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Weekly BULLETIN

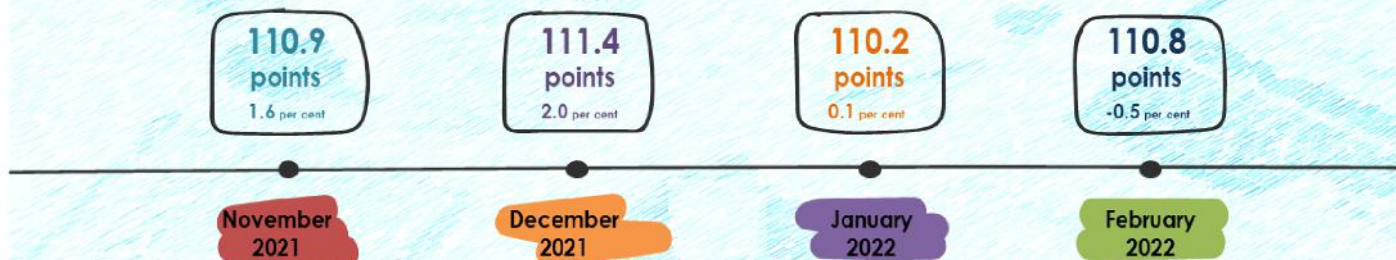
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LEADING INDEX, FEBRUARY 2022

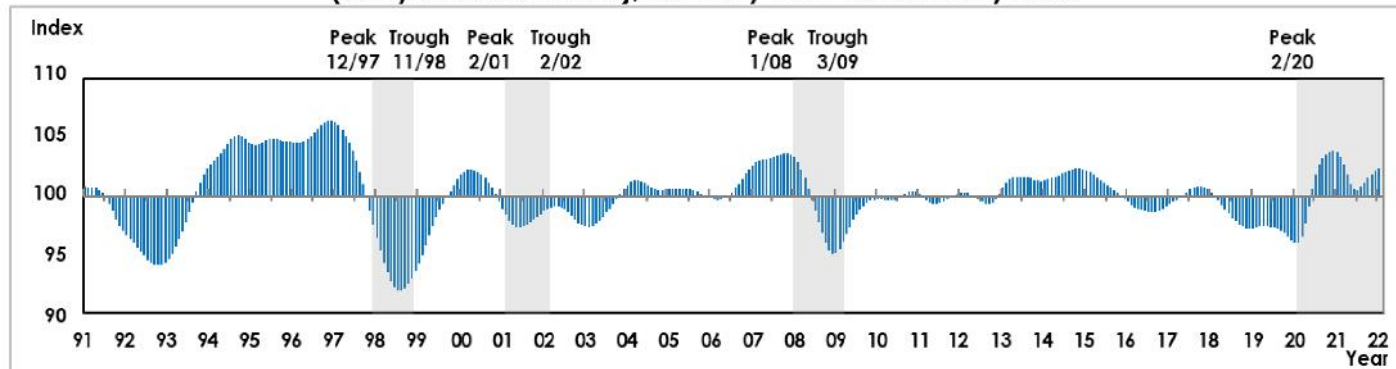
LEADING INDEX REGISTERED NEGATIVE 0.5%, SIGNIFYING THE NEAR TERM GROWTH MOMENTUM WOULD BE AT EASE AMID THE ECONOMY IS RECOVERING

Leading Composite Index (2015=100) and Annual Change (%)



Note: Economic direction forecast by Leading Composite Index in average of 4 to 6 months ahead

Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle (Grey Shaded Areas), January 1991 to February 2022



0.5%

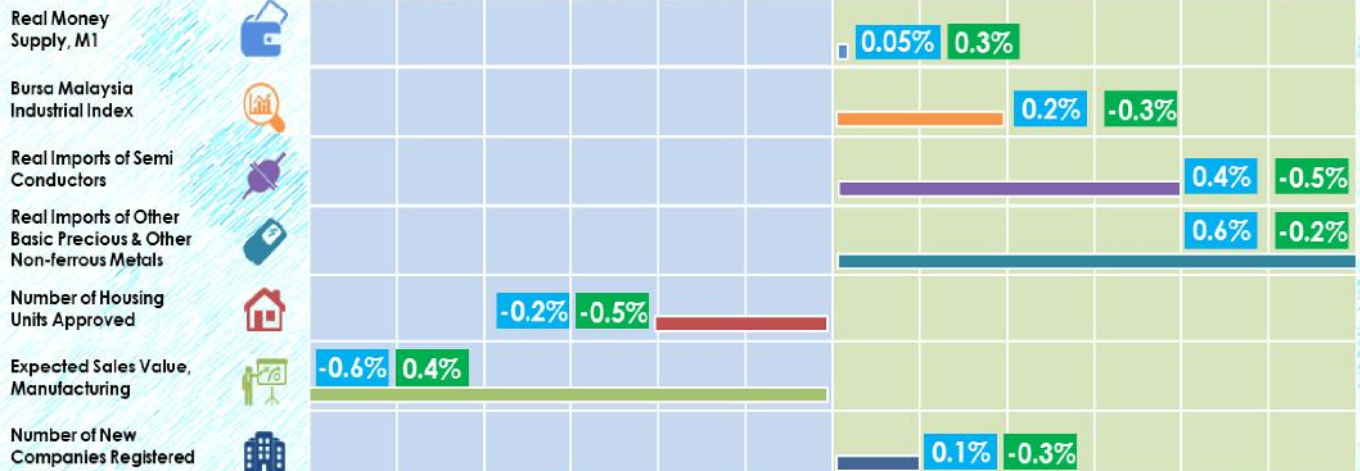
February 2022

-1.1%

January 2022

Leading Composite Index, Monthly Change (%)

Contribution of Each Component to the Percentage Change in the Leading Composite Index from the Previous Month



Source: Malaysian Economic Indicators - Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes, February 2022
Department of Statistics Malaysia

LABOUR FORCE, 2021

Malaysia's labour force indicated gradual recovery in 2021 with better situation anticipated in 2022

Malaysia's labour force in 2021 edged up by 0.8 per cent to register 15.80 million persons. The positive growth was due to the increase in the number of employed persons and unemployed persons. The unemployment rate recorded a slight increase of 0.1 percentage point to 4.6 per cent. As for the outside labour force posted a marginal decrease of 0.1 per cent to 7.22 million persons

LABOUR FORCE

2021 : **15.80** million
2020 : 15.67 million

▲ 0.8%

EMPLOYED

2021 : **15.06** million
2020 : 14.96 million

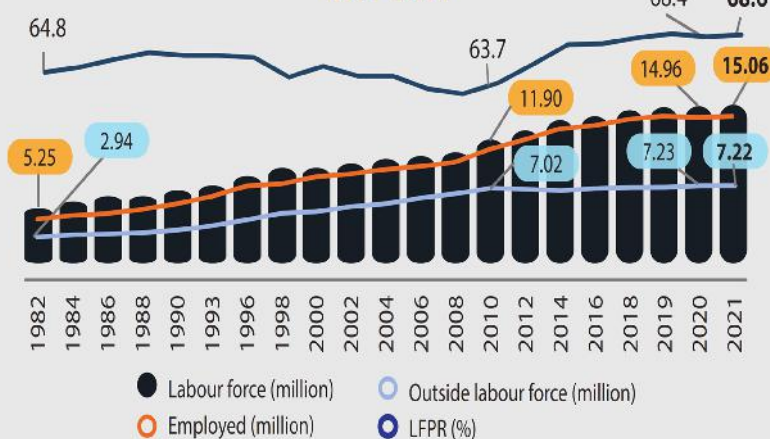
▲ 0.7%

UNEMPLOYED

2021 : **733.0** thousand
2020 : 711.0 thousand

▲ 3.1%

Labour Force, Employed and Outside Labour Force, 1982 - 2021

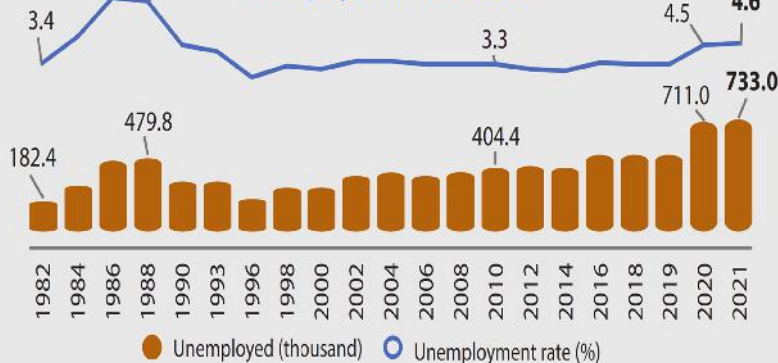


LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE (LFPR)

2021 : **68.6%**
2020 : 68.4%

▲ 0.2pp

Unemployment, 1982 - 2021



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (UR)

2021 : **4.6%**
2020 : 4.5%

▲ 0.1pp



OUTSIDE LABOUR FORCE

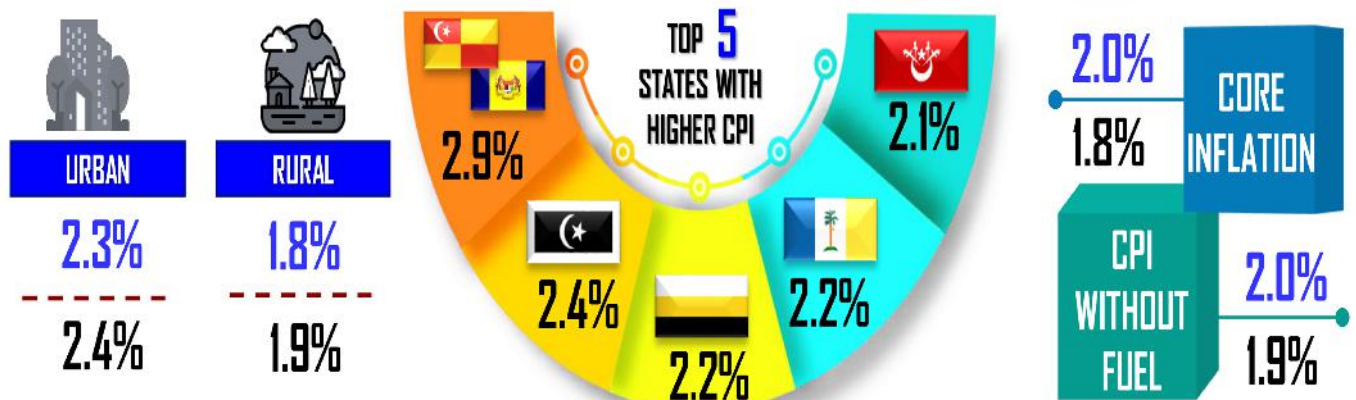
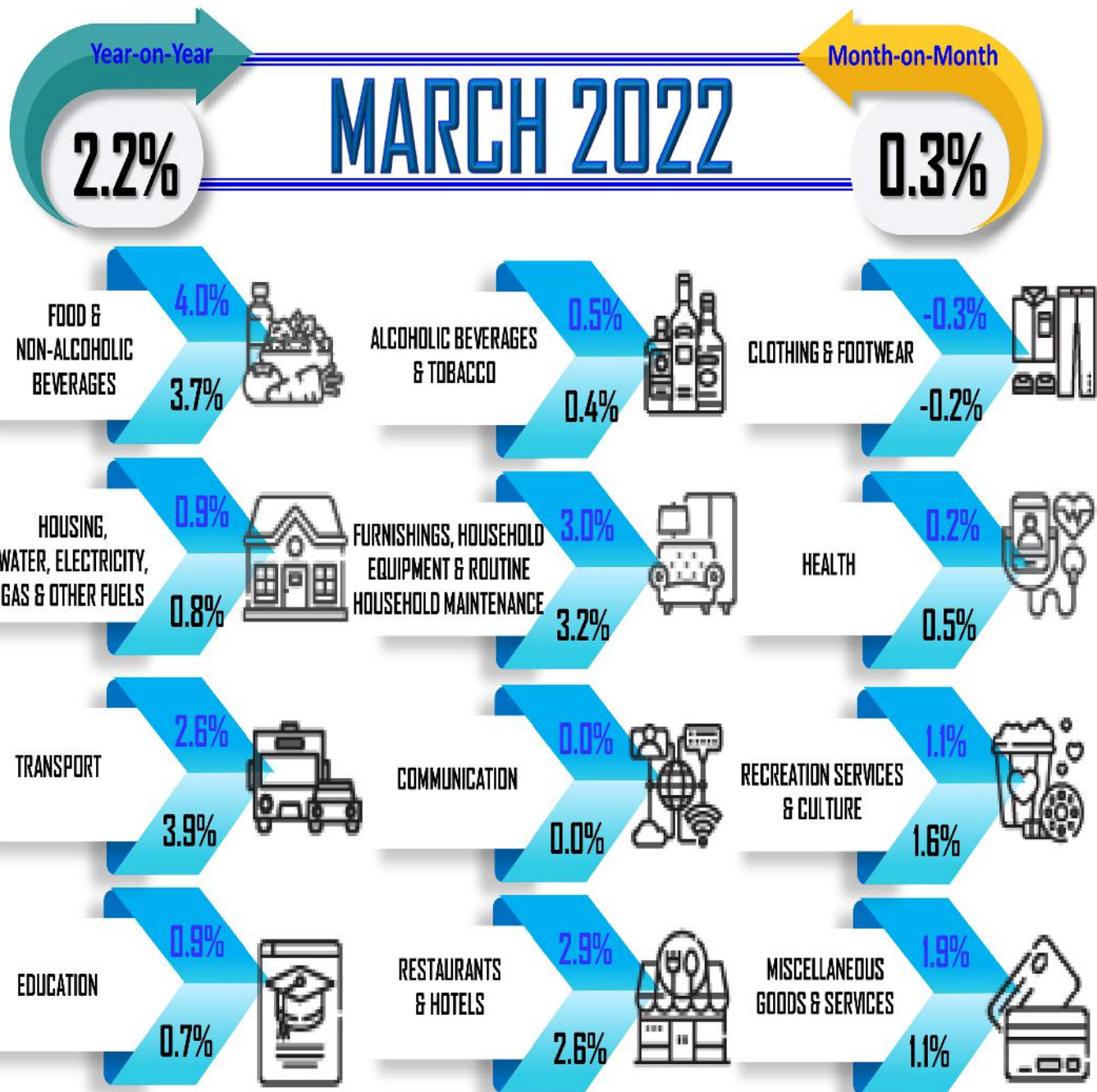
2020 : 7.23 million 2021 : **7.22** million

▼ 0.1%

YoY Percentage of change (%) (year-on-year) PP Percentage point

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM)

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), MARCH 2022

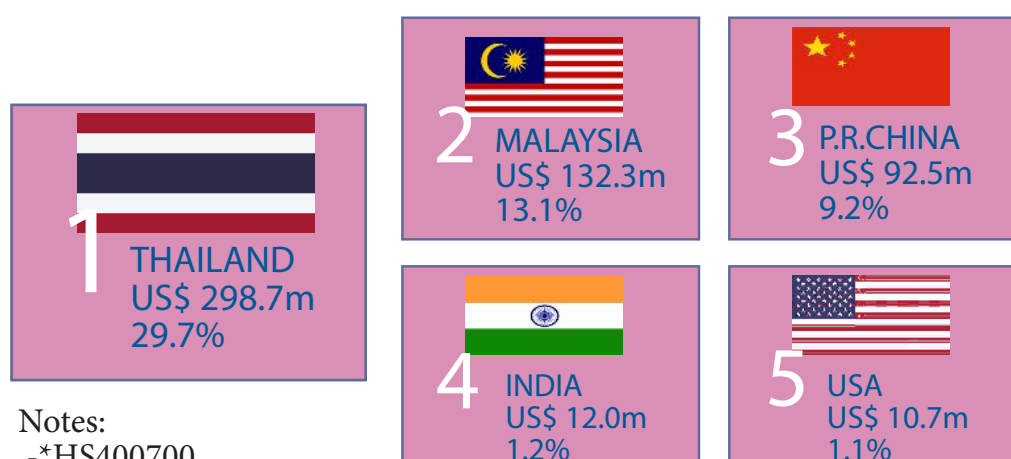


Notes: Percentage Change Year-on-Year **March 2022**
February 2022

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

MALAYSIA AS SECOND LARGEST EXPORTERS IN THE WORLD OF VULCANISED RUBBER THREAD AND CORD

In 2020, Malaysia's export of vulcanised rubber thread and cord (excluding ungimped single thread with a diameter of > 5 mm and textiles combined with rubber thread, e.g. textile-covered thread and cord) recorded US\$ 132.3 million which was 13.1% share of the world exports..

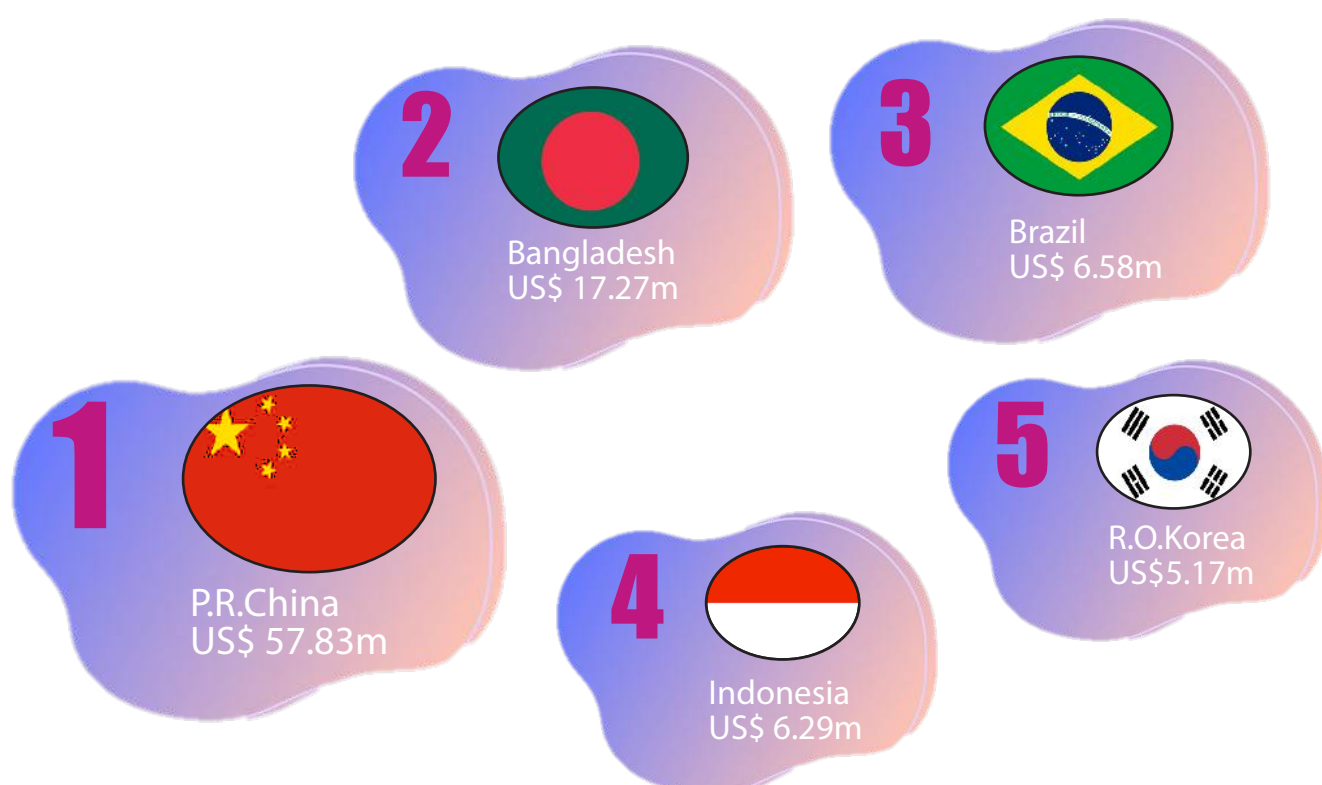


Notes:

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-% refer to share in world exports

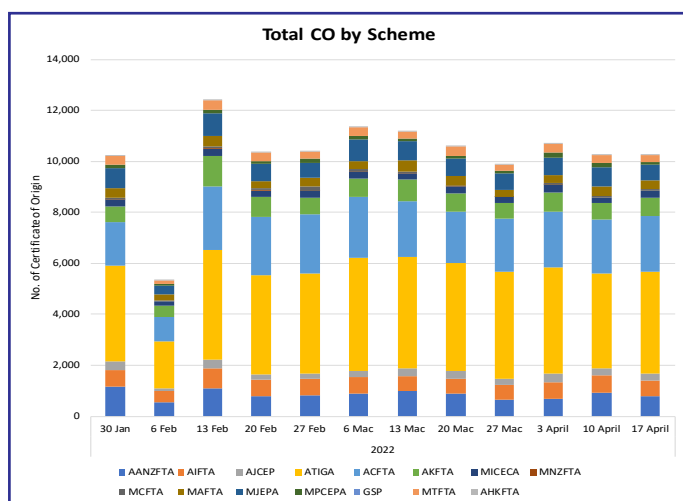
MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS



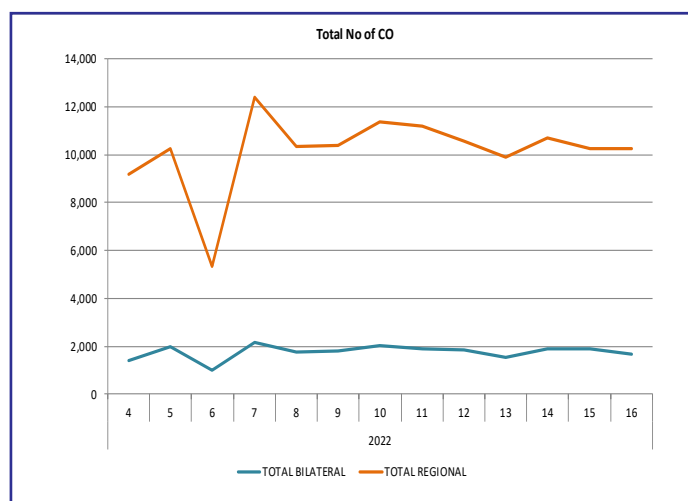
Source: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 17 April 2022 Weekly / Monthly / Annually

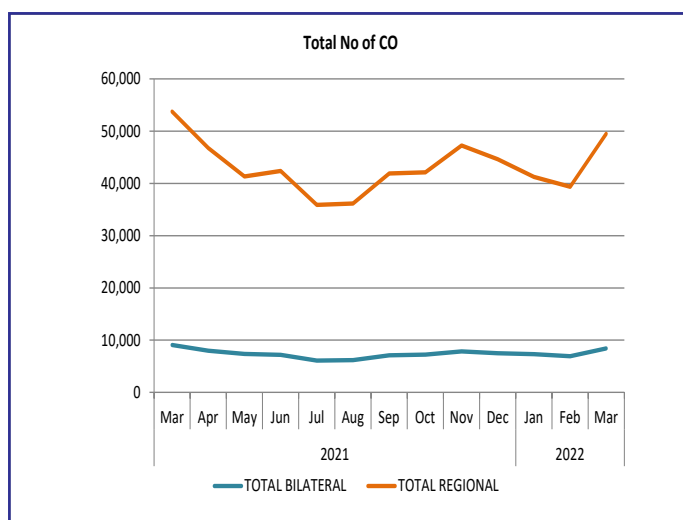
Weekly Total Scheme



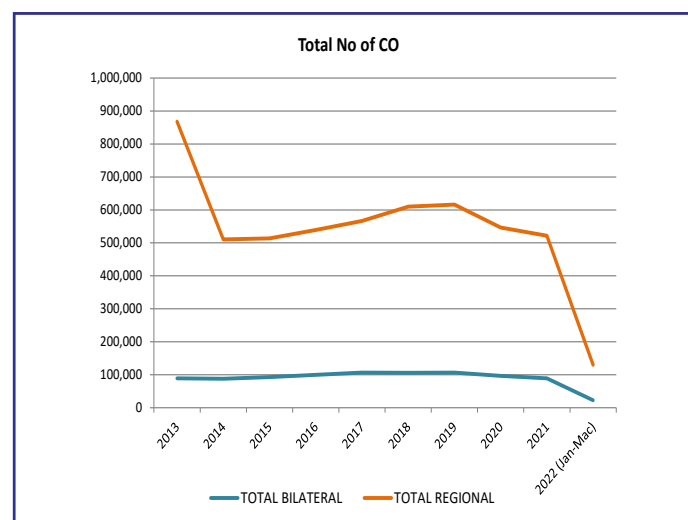
Weekly



Monthly



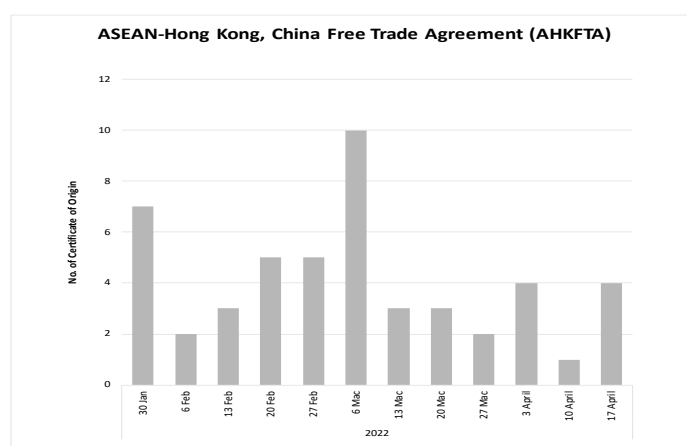
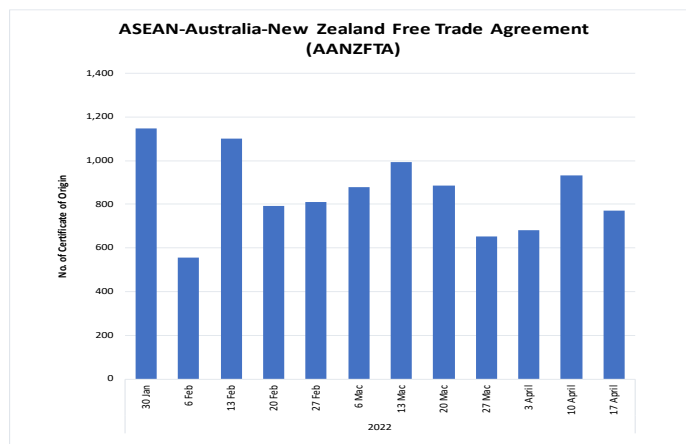
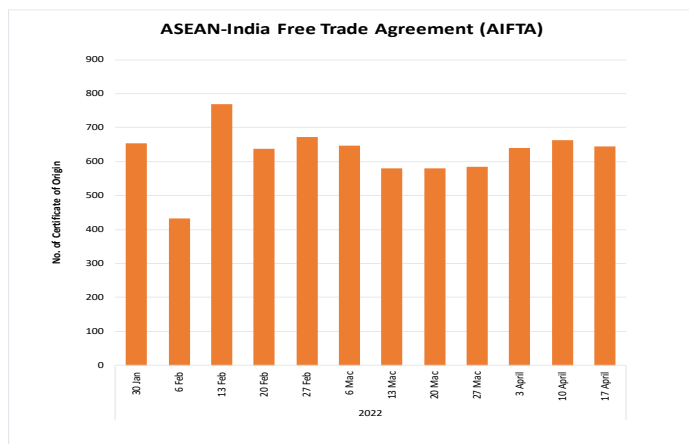
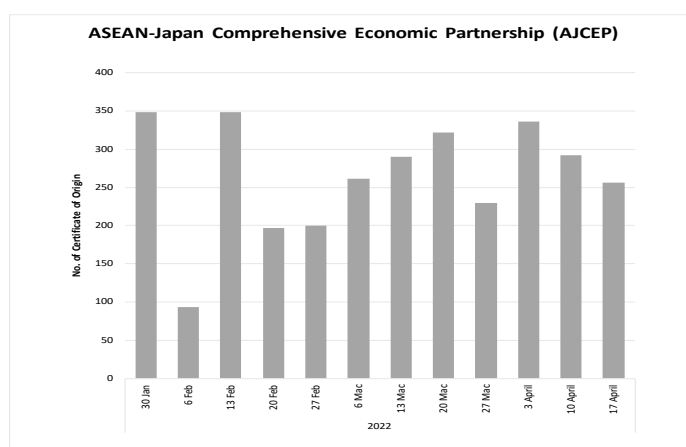
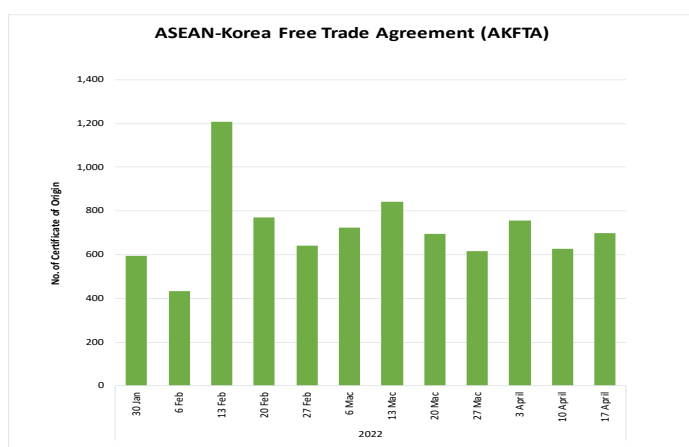
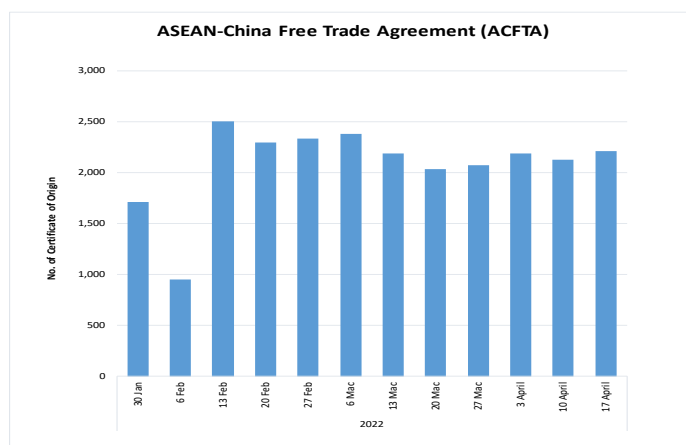
Annually



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

Regional FTA

Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) as at 17 April 2022

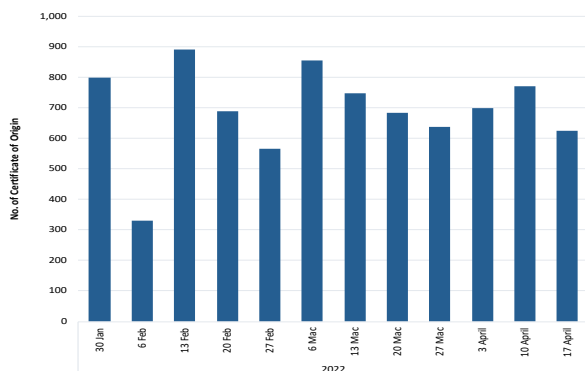


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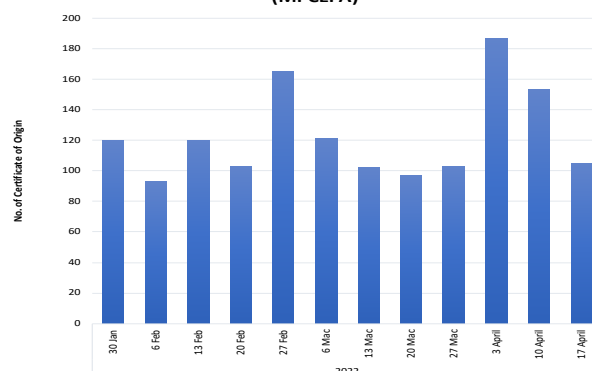
Bilateral FTA

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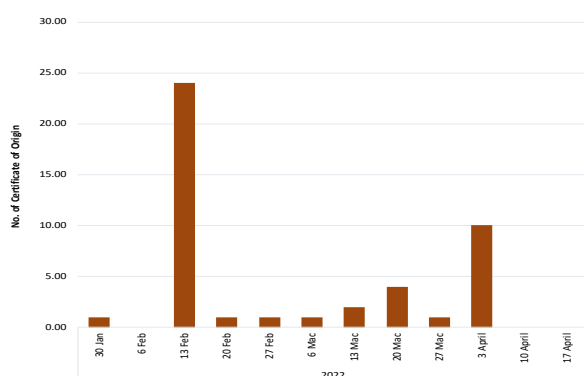
Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)



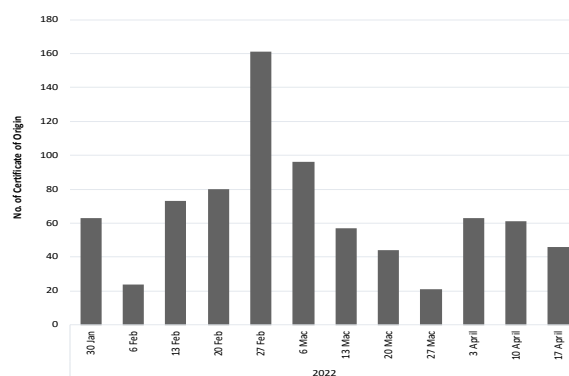
Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)



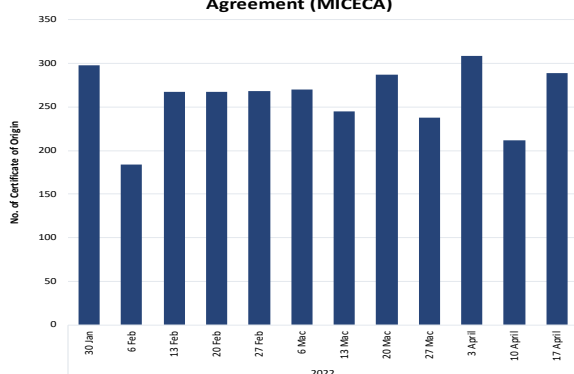
Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA)



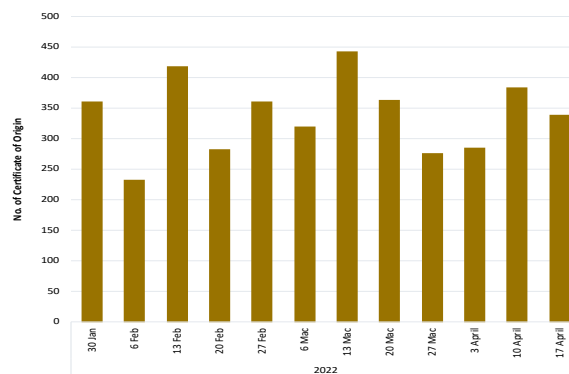
Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)



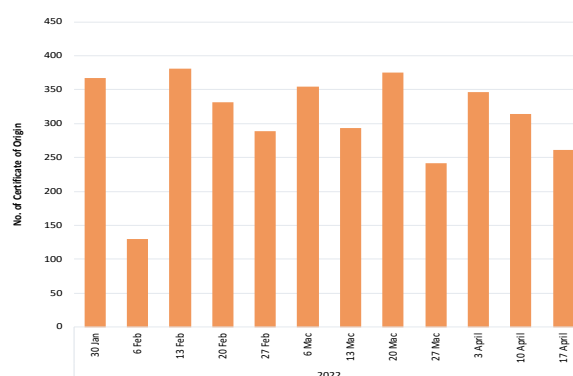
Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)



Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)



Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)

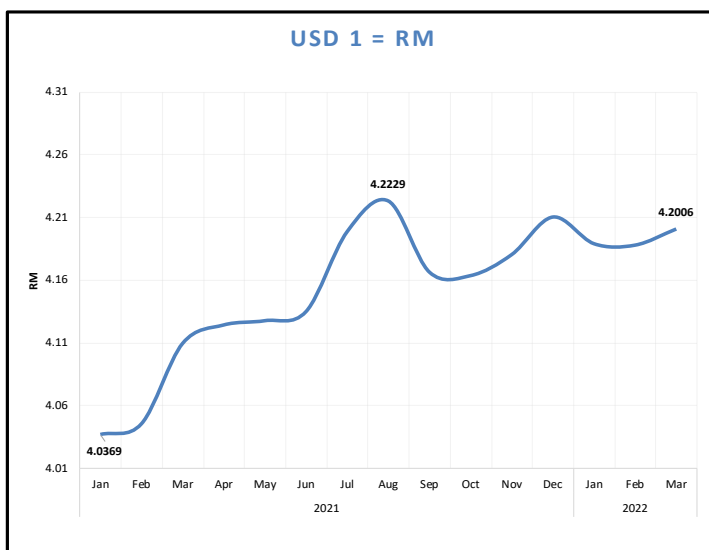


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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2021 - March 2022

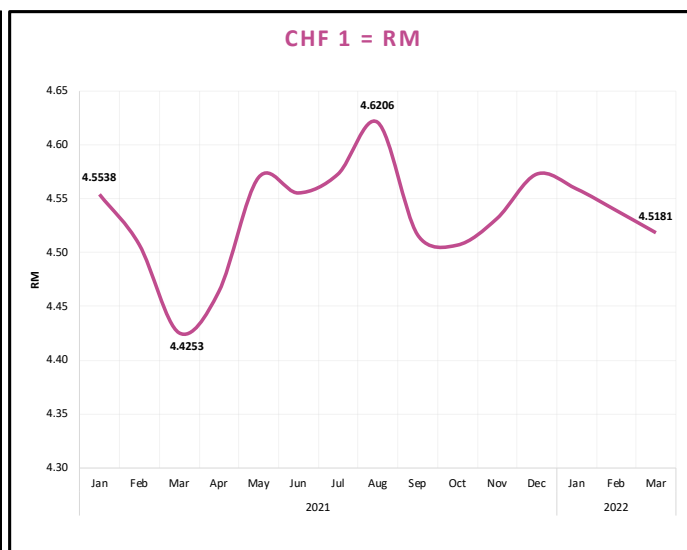
US Dollar

USD 1 = RM



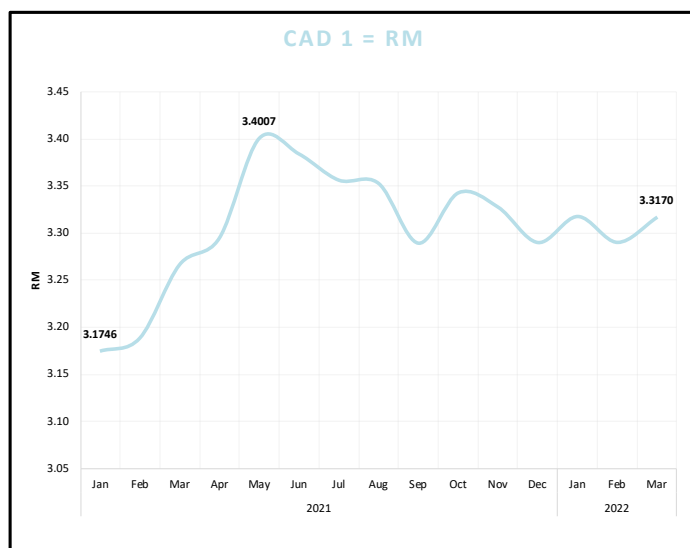
Swiss Franc

CHF 1 = RM



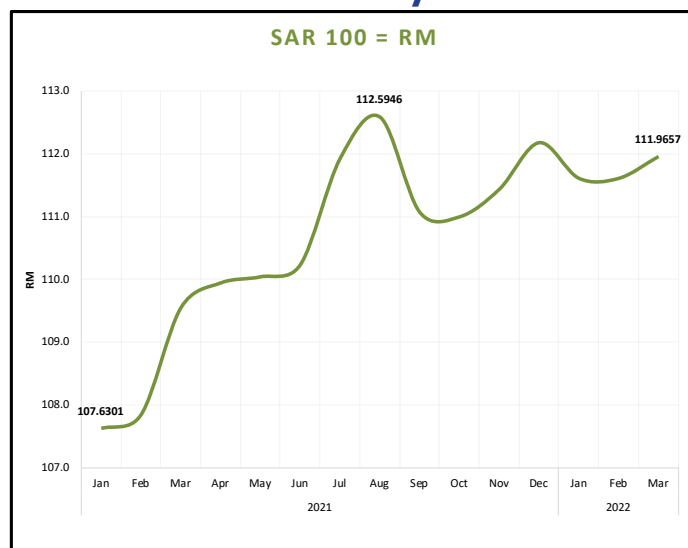
Canadian Dollar

CAD 1 = RM



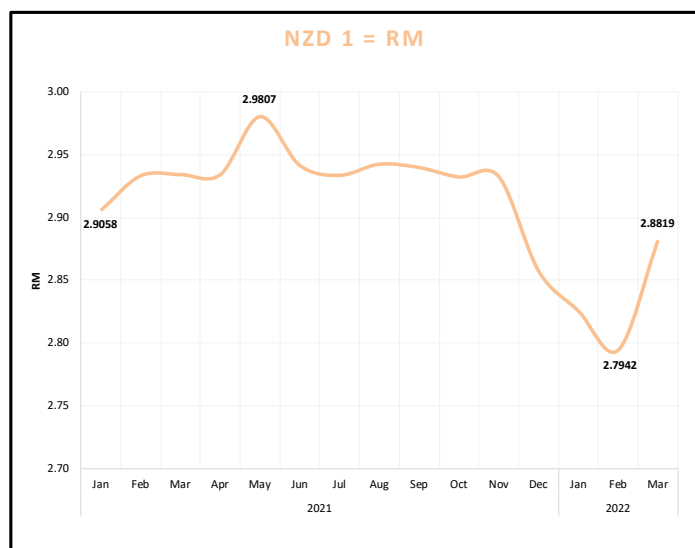
Saudi Riyal

SAR 100 = RM



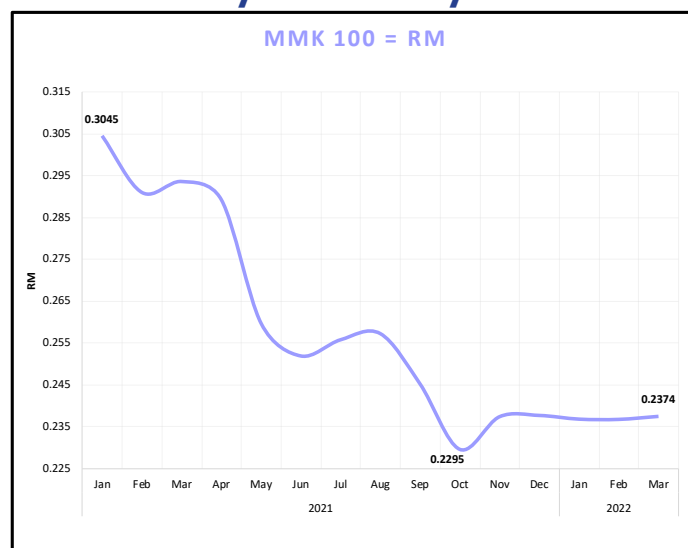
New Zealand Dollar

NZD 1 = RM



Myanmar Kyat

MMK 100 = RM



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



▼ 4.6%*
US\$106.2
22 Apr 2022

Highest
2021/2022

25 Mac 2022 : US\$120.7
22 Oct 2021 : US\$85.5

7 Jan 2022 : US\$81.8
15 Jan 2021 : US\$55.1

Lowest
2021/2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$71.1

CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▲ 0.2%*
US\$1,573.4
22 Apr 2022

Highest
2021/2022

11 Mac 2022 : US\$1,774.7
29 Oct 2021 : US\$1,302.0

14 Jan 2022 : US\$1,267.7
18 Jun 2021 : US\$844.6

Lowest
2021/2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$1,075.3

RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▼ 3.0%*
US\$1,685.0
22 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$1,689.1

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▼ 2.2%*
US\$1,590.2
22 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$1,505.9

SUGAR -per lbs-



▼ 4.1%*
US\$19.2
22 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$17.9

COAL -per MT-



▲ 1.3%*
US\$326.7
22 Apr 2022

Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$120.5

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-

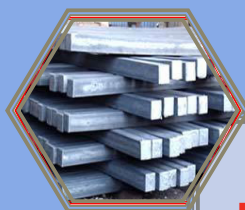


⊖ %*
US\$645.0
(high)
⋮
⊖ %*
US\$587.0
(low)
25 Apr 2022

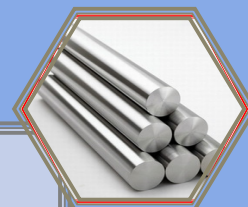
Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$486.4 (high)
Average Price 2021 ⁱ: US\$468.1 (low)

Domestic Prices

25 Apr 2022



**Billets
(per MT)
RM3,200- RM3,300**



**Steel Bars
(per MT)
RM3,450 – RM3,600**

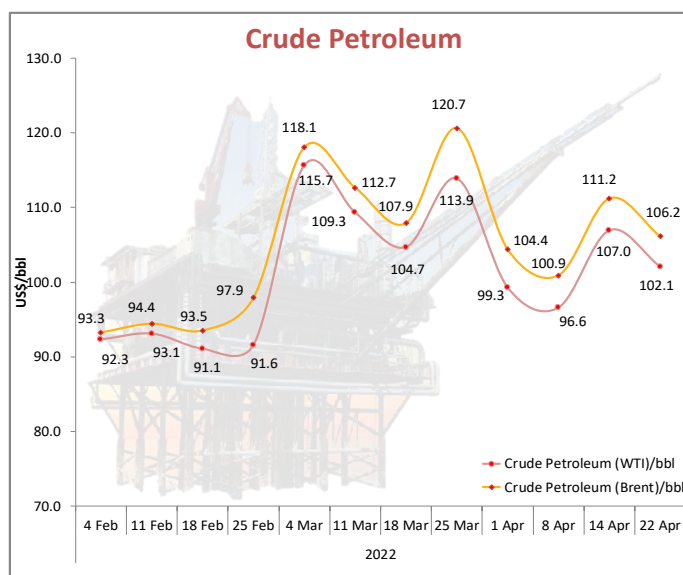
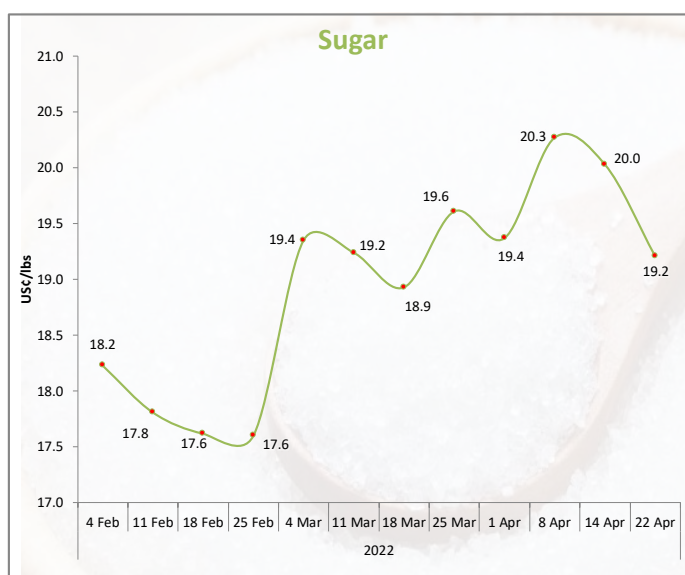
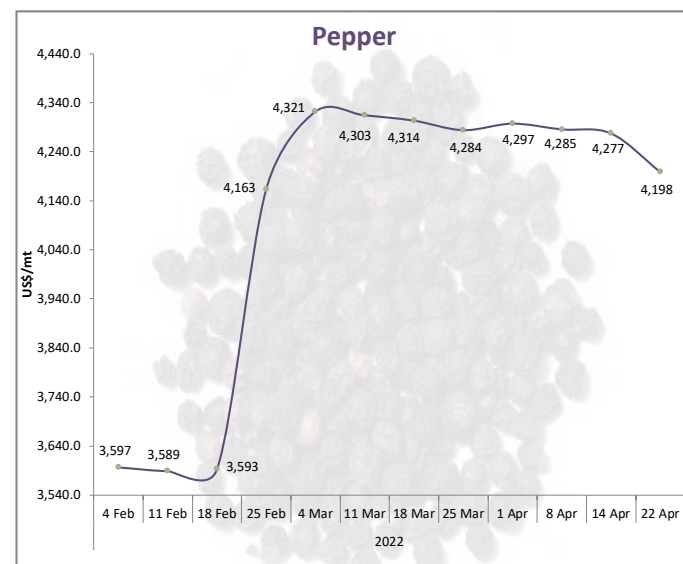
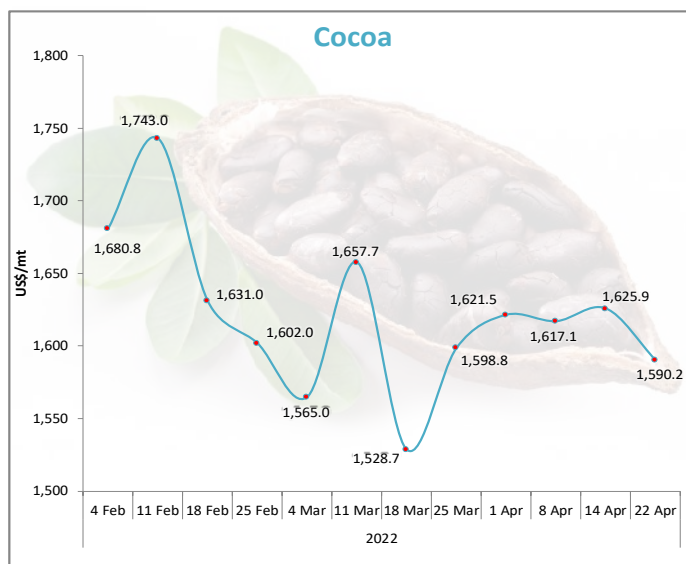
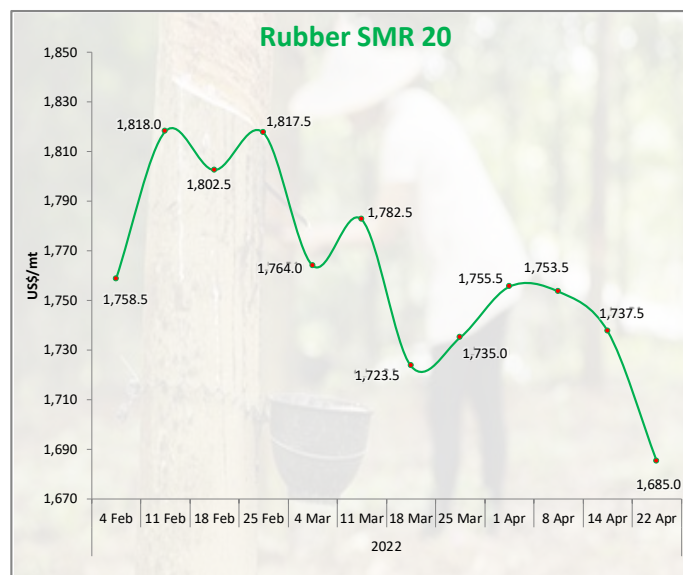
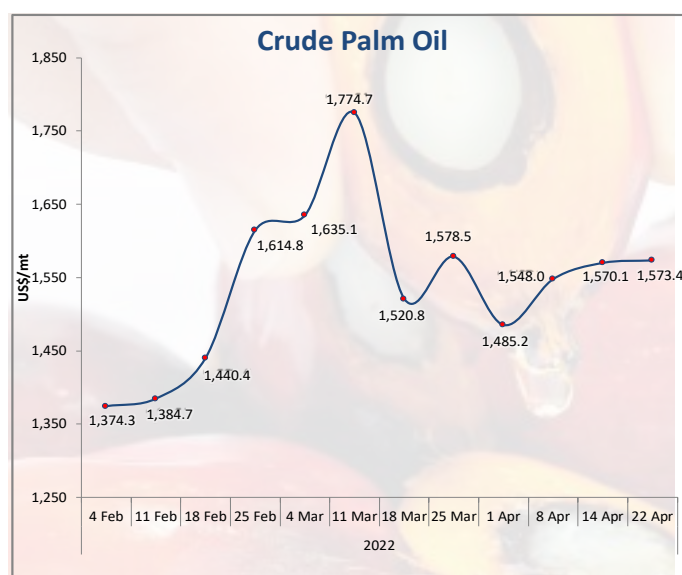
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

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

ⁱ Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

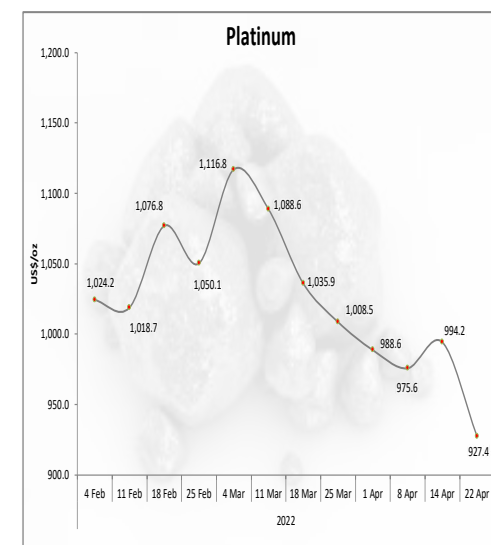
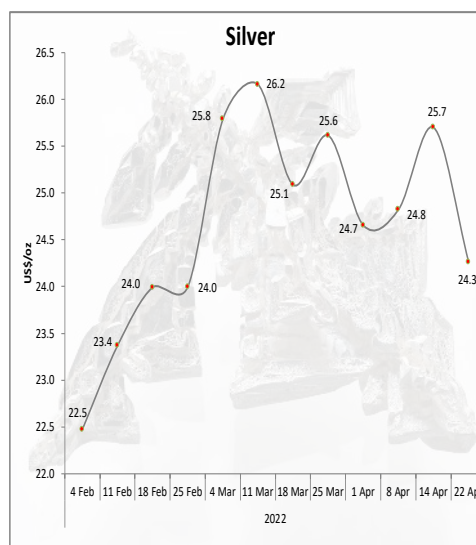
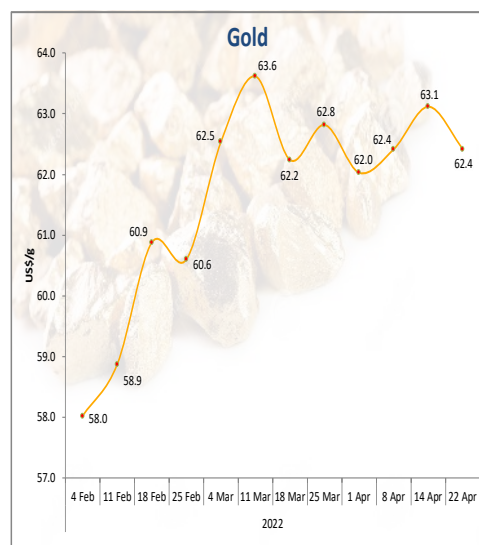
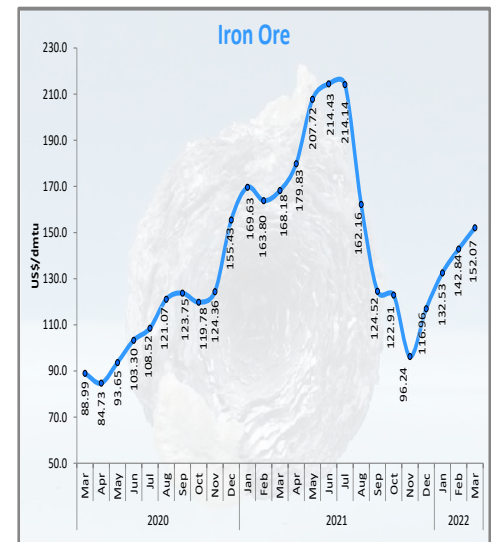
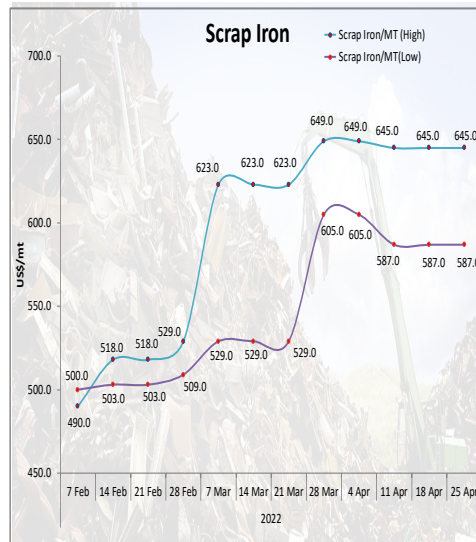
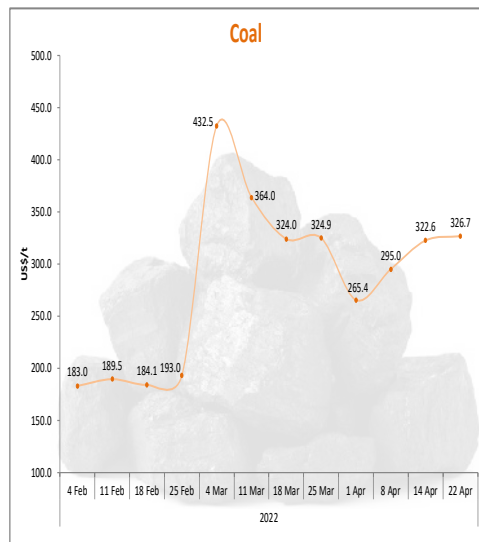
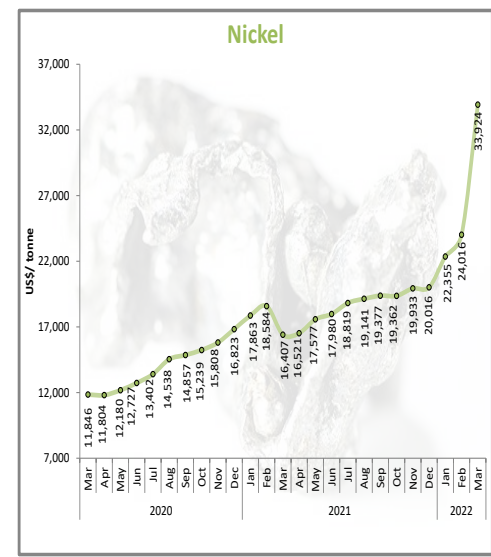
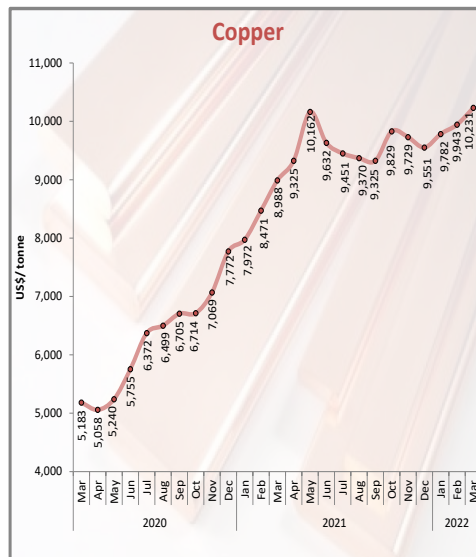
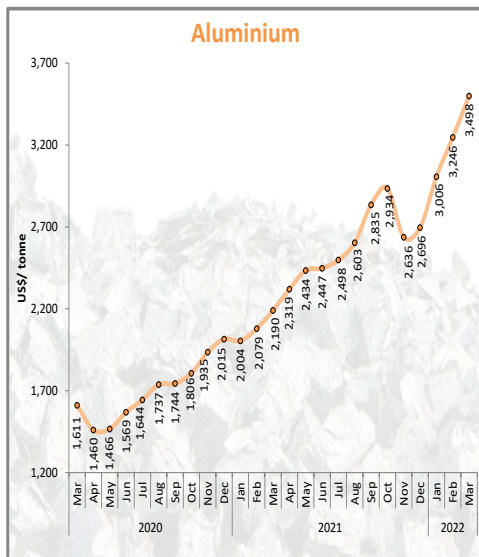
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Commodity Price Trends



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RCEP

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP)



RCEP CONSISTS OF

10 ASEAN member countries

5 ASEAN FTA Partner countries

THE RCEP COVERS:

1

Elimination or reduction of import duties



2

Promotion, facilitation, protection and investment liberalisation



3

Protection of intellectual property rights, facilitation in e-commerce



4

Economic and technical cooperation



MAIN OBJECTIVES OF RCEP

1

Strengthening regional value chain



2

User friendly and easy to use



3

Modern, comprehensive and high quality



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

RCEP

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement is designed to broaden and deepen ASEAN's engagement with Australia, China, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. The objective of the trade agreement is to establish a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership that will facilitate the expansion of regional trade and investment and contribute to global economic growth and development in the region.



2012

The decision to initiate the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement begins at the 21st ASEAN Summit

2020

The RCEP is officially signed by 10 ASEAN member countries along with five ASEAN FTA partner countries after 31 rounds of formal negotiations

Total Population
2.2 billion

Total GDP US\$24.8 billion
28.9% of the world's GDP

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The RCEP Agreement is created to establish a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership that will facilitate the expansion of regional trade and investment and contribute to global economic growth and development amongst RCEP member countries.

The single regional free trade agreement (FTA) is also intended to strengthen regional value chain for businesses in the region, particularly the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

It is designed to create and support an open, inclusive, and rules-based multilateral trading system, which will in turn create avenues for market and employment opportunities for businesses and people within the region.

The trade agreement will allow businesses in RCEP member countries to gain access to a much wider regional market. Progressive elimination and reduction of customs duties for trade in goods as well as facilitation of export and import of goods among the RCEP countries will serve to enhance inter and intra regional trade and investment whilst strengthening regional value chains.

To serve as a vital economic tool to spur economic growth in the region. It will also allow more seamless opening of markets whilst creating uninterrupted supply chains within the region. The trade agreement is also intended to help facilitate transparency, information exchange and better compliance for technical regulations and standards amongst RCEP member countries.

KEY FEATURES OF THE RCEP



Trade In Goods

Progressive elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers on substantially all trade in goods including the related chapters of rules of origin, customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures and trade remedies in order to establish a free trade area among the parties.



Trade In Services

Liberalisation of services sectors, including financial services, telecommunications services and movement of natural persons. The RCEP will be comprehensive, of high quality and substantially eliminate restrictions and/or discriminatory measures with respect to trade in services between the RCEP participating countries. Rules and obligations on trade in services under the RCEP will be consistent with the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).



Investment

Promotion, facilitation, protection and liberalisation of investment. The RCEP will aim to create a liberal, facilitative, and competitive investment environment in the region based on these four pillars in order to create an enabling investment environment in the region along with improved investment facilitation provisions as well as investor aftercare.

Economic & Technical Cooperation

The economic and technical cooperation provisions in the RCEP will build upon existing economic cooperation arrangements between ASEAN and ASEAN's FTA partners to narrow the development gaps amongst member countries. Under the RCEP agreement, cooperation activities will also include trade activities such as include e-commerce and other areas that would be mutually agreed upon by the RCEP participating countries.



Protection Of Intellectual Property Rights

Aimed at reducing IP related barriers to trade and investment by promoting economic integration and cooperation in the utilization, protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights amongst RCEP member countries.



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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



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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.

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



Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

Readiness Assessment



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

2



Evaluation by Committees

3



Onsite Assessment

4



Receive RA Report

Business Intervention

5



Develop Intervention Proposal

6



Apply for Financial Incentives

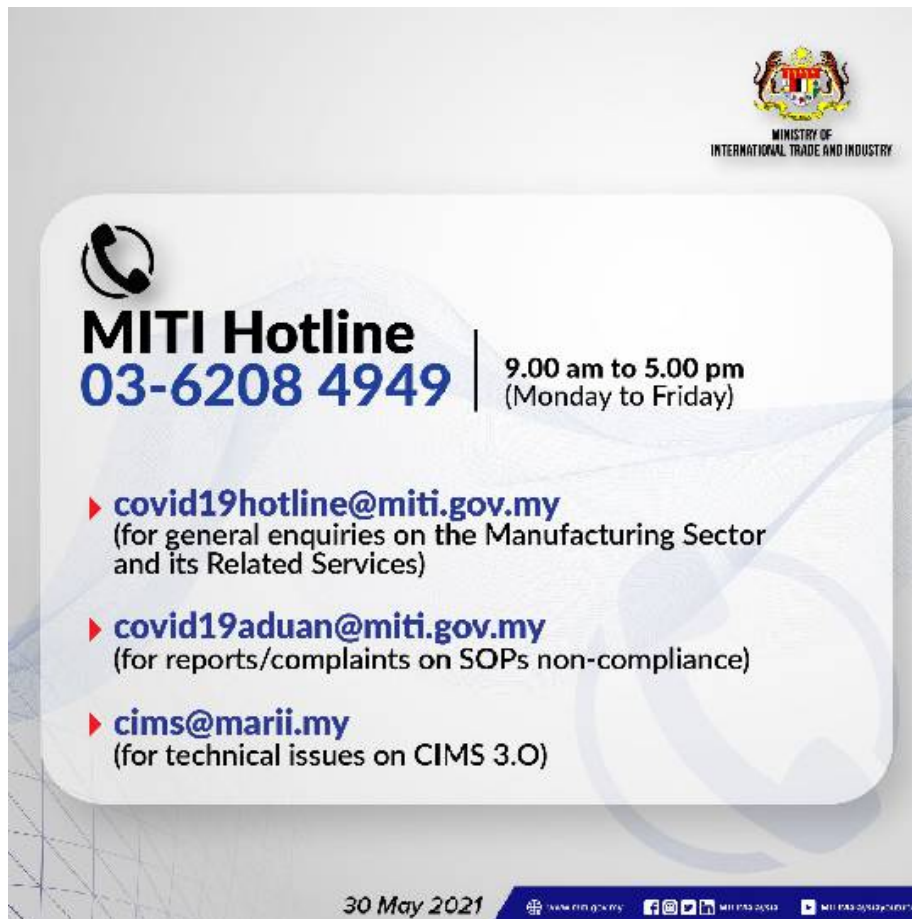
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Implement the Intervention Plan

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03-6208 4949 | 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
(Monday to Friday)

- ▶ covid19hotline@miti.gov.my
(for general enquiries on the Manufacturing Sector and its Related Services)
- ▶ covid19aduan@miti.gov.my
(for reports/complaints on SOPs non-compliance)
- ▶ cims@marii.my
(for technical issues on CIMS 3.0)

30 May 2021

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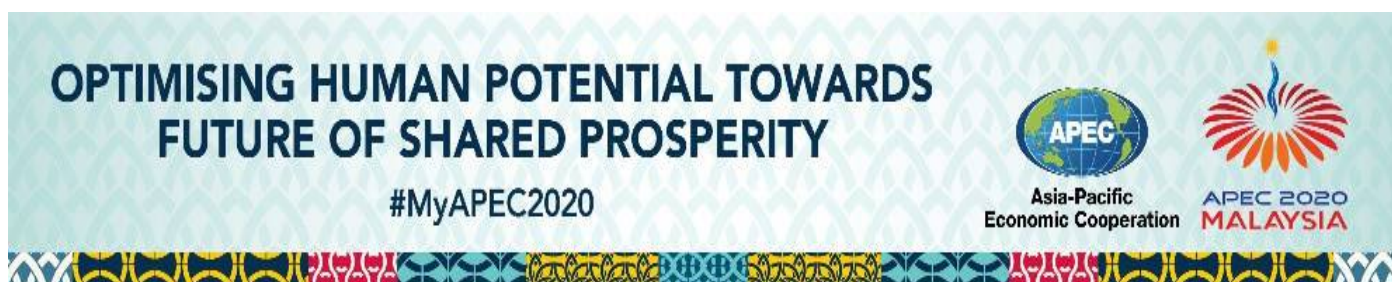
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