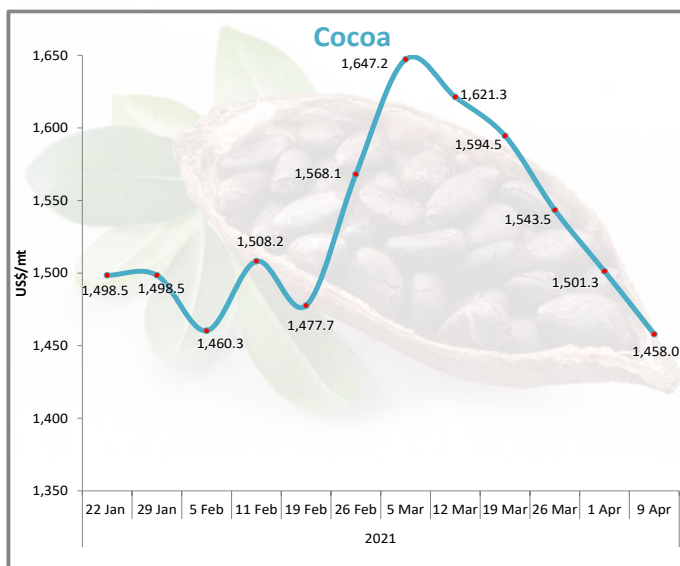
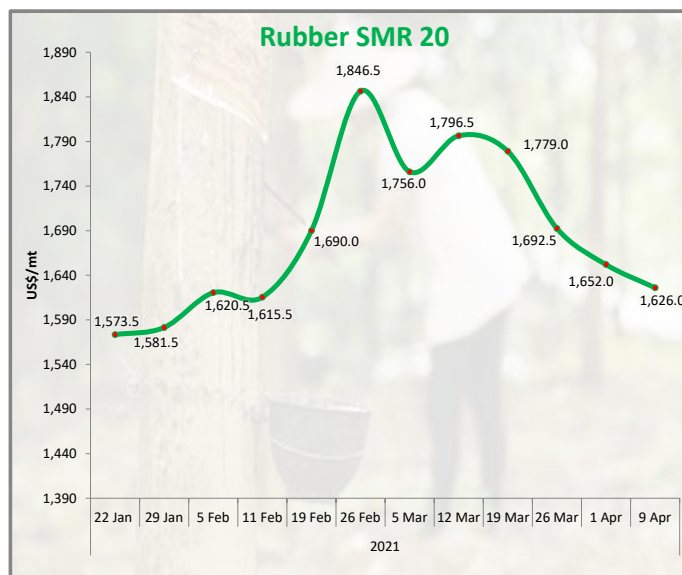
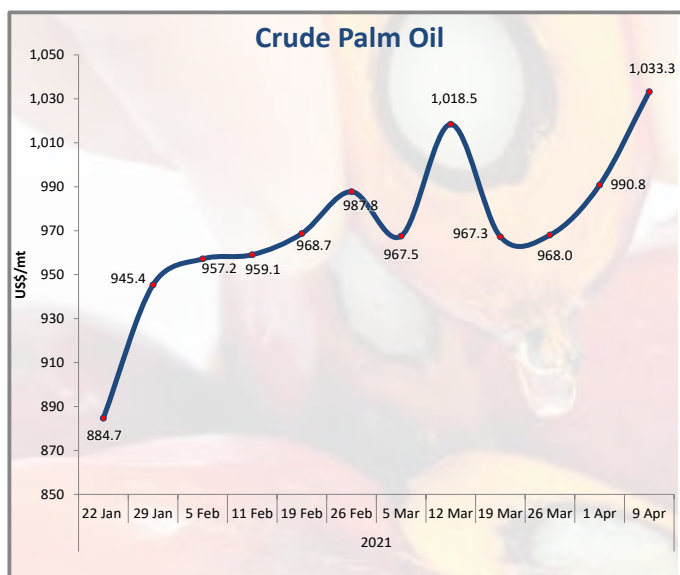
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

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

i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

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.

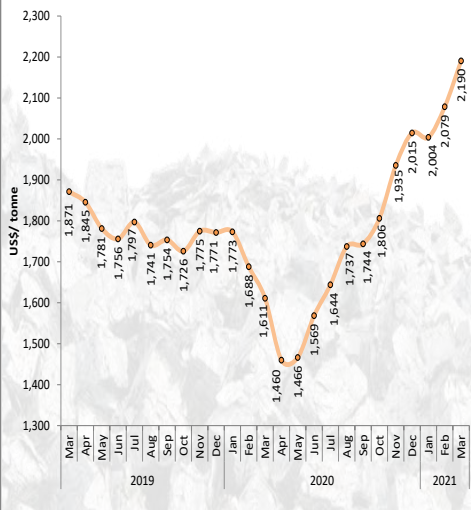
Commodity Price Trends



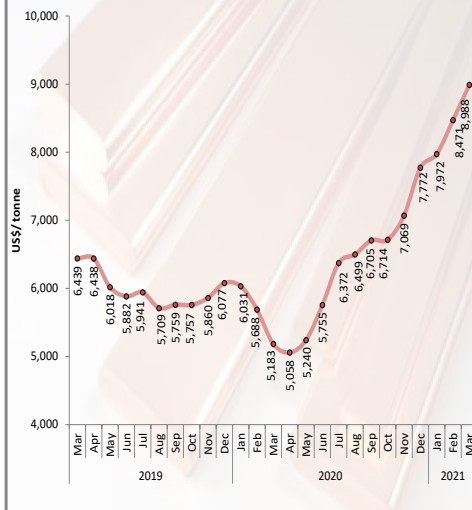
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Commodity Price Trends

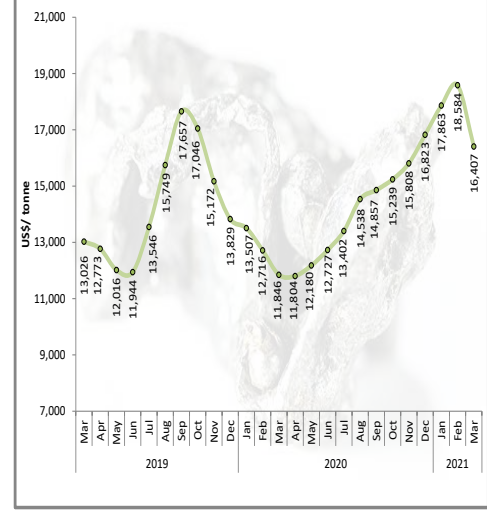
Aluminium



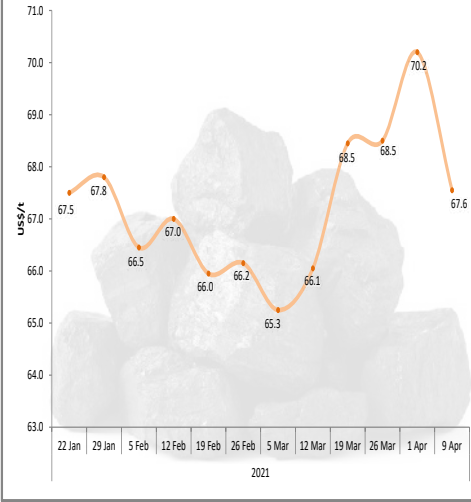
Copper



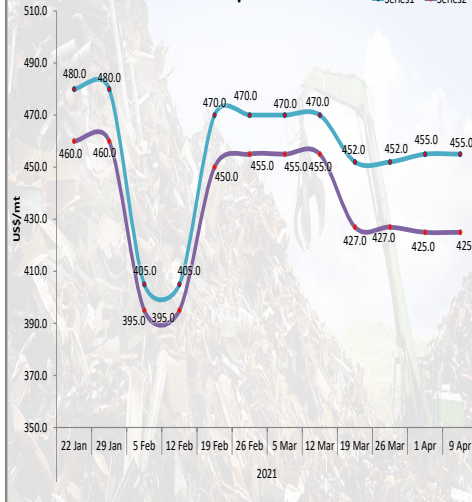
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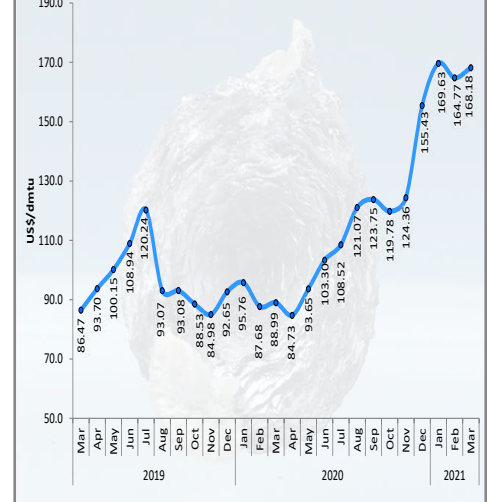
Coal



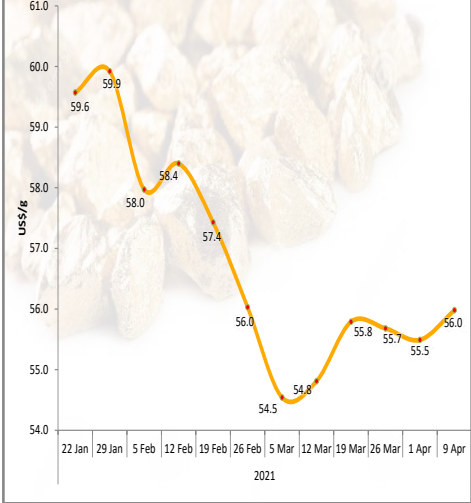
Scrap Iron



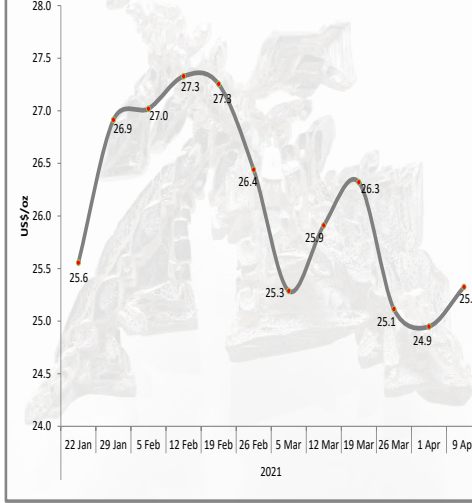
Iron Ore



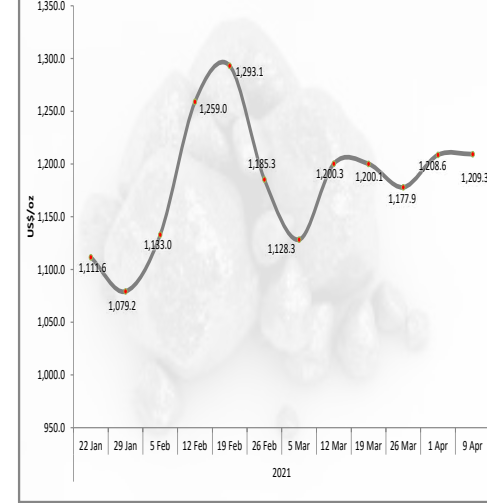
Gold



Silver



Platinum



Sources: Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation, Bloomberg and Czarikow Group, World Bank, World Gold Council, The Wall Street Journal.



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
- 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



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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



Evaluation by
Committees



Onsite
Assessment



Receive RA
Report



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



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'



Close contacts in 'Safe Work Bubble' A

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

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Workers accommodation



Work place

Workers vehicles

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1.Preparedness and Emergency Response Team (PERT) team



2.Workers screening protocol

3.Regular briefing to staff including security guards

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4.Workers' health report



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



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

12 April 2021

Bersama Hentikan Mubak COVID-19

NEGERI PKPP

PERAK PAHANG TERENGGANU

MELAKA PERLIS WP. PUTRAJAYA WP. LABUAN

SABAH (Kecuali PKP di Daerah Lahad Datu, Tawau & Keningau) KEDAH (Kecuali PKPB di Daerah Kuala Muda) NEGERI SEMBILAN (Kecuali PKPB di Daerah Seremban)

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15 APRIL - 28 APRIL 2021

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PENGOPERASIAN RESTORAN/KEDAI MAKAN

Restoran/kedai makan & kedai makanan segera serta perkhidmatan penghantar makanan yang menyediakan juadah sahur dibenarkan melanjutkan operasi

SEHINGGA 6.00 PAGI

- Sepanjang bulan Ramadan sahaja.
- Operasi restoran/kedai makan dalam pasar raya mengikut waktu operasi pasar raya.

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Penganjuran majlis berbuka puasa & buffet Ramadan

DIBENARKAN dengan SOP ketat

- Majlis berbuka puasa yang diadakan di dewan atau ballroom hotel :
 - 50% kapasiti di kawasan PKPB
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- Buffet Ramadan di restoran, coffee house & kedai makan :
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Sektor Swasta - 100% bagi kumpulan pengurusan & operasi/ sokongan di kawasan PKPB

Perkhidmatan Awam - Kehadiran berdasarkan Pekeliling/Arahan Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA)

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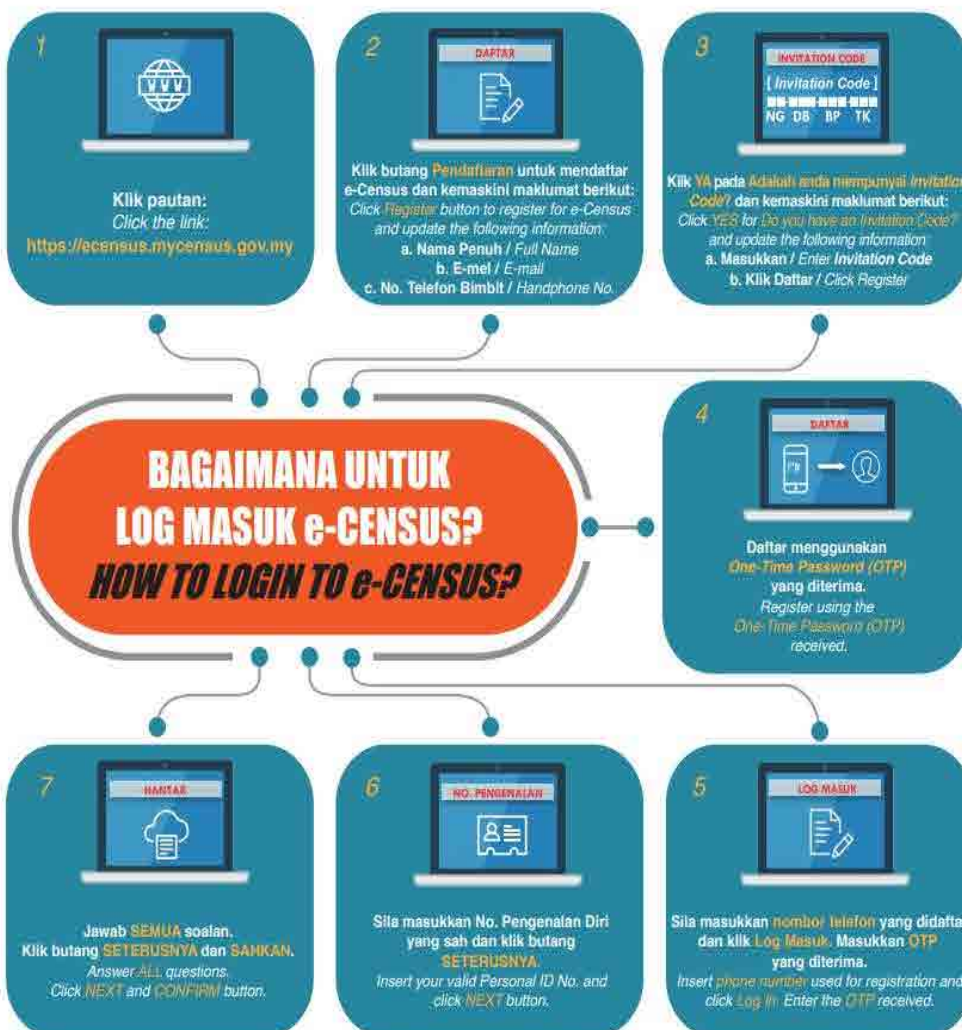
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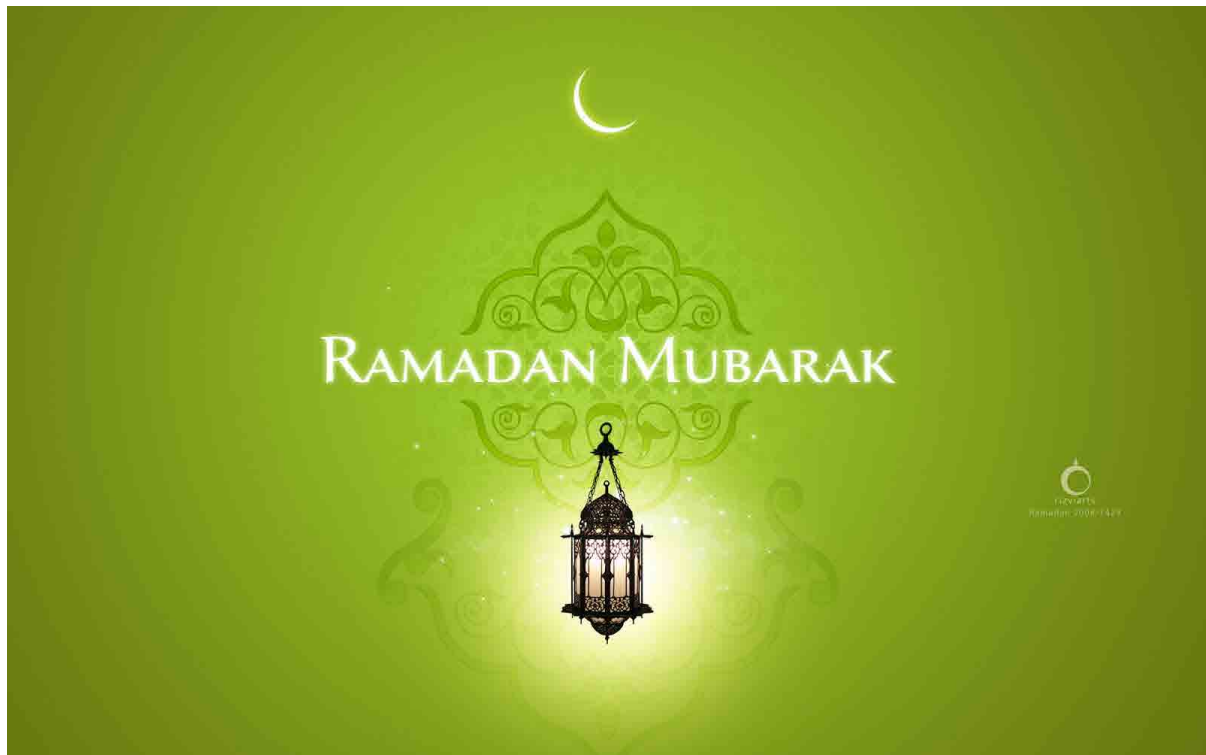


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