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**MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS**

**TRADE PERFORMANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AND THE  
PERIOD OF JANUARY- SEPTEMBER 2018 #**

***Trade Surplus at RM15.26 Billion, Highest Since October 2008***

Malaysia registered a total trade of RM150.83 billion in September 2018, an increase of 2.3% from RM147.51 billion in September 2017. Expansion in trade were seen with major trading partners, namely Hong Kong SAR, ASEAN, Taiwan, Australia, Saudi Arabia and the United States of America (USA).

On a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, exports in September 2018 expanded by 6.7% to RM83.05 billion, sustaining a monthly value above RM80 billion. Malaysia's imports declined by 2.7% to RM67.78 billion. Trade surplus posted a double-digit increment of 85.9%, amounting to RM15.26 billion, the largest trade surplus ever recorded since October 2008. This surplus marked the 251<sup>st</sup> consecutive month of trade surplus since November 1997.

On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, exports and trade surplus expanded by 1.5% and 846.3%, respectively. Total trade and imports however contracted by 6.9% and 15.5%, respectively.

Total trade in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2018) amounted to RM476.82 billion, an expansion of 5.7% from Q3 2017. Total exports in the quarter reached RM251.01 billion, 5.2% higher compared to the same period last year while imports increased by 6.3% to RM225.81 billion. Trade surplus in Q3 2018 was recorded at RM25.2 billion, lower by 4.1% from RM26.28 billion registered in Q3 2017.

Compared with Q2 2018, total trade, exports and imports increased by 3%, 2.5% and 3.7% respectively, while trade surplus contracted by 7.1%.

For the first 9 months of 2018, total trade expanded by 5.5% to RM1.382 trillion compared to the same period in 2017. Exports increased by 6.3% to RM733.61 billion while imports grew at a slower pace of 4.7% to RM647.89 billion. Trade surplus for this period rose by 20.4% to RM85.72 billion compared to the same period last year.

## **Export Performance of Major Sectors**

### ***Exports Led By Manufactured & Mining Goods***

Exports of manufactured goods in September 2018 increased by 7.9% y-o-y to RM70.32 billion and accounted for 84.7% of Malaysia's total exports. The expansion was driven mainly by higher exports of electrical and electronic (E&E) products, chemicals and chemical products, iron and steel products as well as optical and scientific equipment.

Exports of mining goods which constituted 7.9% of Malaysia's total exports, rose by 17% to RM6.53 billion. Higher exports were recorded for crude petroleum due to higher Average Unit Value (AUV) and export volume and liquefied natural gas (LNG), due to higher AUV.

Exports of agriculture goods which accounted for 6.8% of total exports contracted by 10.7% to RM5.64 billion. This was mainly due to lower exports of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products, particularly palm oil, on account of lower AUV.

**Major exports in September 2018:**

- E&E products valued at RM32.88 billion, constituting 39.6% of total exports, increased by 6.5% from September 2017;
- Petroleum products, RM6.42 billion, 7.7% of total exports, increased by 6.8%;
- Chemicals and chemical products, RM4.89 billion, 5.9% of total exports, increased by 31.7%;
- Palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products, RM3.78 billion, 4.6% of total exports, decreased by 16.5%; and
- Manufactures of metal, RM3.18 billion, 3.8% of total exports, decreased by 2.2%.

Compared to August 2018, exports of manufactured and agriculture goods were higher by 2.7% and 6.5%, while exports of mining goods were lower by 12.6%.

In the first 9 months of 2018, exports of manufactured goods which constituted 83.8% of total exports expanded by 8.8% to RM614.52 billion compared to the corresponding period of 2017. Higher exports were recorded for E&E products, chemicals and chemical products, manufactures of metal, optical and scientific equipment, transport equipment as well as iron and steel products. Exports of mining goods increased by 4.6% to RM62.4 billion (8.5% share), mainly led by higher exports of crude petroleum. Meanwhile, exports of agriculture goods recorded a contraction of 13.5% to RM50.56 billion (6.9% share), owing to lower exports of palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products.

**Performance of Major Markets**

***Steady Trade Growth With ASEAN***

Trade with ASEAN in September 2018 expanded by 3% y-o-y to RM41.93 billion and constituted 27.8% of Malaysia's total trade. Exports amounted to RM23.63 billion, an

increase of 6.2%, buoyed by higher exports of E&E products, chemicals and chemical products, transport equipment, iron and steel products as well as LNG. Imports from ASEAN declined by 0.8% to RM18.3 billion.

Breakdown of exports to ASEAN countries in September 2018:

- Singapore RM 12.22 billion, **increased** by 8.7%
- Thailand RM 4.16 billion, ↑7.5%
- Indonesia RM 2.74 billion, ↓1.8%
- Viet Nam RM 2.55 billion, ↑7.5%
- Philippines RM 1.48 billion, ↑5.1%
- Myanmar RM 177.8 million, ↓33.9%
- Brunei RM 177.3 million, ↓0.4%
- Cambodia RM 116.1 million, ↑11.5%
- Lao PDR RM 2.7 million, ↓50.3%

Exports to several major markets within ASEAN recorded expansion namely, **Singapore**, which expanded by RM974.7 million, **Thailand** (↑RM291.8 million) and **Viet Nam** (↑RM178.5 million), all on account of higher exports of E&E products.

On a m-o-m basis, exports were greater by 2%, while trade and imports were lower by 3.4% and 9.7%, respectively.

For the first 9 months of 2018, trade with ASEAN expanded by 3.6% to RM373.63 billion compared to the same period of 2017. Exports to this region rose by 3.4% to RM208.59 billion buoyed by higher exports of E&E products, crude petroleum, transport equipment and manufactures of metal. Imports increased by 4% to RM165.04 billion.

### ***Strong Trade With China in the First 9 Months***

In September 2018, trade with China which absorbed 16.2% of Malaysia's total trade declined by 0.9% y-o-y to RM24.45 billion. Exports to China recorded a marginal contraction of 0.6% to RM11.32 billion compared to the same month a year before. This was attributed to lower exports of E&E products, palm oil and palm oil-based

agriculture products and rubber products. However, chemicals and chemical products, LNG, manufactures of metal and optical and scientific equipment recorded increases for this month. Imports from China were lower by 1.2% to RM13.13 billion.

Compared to August 2018, trade, exports and imports contracted by 14.8%, 4.3% and 22.2%, respectively.

Trade with China in the first 9 months of 2018 expanded by 8.4% to RM230.64 billion compared to the same period last year. For this period, exports to China recorded a strong growth of 9.6% to RM100.63 billion, attributed to higher exports of E&E products, chemicals and chemical products, manufactures of metal as well as LNG. Imports from China rose by 7.4% to RM130.01 billion.

### ***EU - Exports Remained Healthy for the First 9 Months***

Malaysia's trade with the EU in September 2018 stood at RM13.93 billion or 9.2% of Malaysia's total trade, a decline of 0.7% compared to September 2017. Exports increased by 3.1% to RM8.24 billion, as a result of higher exports of palm oil-based manufactured products, palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products, chemicals and chemical products as well as iron and steel products. Imports were lower by 5.8% to RM5.69 billion.

**Among the top 10 EU markets which accounted for 89.9% of Malaysia's total exports to the EU, 6 countries recorded expansion** namely, **Spain** (↑128.6%), **Italy** (↑50.8%), **France** (↑13.1%), **Poland** (↑15.5%), **Hungary** (↑10.2%) and **Belgium** (↑1.3%).

On a m-o-m basis, exports increased by 7.9%, while trade and imports decreased by 11.2% and 29.4%, respectively,

In January-September 2018, trade with the EU rose by 8.1% to RM137.54 billion compared to the same period last year. Exports increased by 5.2% to RM74.58 billion, driven by higher exports of manufactures of metal, chemicals and chemical products,

iron and steel products as well as rubber products. Imports from the EU expanded by 11.8% to RM62.96 billion.

### ***Exports to the USA Remained Positive***

Malaysia's trade with the USA in September 2018 recorded a growth of 3.3% to RM13.24 billion and accounted for 8.8% of Malaysia's total trade. Exports totalled RM7.68 billion, a marginal growth of 0.1% compared to September 2017, led by higher exports of optical and scientific equipment, rubber products, chemicals and chemical products as well as iron and steel products. Imports expanded by 8.1% to RM5.56 billion.

Compared to August 2018, trade, exports and imports contracted by 4.7%, 1.4% and 9%, respectively.

In January-September 2018, trade with the USA amounted to RM114.74 billion, a marginal contraction of 0.9% compared to the corresponding period in 2017. Exports to the USA were up by 1.1% to RM66.86 billion supported by higher exports of optical and scientific equipment, transport equipment as well as manufactures of metal. Imports from the USA declined by 3.6% to RM47.88 billion.

### ***Japan - Month-on-Month Exports Grew 10%***

In September 2018, trade with Japan which constituted 6.9% of Malaysia's total trade posted a contraction of 7.3% y-o-y to RM10.4 billion. Exports to Japan declined by 10.6% y-o-y to RM5.27 billion, attributed mainly to lower exports of LNG and E&E products. However, higher exports were recorded for petroleum products, iron and steel products, manufactures of metal as well as metalliferous ores and metal scrap. Imports from Japan also decreased, by 3.7% to RM5.13 billion.

On a m-o-m basis, trade and exports increased by 0.9% and 10%, while imports reduced by 7%.

For the first 9 months of 2018, trade with Japan amounted to RM97.64 billion, lower by 5.8% from the same period last year. Exports to Japan amounted to RM50.46 billion, contracted by 10.9% on account of lower exports of LNG, E&E products as well as palm oil and palm oil-based agriculture products. Meanwhile, higher exports were registered for iron and steel products, chemicals and chemical products, manufactures of metal, petroleum products as well as non-metallic mineral products. Imports from Japan grew marginally by 0.3% to RM47.18 billion.

### ***Trade with FTA Partners***

In September 2018, trade with Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners which accounted for 61.9% of Malaysia's total trade declined marginally by 0.3% to RM93.4 billion. Exports to FTA partners amounted to RM49.82 billion, an increment of 3% y-o-y and imports declined by 3.8% to RM43.59 billion.

**Higher exports** were registered to **Australia** which posted an expansion of 23% to RM2.89 billion, attributed mainly to higher exports of crude petroleum, **the Republic of Korea (ROK)** (↑20.9% to RM2.63 billion, petroleum products) and **New Zealand** (↑101.4% to RM478 million, crude petroleum).

Compared to August 2018, trade, exports and imports declined by 6.8%, 0.9% and 12.8%, respectively.

Trade with FTA partners for the first 9 months of 2018 which accounted for 62.2% of Malaysia's total trade rose by 3.2% to RM858.7 billion. Exports for this period amounted to RM448.98 billion, an increase of 3.2% while imports totalled RM409.72 billion, expanding by 3.2%.

### ***Other Markets Registering Higher Exports***

In September 2018, **other markets with significant growth in exports were Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan**. Exports to **Hong Kong SAR** expanded by 48.7% y-o-y to RM6.81 billion, mainly driven by higher exports of E&E products. Exports to **Taiwan**

rose by 52.9% to RM3 billion, on account of higher exports of E&E products as well as petroleum products.

### **Domestic Export Performance**

In September 2018, domestic exports which accounted for 80.1% of Malaysia's total exports increased by 2.7% y-o-y to RM66.51 billion. However, based on a m-o-m basis, domestic exports were lower by 2.7%. During the first 9 months of 2018, domestic exports contracted marginally by 0.3% to RM584.8 billion.

### **Re-export Performance**

In September 2018, re-exports were valued at RM16.54 billion, an expansion of 26.2% y-o-y. On a m-o-m basis, re-exports increased by 22.7%. For January-September 2018, re-exports expanded by 43.8% to RM148.81 billion.

### **Import Performance**

In September 2018, **imports declined by 2.7% y-o-y to RM67.78 billion**. The three main categories of imports by end use which accounted for 71.2% of total imports were:

- **Intermediate goods**, valued at RM35.8 billion or 52.8% of total imports, decreased by 9.3%, as a result of lower imports of parts and accessories of capital goods (except transport equipment), particularly electrical machinery, equipment and parts;
- **Capital goods**, valued at RM7.29 billion or 10.7% of total imports, declined by 25.2%, led by lower imports of industrial transport equipment, particularly ships, boats and floating structure; and



- **Consumption goods**, valued at RM5.15 billion or 7.6% of total imports, contracted by 10%, on account of lower imports of semi-durable goods, particularly knitted or crocheted apparel and clothing accessories.

During January-September 2018, imports amounted to RM647.89 billion, grew by 4.7% from the corresponding period of 2017. **Intermediate goods** totalled RM341.29 billion, dropped by 5.5%, **capital goods** (RM82.68 billion, ↓0.9%) and **consumption goods** (RM53.17 billion, ↑1.6%).

*Note:*

*It should be noted that, conceptually, the export and import figures in the external trade statistics are different from that in the goods account of the balance of payments compilation. The compilation of international merchandise trade statistics is usually based on customs records, which essentially reflect the physical movement of goods across borders, and follow international guidelines on concepts and definitions i.e. International Merchandise Trade Statistics: Concepts and Definitions 2010 (IMTS 2010) which is different from the principles of the System of National Accounts (SNA) and the Balance of Payments Compilation. Goods are defined in the SNA as “physical objects for which a demand exists, over which ownership rights can be established and whose ownership can be transferred from one institutional unit to another by engaging in transactions on markets”.*

*“This is a preliminary release, full details would be published in the “MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS” report by the Department of Statistics, Malaysia, to be disseminated at 1200 hours, Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and can be downloaded through statistic at the Department of Statistics, Malaysia’s portal (<https://estatistik.dosm.gov.my>).”*

- + *This media release can be accessed through the portal of Malaysian External Trade Statistics, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (<http://www.miti.gov.my>) and Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (<http://www.matrade.gov.my>).*

- # *The September 2018 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issue.*

*With effect from reference month April 2018, selection of codes for exports and imports of palm oil and palm oil-based products has been reviewed and revised for better representation of the product and this has resulted in some changes to the data.*

**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF MALAYSIA'S EXTERNAL TRADE**

Year/ Period	<u>Total</u> <u>Exports</u> <u>(RM</u> <u>Million)</u>	<u>Domestic</u> <u>Exports</u> <u>(RM</u> <u>Million)</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Imports</u> <u>(RM</u> <u>Million)</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Trade</u> <u>(RM</u> <u>Million)</u>	<u>Trade</u> <u>Balance</u> <u>(RM</u> <u>Million)</u>
<b>2017<sup>f</sup></b>					
January	70,309.4	60,008.2	65,439.6	135,749.0	4,869.8
February	71,979.3	61,009.7	63,058.5	135,037.8	8,920.8
March	82,890.9	70,496.5	77,240.3	160,131.2	5,650.6
April	74,243.4	63,322.0	65,210.7	139,454.2	9,032.7
May	79,216.0	65,830.9	72,973.4	152,189.4	6,242.6
June	72,823.6	63,268.5	62,627.4	135,451.0	10,196.2
July	78,747.8	66,719.6	70,589.6	149,337.4	8,158.3
August	82,024.8	71,217.9	72,113.0	154,137.9	9,911.8
<b>September</b>	<b>77,861.5</b>	<b>64,752.0</b>	<b>69,650.4</b>	<b>147,511.9</b>	<b>8,211.1</b>
October	81,862.2	67,372.9	71,851.1	153,713.3	10,011.1
November	83,485.9	70,744.2	73,551.9	157,037.8	9,934.1
December	79,482.0	67,384.1	72,116.3	151,598.2	7,365.7
<b>2017 (Jan-Dec)<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>934,926.8</b>	<b>792,126.5</b>	<b>836,422.2</b>	<b>1,771,349.0</b>	<b>98,504.6</b>
<b>2018<sup>p</sup></b>					
January	82,820.1	65,419.1	73,152.8	155,972.8	9,667.3
February	70,342.6	55,811.6	61,325.0	131,667.5	9,017.6
March	84,467.0	68,375.8	69,778.7	154,245.7	14,688.3
April	84,246.7	64,119.8	71,225.2	155,472.0	13,021.5
May	82,110.4	65,854.6	73,993.6	156,104.0	8,116.8
June	78,610.8	62,876.2	72,609.9	151,220.7	6,000.9
July	86,154.4	67,502.1	77,827.4	163,981.8	8,327.0
August	81,810.2	68,332.9	80,197.1	162,007.3	1,613.1
<b>September</b>	<b>83,049.0</b>	<b>66,510.7</b>	<b>67,784.2</b>	<b>150,833.2</b>	<b>15,264.8</b>
<b>2017<sup>f</sup></b>					
Q1	225,179.6	191,514.4	205,738.4	430,917.9	19,441.2
Q2	226,283.0	192,421.3	200,811.6	427,094.5	25,471.4
<b>Q3</b>	<b>238,634.1</b>	<b>202,689.5</b>	<b>212,353.0</b>	<b>450,987.1</b>	<b>26,281.2</b>
Q4	244,830.1	205,501.2	217,519.3	462,349.4	27,310.8
<b>2018<sup>p</sup></b>					
Q1	237,629.6	189,606.5	204,256.4	441,886.1	33,373.2
Q2	244,968.0	192,850.6	217,828.8	462,796.7	27,139.2
<b>Q3</b>	<b>251,013.6</b>	<b>202,345.6</b>	<b>225,808.7</b>	<b>476,822.2</b>	<b>25,204.9</b>
<b>2017 (Jan-Sep)<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>690,096.7</b>	<b>586,625.3</b>	<b>618,902.9</b>	<b>1,308,999.6</b>	<b>71,193.8</b>
<b>2018 (Jan-Sep)<sup>p</sup></b>	<b>733,611.2</b>	<b>584,802.7</b>	<b>647,893.9</b>	<b>1,381,505.0</b>	<b>85,717.3</b>

Note: Total may not add up due to rounding

**TABLE 2: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS**

Products	Sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>83,049.0</b>	<b>81,810.2</b>	<b>77,861.5</b>
Electrical & Electronic Products	32,875.5	32,037.1	30,872.3
Petroleum Products	6,415.3	5,074.3	6,004.9
Chemicals & Chemical Products	4,888.1	4,990.6	3,710.6
Palm Oil & Palm Oil-Based Agriculture Products	3,784.5	3,309.0	4,531.0
Manufactures of Metal	3,181.4	3,323.8	3,253.1
Optical & Scientific Equipment	3,142.9	3,134.9	2,688.9
LNG	3,142.2	3,162.8	3,087.4
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	3,074.8	3,215.1	3,020.7
Crude Petroleum	2,695.3	3,293.6	1,744.8
Rubber Products	2,106.1	2,295.2	2,080.2

**TABLE 3: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS**

Markets	Sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>83,049.0</b>	<b>81,810.2</b>	<b>77,861.5</b>
Singapore	12,223.2	11,783.5	11,248.5
China	11,321.7	11,828.0	11,393.9
USA	7,681.1	7,792.7	7,675.8
Hong Kong SAR	6,808.5	5,900.2	4,579.1
Japan	5,265.2	4,786.8	5,891.6
Thailand	4,158.7	4,612.0	3,866.9
Taiwan	2,996.8	3,140.1	1,960.5
Australia	2,889.6	2,981.2	2,350.1
Indonesia	2,740.8	2,338.7	2,791.2
India	2,653.3	3,051.6	2,621.2

**TABLE 4: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER)**

Products	Jan-sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>733,611.2</b>	<b>690,096.7</b>
Electrical & Electronic Products	278,451.3	251,487.7
Petroleum Products	55,874.4	54,200.6
Chemicals & Chemical Products	41,657.4	34,684.2
Palm Oil & Palm Oil- Based Agriculture Products	33,922.3	40,284.1
Manufactures of Metal	33,516.0	27,451.2
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	30,605.8	30,465.1
LNG	27,385.6	30,643.5
Crude Petroleum	26,724.9	20,255.8
Optical & Scientific Equipment	26,508.4	23,612.0
Rubber Products	19,515.0	19,751.6

**TABLE 5: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER)**

Markets	Jan-Sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>733,611.2</b>	<b>690,096.7</b>
Singapore	100,850.8	101,511.6
China	100,630.1	91,828.0
USA	66,862.4	66,167.1
Hong Kong SAR	54,841.4	32,340.3
Japan	50,456.8	56,603.0
Thailand	41,690.9	37,009.6
India	27,324.4	26,518.9
Viet Nam	24,896.6	20,183.8
ROK	24,157.3	19,451.0
Indonesia	23,897.0	25,017.4

**TABLE 6: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (QUARTERLY)**

Products	Q3 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>251,013.6</b>	<b>244,968.0</b>	<b>238,634.1</b>
Electrical & Electronic Products	99,408.2	90,918.5	89,836.1
Petroleum Products	17,693.9	20,742.2	18,354.8
Chemicals & Chemical Products	14,671.1	13,603.9	11,798.0
Palm Oil & Palm Oil-Based Agriculture Products	10,575.8	10,945.9	13,539.2
Manufactures of Metal	10,252.1	13,062.5	9,677.2
Crude Petroleum	9,810.7	8,374.0	5,751.7
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	9,805.0	10,432.6	9,929.9
Optical & Scientific Equipment	9,392.7	8,674.6	8,448.6
LNG	8,724.2	8,708.1	11,097.7
Rubber Products	6,674.5	6,407.9	6,568.2

**TABLE 7: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (QUARTERLY)**

Markets	Q3 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>251,013.6</b>	<b>244,968.0</b>	<b>238,634.1</b>
China	36,072.2	35,373.7	32,104.7
Singapore	35,915.3	32,773.0	35,411.7
USA	23,220.0	21,517.1	22,888.1
Hong Kong SAR	19,159.9	17,774.0	11,935.2
Japan	15,403.0	15,806.2	18,555.7
Thailand	13,723.6	14,339.7	12,531.1
India	9,276.3	8,629.2	9,131.8
Australia	8,690.7	7,605.3	7,678.6
Taiwan	8,621.3	8,117.2	6,450.8
ROK	8,441.4	7,853.2	6,859.8

**TABLE 8: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS**

Products	Sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>67,784.2</b>	<b>80,197.1</b>	<b>69,650.4</b>
Electrical & Electronic Products	21,248.5	24,897.7	22,266.4
Chemicals & Chemical Products	7,147.2	7,347.8	6,221.9
Petroleum Products	7,093.6	5,570.2	6,000.3
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	5,216.0	6,918.1	6,403.7
Manufactures of Metal	3,529.3	4,007.5	4,118.4
Iron & Steel Products	2,529.7	2,789.5	2,295.3
Transport Equipment	2,256.2	4,767.0	3,435.0
Optical & Scientific Equipment	1,949.8	2,183.8	2,004.3
Processed Food	1,512.7	1,889.0	1,422.4
Textiles, Apparels & Footwear	1,162.7	1,960.3	1,394.6

**TABLE 9: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES**

Markets	Sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Aug 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>67,784.2</b>	<b>80,197.1</b>	<b>69,650.4</b>
China	13,129.9	16,870.8	13,289.5
Singapore	9,202.5	8,743.8	8,550.5
USA	5,562.4	6,110.2	5,143.6
Taiwan	5,362.7	6,077.4	5,224.9
Japan	5,130.9	5,518.2	5,327.6
Thailand	3,898.8	4,491.8	3,981.2
ROK	3,038.4	3,158.4	3,617.7
Indonesia	2,934.7	3,780.6	2,910.2
India	1,922.9	1,906.1	2,648.5
Germany	1,900.9	2,396.3	1,905.1

**TABLE 10: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER)**

Products	Jan-Sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>647,893.9</b>	<b>618,902.9</b>
Electrical & Electronic Products	194,048.0	187,269.3
Chemicals & Chemical Products	61,028.3	55,561.9
Petroleum Products	60,710.5	55,764.4
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	55,006.2	57,724.4
Transport Equipment	33,933.4	29,340.2
Manufactures of Metal	33,827.7	32,022.4
Iron & Steel Products	23,475.8	20,365.9
Optical & Scientific Equipment	17,317.1	18,611.3
Crude Petroleum	15,948.2	11,785.2
Processed Food	14,515.1	15,362.0

**TABLE 11: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER)**

Markets	Jan-Sep 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Jan-Sep 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>647,893.9</b>	<b>618,902.9</b>
China	130,011.2	121,024.4
Singapore	75,936.4	67,034.8
USA	47,881.6	49,671.1
Japan	47,182.4	47,048.8
Taiwan	46,771.0	40,430.3
Thailand	36,172.6	35,917.0
Indonesia	29,280.2	28,421.7
ROK	28,501.1	30,411.6
Germany	19,563.3	18,734.4
India	18,453.8	19,740.6

**TABLE 12: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (QUARTERLY)**

Products	Q3 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>225,808.7</b>	<b>217,828.8</b>	<b>212,353.0</b>
Electrical & Electronic Products	69,645.4	63,263.7	67,083.4
Chemicals & Chemical Products	21,886.8	20,244.0	19,028.1
Petroleum Products	19,973.1	22,130.4	20,185.2
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	18,381.8	18,491.8	19,570.8
Manufactures of Metal	11,541.0	10,733.2	11,570.6
Transport Equipment	10,986.2	11,766.8	9,558.5
Iron & Steel Products	8,045.8	8,274.9	6,676.0
Optical & Scientific Equipment	6,130.0	5,835.8	6,351.3
Crude Petroleum	5,991.9	5,804.9	2,974.8
Processed Food	5,097.8	4,640.6	4,938.6

**TABLE 13: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (QUARTERLY)**

Markets	Q3 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q2 2018 <sup>p</sup>	Q3 2017 <sup>f</sup>
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>225,808.7</b>	<b>217,828.8</b>	<b>212,353.0</b>
China	45,390.1	44,868.9	41,545.1
Singapore	26,799.8	24,438.8	26,347.1
Taiwan	17,512.8	15,962.8	14,932.8
USA	17,406.0	14,969.2	15,816.2
Japan	16,023.2	16,030.1	16,236.1
Thailand	12,438.5	12,124.6	12,010.8
Indonesia	10,512.0	9,168.7	8,780.3
ROK	9,210.5	10,315.3	9,955.6
Germany	6,558.2	6,425.1	6,445.3
India	6,363.1	5,864.0	6,624.3

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia  
 Tabulated by: MATRADE

Notes:

p - provisional data

f – final data



**CHART 1: MALAYSIA'S MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE, 2012 - September 2018**

