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PRODUCER PRICE INDEX, AUGUST 2023

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX LOCAL PRODUCTION

AUGUST 2023

Malaysia's Producer Price Index decreased to negative 1.8 per cent in August 2023

Aug 2023/Aug 2022 (year-on-year)

-1.8%

July 2023: -2.3%

Aug 2023/July 2023 (month-on-month)

July 2023: 0.2%

PPI BY SECTOR

2.9% July 2023:

3.6%

1.9% July 2023:

1.0%

Agriculture, Forestry & **Fishing**



-3.8%

July 2023: -10.8%

3.9%

July 2023: 3.1%

Mining



PPI BY STAGE OF PROCESSING



Crude materials for further processing

Intermediate

0.1%

-H

3.2%

July 2023: 3.4%

Finished goods

-2.3% July 2023:

-2.1%

-0.2% July 2023:

-0.2%

Manufacturing



-0.1% July 2023:

-0.1%

July 2023:

Electricity & Gas Supply



2.5%

July 2023:

0.2%

July 2023:

Water Supply



PPI OF SELECTED COUNTRIES

materials, supplies

& components

	Aug 2023	July 2023
United States of Amerika	1.6%	0.8%
Germany	-12.6%	-6.0%
P.R. China	-3.0%	-4.4%
Thailand	-3.1%	-5.1%
Japan	3.2%	3.4%
Republic of Korea	1.0%	-0.3%

Source: Official website of selected NSOs

PPI Aug 2022 - Aug 2023



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CPI. AUGUST 2023

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

AUGUST 2023

Malaysia's inflation remained at 2.0%

INFLATION BY MAIN GROUP

in August 2023













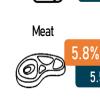




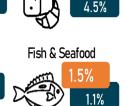


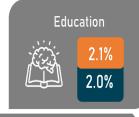






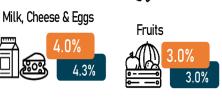
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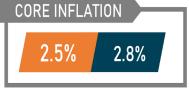


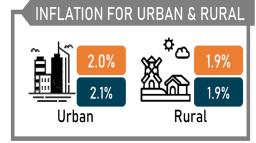


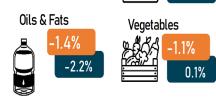










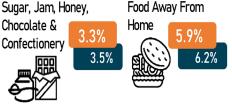












July Note: 2023 2023

Percentage Change: Year-on-Year

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

FOREIGN AFFILIATES IN MALAYSIA, 2021

"Foreign affiliates in Malaysia continued to perform well by contributing 17.7 per cent to the national economy"

NUMBER OF AFFILIATES

2,987 affiliates

2020

2,979 affiliates

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

884,843 persons

2020

859,541 persons

COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES

RM51.9b

2020 RM48.7b

274.3 259.2 252.5 241.0 234.2 222.7 219.0 216.8 202.3 194.5 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Value Added (RM billion)



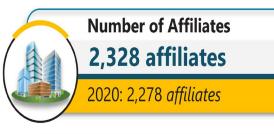
NUMBER OF AFFILIATES BY TOP THREE REGION 1 ASIA 2 EUROPE 3 AMERICAS 401 affiliates 63.5% 20.9% 13.4%

Notes: 1) b refers to billion
2) % refers shares to total
3) Any differences in the aggregated data are due to rounding

Source: Statistics on Foreign Affiliates in Malaysia 2021, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

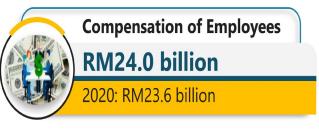
MALAYSIAN AFFILIATES ABROAD, 2021

"The **turnover** of Malaysian affiliates abroad increased to RM334.1 billion."







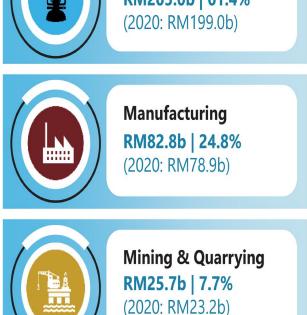


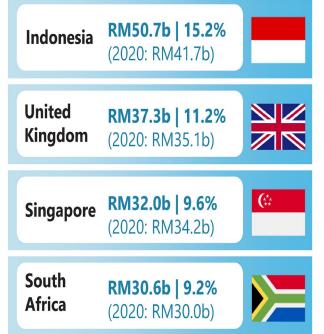












(2020: RM20.6b)

Hong Kong RM20.2b | 6.0%

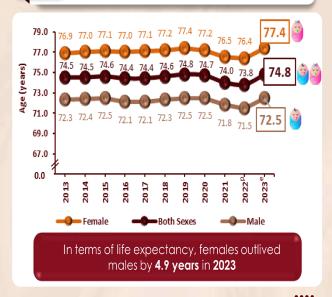
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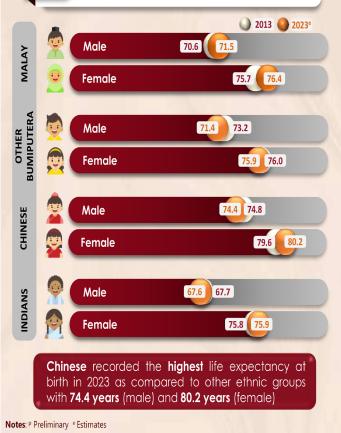
LIFE EXPECTANCY, 2023



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH, 2013-2023e



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH 03 BY ETHNIC GROUP



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP





LIFE EXPECTANCY AT SPECIFIC AGE



Both Sexes Male Female 60.5 58.3 63.1 years years years 2013: 60.3 years 2013: 58.2 years 2013: 62.7 years A male at the age of 15 years in 2023 is expected to live another 58.3 years and female another 63.1 years

A **male** at the age

AT AGE 60 YEARS

Male

19.6 years

2013: 19.3 years

Both Sexes

18.3 m years 2013: 18.1 years

21.1 years

Female

Female

17.2

years

of **60 years** in **2023** is expected to live another 18.3 years and female another 21.1 years 2013: 20.5 years

AT AGE 65 YEARS

Male

Both Sexes

2013: 15.5 years

16.0 **M** years

14.9 years

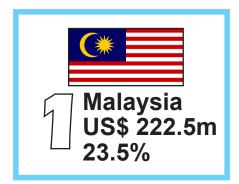
A male at the age of **65 years** in **2023** is expected to live another 14.9 years and female

another 17.2 years 2013: 16.5 years

Source: Abridged Life Tables, Malaysia, 2021-2023, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

WORLD LARGEST EXPORTERS OF OSCILLOSCOPES AND OSCILLOGRAPHS

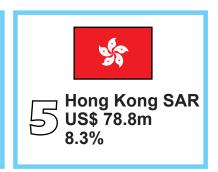
In 2022, Malaysia's export of Oscilloscopes and oscillographs recorded US\$ 225.0 million which was 23.5 % share of the world exports.











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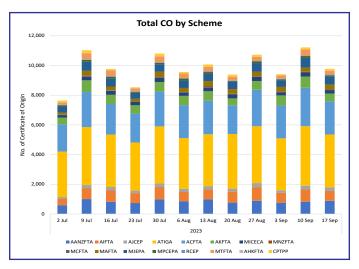
- -*HS903020
- -% refer to share in world exports

MALAYSIA'S TOP EXPORT DESTINATIONS

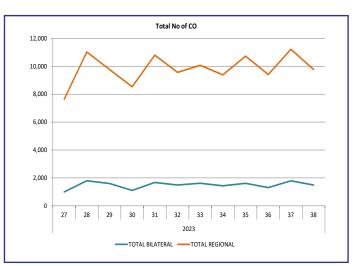


Number of PCO as at 17 September 2023 Weekly / Monthly/ Annually

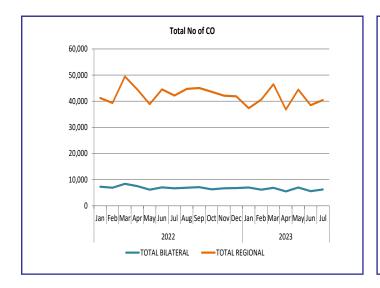
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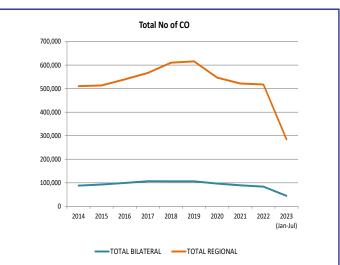
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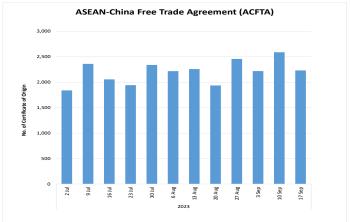
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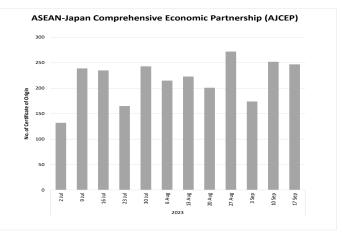
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Regional FTA Number of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) as at 17 September 2023





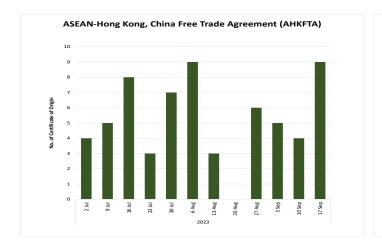


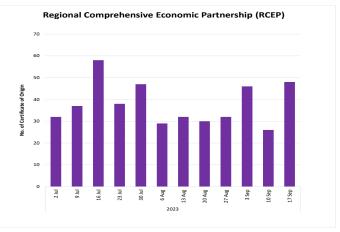


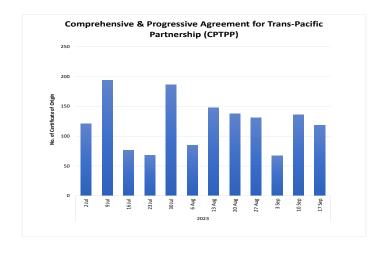
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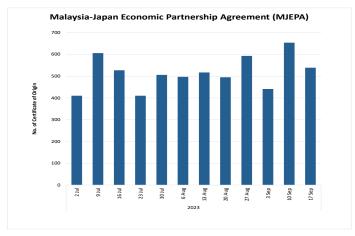


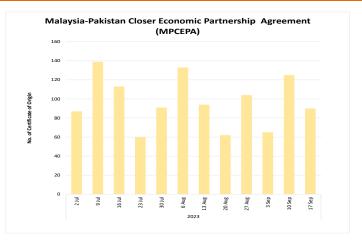




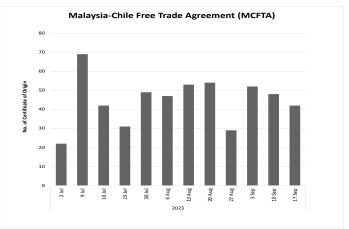
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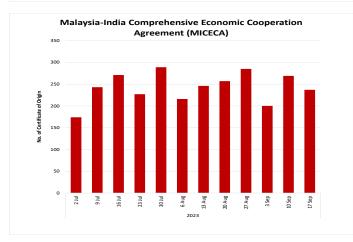
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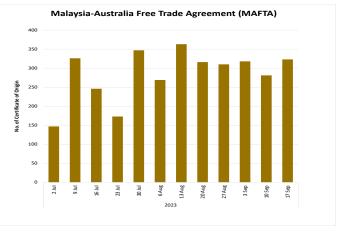


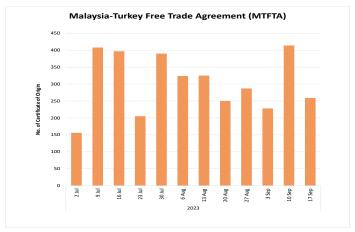








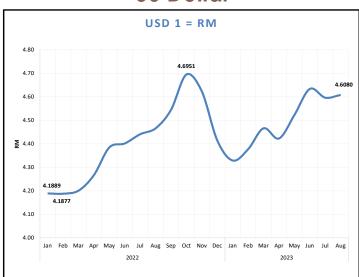




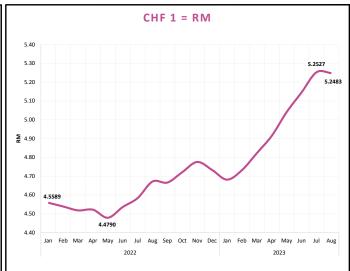
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Malaysian Ringgit Exchange Rate with Selected Countries, January 2022 - August 2023

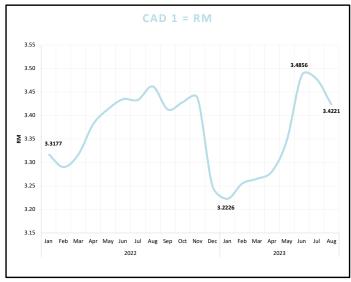
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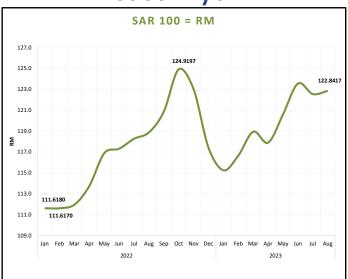
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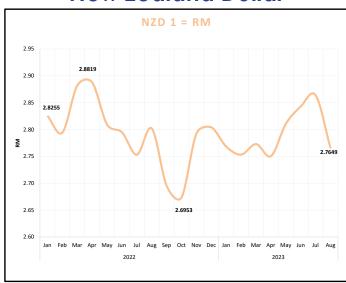
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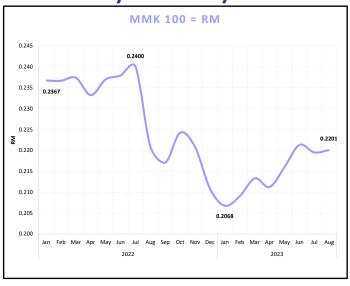
Saudi Riyal



New Zealand Dollar



Myanmar Kyat



Source: Bank Negara Malaysia

Commodity Prices

CRUDE PETROLEUM (BRENT) -per bbl-

0.7%* US\$93.3

22 Sept 2023

Highest 2022/2023

15Sept 2023 : US\$93.9

10 June 2022 : US\$122.0

17 March 2023 : US\$73.0

9 Dec 2022 : US\$76.1

Lowest 2022/2023

Average Price 2022 : US\$99.4

CRUDE PALM OIL



2.3%* US\$777.3

22 Sept 2023

Highest 2022/2023

3 Mar 2023 : US\$964.5

11 Mac 2022 : US\$1,774.7

2 Jun 2023 : US\$738.1 30 Sep 2022 : US\$715.6

Lowest 2022/2023

Average Price 2022 : US\$1,171.6

RUBBER SMR 20 -per



1.5%* US\$1,424.5 22 Sept 2023

Average Price 2022 1: US\$1,549.9

COCOA SMC 2 -per MT-



5.9%* US\$2,208.0 22 Sept 2023

Average Price 2022ⁱ: US\$1,564.5

SUGAR -per lbs-

0.3%* US\$26.7

22 Sept 2023



Average Price 2022 i: US\$18.8

COAL -per MT-



■ %* US\$122.3

2 Sept 2023

Average Price 2022 : US\$290.8

SCRAP IRON HMS -per MT-



1.1%* US\$381.2 (high)

3.5%* US\$351.2 (low)

July 2023

Average Price 2022 : US\$469.9 (high) Average Price 2022 : US\$426.3 (low)

Domestic Prices July 2023



Steel Bars (per MT) RM2,739 – RM2,841

341

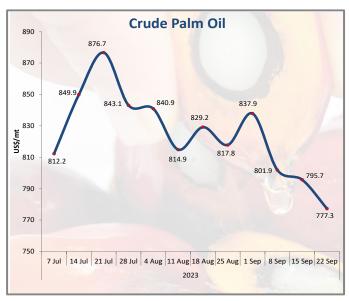
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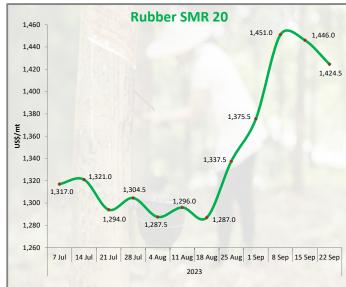
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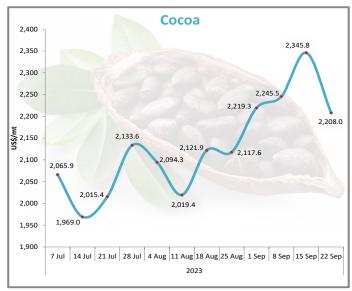
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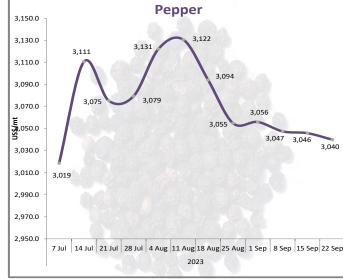
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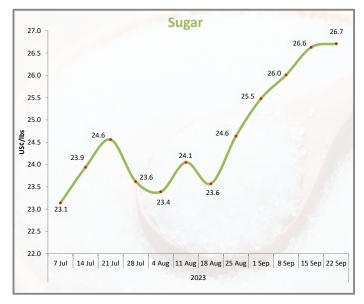
Commodity Price Trends

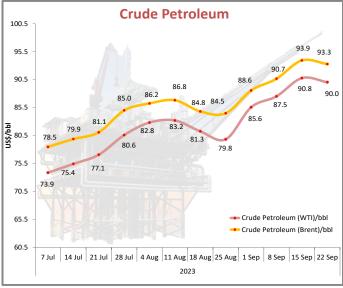






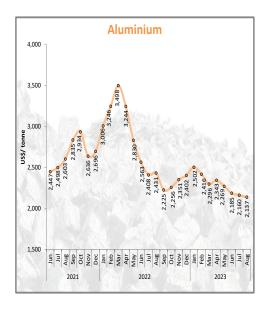


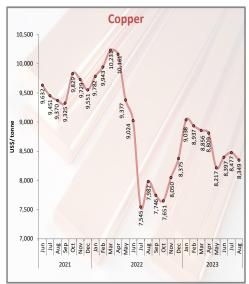


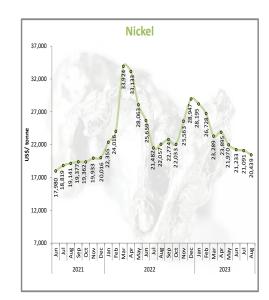


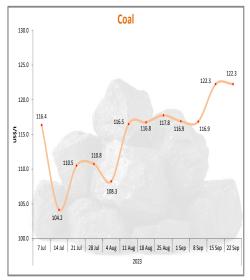
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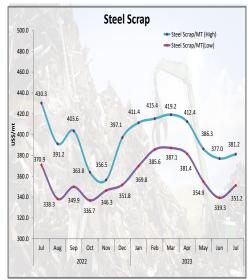
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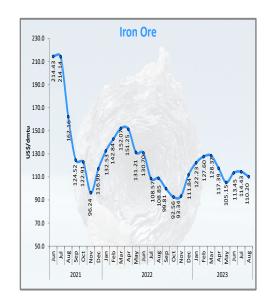


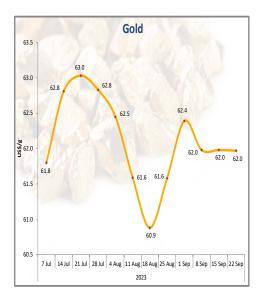


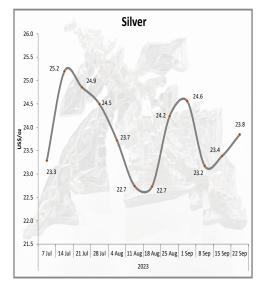


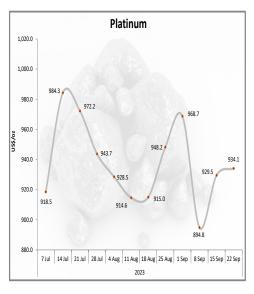












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RCEP



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.



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

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

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.



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)



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 intrude 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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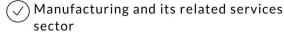
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What is it?

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

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Identify areas of improvement in terms of people, process and technology.



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Process Flow

A FEW SIMPLE STEPS

Evaluation by Committees



Onsite Assessment



Receive RA Report

Business Intervention





Develop Intervention Proposal



Apply for **Financial** Incentives



Implement the Intervention Plan

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