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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

# MAY 2022

Year-on-Year

**2.8%**

Month-on-Month

**0.6%**

FOOD &  
NON-ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES



5.2% | 4.1%

ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES  
& TOBACCO



0.4% | 0.5%

CLOTHING &  
FOOTWEAR



0.0% | - 0.2%

HOUSING,  
WATER, ELECTRICITY,  
GAS & OTHER FUELS



1.2% | 0.8%

FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD  
EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE  
HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE



2.9% | 2.7%

HEALTH



0.4% | 0.2%

TRANSPORT



3.9% | 3.0%

COMMUNICATION



0.0% | 0.0%

RECREATION  
SERVICES  
& CULTURE



1.8% | 1.3%

EDUCATION



1.0% | 1.0%

RESTAURANTS  
& HOTELS



3.7% | 3.2%

MISCELLANEOUS  
GOODS & SERVICES



1.9% | 1.8%

TOP 5 STATES WITH  
HIGHER CPI



3.7%



2.9%



2.5%



2.4%



2.4%



URBAN

3.0% | 2.4%



RURAL

2.2% | 1.7%

CORE INFLATION

2.4% | 2.1%

CPI WITHOUT FUEL

2.7% | 2.2%

Notes: Percentage Change Year-on-Year: May 2022 | April 2022

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

## LEADING INDEX, APRIL 2022

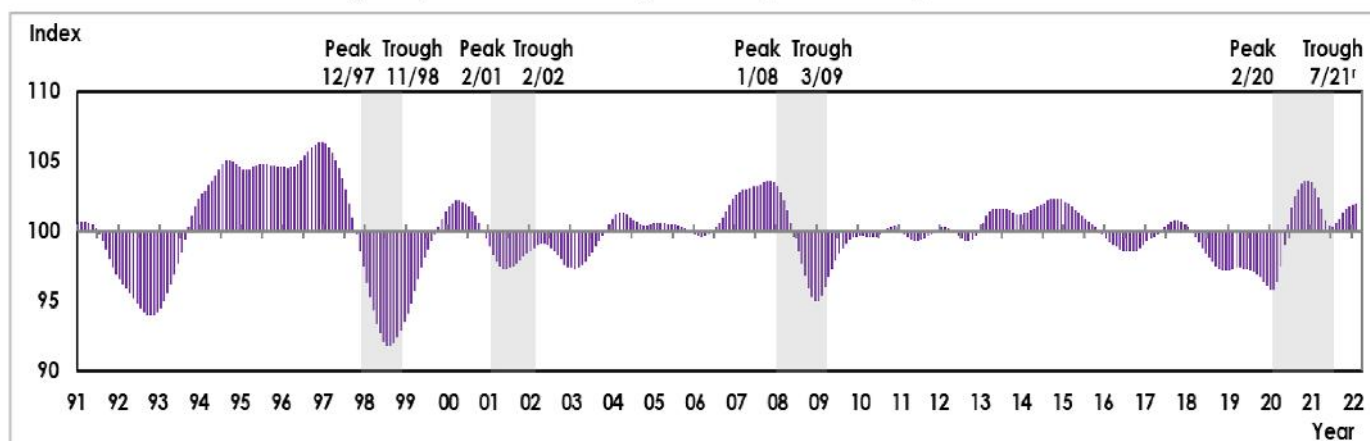
**THE LEADING INDEX SHOWED A BETTER ANNUAL CHANGE  
AT NEGATIVE 0.5 PER CENT, SIGNIFYING BETTER  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY AHEAD**

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

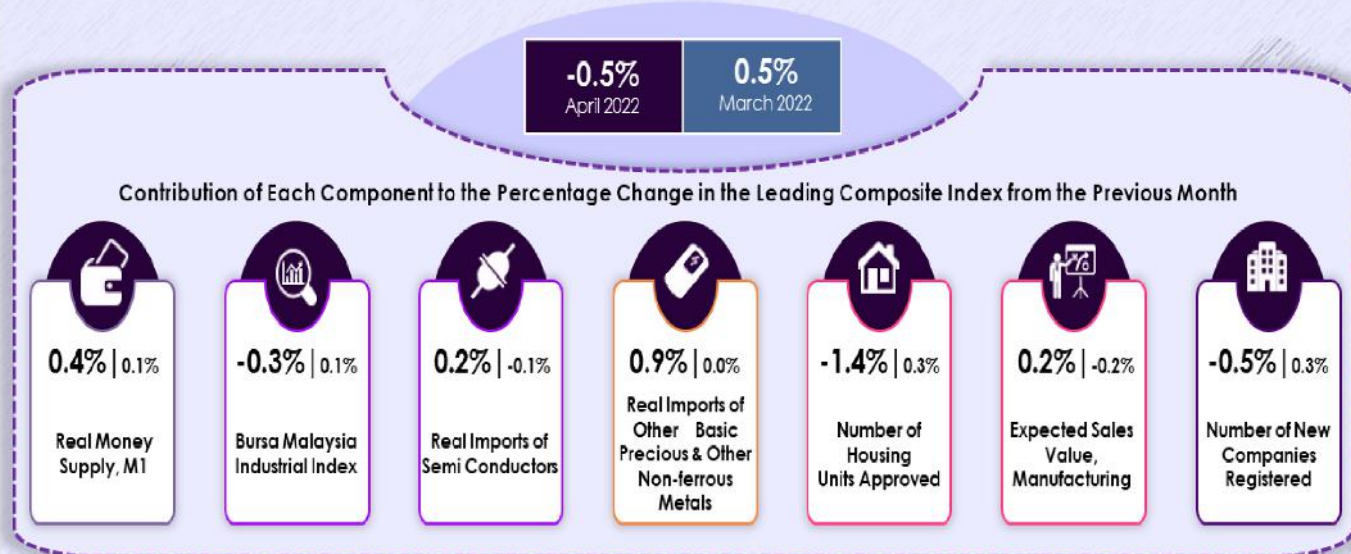


Note: Economic direction forecast by Leading Composite Index in average of 4 to 6 months ahead

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



Leading Composite Index, Monthly Change (%)



Note: April 2022 | March 2022  
\* Revised

Source: Malaysian Economic Indicators- Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes, April 2022,  
Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)



# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EXPENDITURE, 2020

## 1 Time series data



## 2 Statistics by sector

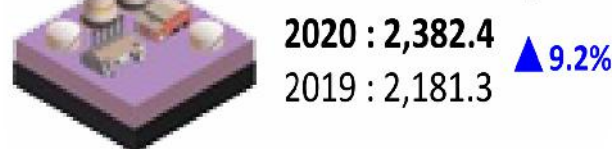
### Agriculture, forestry & fishing



### Mining & quarrying



### Manufacturing



### Construction

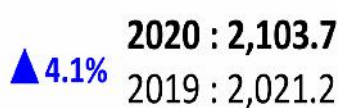


### Services



## 3 Statistics by type of expenditure

### Pollution management



### Waste management



### Environmental assessment and charges



### Protection of wildlife & habitat



### Other expenditure

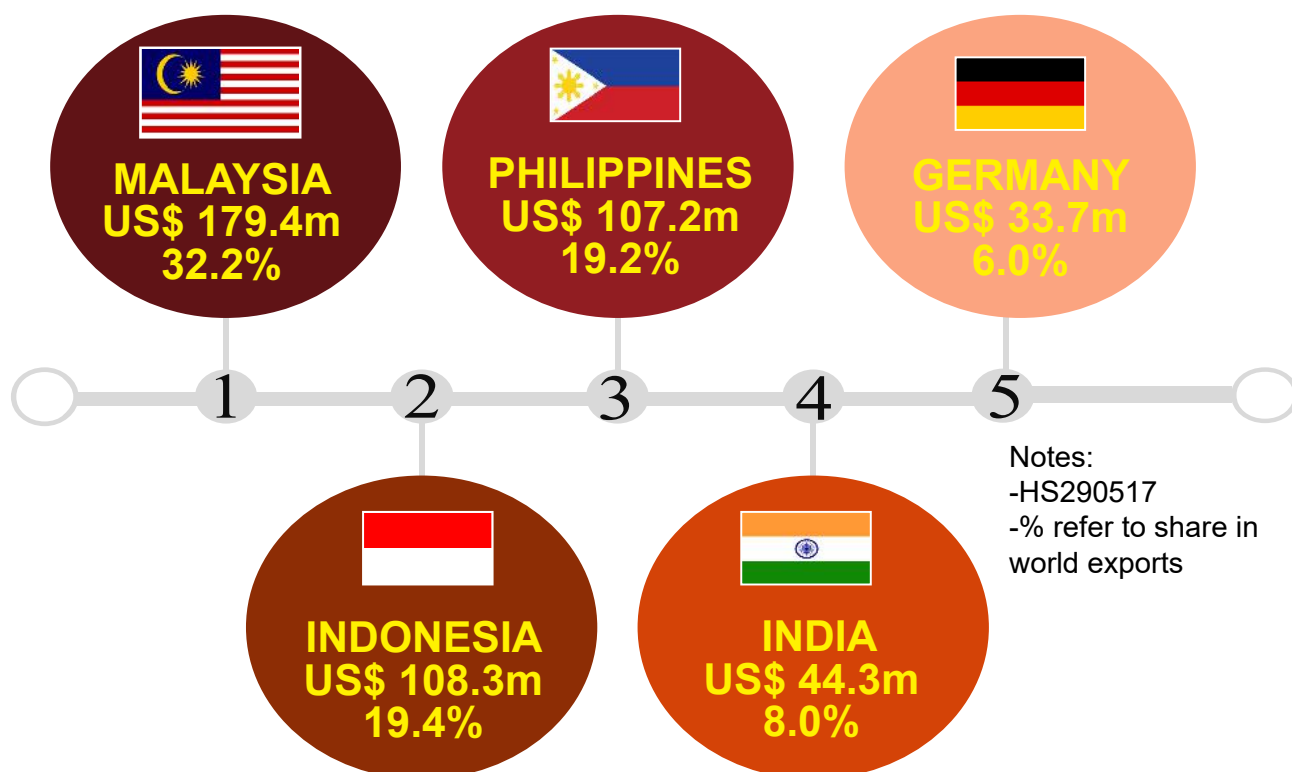


▲ Annual growth rate  
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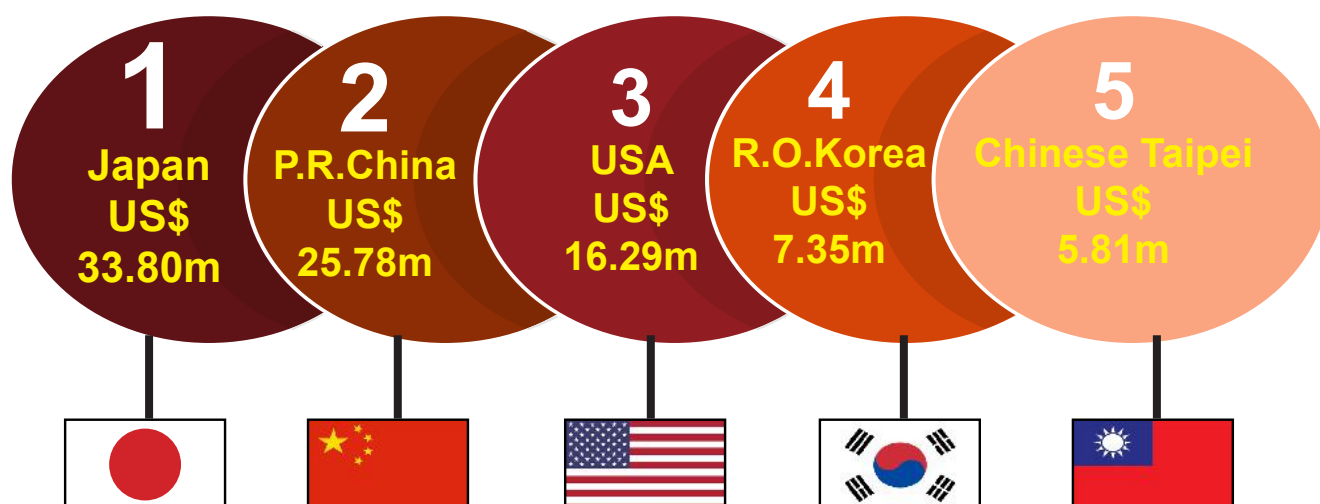
Source : Report on the Survey of Environmental Protection Expenditure 2021, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

## WORLD LARGEST EXPORTER OF DODECAN-1-OL "LAURYL ALCOHOL", HEXADECAN-1-OL "CETYL ALCOHOL" AND OCTADECAN-1-OL "STEARYL ALCOHOL"

In 2021, Malaysia's export of "Dodecan-1-ol ""lauryl alcohol""", hexadecan-1-ol ""cetyl alcohol"" and octadecan-1-ol ""stearyl alcohol"" recorded US\$ 179.4 million which was 32.2% share of the world exports.



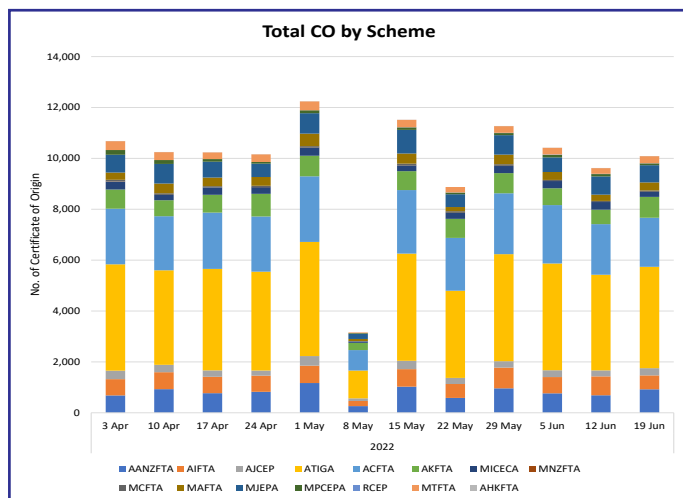
## MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS



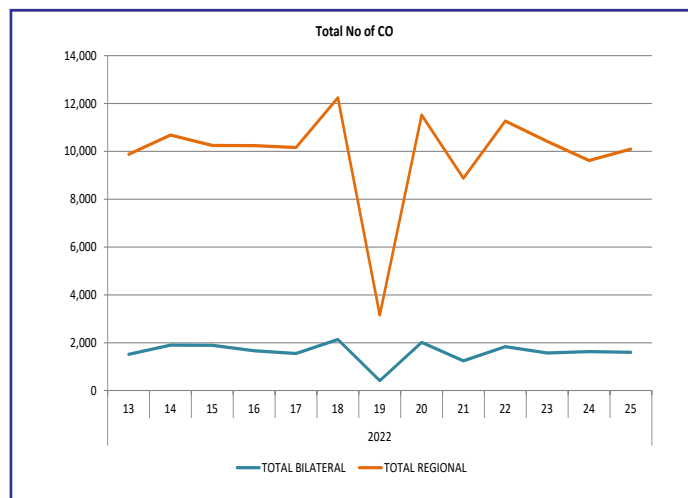
Source: <https://www.trademap.org/index.aspx>

# Number and FOB Value of PCO as at 19 June 2022 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

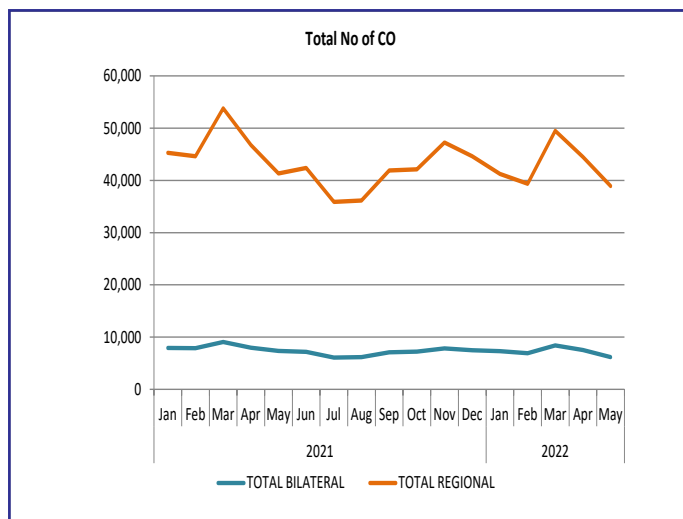
## Weekly Total Scheme



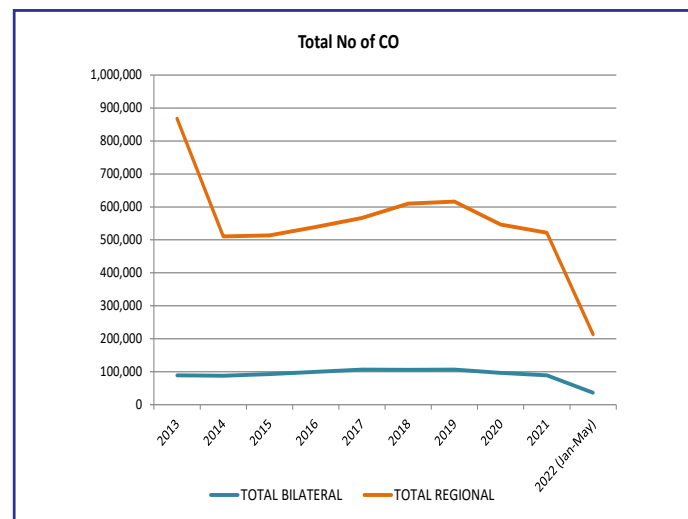
## Weekly



## Monthly



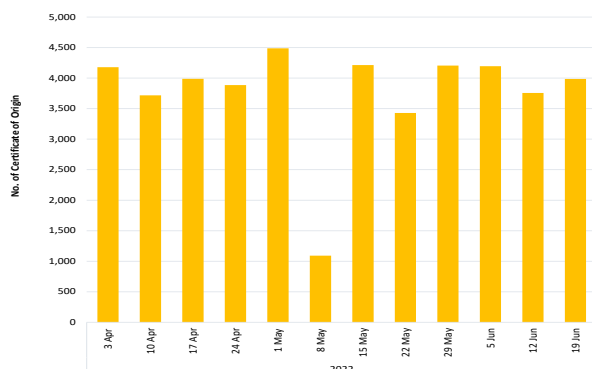
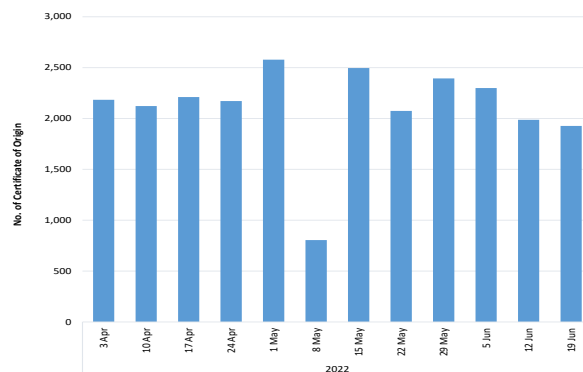
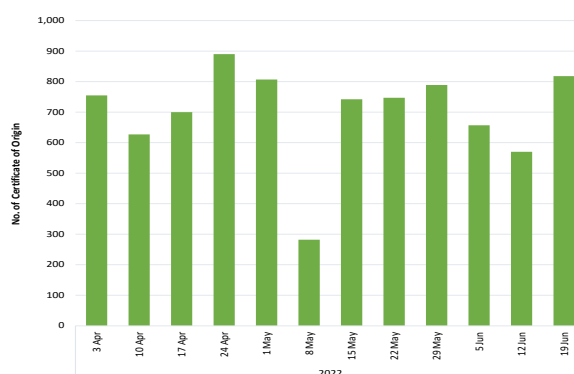
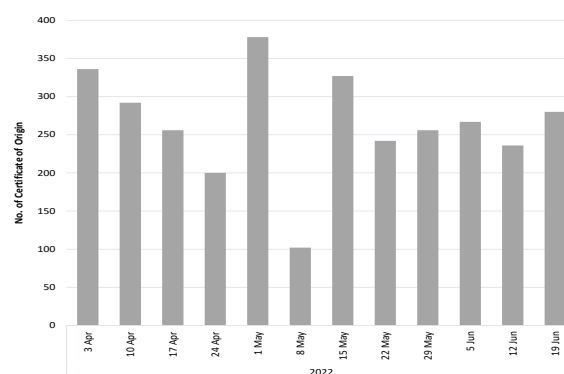
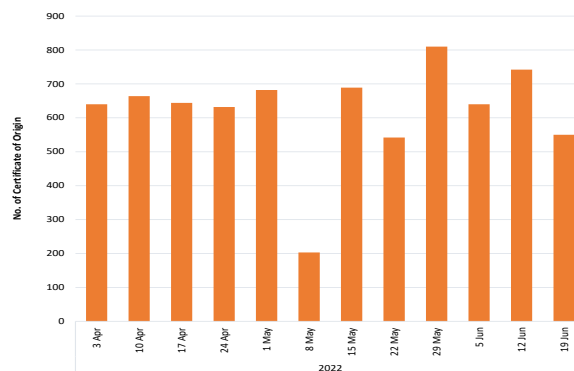
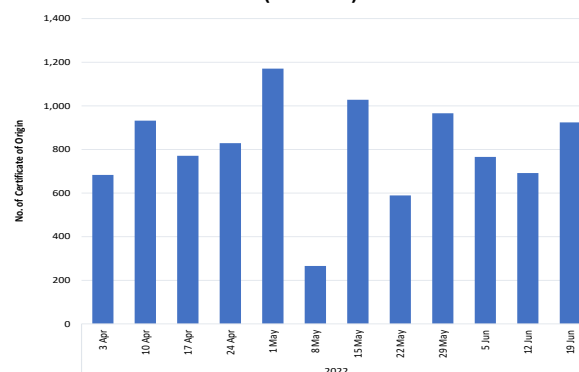
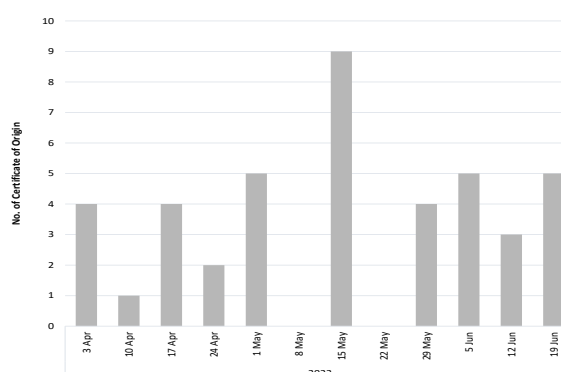
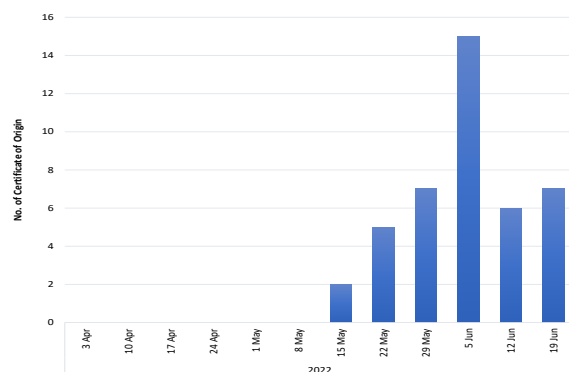
## Annually



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

# Regional FTA

## Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) as at 19 June 2022

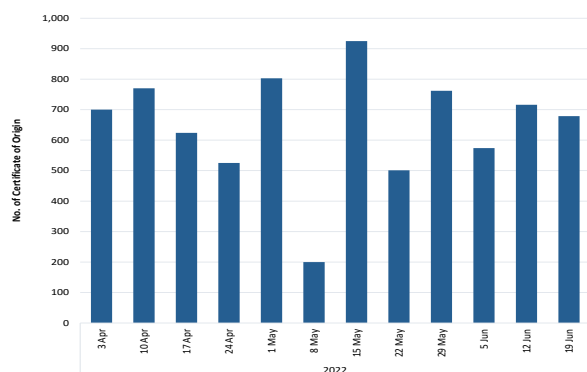
**ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)**

**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)**

**Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)**


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

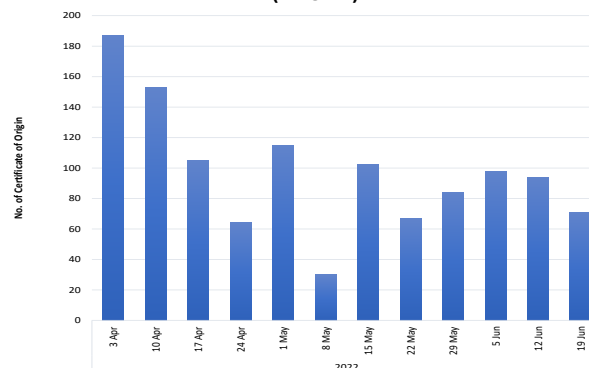
# Bilateral FTA

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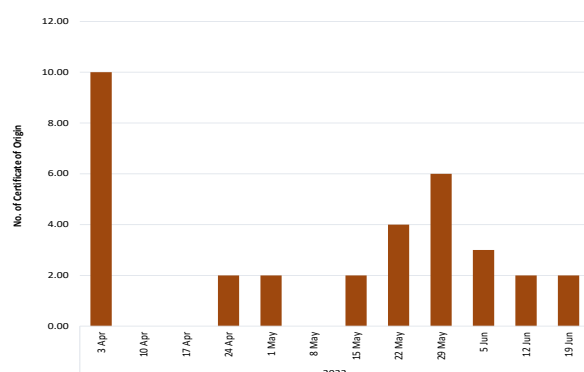
**Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA)**



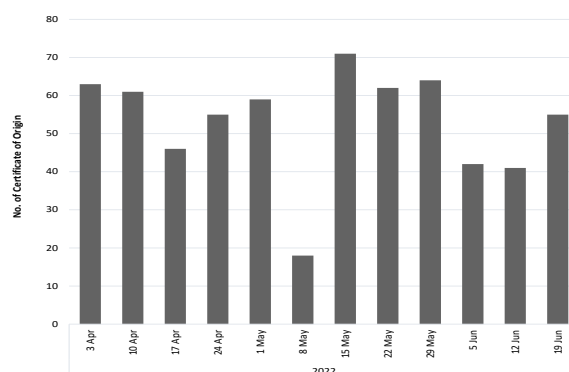
**Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA)**



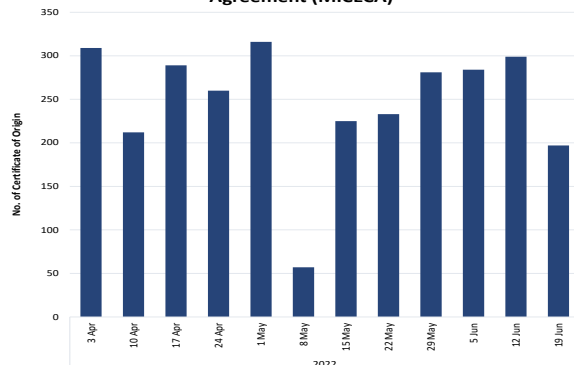
**Malaysia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (MNZFTA)**



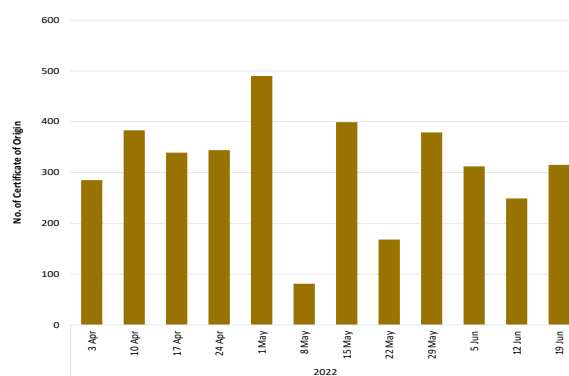
**Malaysia-Chile Free Trade Agreement (MCFTA)**



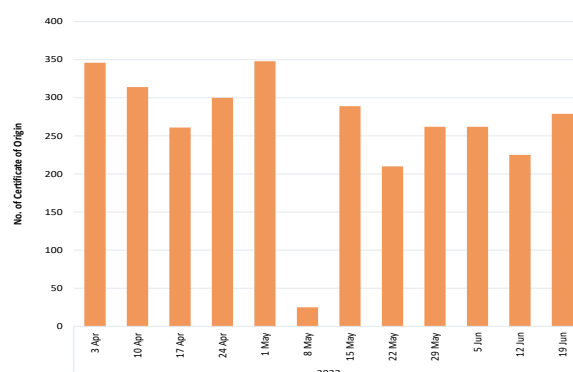
**Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA)**



**Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement (MAFTA)**



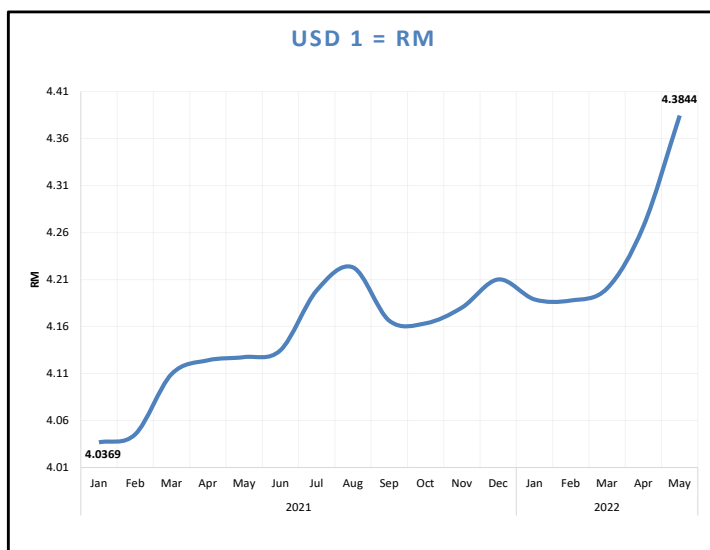
**Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement (MTFTA)**



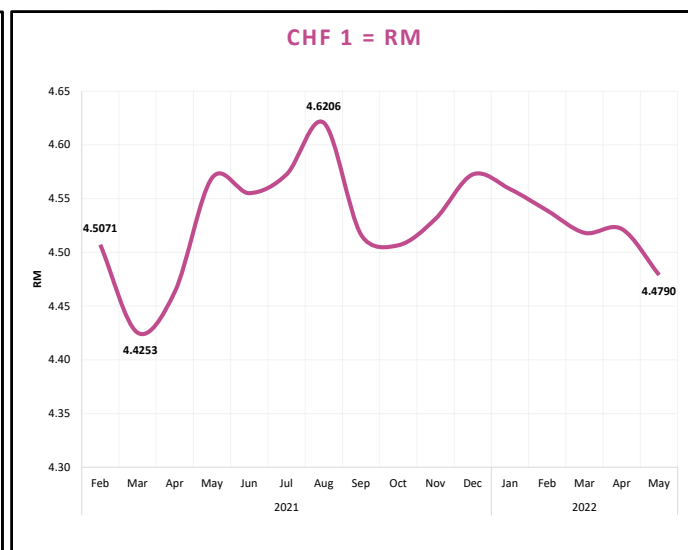
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# Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2021 - May 2022

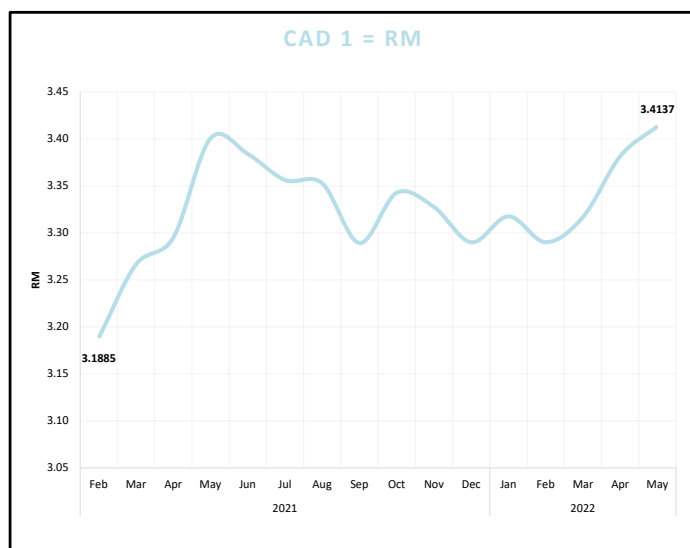
## US Dollar



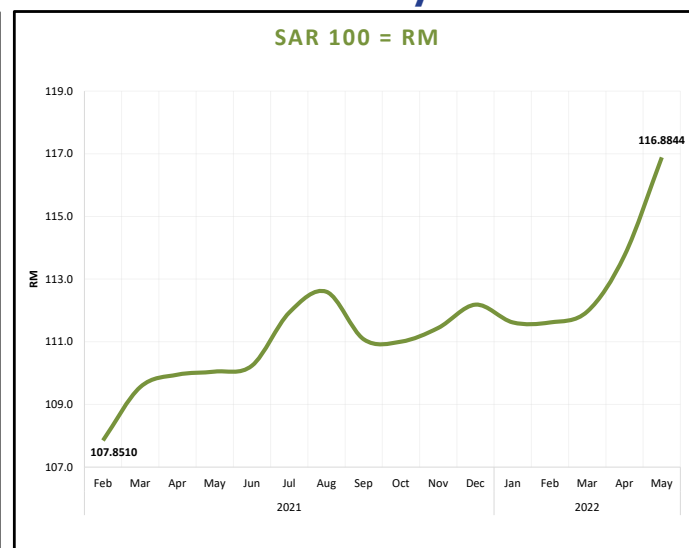
## Swiss Franc



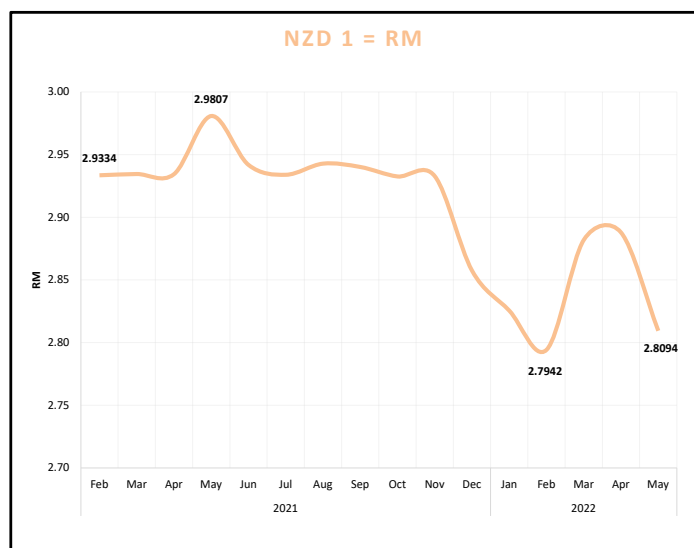
## Canadian Dollar



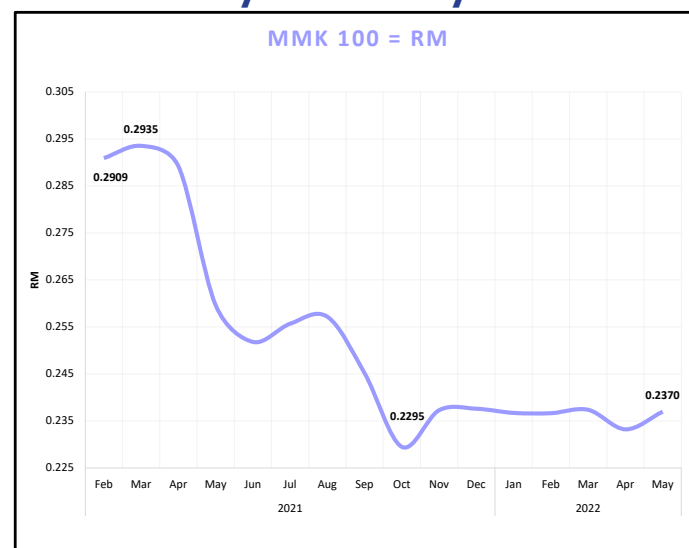
## Saudi Riyal



## New Zealand Dollar



## Myanmar Kyat



Source : Bank Negara Malaysia



# Commodity Prices

## CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-



⊖ %\*

US\$113.1  
24 June 2022

Highest  
2021/2022

10 June 2022 : US\$122.0  
22 Oct 2021 : US\$85.5

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

Lowest  
2021/2022

Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$71.1

## CRUDE PALM OIL -per MT-



▼ 16.5%\*

US\$1,081.6  
24 June 2022

Highest  
2021/2022

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

24 June 2022 : US\$1,081.6  
18 Jun 2021 : US\$844.6

Lowest  
2021/2022

Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$1,075.3

## RUBBER SMR 20 -per MT-



▲ 0.7%\*

US\$1,626.0  
24 June 2022

Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$1,689.1

## COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



▲ 3.8%\*

US\$1,515.0  
24 June 2022

Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$1,505.9

## SUGAR -per lbs-



▼ 2.2%\*

US\$18.3  
24 June 2022

Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$17.9

## COAL -per MT-



▲ 3.9%\*

US\$348.1

24 June 2022

Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$120.5

## SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



⊖ %\*

US\$460.0

(high)

24 June 2022

⊖ %\*

US\$400.0

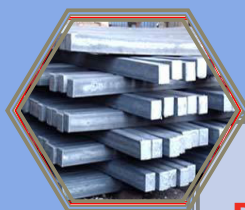
(low)

Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$486.4 (high)

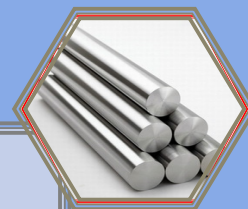
Average Price 2021 <sup>i</sup>: US\$468.1 (low)

## Domestic Prices

24 June 2022



**Billets  
(per MT)  
RM3,010 - RM3,100**



**Steel Bars  
(per MT)  
RM3,130 - RM3,280**

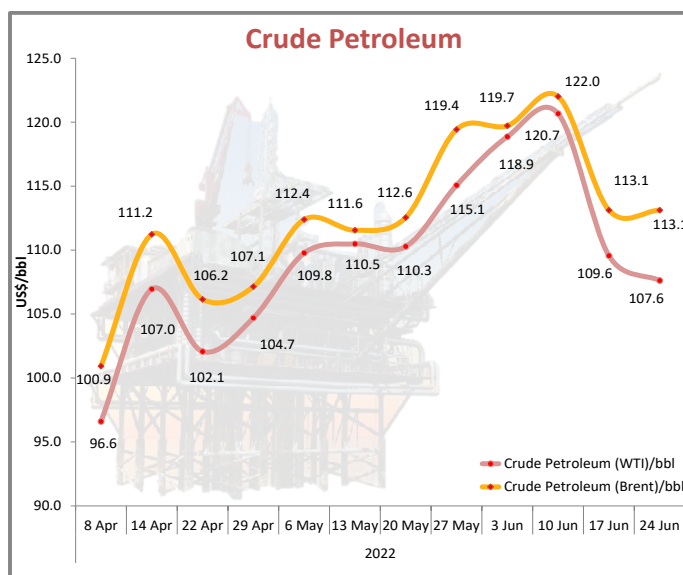
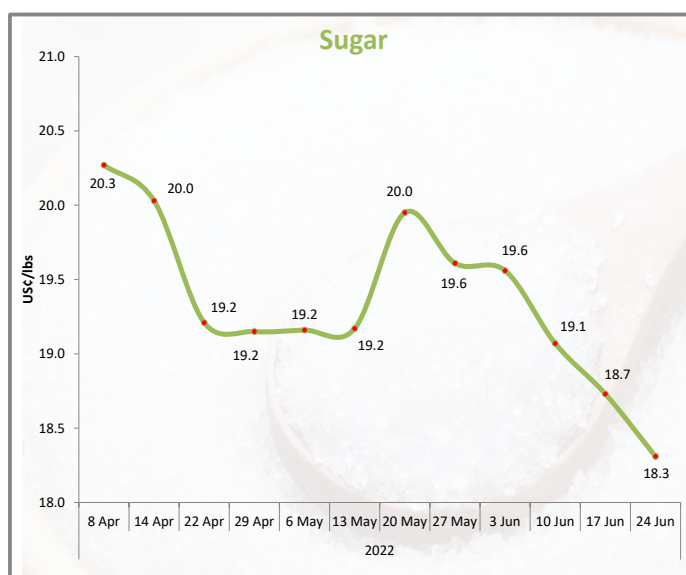
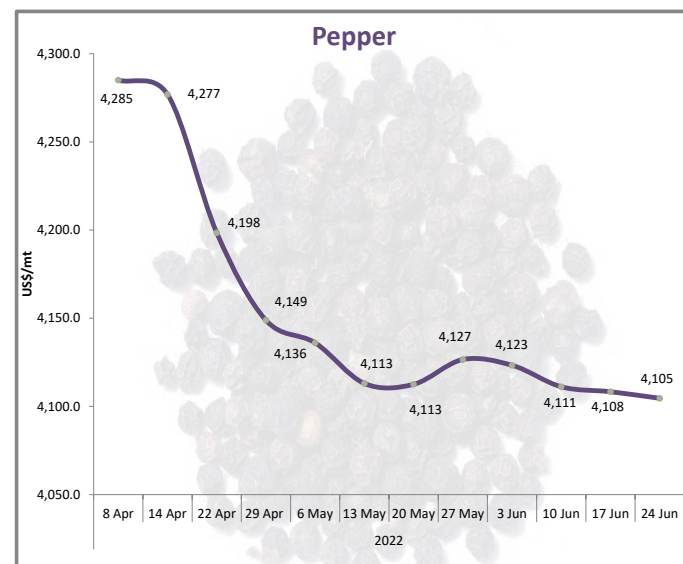
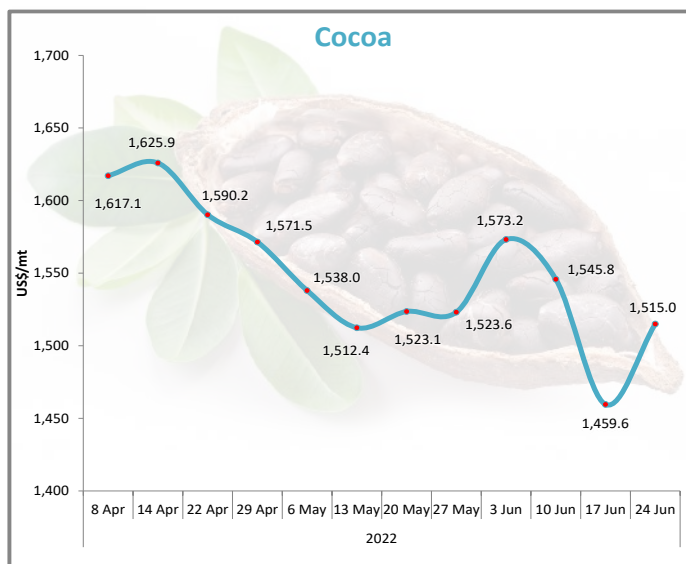
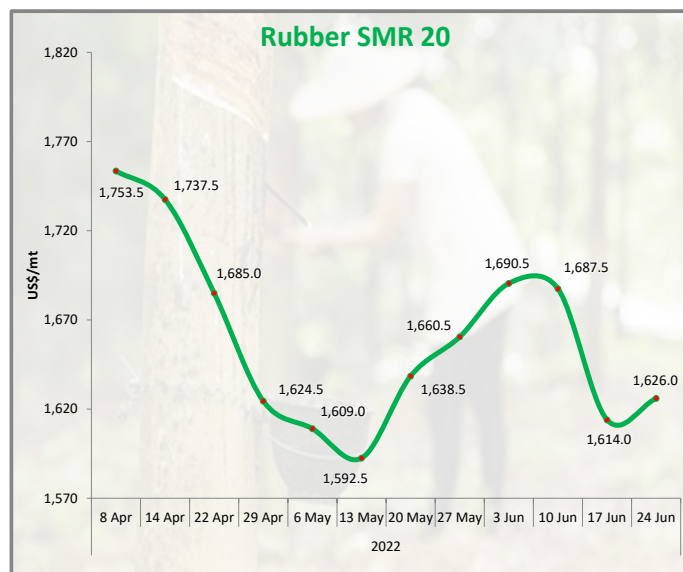
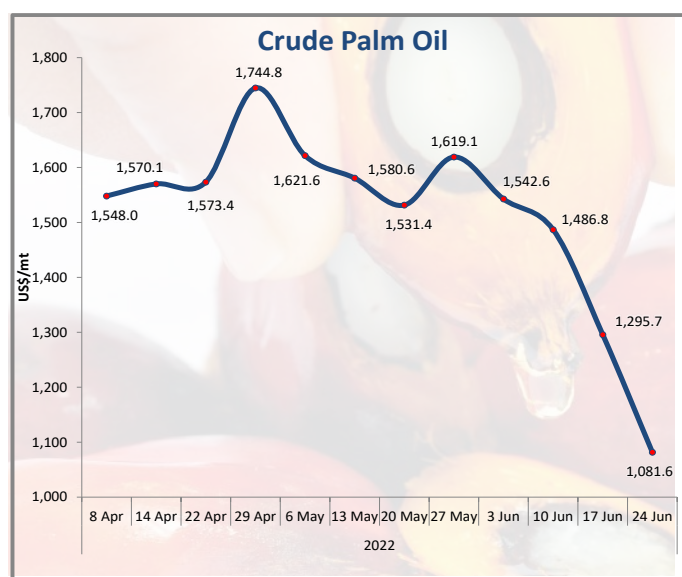
Notes: All figures have been rounded to the nearest decimal point

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

<sup>i</sup> Average price in the year except otherwise indicated

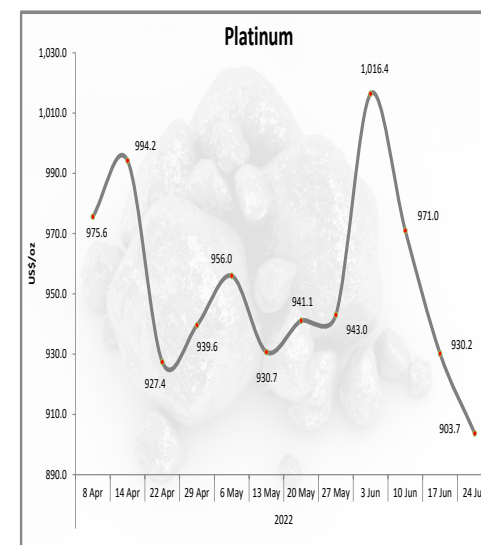
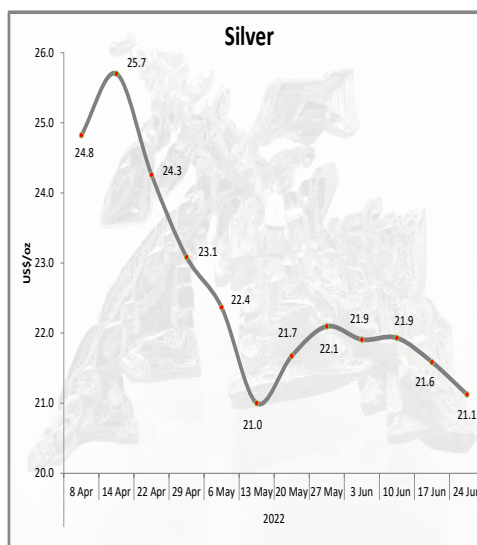
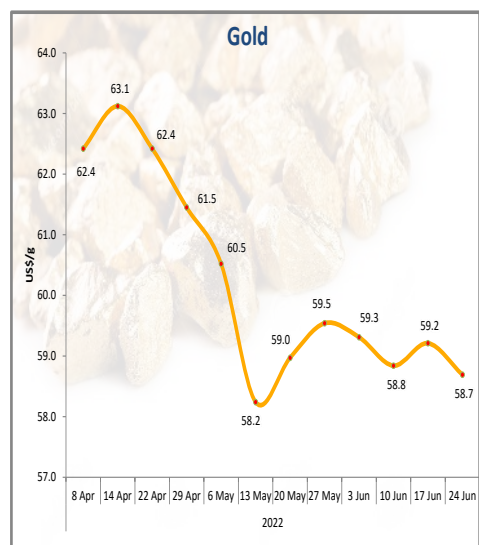
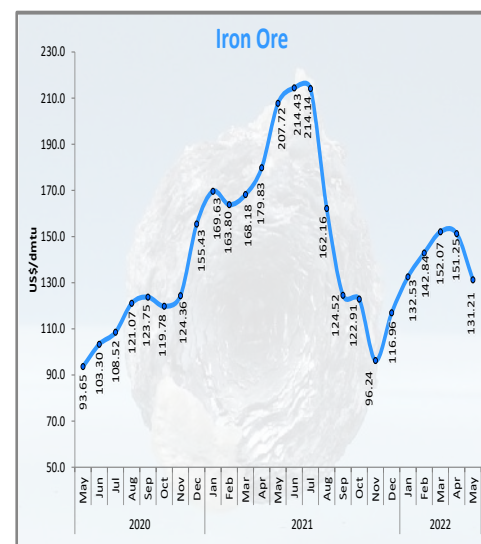
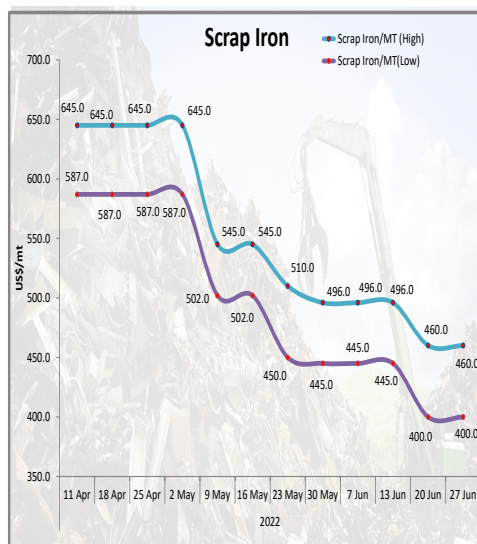
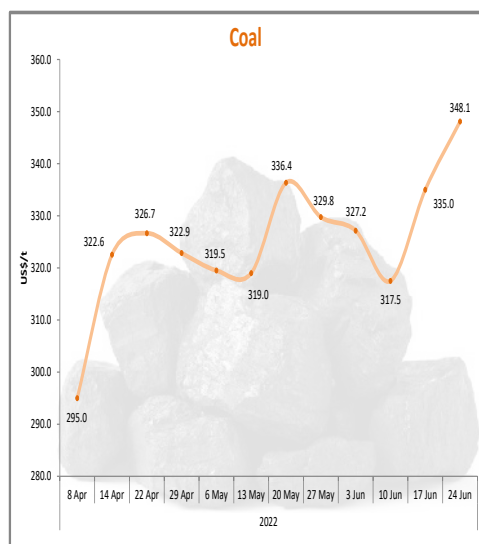
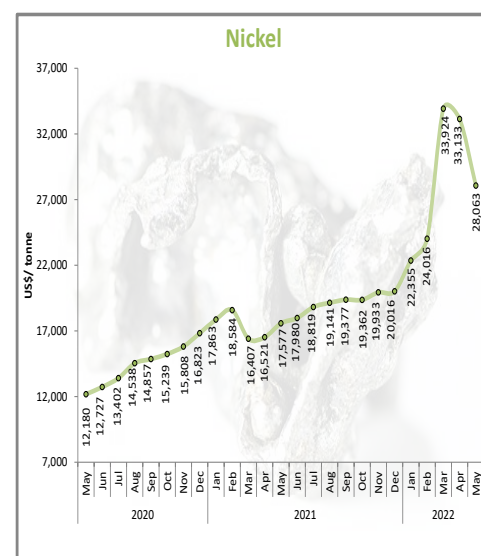
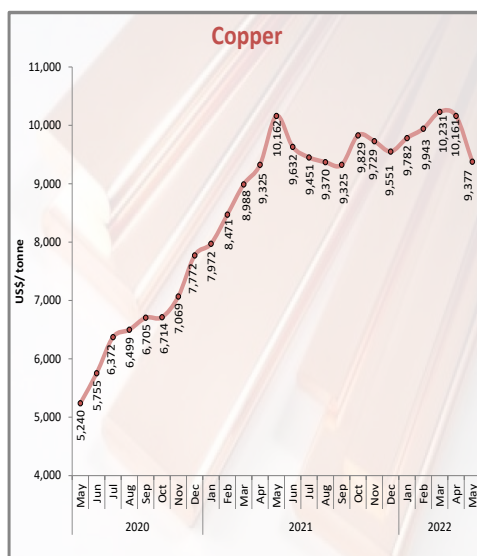
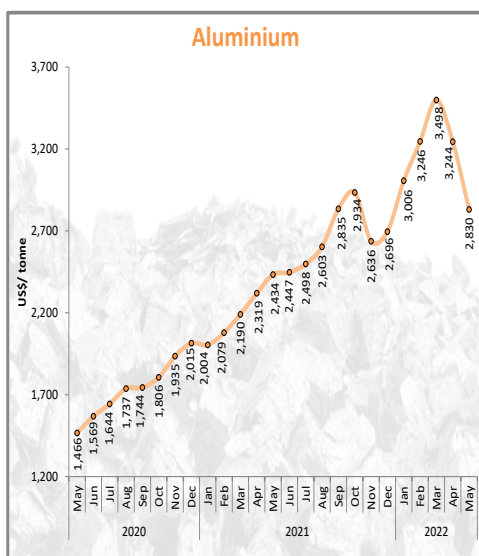
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# Commodity Price Trends



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## RCEP

# Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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](mailto:i4.0@miti.gov.my)
- RA: [industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my](mailto:industry4wrd@mpc.gov.my)



### Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

Readiness Assessment



Apply online at [www.miti.gov.my/industry4wrd](http://www.miti.gov.my/industry4wrd)

2



Evaluation by Committees

3



Onsite Assessment

4



Receive RA Report

Business Intervention

5



Develop Intervention Proposal

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