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PRIME MINISTER MEETS WITH INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS WAY FORWARD FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Prime Minister, YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today met with more 48 local and international industry associations as well as chambers of commerce, accompanied by Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade and Industry YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali at Menara MITI. The event was organised by Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in full adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures set by the National Security Council.

The initiative was timely as Malaysia progresses towards expedited economic recovery amidst the background of a very challenging economic landscape faced by not only Malaysia, but other world economies too. The meeting provided a conducive avenue for industry stakeholders to share on-the-ground issues, provide constructive suggestions to the Government and discuss opportunities to help industry players reinvigorate their businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The feedback from the industry players is invaluable for the Government to ensure the execution of a more effective and strategic facilitation for companies in Malaysia including Small and Medium Enterprises, Mid-Tier Companies and Multinational Companies, in our efforts to achieve a balance in protecting public health and livelihoods for economic sustainability.

The matters discussed at the session included the need to prioritise industry players who are regarded as the nation's economic frontliners for the National Vaccination Programme; utilisation of economic stimulus packages introduced by the Government; flexibility of financing mechanism and price control for the selected products / industry; manpower management and talent requirement; improved facilitations for new investments; swift ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP); and resumption of the Malaysia-EU Free Trade Agreement (MEUFTA); as well as the development of the new National Investment Aspiration (NIA).

YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin shared in his remarks on the pivotal role industry stakeholders play in transforming and future-proofing the Malaysian economy. "It bears stressing that the agenda of defining Malaysia's investment value proposition is encapsulated in our NIA, a forward-looking strategy aimed at

TRADE PERFORMANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2021 AND THE PERIOD OF JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2021

attracting quality investments driven by innovation, high-technology, green economy and greater inclusion of domestic supply chains," he said.

"At the same time, we have taken on board the need to ensure that reforms are aligned with global benchmarks, including the Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) goals. In addition, outcomes on this front will also reflect our commitment in facilitating investors, enhancing efficiency and improving the ease of doing business," the Senior Minister added.

During the session, the attendees were also informed of the positive impact MITI's Safe@Work Programme can bring to their businesses. Safe@Work is a risk mitigation programme that helps companies remain productive by empowering employers to provide safe accommodation for their employees and to effectively manage the employees who have been tested positive for COVID-19, their close contacts, health screening as well as measures to prevent transmission among employees.

Moving forward, MITI will continue to join forces with other Ministries and Government Agencies and most importantly with the industry players, to ensure Malaysia is well on its way to revitalise its economy, post-pandemic.

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15 APRIL 2021**

RUBBER STATISTICS, FEB 2021

Malaysia's natural rubber production in February 2021 amounted 49,840 tonnes, decreased 0.1 per cent as compared to 49,894 tonnes in February 2020 but increased by 9.0 per cent from last month. Smallholdings sector was the main contributor to the natural rubber production of 90.9 per cent. Production of smallholdings decreased by 1.2 per cent while estate sector increased by 12.2 per cent as compared to February 2020.

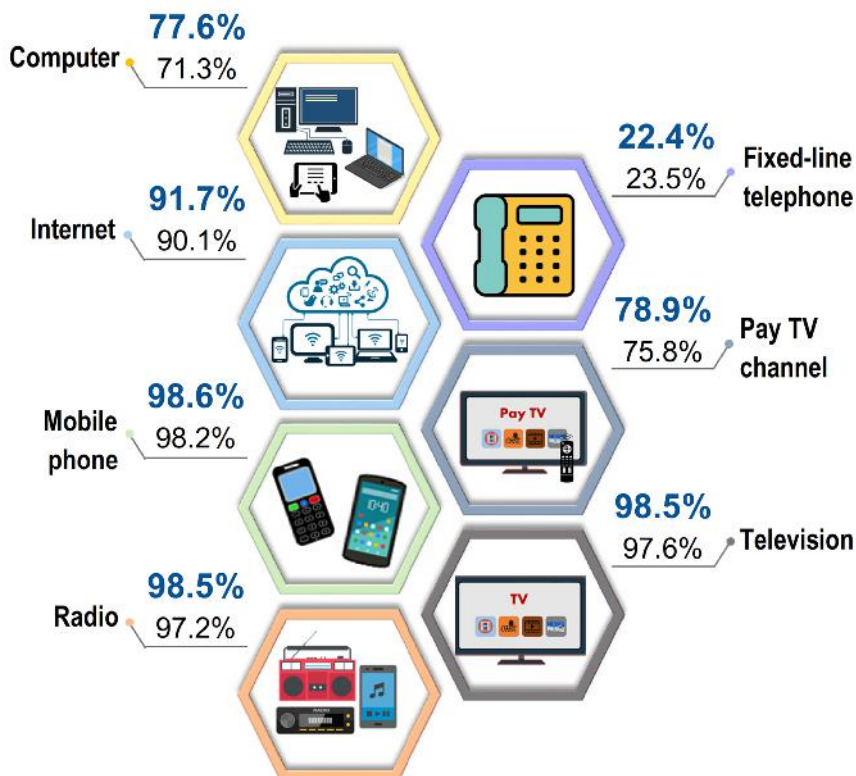
Domestic consumption of natural rubber in February 2021 was 44,697 tonnes, increased by 7.8 per cent against 41,470 tonnes in February 2020 while month-on-month comparison showed a decrease 5.1 per cent from 47,101 tonnes in the last month. Rubber glove industry was the main industry for the use of natural rubber at 34,764 tonnes (77.8%).



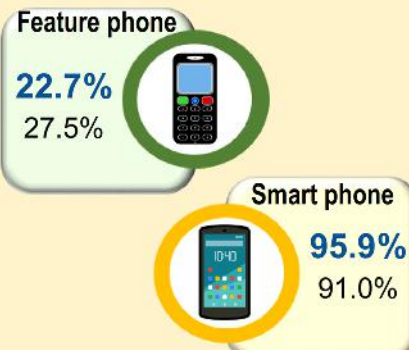
ICT USE AND ACCESS BY INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS, 2020

ICT ACCESS BY HOUSEHOLD 2020

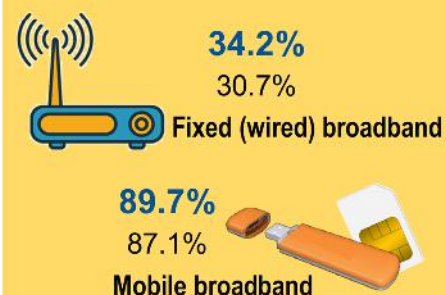
ACCESS TO ICT SERVICES AND EQUIPMENTS



ACCESS TO MOBILE PHONE



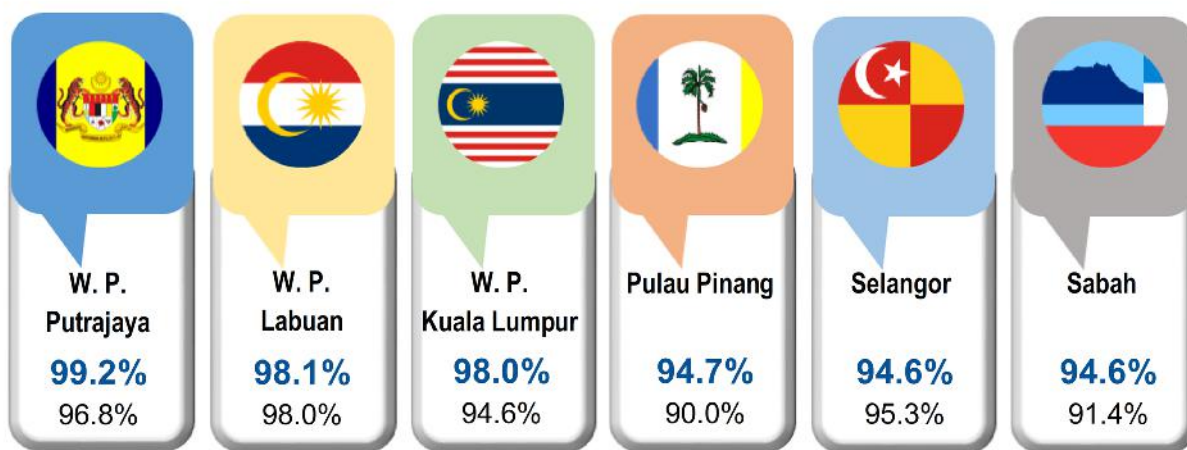
ACCESS TO INTERNET



INTERNET ACCESS BY STRATA



TOP 6 STATES WITH HIGHEST INTERNET ACCESS

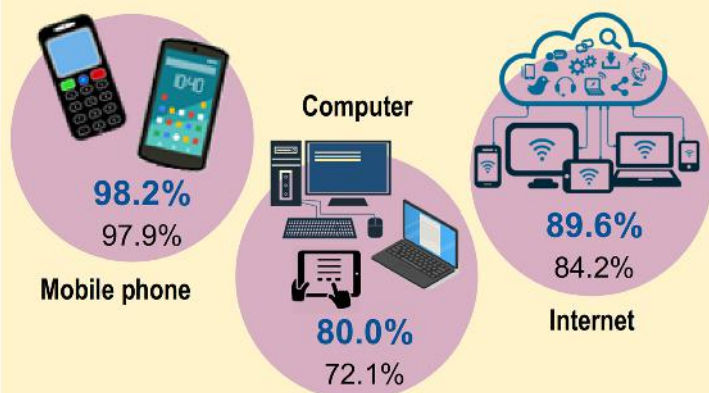


Source: ICT Use and Access by Individuals and Households Survey Report 2020, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

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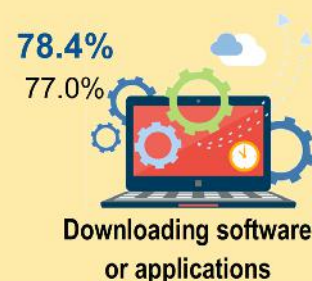
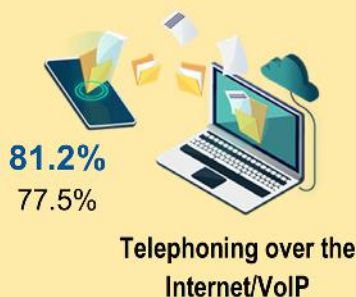
USE OF ICT SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT



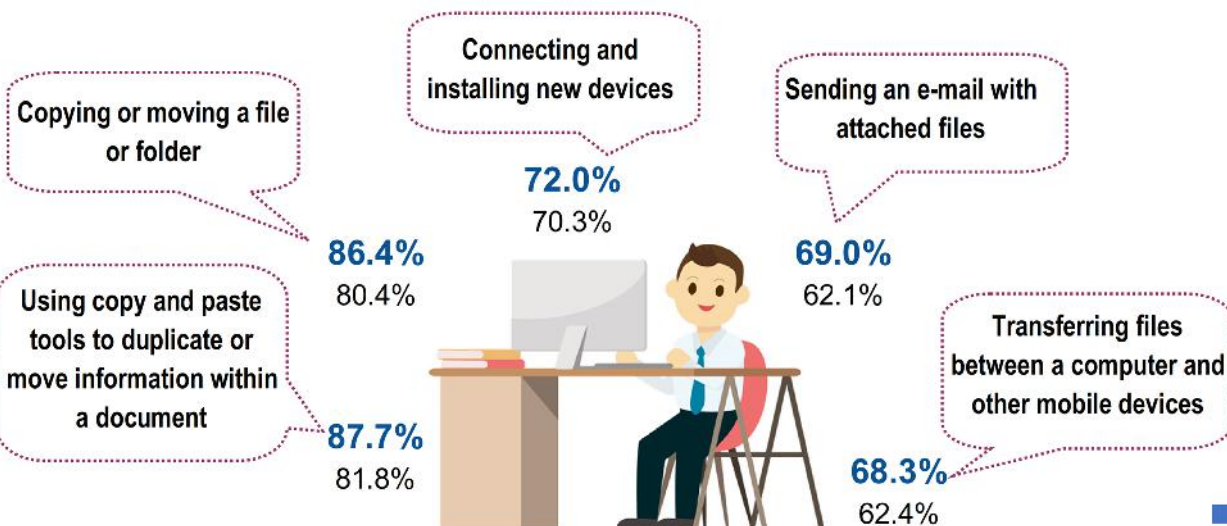
INTERNET USE BY SEX



5 POPULAR ACTIVITIES OF INTERNET USE



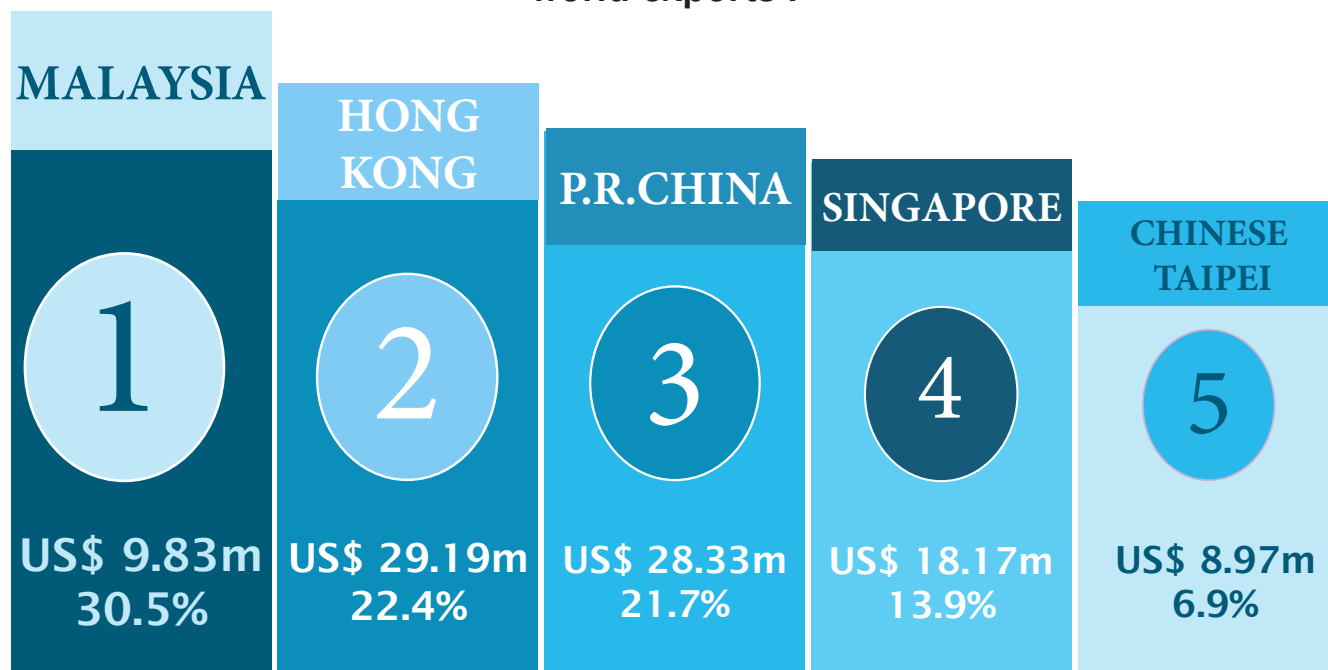
TOP 5 OF ICT SKILLS



Source: ICT Use and Access by Individuals and Households Survey Report 2020, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF INCOMPLETE WATCH MOVEMENTS, ASSEMBLED

In 2019, Malaysia's export of Incomplete watch movements, assembled recorded US\$ 39.83 million which was 30.5% share of the world exports .

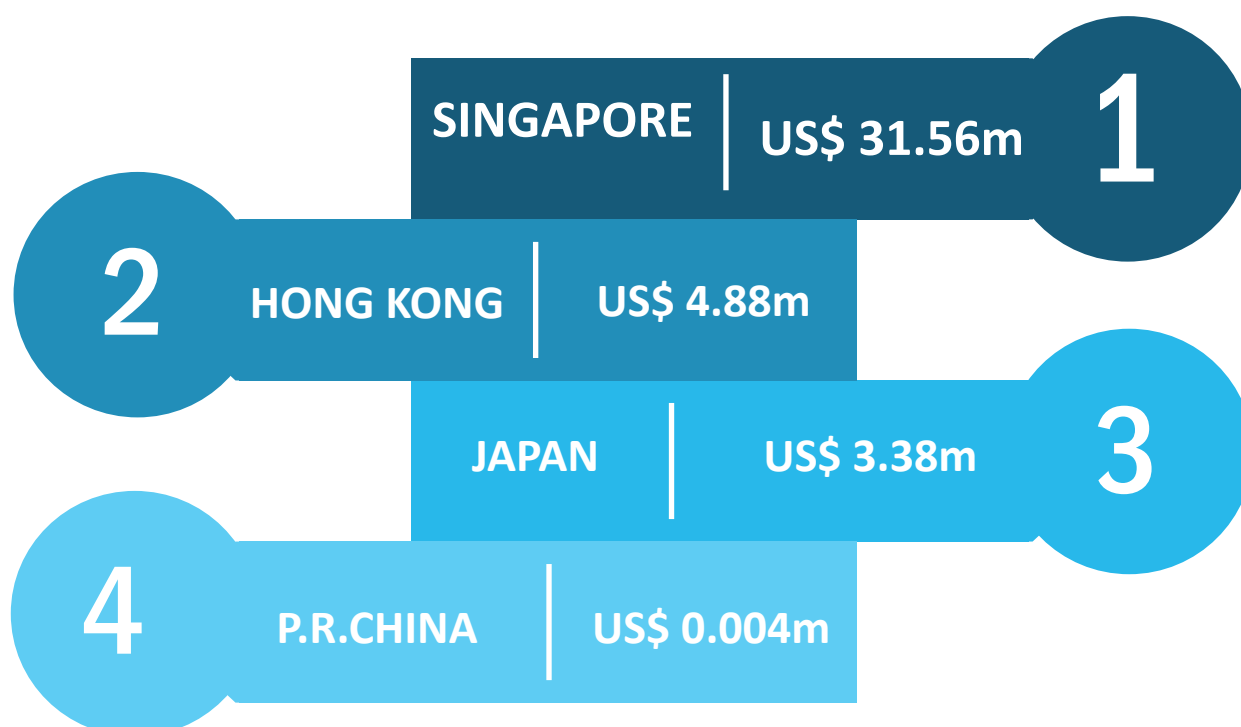


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- % refer to share in world exports

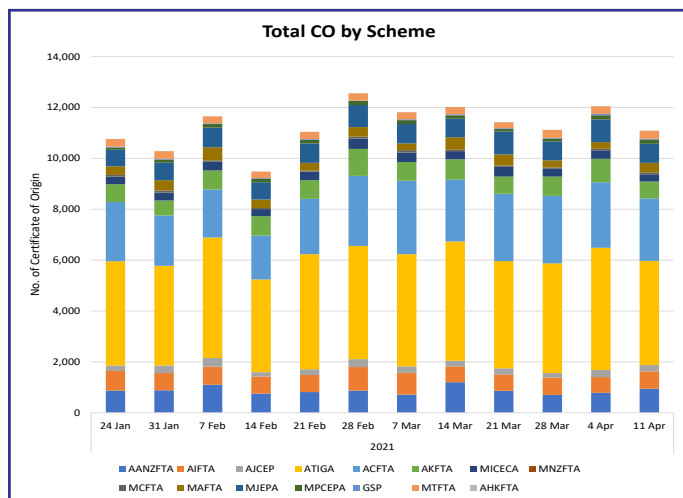
MALAYSIA'S TOP FIVE EXPORT DESTINATION



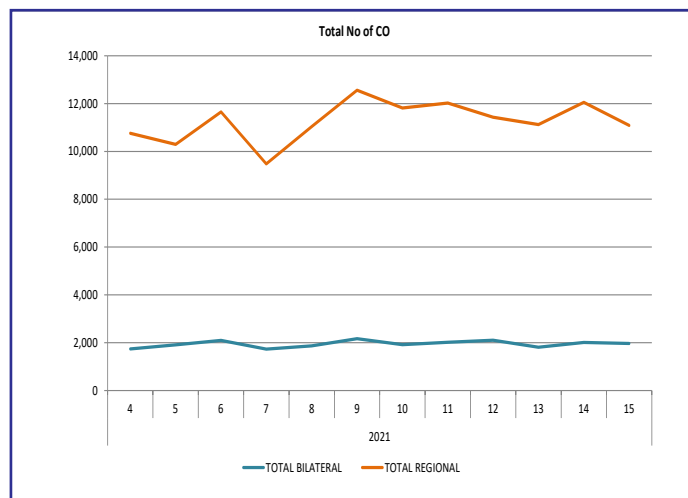
Source: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

Number of PCO as at 11 April 2021 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

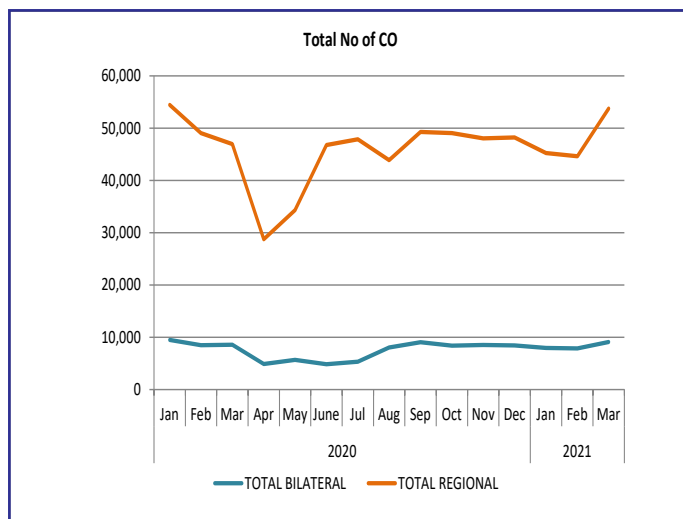
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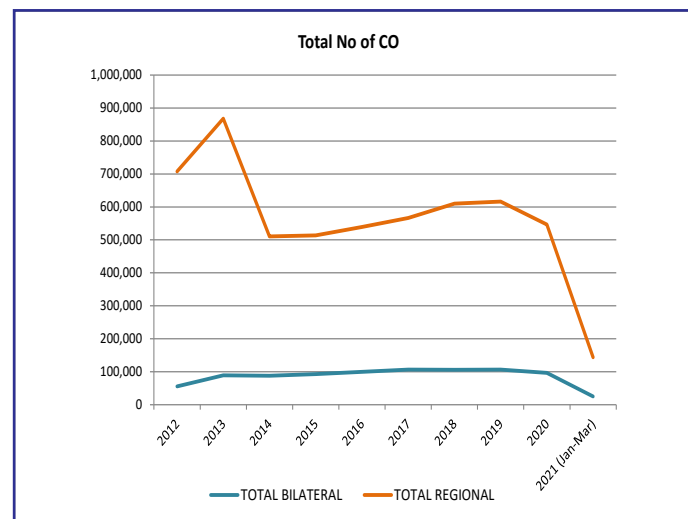
Weekly



Monthly



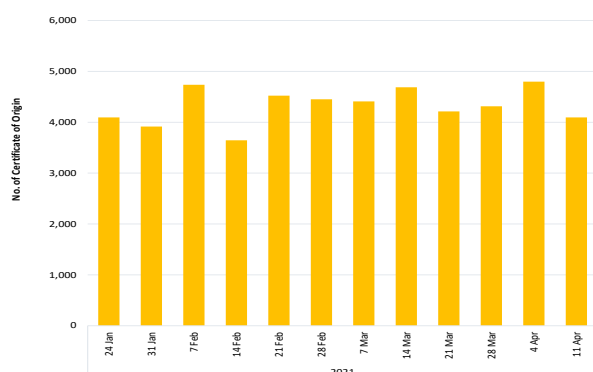
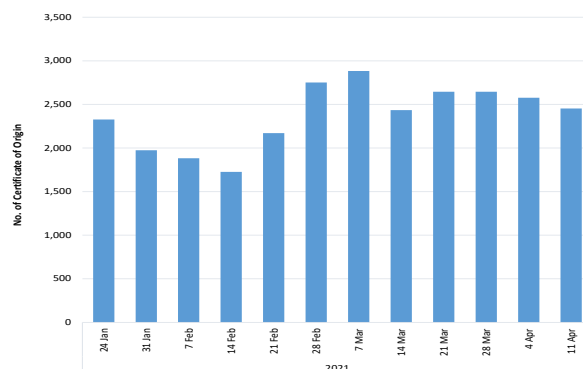
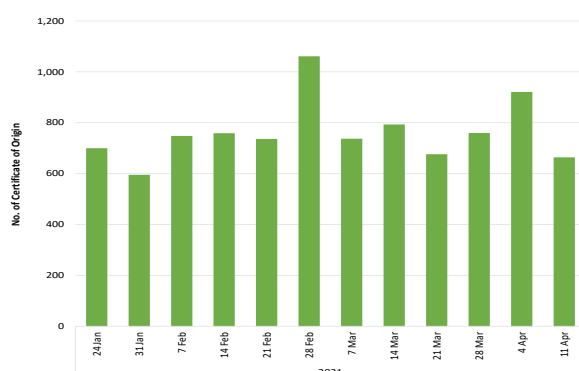
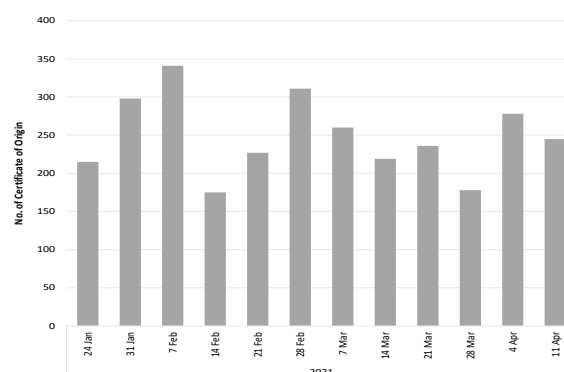
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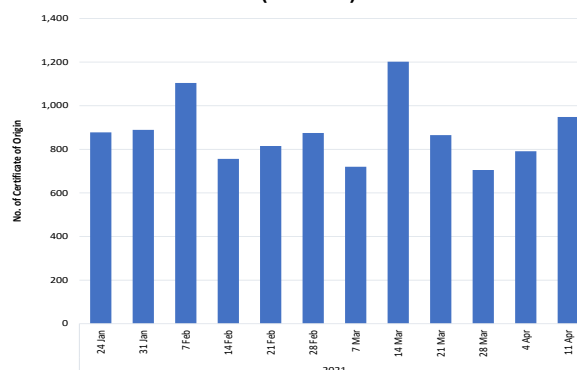
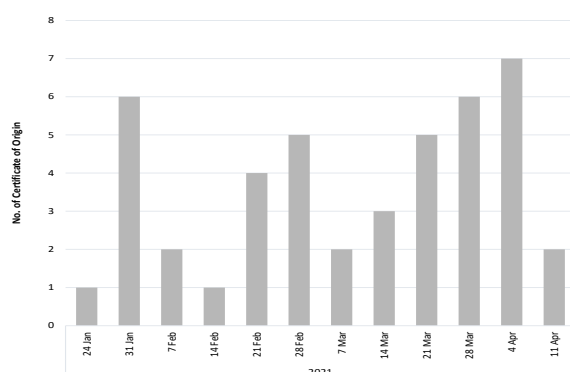
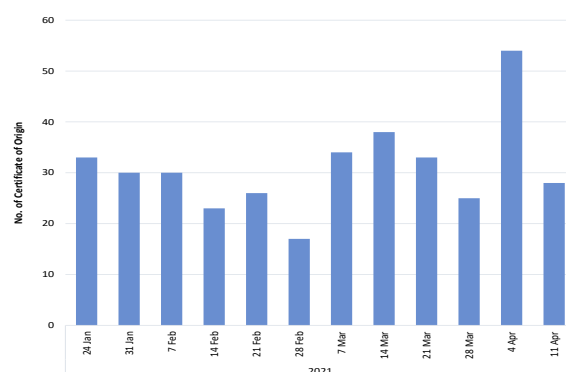


Note: *Provisional Data
Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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)


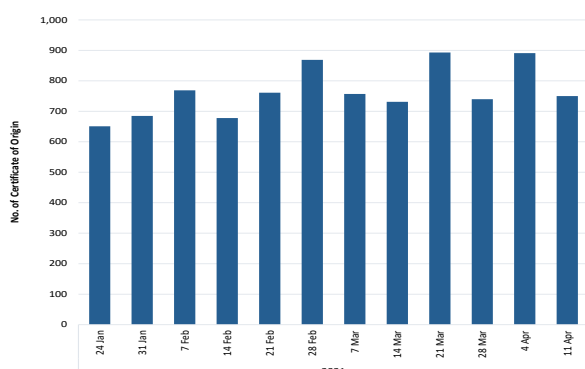
Note: The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Japan, Switzerland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Norway and Cambodia

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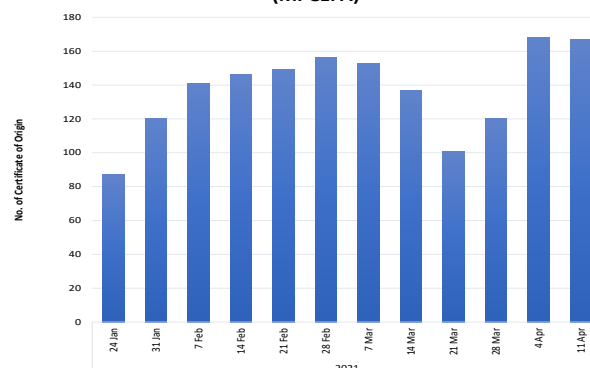
Bilateral FTA

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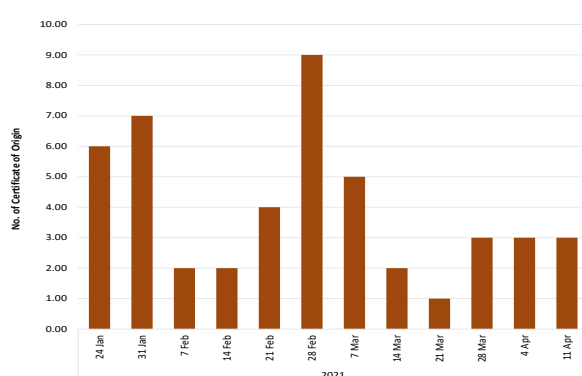
Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)



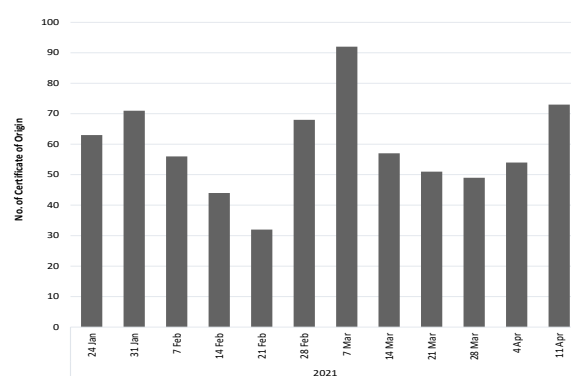
Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)



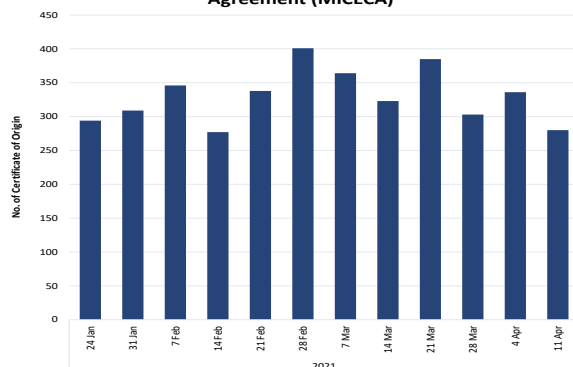
Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA)



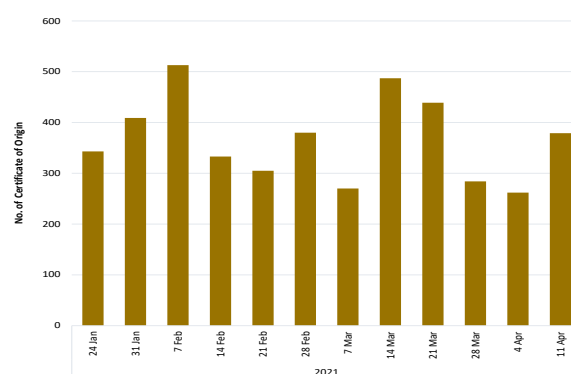
Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)



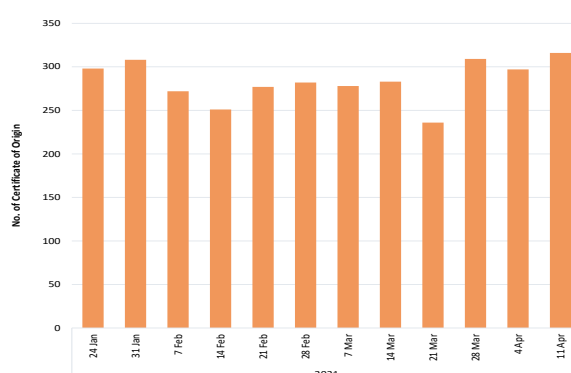
Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)



Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)



Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)



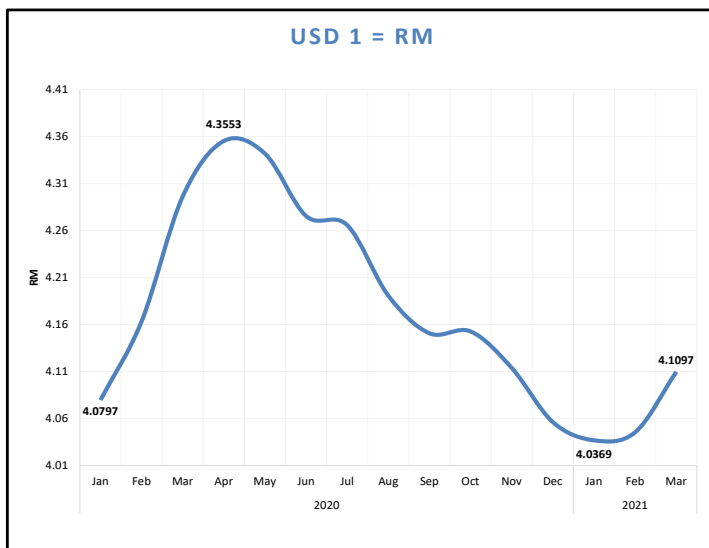
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Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

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

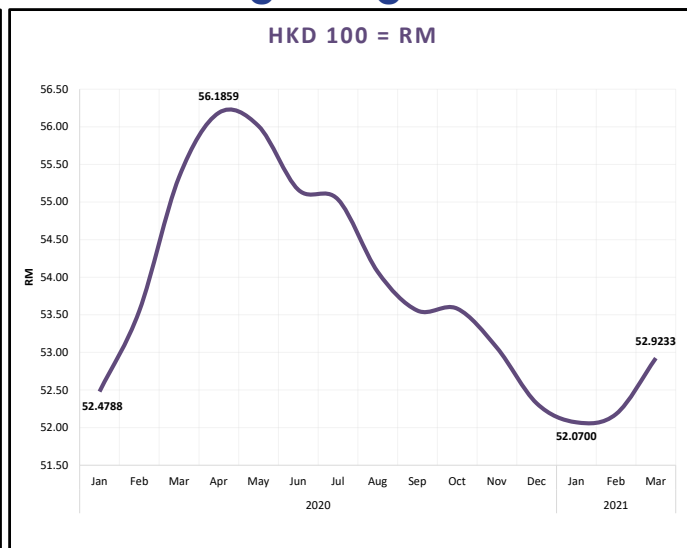
US Dollar

USD 1 = RM



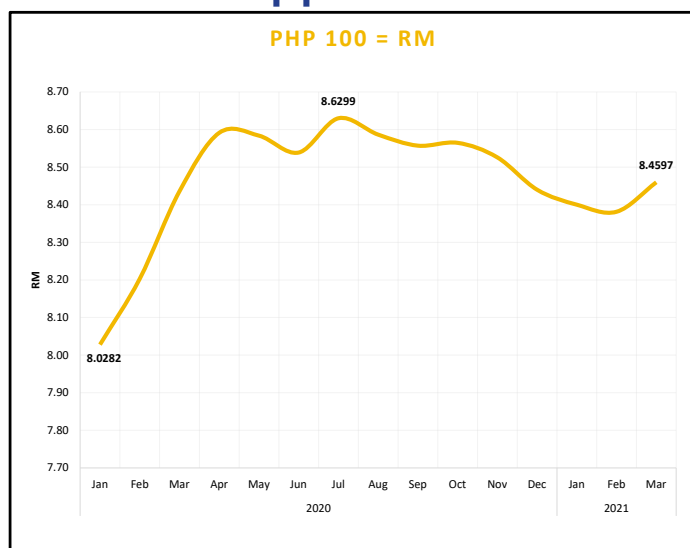
Hong Kong Dollar

HKD 100 = RM



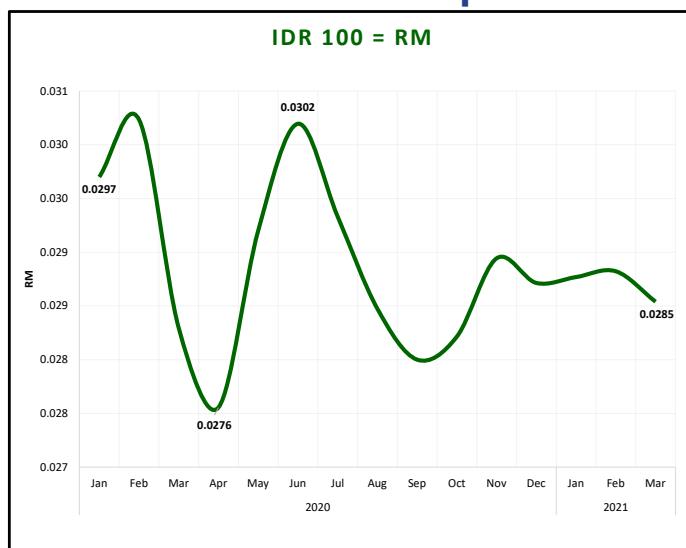
Philippine Peso

PHP 100 = RM



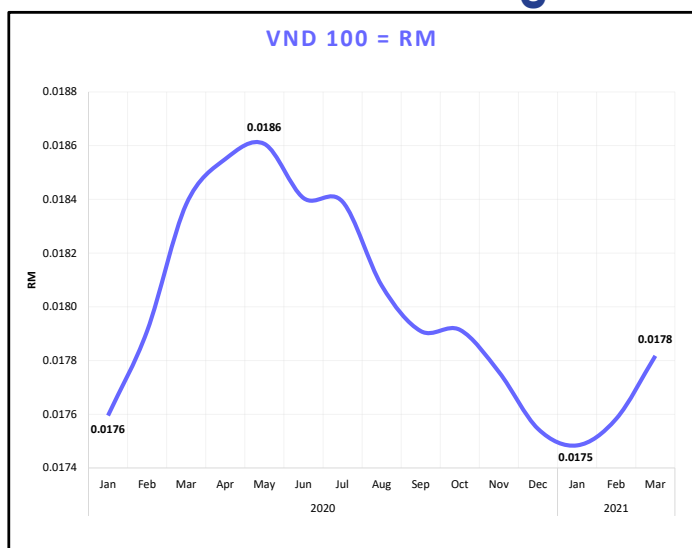
Indonesian Rupiah

IDR 100 = RM



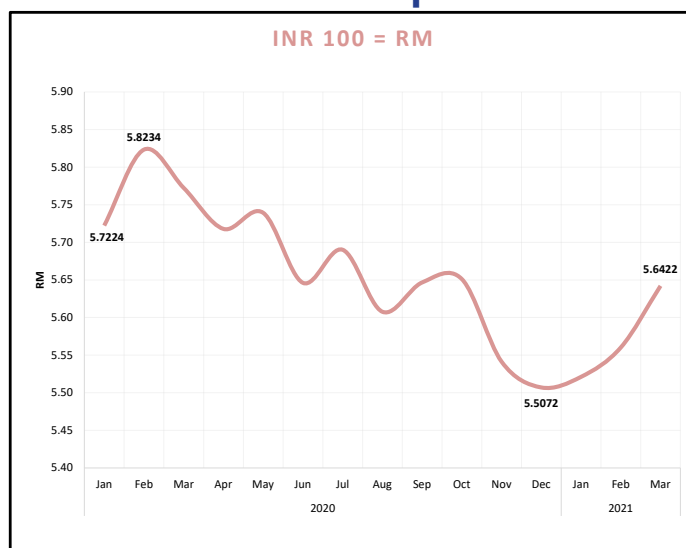
Vietnamese Dong

VND 100 = RM



Indian Rupee

INR 100 = RM



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▲ 5.8%*
US\$66.6
16 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-



▼ 1.4%*
US\$1,018.6
16 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-



▲ 0.8%*
US\$1,638.5
16 Apr 2021

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ 1.6%*
US\$1,434.5
16 Apr 2021

SUGAR -per lbs-

▲ 7.5%*
US\$16.6
16 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-



▲ 5.1%*
US\$71.0
16 Apr 2021

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$47.7

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



⊖ %*
US\$440.0
(high)
16 Apr 2021

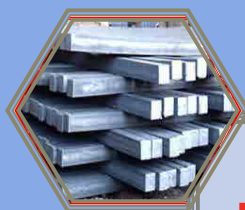
⊖ %*
US\$430.0
(low)

Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$307.9 (high)

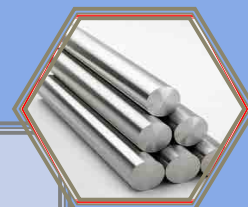
Average Price 2020ⁱ: US\$284.7 (low)

Domestic Prices

16 Apr 2021



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



Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM2,750 – RM2,900

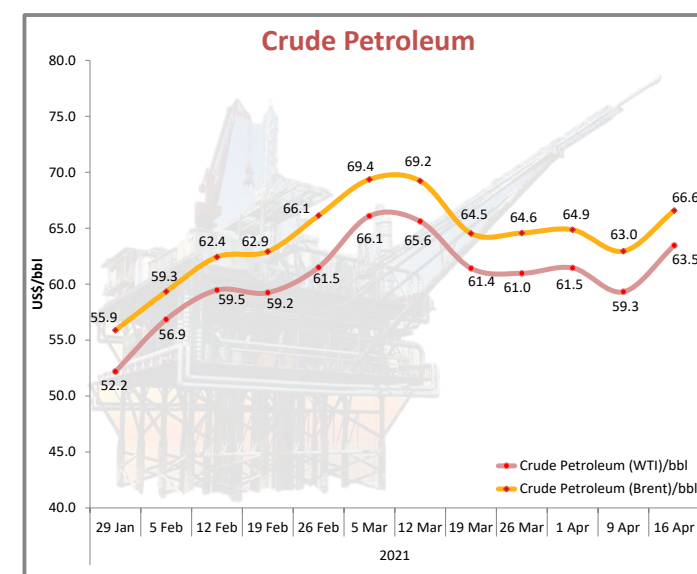
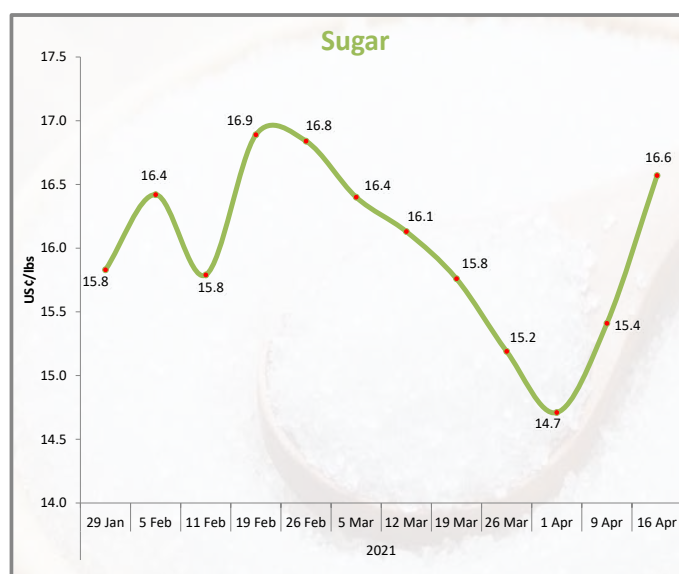
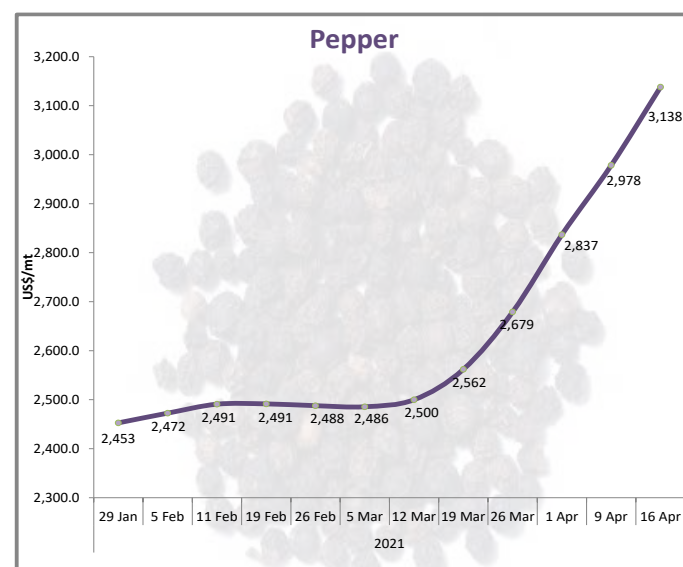
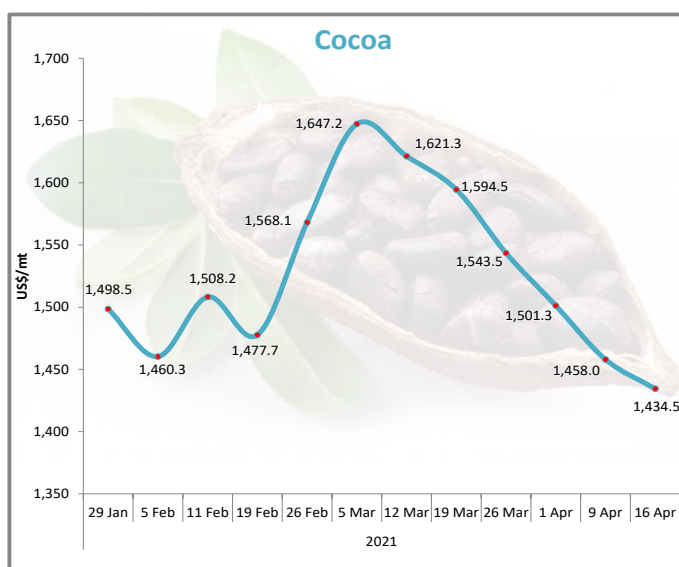
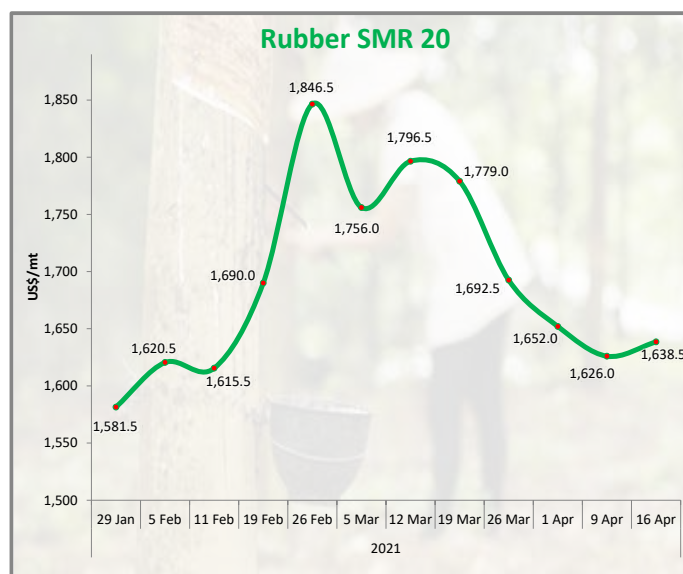
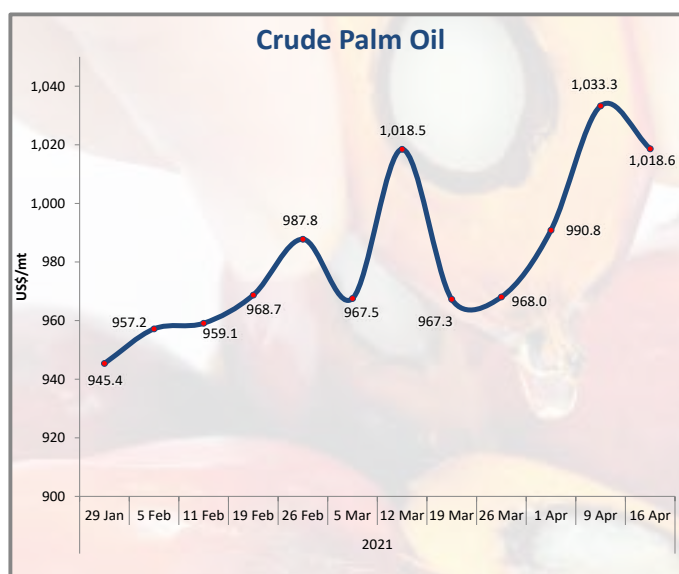
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* Refer to % change from the previous week's price

i Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

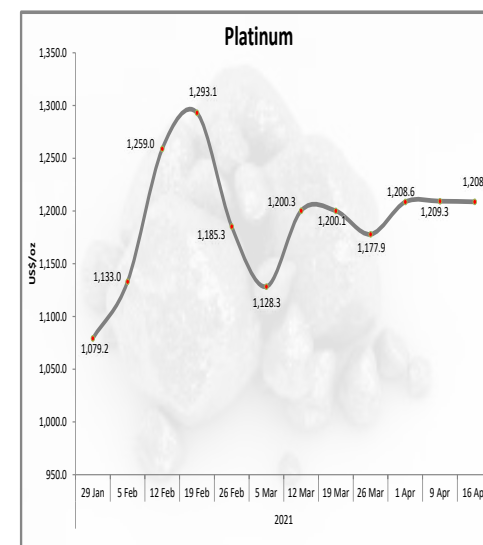
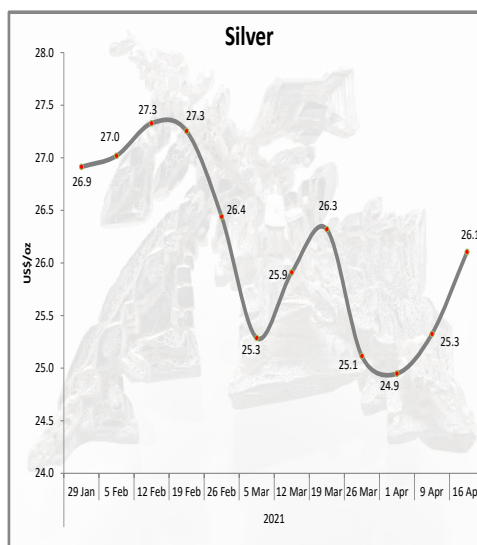
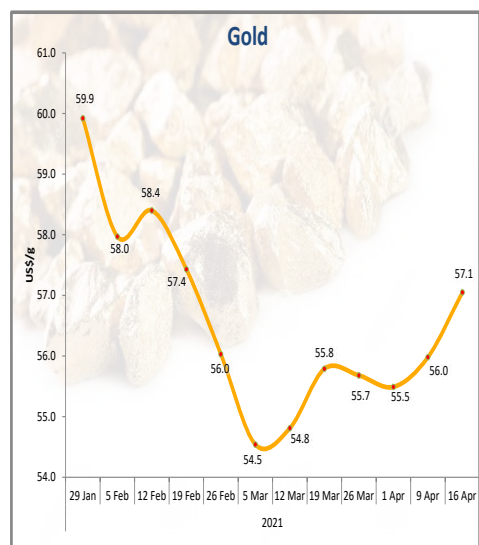
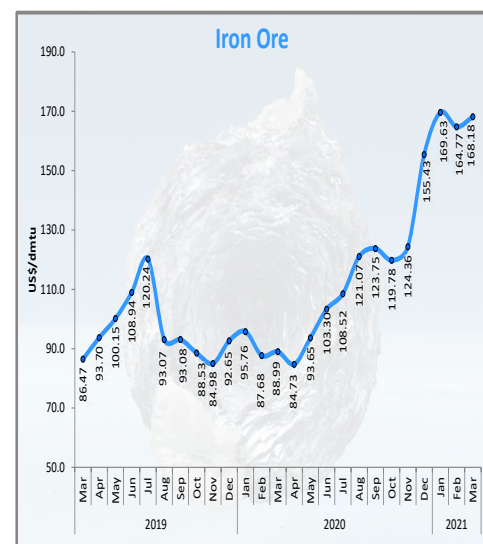
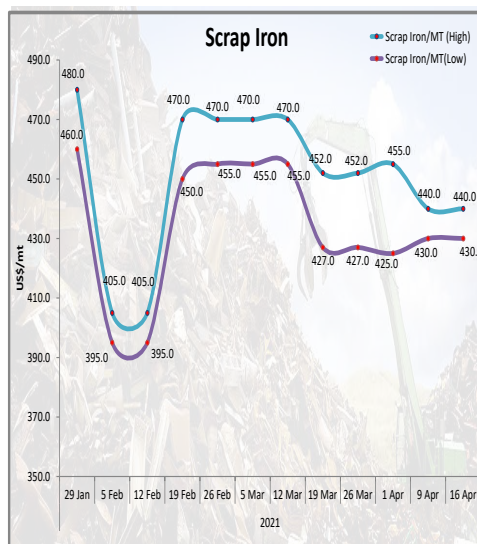
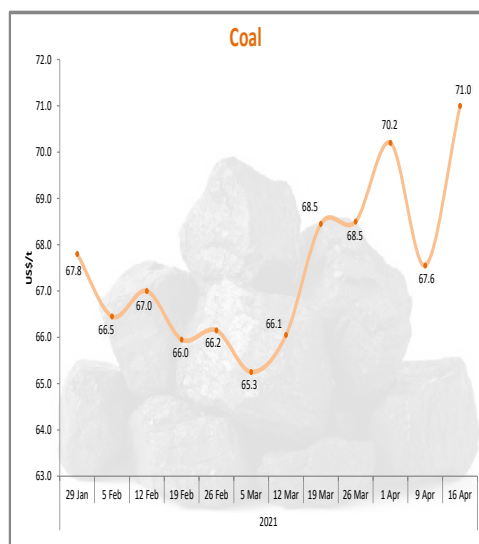
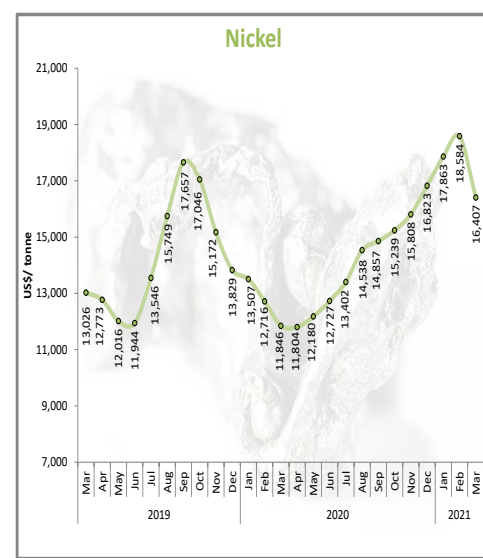
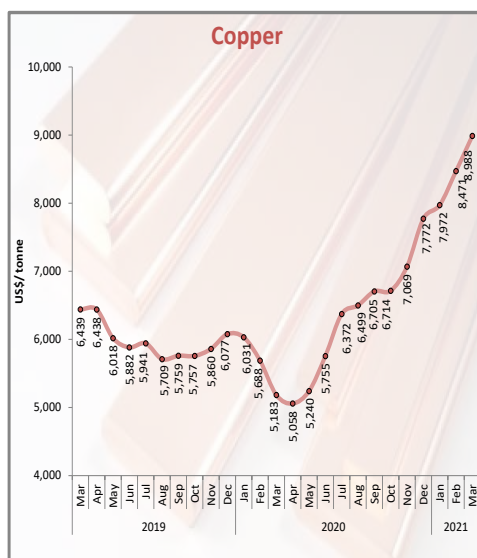
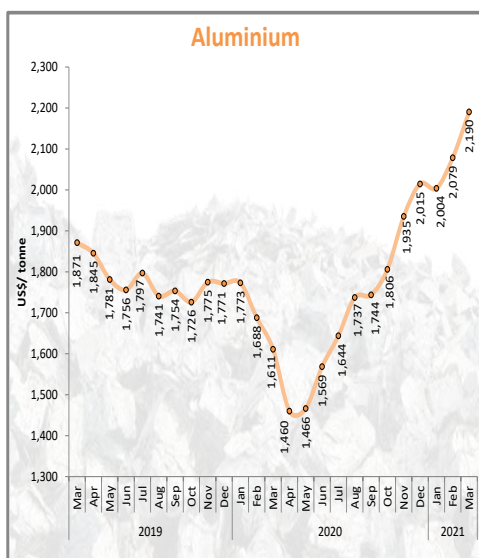
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Commodity Price Trends



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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.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?

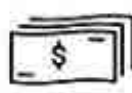
Trained assessors will help you to understand your readiness for Industry 4.0 and make recommendations on where to start your transformation.

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

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

SAFE@
WORK

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

SAFE@
WORK

Workers accommodation

Where to isolate?

Work place

Workers vehicles

SAFE@
WORK

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

SAFE@
WORK

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

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

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

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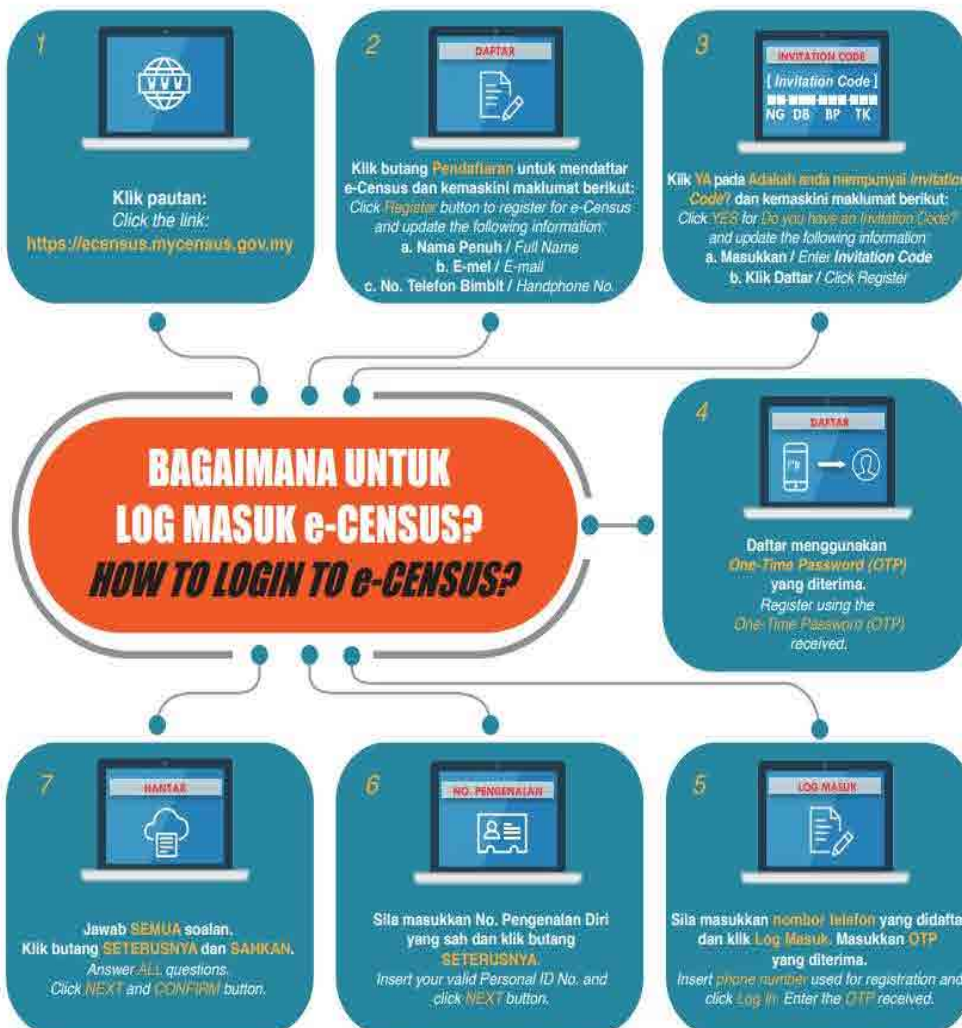
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