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**TRADE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR OF 2016 AND
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016 #**

Trade Sustained Amidst Challenging Global Environment

Malaysia's trade in 2016 remained resilient despite the uncertainties in the global environment. **Total trade grew by 1.5% to reach RM1.485 trillion, compared to RM1.463 trillion in the previous year.**

The increase was contributed by higher trade with China, which expanded by RM10.09 billion, the United States of America (USA) (↑RM6.87 billion), Republic of Korea (↑RM3.56 billion), Taiwan (↑RM3.29 billion) and Saudi Arabia (↑RM3.04 billion). Significant increases were also recorded with Turkey (↑RM2.81 billion), Hong Kong SAR (↑RM1.93 billion), India (↑RM1.85 billion), Mexico (↑RM1.64 billion), Brazil (↑RM1.52 billion), Bangladesh (↑RM1.48 billion), ASEAN (↑RM1.41 billion) and the European Union (EU) (↑RM549.6 million).

Exports rose by 1.1% to RM785.93 billion and imports increased by 1.9% to RM698.66 billion, resulting in a **trade surplus of RM87.27 billion, the 19th consecutive year of trade surplus since 1998.**

Major contributors to export growth in 2016 were:

- Expansion of manufactured and agricultural exports by 3.2% and 4.7%, respectively, compensating for the lower performance of mining goods;
- Continued growth for electrical and electronics (E&E) exports driven by strong global demand for electronic devices;
- Rising exports to ASEAN by 5.4% with significant growth to Singapore, CLMV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam) countries and the Philippines;
- Higher exports to Free Trade Agreements (FTA) partners; particularly to Turkey, India and Pakistan;
- Robust export growth to advanced countries, in particular, the USA and Euro zone notably Germany, Belgium, Italy and Hungary; and
- Greater demand from emerging markets such as Mexico and countries in South Asia.

Performance of Major Markets

ASEAN absorbed 29.4% of exports in 2016

ASEAN remained as an important and strategic trading partner for Malaysia, taking up RM230.93 billion of Malaysia's exports in 2016, an increase of 5.4%. **ASEAN's share of Malaysia's total exports expanded from 28.2% in year 2015 to 29.4%, the highest share since 1993.** In terms of trade, ASEAN accounted for 27.1% of Malaysia's total trade in 2016, with a value of RM402.66 billion, an increase of 0.4%.

The increase in exports was led by manufactured goods which expanded by RM12.97 billion or 6.7%. Exports of manufactured goods accounted for 89.1% in 2016 compared with 87.9% in 2015. Expansion in this sector was contributed by higher exports of E&E products, petroleum products, manufactures of metal, processed food,

transport equipment, chemicals and chemical products, machinery, equipment and parts as well as textiles.

Singapore remained the largest export market with a share of 49.6% of total exports to ASEAN. **Exports to Singapore expanded by 5.6% to RM114.44 billion** due to higher exports of E&E products, optical and scientific equipment, machinery, equipment and parts, transport equipment as well as petroleum products.

Exports to Thailand declined marginally by 0.6% to RM44.1 billion due to lower exports of crude petroleum, optical and scientific equipment as well as E&E products. However, the decline was offset by increases in exports of petroleum products, transport equipment, manufactures of metal, processed food as well as chemicals and chemical products.

Exports to Indonesia amounted to RM27.66 billion, a decrease of 5% attributed to lower exports of petroleum products. Higher exports, however, were recorded for processed food, iron and steel products as well as manufactures of metal.

Exports to the CLMV countries grew by RM7.52 billion or 35.1% to RM28.96 billion, accounting for 12.5% of Malaysia's exports to ASEAN. Among the CLMV countries, **the strongest expansion in exports was to Viet Nam, which surged by 36.7% to RM23.78 billion.** Exports to Viet Nam registered double digit growth for two consecutive years since 2015, attributed to higher exports of petroleum products, manufactures of metal, E&E products as well as chemicals and chemical products. In 2016, Viet Nam was Malaysia's 10th largest export destination, four position up from 14th in 2015.

Exports to the Philippines rose by RM469.2 million or 3.6% to RM13.64 billion, benefiting from higher exports of palm oil and palm-based agriculture products, processed food as well as transport equipment.

Imports from ASEAN contracted by 5.7% to RM171.73 billion and main imports were E&E products, petroleum products, chemicals and chemical products, as well as machinery, equipment and parts.

China – Malaysia’s Largest Trading Partner for 8 Successive Years

China continued to be the largest trading partner with Malaysia for the 8th consecutive year since 2009. In 2016, Malaysia’s trade with China increased by 4.4% to RM240.91 billion.

Exports to China were valued at RM98.56 billion, declined by 2.9% while imports increased by 10.1% to RM142.35 billion. Lower exports were recorded for commodities and manufactured goods particularly, LNG, natural rubber, palm oil and palm-based agriculture products, petroleum products, manufactures of metal as well as E&E products. However, exports of chemicals and chemical products, optical and scientific equipment, processed food, transport equipment and wood products registered increases.

China was Malaysia’s largest import source with 20.4% share of total imports in 2016. Higher imports were registered for petroleum products, E&E products, chemicals and chemical products as well as machinery, equipment and parts.

Exports to the EU Continued to Expand

Trade with the EU increased by 0.4% to RM149.05 billion. **Malaysia’s exports to the EU were higher by 1.2% or RM913 million to RM79.84 billion.** Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France and Belgium remained the top 5 export destinations in the region, accounting for **78.8%** of Malaysia’s total exports to the EU.

Among the top ten EU countries, six registered positive growth in exports, namely, Germany which increased by 13.5%, Belgium (↑11.9%), Italy (↑10.1%), Czech Republic (↑9%), Spain (↑0.4%) and France (↑0.1%).

The main contributors for the increase in exports to the EU were machinery, equipment and parts, optical and scientific equipment, chemicals and chemical products, transport equipment as well as apparels.

Imports from the EU declined by 0.5% to RM69.22 billion and the main import products were E&E products, machinery, equipment and parts as well as transport equipment.

The USA- Manufactured Goods Continued to Drive Exports

Trade with the USA expanded by 5.3% to RM135.88 billion in 2016. Malaysia maintained sturdy export performance to the USA with an increase of 8.9% to RM80.23 billion.

Increased exports to the USA was driven mainly by manufactured goods which accounted for 95.7% of Malaysia's total exports to the country. Exports of this sector rose 10% to RM76.75 billion owing mainly to E&E products which increased by 10.5% or RM4.44 billion. Higher exports of E&E products were seen for photosensitive semi-conductor devices, parts and accessories for office machines and apparatus for transmission or reception.

Other products that registered significant increases in exports were optical and scientific equipment (↑19.4%), transport equipment (↑22%), chemicals and chemical products (↑11.4%), wood products (↑7.7%), petroleum products (↑136.9%), machinery, equipment and parts (↑6.8%) as well as manufactures of metal (↑14.1%).

Imports from the USA increased by 0.5% to RM55.65 billion and the main imports were E&E products, machinery, equipment and parts as well as chemicals and chemical products.

Japan-Malaysia's 4th Largest Export Market

Total trade with Japan contracted by 4.8% to RM120.26 billion and exports decreased by 12.9% to RM63.28 billion. Lower exports to Japan was due to mining goods which declined by 31.6%, particularly, LNG. The decrease was attributed mainly to the lower Average Unit Value (AUV).

On the contrary, **better export performance was seen in the exports of manufactured goods to Japan which increased by 1.1%, accounting for 61.7% of total exports to Japan.** The increase was contributed by higher exports of manufactures of metal, in particular, aluminium not alloyed, chemicals and chemical products, processed food, machinery, equipment and parts as well as textiles.

Imports from Japan increased by 6.3% to RM56.98 billion in 2016. Major imports were E&E products, machinery, equipment and parts as well as transport equipment.

South Asia-Exports Rebounded in 2016

In 2016, **Malaysia's exports to South Asia grew by 6.9% to RM45.39 billion, after a decline of 0.9% in 2015.** Trade with South Asia rose by 7.4% to RM63.8 billion in 2016 and imports increased by 8.6% to RM18.4 billion.

Exports to India increased by 1.1% to RM32.01 billion and accounted for 70.5% share of Malaysia's total exports to South Asia. Manufactured goods that made up 54.4% of Malaysia's exports to India grew by 8%, totalling RM17.43 billion in 2016. The expansion was attributed mainly to E&E products, manufactures of metal and transport equipment.

In 2016, Bangladesh has superseded Pakistan as second largest export destination in South Asia. Exports to Bangladesh surged by 32.2% to RM5.15 billion from RM3.9 billion in 2015, contributed mainly by higher exports of palm oil and palm-based agriculture products, machinery, equipment and parts, petroleum products as well as E&E products.

Exports to Pakistan rose by 17.8% to RM4.86 billion contributed largely by higher exports of palm oil and palm-based agriculture products. Exports to Sri Lanka increased by 28.6% to RM2.42 billion attributed to higher exports of petroleum products.

West Asia-Double Digit Growth in Exports

Malaysia's exports to West Asia registered a double-digit growth of 15.7% to RM29.83 billion in 2016. Imports were lower by 5.8% to RM28.35 billion while total trade grew by 4.1% to RM58.18 billion, compared to 2015.

Exports to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) expanded by RM739.3 million or 6.2% to RM12.58 billion, contributed mainly by E&E products, especially photosensitive semiconductor devices. Exports to Iran increased by RM211.2 million or 10.8% to RM2.16 billion due largely to higher exports of palm oil and palm-based agriculture products. These two countries collectively contributed 49.5% of Malaysia's exports to the region.

FTA Markets – A Boost to Exports

Trade with the FTA partner countries stood at RM935.33 billion with exports of RM490.05 billion while imports totalled RM445.28 billion. **FTA partner countries contributed 62.4% of Malaysia's total exports in 2016.**

The main exports to the FTA partner countries in 2016 were E&E products, petroleum products, chemicals and chemical products, LNG and manufactures of metal. FTA partner countries that registered increases in exports were Viet Nam, Singapore, Turkey, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, India, Cambodia and Laos.

Turkey was Malaysia's 19th largest export market, rising four notches from its 23rd place in 2015. Exports to the country surged by RM3.38 billion or 89% to RM7.17 billion due mainly to manufactures of metal particularly, aluminum not alloyed as well as palm oil and palm-based agriculture products.

Growth in Emerging Markets

In 2016, other promising markets with significant growth in exports were **Mexico**, increased by RM1.59 billion, attributed mainly to E&E products, **Tanzania** (↑RM264.2 million, palm oil and palm-based agriculture products) and **Nigeria** (↑RM201.9 million, petroleum products).

Performance of Major Sectors

Manufactured Goods Continued to Dominate Exports

Exports of manufactured goods grew by 3.2% or RM20.24 billion to RM645.67 billion. **Manufactured exports accounted for a larger share of total exports at 82.2% compared to 80.5% in 2015.**

Exports of E&E products rose by 3.5% or RM9.8 billion to RM287.72 billion, accounting for 36.6% of total exports. **Increase in exports of E&E products over RM1 billion** were registered for, among others:

- Electronic integrated circuits, increased by RM3.67 billion to RM100.05 billion;
- Parts and accessories for office machines, ↑RM3.36 billion to RM7.79 billion;
- Photosensitive semiconductor devices, ↑RM2.88 billion to RM18.2 billion; and
- Apparatus for transmission or reception of voice, images and other data, ↑RM1.74 billion to RM10.33 billion.

Markets which registered significant increase in exports of E&E products were Singapore, the USA, Germany, Mexico, India, the UAE, Viet Nam and Turkey. Greater manufacturing activities in ASEAN saw increased exports of E&E products by 6.9% to this market.

Other manufactured products that contributed to the growth in exports for 2016 were:

- Chemicals and chemical products, ↑RM3.86 billion to RM58.99 billion;

- Optical and scientific equipment, ↑RM2.66 billion to RM28.75 billion;
- Processed food, ↑RM1.98 billion to RM19.99 billion;
- Machinery, equipment and parts, ↑RM1.53 billion to RM37.69 billion;
- Transport equipment, ↑RM1.46 billion to RM13.48 billion; and
- Textiles, apparels and footwear, ↑RM671.4 million to RM13.88 billion.

Agricultural Goods

Higher exports of palm oil and palm-based agriculture products contributed to the expansion in exports of agricultural goods, which expanded by 4.7% or RM3.18 billion to RM70.43 billion, accounting for 9% share of total exports in 2016.

Exports of palm oil and palm-based agriculture products increased by 5.9% to RM48.27 billion, contributed by higher exports of palm oil. Exports of palm oil increased by 3.3% or RM1.32 billion due mainly to higher AUV. However, exports of natural rubber declined by 10.2% to RM3.61 billion due to lower volume and AUV.

Mining Goods

Exports of LNG and crude petroleum declined by 28.2% and 14.6%, respectively due to lower AUV, in tandem with lower global prices despite higher export volume. Exports of crude petroleum amounted to RM22.27 billion while LNG, RM32.02 billion. Reduced exports of these commodities impacted exports of mining goods which contracted by 19.8% or RM15.87 billion to RM64.32 billion. This sector made up 8.2% share of total exports in 2016.

Imports Driven by Capital and Consumption Goods

In 2016, Malaysia's total imports increased by 1.9% to RM698.66 billion, **driven by higher imports of capital and consumption goods**. The three main categories of imports by end use in 2016 were:

- Intermediate goods valued at RM399.08 billion or 57.1% of total imports, decreased by RM441.8 million or 0.1% from 2015;
- Capital goods (RM100.21 billion or 14.3% of total imports), ↑RM4.66 billion or 4.9%; and
- Consumption goods (RM67.03 billion or 9.6% of total imports), ↑RM4.6 billion or 7.4%.

Imports of manufactured goods, accounted for 88.2% of Malaysia's total imports. Major imports of manufactured goods in 2016 were:

- E&E products, valued at RM209.94 billion, accounted for 30% share of Malaysia's total imports;
- Chemicals and chemical products, RM68.01 billion, 9.7% share; and
- Machinery, equipment and parts, RM65.05 billion, 9.3% share.

China remained the largest import source since 2011, followed by, Singapore, Japan, the USA and Thailand. These countries accounted for 53.1% of total imports. In 2016, ASEAN contributed RM171.73 billion or 24.6% share to Malaysia's total imports.

Trade Performance – Fourth Quarter 2016

Total trade for the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2016 **expanded by 3.9% to RM407.65 billion** compared with Q4 2015. Exports increased by 2.8% to RM217.58 billion and imports rose 5% to RM190.07 billion. This resulted in a trade surplus of RM27.51 billion.

Compared with third quarter (Q3) 2016, exports, imports and total trade increased by 11.3%, 7.1% and 9.3%, respectively.

Double Digit Growth in December 2016

Malaysia's total trade in December 2016 recorded a double-digit growth of 11.1% to RM142.39 billion compared with a year ago. Significant increases in trade

were recorded with China which increased by RM4.42 billion, ASEAN (↑RM2.08 billion), Taiwan (↑RM1.29 billion), the EU (↑RM1.13 billion), Australia (↑RM886.6 million), Republic of Korea (↑RM791.1 million) and Turkey (↑RM683.2 million).

A higher trade surplus of RM8.72 billion was registered compared to December 2015, making it **the 230th consecutive month of trade surplus since November 1997**.

Exports in December 2016 expanded by 10.7% year-on-year to RM75.55 billion, the highest value in 2016. Manufactured goods continued to support Malaysia's exports. The share of manufactured goods to total exports was 80.9%, while agricultural and mining goods were 8.7% and 9.6%, respectively. **Exports of all these key sectors recorded increases in December 2016.** Major export products were:

- Electrical and electronic products valued at RM27.02 billion, with a share of 35.8% of total exports, increased by 9% from December 2015;
- Petroleum products (RM5.71 billion, 7.6%, ↑58.6%);
- Chemicals and chemical products (RM5.62 billion, 7.4%, ↑19.7%);
- Palm oil and palm-based agriculture products (RM4.42 billion, 5.8%, ↑19.8%); and
- LNG (RM3.76 billion, 5%, ↓0.5%).

Imports in December 2016 increased by 11.5% to RM66.83 billion compared with December 2015, driven by higher imports for intermediate and capital goods. The three main categories of imports by end use were:

- Intermediate goods valued at RM38.51 billion or 57.6% of total imports, increased by 9.8%;
- Capital goods (RM8.97 billion or 13.4% of total imports, ↑11.8%); and
- Consumption goods (RM6.44 billion or 9.6% of total imports, ↑2.6%).

Major import products were:

- Electrical and electronic products, RM20.13 billion or 30.1% of total imports, increased by 13.8%;
- Machinery, equipment and parts, (RM6.44 billion or 9.6% of total imports, ↑26.4%); and
- Chemicals and chemical products (RM6.15 billion or 9.2% of total imports, ↑6.1%).

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”.

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The December 2016 data is provisional and subject to revision in later issue.

With effect from reference month September 2015, there are some minor changes to the selection of codes for exports and imports of major and selected products/commodities by sectors.

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF MALAYSIA'S EXTERNAL TRADE

Year/ Period	<u>Total Exports</u> (RM Million)	<u>Total Imports</u> (RM Million)	<u>Trade Balance</u> (RM Million)	<u>Total Trade</u> (RM Million)
2015^f				
January	62,971.4	54,641.3	8,330.1	117,612.7
February	52,473.8	48,644.0	3,829.8	101,117.8
March	65,510.8	58,607.1	6,903.7	124,117.9
April	60,046.8	53,707.7	6,339.0	113,754.5
May	60,419.5	55,076.9	5,342.6	115,496.4
June	64,309.9	56,499.0	7,810.9	120,808.8
July	63,319.1	60,830.3	2,488.7	124,149.4
August	66,572.6	56,332.7	10,239.9	122,905.3
September	70,152.3	60,503.4	9,648.9	130,655.7
October	75,741.4	63,635.8	12,105.6	139,377.2
November	67,563.4	57,384.9	10,178.5	124,948.4
December	68,274.1	59,915.4	8,358.7	128,189.5
2015 (Jan-Dec)^f	777,355.1	685,778.4	91,576.6	1,463,133.5
2016^P				
January	61,851.8	56,460.1	5,391.7	118,311.9
February	56,719.7	49,368.1	7,351.6	106,087.9
March	66,586.2	55,393.6	11,192.6	121,979.7
April	61,346.9	52,291.9	9,054.9	113,638.8
May	59,943.4	56,660.1	3,283.3	116,603.5
June	66,449.6	60,932.0	5,517.6	127,381.5
July	59,850.1	57,942.8	1,907.4	117,792.9
August	67,579.3	59,071.9	8,507.4	126,651.2
September	68,032.3	60,471.6	7,560.7	128,503.9
October	69,195.3	59,439.0	9,756.3	128,634.3
November	72,827.9	63,797.6	9,030.3	136,625.6
December	75,552.5	66,833.7	8,718.8	142,386.2
2016 (Jan-Dec)^P	785,934.9	698,662.3	87,272.5	1,484,597.2
2015^f				
Q1	180,956.0	161,892.3	19,063.7	342,848.4
Q2	184,776.1	165,283.6	19,492.6	350,059.7
Q3	200,044.0	177,666.4	22,377.6	377,710.4
Q4	211,579.0	180,936.1	30,642.8	392,515.1
2016^P				
Q1	185,157.7	161,221.8	23,935.9	346,379.4
Q2	187,739.8	169,884.0	17,855.8	357,623.8
Q3	195,461.7	177,486.3	17,975.4	372,948.0
Q4	217,575.7	190,070.3	27,505.4	407,646.0

Note: Total may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 2: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS

Products	Dec 2016 ^p	Nov 2016 ^p	Dec 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Exports	75,552.5	72,827.9	68,274.1
Electrical & Electronic Products	27,024.3	26,185.4	24,802.2
Petroleum Products	5,714.5	5,184.0	3,603.9
Chemicals & Chemical Products	5,615.7	5,210.1	4,690.5
Palm oil & palm-based agriculture products	4,415.8	4,905.3	3,685.7
LNG	3,762.2	3,135.0	3,781.6
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	3,041.4	3,115.8	3,413.9
Manufactures of Metal	2,927.5	3,034.4	3,275.9
Optical & Scientific Equipment	2,687.7	2,499.4	2,608.8
Crude Petroleum	2,493.1	2,511.1	2,151.1
Rubber Products	2,062.4	1,694.3	1,792.8

TABLE 3: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS

Markets	Dec 2016 ^p	Nov 2016 ^p	Dec 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Exports	75,552.5	72,827.9	68,274.1
Singapore	10,941.8	10,460.6	9,640.9
China	10,225.3	10,930.9	8,366.5
USA	7,176.2	6,665.7	7,056.7
Japan	5,984.0	6,051.6	6,471.1
Thailand	4,205.5	3,875.2	3,844.1
Hong Kong SAR	3,608.1	3,231.8	3,392.5
India	2,767.9	2,949.7	2,602.7
Australia	2,743.1	2,676.7	2,160.3
ROK	2,651.7	1,816.2	2,159.1
Indonesia	2,628.7	2,493.6	2,545.2

TABLE 4: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (QUARTERLY)

Products	Q4 2016 ^p	Q3 2016 ^p	Q4 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Exports	217,575.7	195,461.7	211,579.0
Electrical & Electronic Products	79,825.5	73,818.1	74,156.8
Petroleum Products	15,919.1	12,851.9	14,952.6
Chemicals & Chemical Products	15,868.5	15,063.4	14,508.1
Palm oil & palm-based agriculture products	13,931.5	13,465.0	11,949.8
LNG	9,587.8	6,893.1	12,267.4
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	8,992.7	8,771.1	9,922.9
Manufactures of Metal	8,426.2	7,583.9	11,304.4
Optical & Scientific Equipment	7,760.1	6,923.4	7,549.3
Crude Petroleum	6,757.1	5,812.7	7,257.2
Processed Food	5,623.2	4,741.5	5,048.0

TABLE 5: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (QUARTERLY)

Markets	Q4 2016 ^p	Q3 2016 ^p	Q4 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Exports	217,575.7	195,461.7	211,579.0
Singapore	31,109.4	29,575.1	29,239.9
China	30,661.1	25,566.9	27,314.4
USA	20,885.3	20,224.5	20,420.0
Japan	16,928.2	15,490.0	19,510.3
Thailand	11,828.1	10,901.2	11,856.3
Hong Kong SAR	10,165.5	9,128.0	9,211.3
India	8,464.2	8,389.7	8,369.4
Indonesia	7,758.8	6,765.8	7,569.3
Australia	7,548.1	5,771.7	8,303.8
ROK	6,623.6	4,888.4	7,185.4

TABLE 6: MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS (2016)

Products	2016 ^p	2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million
Total Exports	785,934.9	777,355.1
Electrical & Electronic Products	287,718.5	277,922.1
Chemicals & Chemical Products	58,993.4	55,133.2
Petroleum Products	54,497.4	54,528.3
Palm oil & palm-based agriculture products	48,273.6	45,596.6
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	37,689.5	36,159.1
Manufactures of Metal	33,389.4	34,904.4
LNG	32,017.2	44,603.4
Optical & Scientific Equipment	28,746.5	26,085.0
Crude Petroleum	22,271.6	26,075.3
Rubber Products	20,252.6	20,183.9

TABLE 7: MAJOR EXPORT MARKETS (2016)

Markets	2016 ^p	2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million
Total Exports	785,934.9	777,355.1
Singapore	114,442.0	108,388.4
China	98,559.2	101,536.6
USA	80,233.1	73,669.0
Japan	63,277.9	72,683.1
Thailand	44,099.6	44,387.2
Hong Kong SAR	37,641.5	36,851.9
India	32,005.8	31,660.5
Indonesia	27,658.6	29,104.2
Australia	26,743.5	28,081.6
Viet Nam	23,776.5	17,396.3

TABLE 8: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS

Products	Dec 2016 ^p	Nov 2016 ^p	Dec 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Imports	66,833.7	63,797.6	59,915.4
Electrical & Electronic Products	20,130.2	18,365.3	17,690.5
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	6,437.0	6,176.1	5,093.9
Chemicals & Chemical Products	6,154.3	5,804.4	5,800.3
Petroleum Products	5,477.4	5,138.7	4,998.2
Manufactures of Metal	3,852.1	3,494.0	3,499.3
Transport Equipment	2,919.7	3,587.5	2,971.9
Iron & Steel Products	2,462.7	2,107.2	1,511.1
Optical & Scientific Equipment	2,035.1	1,970.5	2,145.5
Processed Food	1,868.7	1,807.3	1,771.2
Textiles, Apparels & Footwear	1,655.9	1,670.2	1,770.4

TABLE 9: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES

Markets	Dec 2016 ^p	Nov 2016 ^p	Dec 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Imports	66,833.7	63,797.6	59,915.4
China	14,408.9	13,690.4	11,851.9
Singapore	6,138.2	6,264.4	7,083.3
Japan	5,221.2	5,166.2	4,559.8
USA	5,165.2	4,796.8	4,894.8
Taiwan	3,994.1	3,923.3	3,034.6
Thailand	3,978.3	3,855.7	3,894.7
Indonesia	3,019.3	2,691.6	3,006.1
ROK	2,930.4	2,999.7	2,631.9
Viet Nam	2,096.3	1,843.3	1,634.8
Germany	2,012.1	2,089.0	1,984.0

TABLE 10: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (QUARTERLY)

Products	Q4 2016 ^p	Q3 2016 ^p	Q4 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Imports	190,070.3	177,486.3	180,936.1
Electrical & Electronic Products	56,022.8	53,403.8	54,445.4
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	18,381.4	16,538.2	15,369.6
Chemicals & Chemical Products	17,280.3	16,956.1	16,800.1
Petroleum Products	15,247.8	12,968.1	16,533.1
Manufactures of Metal	10,546.4	10,124.7	10,953.6
Transport Equipment	10,348.1	12,308.0	9,601.0
Iron & Steel Products	6,613.4	6,105.1	4,730.2
Optical & Scientific Equipment	5,922.0	5,301.4	6,122.4
Processed Food	5,382.6	4,584.7	4,869.6
Textiles, Apparels & Footwear	4,675.7	4,174.9	4,850.6

TABLE 11: MAJOR IMPORT SOURCES (QUARTERLY)

Markets	Q4 2016 ^p	Q3 2016 ^p	Q4 2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million	RM Million
Total Imports	190,070.3	177,486.3	180,936.1
China	39,642.1	36,187.2	35,158.6
Singapore	19,070.6	18,070.8	21,430.1
Japan	15,236.6	14,306.7	13,499.3
USA	14,304.1	13,018.7	15,041.5
Taiwan	11,455.0	11,517.4	9,563.8
Thailand	11,319.6	10,253.0	11,760.3
ROK	9,438.1	11,727.1	8,475.9
Indonesia	8,515.6	6,737.7	8,543.2
Germany	6,323.7	5,882.0	5,965.3
Viet Nam	5,521.1	4,818.9	5,344.7

TABLE 12: MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS (2016)

Products	2016 ^p	2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million
Total Imports	698,662.3	685,778.4
Electrical & Electronic Products	209,940.6	201,318.7
Chemicals & Chemical Products	68,012.1	64,829.1
Machinery, Equipment & Parts	65,052.1	59,375.9
Petroleum Products	52,402.4	63,876.2
Transport Equipment	41,349.5	36,372.8
Manufactures of Metal	39,223.0	44,086.4
Iron & Steel Products	22,999.9	21,757.5
Optical & Scientific Equipment	21,927.3	21,629.2
Processed Food	18,662.6	17,731.0
Textiles, Apparels & Footwear	18,127.7	15,978.7

TABLE 13: MAJOR IMPORT MARKETS (2016)

Markets	2016 ^p	2015 ^f
	RM Million	RM Million
Total Imports	698,662.3	685,778.4
China	142,345.9	129,280.3
Singapore	72,419.1	82,195.4
Japan	56,982.5	53,584.0
USA	55,646.6	55,343.7
Thailand	42,355.4	41,660.1
Taiwan	41,824.4	36,698.7
ROK	36,686.9	31,245.0
Indonesia	29,427.5	30,999.8
Germany	23,784.0	23,374.7
Viet Nam	18,819.8	18,849.6

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia
 Tabulated by: MATRADE

Notes:

p - provisional data

f – final data

CHART 1: MALAYSIA'S MONTHLY EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE, 2010-2016

