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ECONOMIC TRENDS

MALAYSIA - BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2011

he 2011 Budget, the first budget of the 10th Malaysia Plan marks the turning point in Malaysia's transformation process towards a developed and high-income economy based on the principles of inclusiveness and sustainability as envisaged under the New Economic Model.

The Budget with the theme "Transformation Towards a Developed and High-Income Nation" is guided by four strategies, namely :

- Reinvigorating private investment;
- Intensifying human capital development;
- Enhancing the quality of life of the Rakyat; and
- Strengthening public sector delivery.

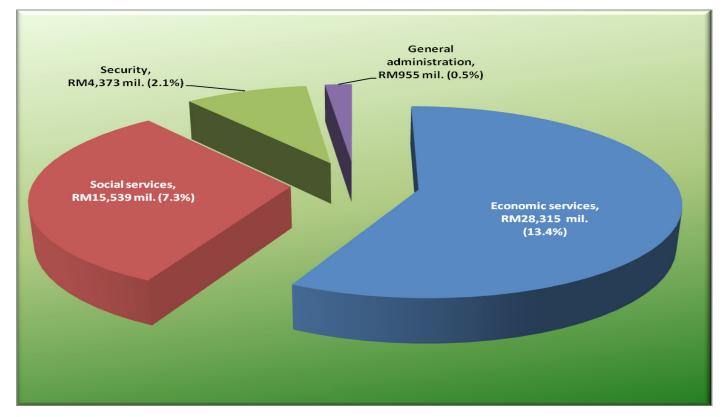
The 2011 Budget allocation totalled RM211,987 million with development expenditure accounting for 23.2% (RM49,182 million) and operating expenditure amounting to RM162,805 million or 76.8%.

	2010°	2011 ^r
GDP Growth (%) GDP Growth (%) by Sector Manufacturing	7.0 10.8	5.0-6.0 6.7
Services Agriculture Construction MIning	6.5 3.4 4.9 1.0	5.3 4.5 4.4 2.9
Current Account of the Balance of Payments : (RM million) Trade in Goods Exports Imports Trade in Services	646,053 500,156	707,428 547,825
Exports Imports	108,920 108,469	116,199 115,669
Per Capita Income (RM)	26,355	27,950
Unemployment (%)	3.6	3.5
Inflation rate (%)	2.0-2.5	2.0-3.0
Budget (RM billion)	189.5	212.0
Budget Deficit (% of GDP)	-5.6	-5.4

Source: Economic Report 2010/2011, Ministry of Finance and Department of Statistics, Malaysia

Note: e: estimate f: forecast

CHART 1: MALAYSIA - 2011 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

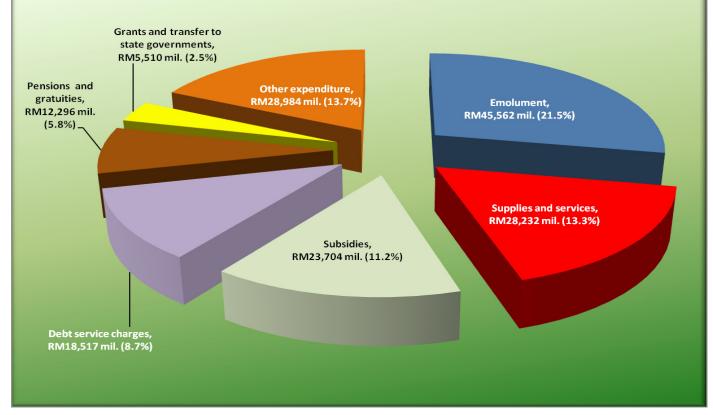


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: The development expenditure accounted for 23.2% of total budget allocation.

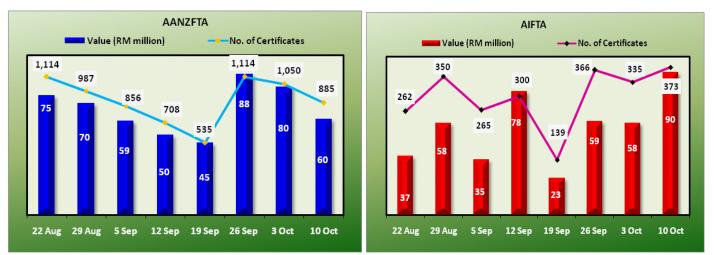
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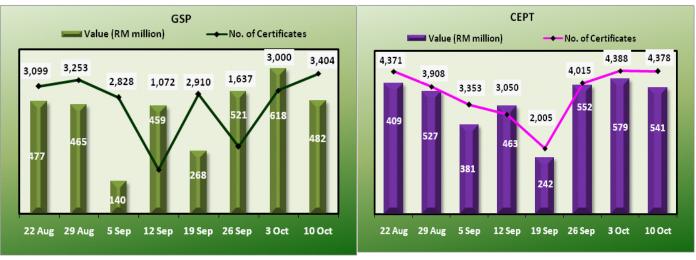


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: The operating expenditure accounted for 76.8% of total budget allocation.

CHART 3: MALAYSIA - WEEKLY NUMBER OF PCOs AND EXPORT VALUE UNDER AANZFTA, AIFTA, GSP & CEPT SCHEME, AUGUST - OCTOBER 2010





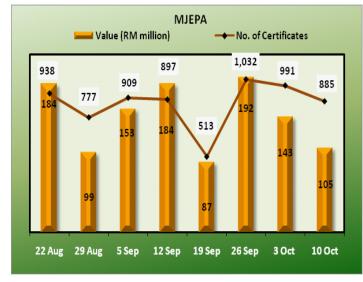
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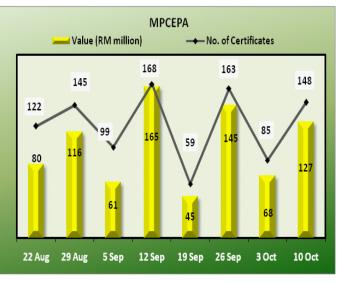
Note : The preference giving countries under the GSP scheme are members of the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, Belarus, the Russian Federation and Turkey.

PCO = Preferential Certificate of Origin

- AANZFTA: ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade
- Agreement • GSP: Generalised System of Preference
- AIFTA: ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement
- CEPT: Common Effective Preferential Tariff (among ASEAN)

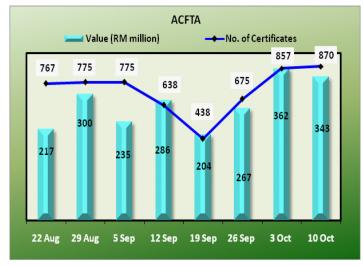
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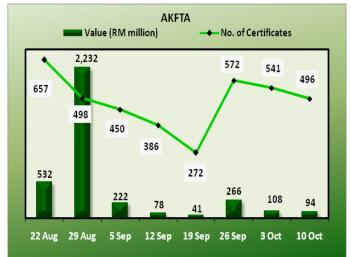


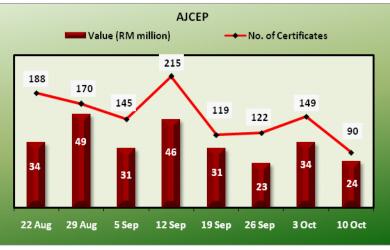


Source: MITI

CHART 5: MALAYSIA - WEEKLY NUMBER OF PCOs AND EXPORT VALUE UNDER ACFTA, AKFTA & AJCEP, AUGUST - OCTOBER 2010







Source: MITI

Note : • AKFTA: ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement

AJCEP: ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership

ACFTA: ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement

TABLE 1: WEEKLY COMMODITY PRICES

	As at 15 October 2010 (US\$)	% Change from 8 October 2010	As at 8 October 2010 (US\$)	2009* (US\$)	2008* (US\$)	2007* (US\$)
Crude Petroleum (per bbl)	82.7	1 1.2%	81.7	35.0-81.0	30.3-145.3	50.5-99.2
Raw Sugar (per MT)	807.8	1 4.1%	708.1	412.3	305.0	256.0
Iron Ore (Pellet) (per MT)	200.0	Unchanged	200.0	108.5	196.7	122.0
Scrap Iron HMS 1&2 (80:20 mix) (per MT)	410.0 (High) 380.0 (Low)	Unchanged Unchanged	410.0 (High) 380.0 (Low)	261.7	500.0	358.0
Crude Palm Oil (per MT)	967.0	1 4.2%	928.0	683.0	949.0	780.0

Sources: MITI, Malaysia Palm Oil Board, Malaysian Iron and Steel Industry Federation (MISIF), Bloomberg and Czarnikow Group Note: * Average price in the year except otherwise indicated.

Figures are rounded to the nearest decimal point.

September 2010 domestic price range for:

i. Billets : RM1,800 - RM1,950 per MT

ii. Steel bars : RM2,000 - RM2,150 per MT

CHART 6: WEEKLY PRICE TREND OF COMMODITIES, JULY - OCTOBER 2010



Sources: MITI, Malaysia Palm Oil Board and Bloomberg

TABLE 2: HIGHEST & LOWEST PRICES 2009/2010

	2009				
	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Current
Crude Petroleum	81.0	35.0	85.5	68.0	82.7
(US\$ per bbl)	(21 October)	(18 February)	(16 April)	(21 May)	(15 October)
Crude Palm Oil	820.0	525.0	967.0	767.0	967.0
(US\$ per MT)	(18 May)	(6 February)	(15 October)	(5 February)	(15 October)

Compiled by: MITI

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest decimal point.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

ENSURING A MORE SECURE TRADING ENVIRONMENT

he United Nations (UN) Security Council passed a resolution in 2004 which requested member countries to establish an export control system for the purpose of nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Member states were requested to control exports of strategic items which may be used for terrorist activities. In line with the adoption of the UN Resolution in 2004, Malaysia worked on a comprehensive law to govern exports of strategic items. This was a crucial move given the nature of the country's open economy.

The government's efforts to secure trade against terrorist infiltration culminated in the Strategic Trade Act 2010 (STA) which was

passed by Parliament in April 2010 and received Royal Assent in June 2010. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is the custodian of this Act. The purpose of the STA is to provide control over the export, transhipment, transit and brokering of strategic items, including arms and related materials, as well as other activities that may facilitate design, development and production of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems. The Act's ultimate goal is to provide the international trading community with the assurance that Malaysia is a desirable trading partner, whose open system has a sound mechanism to protect against security compromises.

The Act also works to deny terrorists' access to

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our advanced export logistics and capabilities, while protecting local players who carry out legal and beneficial trade activities and may be vulnerable to exploitation by terrorists. Hence, the STA represents a multi-faceted approach towards securing the continued and healthy development of our international trade and, in turn, Malaysia's economic prosperity.

Malaysia has continuously demonstrated its commitment towards fostering mutually beneficial trading partnerships. In recent years, it has joined hands with various nations to remain informed on the issue of strategic trade controls. For example, Malaysia has collaborated with the US, Germany and Japan in working towards establishing more effective export controls.

Benefits

These efforts promote Malaysia's solidarity with legitimate exporters in the international community against the proliferation of terrorist-related goods. At the same time, this measures will protect Malaysia to be used as a transit or transshipment points for such goods. Other benefits of the law include:

- enhancing Malaysia's image and building confidence among foreign investors to invest in Malaysia;
- facilitating and managing the exports of high technology goods and components from Malaysia to other countries;
- protecting Malaysia and Malaysian exporters from being exploited by proliferators and those that profit from their activities without compromising legitimate trade in the strategic items;
- promoting Malaysia as a safe country to trade with; and
- enabling Malaysia's contribution in maintaining the international peace and security by combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Implementation

MITI has set up the Strategic Trade Secretariat, led by the Strategic Trade Controller, to implement the STA. The implementation of this law will involve many other ministries and agencies, from licensing, enforcement and prosecution. The related laws under the STA include:

- Atomic Energy Licensing Act 1984 (Act 304);
- Chemical Weapons Convention Act 2005 (Act 641);
- Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342);
- Animals Act 1953 (Act 647);
- Pesticides Act 1974 (Act 149);
- Plant Quarantine Act 1976 (Act 167);
- Protection of New Plant Varieties Act 2004 (Act 634); and
- Customs Act 1967 (Act 235).

The STA will be implemented through guidelines and procedures that will detail out the mechanism of exports of strategic items in Malaysia. The regulations are being finalised for implementation by January 2011. As the first step towards compliance of the Act, exporters and brokers of strategic items are required to register with MITI using the online system. Please refer to the STA 2010 Online Registration Process Flow **as in appendix**.

The STA is consistent with Malaysia's national security and international obligations. In implementing this Act, Malaysia will ensure its strict enforcement including punitive measures in cases of violations of the law. However, MITI will also ensure that the implementation will not hinder export activities in the country. While enforcement is required, the spirit of the Act is to facilitate legitimate trade.

Industry associations and business councils, especially those whose members comprise exporters, should be aware of the requirements and ensure compliance with the Act. Towards this end, the Strategic Trade Secretariat is undertaking outreach programmes to promote awareness. In this Bulletin, you may find the Frequently Asked Questions of the STA and details of the Outreach Programme with the Government of Japan on 10 November 2010.

Feedback and comments on this subject can be sent to admin.sts@miti.gov.my

1. What is the Strategic Trade Act?

Strategic Trade Act is the legislation that controls the export, trans-shipment, transit and brokering of strategic items, including arms and related material, as well as activities that will or may facilitate the design, development, production and delivery of weapons of mass destruction. This Act is consistent with Malaysia's national security and international obligations.

2. Do we need the Act?

In 2004, the United Nations Security Council passed a Resolution which requested member countries to establish an export control system for the purpose of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. As a member country, we are requested to control exports of strategic products which may be used for terrorism activities.

3. Who is covered under the Act?

Any person who is engaged in the export, trans-shipment or bringing into transit any strategic item. This includes traders, exporters, cargo agents, carriers, freight forwarders, feeders operators, logistic or service providers.

4. How does one comply with the Act?

Whenever a person/an entity performs any activity related with export, transshipment, transit and brokering of strategic items, they must obtain an export permit/broker certificate from the relevant authority for strategic items based on the Strategic Trade (Strategic Items) Order 2010.

5. Why should J be concerned with export control compliance?

Those violating the Act can be subjected to a fine, imprisonment and/or death sentence as provided in the STA 2010.

6. What are the strategic items?

Strategic items refer to goods and technology that are controlled under the STA. A definitive and comprehensive list of strategic items will be prescribed in the Strategic Trade (Strategic Items) Order and published in the Government Gazette. The List will be reflective of the items currently required to be controlled under the global export control regimes as well as the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540.

The items are categorized as follows:

- (i) military items;
- (ii) nuclear materials, facilities and equipment;
- (iii) special materials and related equipment;
- (iv) materials processing;
- (v) electronics;
- (vi) computers;
- (vii) telecommunications and information security;
- (viii) sensors and lasers;
- (ix) navigation and avionics;
- (x) marine; and
- (xi) aerospace and propulsion.

7. How will J know if the items to be exported from Malaysia are in the control list?

The Strategic Items List is a transparent list which would be gazetted as the Strategic Trade (Strategic Items) Order. Pending the gazette of the Order, exporters may obtain an indication of the list of items and status of a product by following this link: *Attp://www. exportcontrol.org/links/1049c.aspx.*

8. What is defined by transit and transshipment?

Transit means to bring items from any

country into Malaysia by land, sea or air, but where the items are to be taken out from Malaysia on the same conveyance on which they are brought into Malaysia or any other conveyance and whether or not such items are landed or trans-shipped in Malaysia, but does not include the passage through Malaysia in accordance with international law of a foreign conveyance carrying any item.

In other words, goods in transit or transshipment do not enter the Principal Customs Area (PCA) and as such do not enter into the commerce of Malaysia.

9. What is the definition of brokering?

Brokering refers to the activity of negotiating, arranging for or facilitating the purchase, financing, conveying, sale or supply of items; or buying, selling or supplying such items by a person, on his own behalf or acting as an agent on behalf of another person.

Under the STA, a broker is required to register for brokering of strategic items if he/she:

- is notified by the relevant Authority or an authorised officer;
- knows; or
- has reasonable grounds,

that such strategic items are intended or likely to be used, wholly or in part, for or in connection with a restricted activity.

10. What types of permits are available?

Types of export permits and broker registration are as follows:

- (i) single-use permit;
- (ii) bulk permit;
- (iii) multiple-use permit;
- (iv) special permit; and
- (v) broker registration certificate.

11. Which type of permit is suitable for my company?

When selecting the permit, you need to consider your business needs and activities and the permit which you may qualify for. The following is the description of each permit:

- (i) Single-use permit is a one-off export permit and issued on a shipment basis.
- Bulk permit is a multiple shipment export permit destined for one single country/destination.
- (iii) Multiple-use permit is a multiple shipment export permit destined for multiple countries/destinations.
- (iv) Special permit is a one-off export permit to export to a restricted enduser and issued on a shipment basis.
- Broker registration certificate is a certificate issued to broker strategic items / activities.

12. When should J apply for the export permit/broker registration?

An application for export permit/broker registration shall be made not less than the following timeframe before the strategic items are exported:

(i)	single-use permit -	5 days
(ii)	bulk permit -	2 months
(iii)	multiple-use permit -	2 months
(iv)	broker registration -	14 days

13. What is the validity period for the export permits/broker registrations?

- (i) single-use permit 6 months
- (ii) bulk permit 2 years
- (iii) multiple-use permit 2 years
- (iv) special permit 1 year
- (v) broker registration certificate 1 year

14. Can J renew my export permit/broker certificate?

Yes. Your export permit/broker certificate can be renewed before the expiry date as follows:

- (i) bulk permit 2 months before
- (ii) multiple-use permit 2 months before
- (iii) broker registration certificate -14 days before

15. What is ECCN and how is it different from the Customs HS Code?

ECCN stands for Export Control Classification Number. An ECCN is an alpha-numeric classification used in the Strategic Items List to identify items for export control purposes and to determine the relevant authority involved in issuing the export permit.

It is different from the Harmonized Tariff System Nomenclature, which is used by Customs to determine import duties and collect trade data and statistics.

All ECCN have 5 characters, for example, 1A002, 4D003, or 9E102. There are 11 categories on the Strategic Items List. The first number of the ECCN identifies the category to which it belongs, for example, 1 = Special materials and related equipment, 4 = Computers, or 9 = Aerospace and Propulsion.

16. Can you explain what do you mean by 'technology'?

Technology means information and data, in any form, for the design, development, production or use of another item and includes technical data, technical assistance and software.

17. Js all technology controlled?

Technology is only controlled if it is required for the development, production or use of listed goods or software, or if the technology itself is specifically described in the Strategic Trade (Strategic Items) Order.

18. Are all researchers required to apply for export permit when sending information related to technology to a person outside Malaysia?

A researcher should examine the research

information and determine whether it falls under the Strategic Items List. If it is determined that the research information falls under export control restrictions, then the researcher must obtain the approval from the relevant authority before sending off the information.

19. Jf the purchaser/end-user changes after J have been granted an export permit, do J need to submit a new application?

Yes. The export permit given is transactionspecific and any change will require a new export permit.

20. Do J have to maintain records of exports of strategic items?

Yes. All documents related to export permit /broker registration must be kept and maintained for at least 6 years. Failing to do so is an offence punishable with a fine and/ or imprisonment.

21. How do J obtain a copy of the Act?

A copy of the Strategic Trade Act 2010 is available (upon subscription) at the *Attp:// www.lawnet.com.my/lawnetPublic/* or can be purchased from Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad. However, the Strategic Trade Bill 2010, which was passed by the Parliament without amendment, can be viewed from the Parliament website: *Attp://www.parlimen.gov.my/billindex/pdf/ DR042010.pdf.*

22. Who do J contact for further clarification?

You may contact the Strategic Trade Secretariat:

Strategic Trade Secretariat Ministry of International Trade and Industry 12th Floor, Block 8 Government Offices Complex, Jalan Duta 50622 Kuala Lumpur Tel : 03 - 6203 3022 (General Line) or : 03 - 6203 3352 (Ms.Azrilah Abd Aziz) e-mail: admin.sts@miti.gov.my

FORBES GLOBAL CEO CONFERENCE 2010

The FORBES Global CEO Conference (FGCC) 2010, with the theme 'Full Sail Ahead', was held in Sydney, Australia from 28 to 29 September 2010. A total of 376 delegates comprising prominent CEOs, industrialists, academicians and business people from all over the world attended the Conference.

The Forum was divided into 17 sessions with 57 speakers covering areas such as economy, finance, global growth, green technology, services and technology and ICT development. Special sessions were also conducted with the Premier of New South Wales, Kristina Keneally, Finance Minister of Australia, Penny Wong and Malaysia's Minister of International Trade and Industry, Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed.

The Chairman and CEO of Forbes Magazine, Mr. Steve Forbes interviewed the MITI Minister on Malaysia's economic reforms and the way forward. MITI Minister's participation in the Conference was timely as the Minister explained to the delegates that Malaysia had recently announced a series of economic reforms to attract foreign investments including the 1Malaysia concept, Government Transformation Programme, New Economic Model and the 10th Malaysia Plan.

MITI Minister's also took the opportunity to welcome delegates to FGCC 2011 which will be held in Kuala Lumpur from 12 to 14 September 2011. Benefits of organising FGCC include:

- enhancing Malaysia's position as an ideal business centre;
- networking and building business relationships with highly influential and affluent business leaders;
- extensive coverage by local and international media providing publicity for Malaysia as an ideal and conducive business location;
- direct and indirect benefits to various industries including tourism and transportation; and
- exposing Malaysian businesses to best practices in the respective fields such as healthcare, technology, biotechnology and financial market.

NATIONAL INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE CIRCLE (ICC) CONVENTION 2010, 7-9 OCTOBER 2010

nnovation begins with ideas, but ideas need to be transformed into new and profitable products and services. To reinforce the importance of innovation and productivity enhancement in today's global competitive Malaysia environment. Productivity Corporation (MPC) has been promoting team-based Innovative and Creative Circles (ICCs) since 1983. ICCs have emerged as a requirement for sustaining productivity and competitiveness and hence provide avenues for break-through ideas, learning, knowledgesharing and value creation along the entire value chain of the organisation. Realising the importance of ICCs, MPC organises

National ICC conventions annually to provide innovative knowledge-sharing platforms.

The annual team-based ICC convention allows participants to:

- exchange ideas and experiences based on innovative and creative culture;
- share knowledge on the best ICC practices in promoting and sustaining enterprises competitiveness; and
- highlight the importance of ICC as a platform for business excellence.
- A total of 168 ICCs involving 2,000

participants from 84 organisations participated in the National ICC Convention 2010 that was held from 7-9 October 2010. It consisted of teams from the manufacturing, electrical and electronics, services and Government sectors. The sectors presented their projects in six parallel sessions.

Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman of MPC, represented the Minister of International Trade and Industry at the closing ceremony of the National ICC Convention 2010 and presented awards and certificates during the Grand Dinner on 9 October 2010.

Super Sealing, the ICC group from Samsung

Optimus Prime / QSR Brands Bhd

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SDI (Malaysia) Berhad won the 'Best Overall Circle' among the 168 Innovative and Creative Circles and received the Minister of International Trade and Industry Trophy. Super Sealing will be nominated to represent Malaysia at the International Convention on Quality Control Circle (ICQCC). This event will allow team members from all over the world to meet, share, exchange ideas and experiences on quality control best practices and provide them with an opportunity to learn from the "best of the best" circle.

The Overall Best Circle (Minister of International Trade and Industry Trophy) SUPER SEALING - Samsung SDI (Malaysia) Berhad

	Special	Aw	ards			
	MPC Chairman Award		MPC Director General Award			
	(The most cost saving project)		(Th	e most participative in Regional ICC)		
Rank	Circle name/ Organisation		Rank	Organisation		
1 st	Touch N Go / Samsung Corning (M) Sdn Bhd		1 st	Johor Corporation		
2 nd	Dyno Drift Team / Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional Sdn Bhd		2 nd Proton Holdings Bhd			
3 rd	Ceks / Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia, Selangor		3 rd Tenaga Nasional Berhad			
	The Bes	st C	ircle			
	Electrical & Electronic Sector			Manufacturing Sector		
Rank	Circle name/ Organisation		Rank	Circle name/ Organisation		
1 st	Mega / Sharp Manufacturing Corporation (M) Sdn Bhd		1 st	Super Sealing / Samsung SDI (Malaysia) Bhd		
2 nd	Icon / S&O Electronics Sdn Bhd		2 nd	Pentium S / Perodua Manufacturing Sdn Bhd		
3 rd	Ideology / Panasonic Electronic Devices (M) Sdn Bhd		3 rd	Ghostbusters Return / Continential Automotive Instrument (M) Sdn Bhd		
	Services Sector			Government Sector		
Rank	Circle name/ Organisation		Rank	Circle name/ Organisation		
1 st	Steady / Genting (M) Bhd		1 st	Belian / Universiti Teknologi Mara, Sarawak		
2 nd	Brassing / Tenaga Nasional Berhad		2 nd	Ceks / Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia, Selangor		

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Negeri Sembilan

Recognising the importance of overcoming the challenges of structural reform, an APEC seminar on the First Step of Successful Reform in Doing Business was held in Chinese Taipei from 5-6 October 2010. The seminar addressed challenges faced by member economies and examined strategies for enhancing the business environment.

Malaysia presented a case study on 'Dealing with Construction Permit' which among others highlighted:

i) initiatives undertaken to improve the efficiency of government agencies in dealing with construction permit, namely:

- replacing the Certificate of Completion and Compliance issued by Local Authorities within two years with Certificate of Fitness of Occupation issued by industry professionals within 6 months;
- introduction of a Commissioner of Building at Local Authorities via Building & Common Property Act (Maintenance & Management 2007), Act 663;
- establishment of 103 One-Stop-Centres at Local Authorities to streamline and expedite the process of development approvals; and
- introduction of the 'Build then Sell Concept'.

ii) improvements in reducing the number of procedures from 25 to 12 and total time taken to complete the procedure from 261 days to 139 days. Hong Kong, as the champion economy in dealing with construction permit, shared its key reform initiative that has contributed to the improvement in World Bank Ease of Doing Business ranking from 20th in 2009 to the top position in 2010. Initiatives implemented by Hong Kong include:

- introduction of "Be the Smart Regulator" programme to improve customer friendliness, efficiency and transparency of the business licensing services;
- establishment of 'One-Stop-Centres' to simplify the submission process in both the pre-and post-construction stages; and
- formulation of new procedures to allow for concurrent applications for building plan approval and consent for commencement of building works for projects fulfilling specified criteria.

Significant improvements made by Hong Kong were achieved through the streamlining of workflow, elimination of unnecessary procedures and improvement in processing efficiency.

This seminar provided an avenue for APEC economies to obtain first-hand knowledge from successful reform-minded economies in designing and implementing feasible reform measures. Participants are expected to apply the best models to meet each economy's own actual needs and in accordance with the domestic reform environment.

WTO TRADE POLICY REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

USA underwent its tenth Trade Policy Review on 29 September and 1 October 2010, since the establishment of the WTO on 1 January 1995. The last review was conducted in 2008.

The USA continues to maintain a largely transparent and open trading regime despite facing financial and economic difficulties. Members commended the USA efforts for not resorting to protectionist measures.

Since the last review, there are a number of new rulings or measures implemented or in the process of undergoing approval, which may impact US trade partners, including:

- the '10+2 rule' under the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act 2006 requires importers of merchandise arriving in the USA by vessel to provide information on 10 elements through a Customs and Border Protection approved Eletronic Data Interchange (EDI) system. The first eight elements must be provided at least 24 hours before the cargo is loaded on the vessel and the other two elements to be provided at least 24 hours prior to the vessel's arrival at a US port;
- new uniform rules of origin in customs legislation that relies primarily on tariff classification;
- 'Foreign Manufacturers Legal Accountability Act' to ensure that the products that US consumers buy are safe; and
- 'Government Procurement Policy' under the 'Buy American Act' (1933); and the 'American Recovery and Reimbursement Act' 2009.

The simple average applied MFN tariff was at 4.8% in 2009. However, there is considerable variation within and between the HS Chapters with some tariff peaks, particularly in agriculture, and this has raised concerns among some trading partners.

There have been no major changes in the anti-dumping (AD) and countervailing duties legislation since the last review of the United States. In 2009, there were 245 AD measures imposed (2008: 232 measures) with imports from China being subject to the largest number of AD duty orders (32% of the total), followed by the EU (13%) and Japan (8%). Products involved are iron and steel products, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, miscellaneous manufactured products, and metals and minerals.

USA has been a major trading partner for Malaysia. In 2009, Malaysia's trade with the USA accounted for 11.1% or RM109.2 billion of Malaysia's global trade. Export of manufactured products to the USA accounted for 10.2% of Malaysia's total exports. Major export items in 2009 include electrical and electronics, processed food, rubber products, palm oil and wood products.

USA remains the world's largest services importer, with the services sector accounting for 80% of its GDP. Malaysian service providers should take advantage of the relative openness of the USA economy to export services in sectors such as the professional and business, education, health as well as the computer-related services.

As part of its new National Export Initiative implemented to help achieve the goal of doubling exports in the next five years, the US trade policy is to encourage export growth by allocating additional resources to export promotion activities, and to monitor and enforce its partners' trade commitments.

USA views the existing comprehensive bilateral and regional trade agreements as complementing their commitments under the multilateral trading system. USA is currently negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP), a high-standard, 21st century regional agreement with Australia, Brunei, Chile, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, US and Viet Nam. Malaysia became a full negotiating member in the TPP, beginning October 2010.

More than 1,200 written questions were submitted by 42 WTO Members, covering issues related to investment, trade policies and development in selected sectors.

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TENDER BIDS

DETAILS				
TITLE OF TENDER 09/2010(79)	:	INVITATION FOR BIDS 300MW IMPORTED		
Country	:	Pakistan		
Closing Date	:	28 January 2011 before 1200 hrs (Pakistan time)		
Summary	:	e are pleased to extend an invitation from Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) the Government of Pakistan inviting bids for developing 300MW Imported Coal Private ower Project (IPP) near Jamshoro (Hesco Area), Sindh, Pakistan.		
		Members who are interested to participate can visit website : www.ppib.gov.pk or contact the following officer for more details :-		
		Mr. Wajihullah Kundi Commercial Counsellor, High Commission for Pakistan 132, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur Telephone Number : 03 2164 8158 / 019 2423 975 Fax Number : 03 2162 5843 Email Address : kundi.wajihullah@gmail.com		
TITLE OF TENDER 09/2010(79)	:	TENDER REFERENCE: A1600082010 : SUPPLY OF TWO FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED MISSION EQUIPMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICES		
Country	:	Hong Kong		
Closing Date	:	26 November 2010 before 1200 noon (Hong Kong time)		

	DETAILS					
Summary	:	Quantity: 2 Nos				
		Application: For long range search and rescue operations, providing top cover for helicopters during shore SAR operations and assisting other government departments in aerial geograp surveys and law enforcement operations.				
		Delivery Schedule: The first and second aircrafts to be delivered within 24 months and 26 months respectively from the date of acceptance of offer.				
		Collection Of Tender Document: GLD suppliers, GLD subscribers and applicants can log on to the system and download the tender document. Information for collection of tender documents in paper or CD-ROM/diskette form is accessible at http://www.gld . gov.hk/eng/services_2_k .htm.				
		Submission of Tenders: Electronic Tendering: For election offer, the total file size (after zipped) should not exceed 30MB. Tenderer should also allow sufficient time for data transmission when submitting the electronic offer. Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions. For total file size exceeding 30MB, paper-based tendering should be used.				
		Paper-based Tendering: Tenders in paper form must be deposited in the Government Logistics Department Tender before 1200 noon (Hong Kong time) on 26 November 2010.	Bo			
		Contact Person : Lau Yuk–Kuen, Gloria, Senior Supplies Officer (D) Telephone Number: (852) 22315264 Fax Number : (852)21160104 Email Address : ssod@gld.gov.hk				
		Email Address . SSOU@gld.gov.nk				
TITLE OF TENDER	:	INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB): INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR SUP				
	:					
09/2011(80)	:	INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB): INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR SUP AND INSTALLATION OF DESKTOPS, LASER PRINTERS AND UPS BY KARNAT, HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & REFORM PROJECT				
TITLE OF TENDER 09/2011(80) Country Closing Date	:	INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB): INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR SUP AND INSTALLATION OF DESKTOPS, LASER PRINTERS AND UPS BY KARNAT, HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & REFORM PROJECT ICB No. HFW/KHSDRP/Comp to PHCs & CHCs/ 17/2009-10				
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09/2011(80) Country	:	INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB): INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR SUP AND INSTALLATION OF DESKTOPS, LASER PRINTERS AND UPS BY KARNAT, HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & REFORM PROJECT ICB No. HFW/KHSDRP/Comp to PHCs & CHCs/ 17/2009-10 India 3 November 2010, before 1500 hours (India) The Government of Karnataka has received a credit from the International Developm Association towards the cost of Karnataka Health System Development & Reform pro (KHSDRP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit payment under the com	nen			

NILETTING ATMENT

DETAILS
The bidding document shall be made available for sale from 17.09.2010 to 3.11.2010 on a working days from 1030 hours to 1700 hours IST at the address given below.
Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA Credits, Ma 2004 and are open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the guidelines.
Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Administrator KHSDRP and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 1030 hours to 1700 hours on any working day.
Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 1500 hours IST on 3.11.2010. A bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of Rs.15,000,000/- (Rupees fifteen lakhs) o equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
In the event the last date for submission of bids or the date of opening of bids happen to be of a declared holiday, the bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day in the same order and at the same time.
Address: KARNATAKA HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & REFORM PROJECT PHI Building. 1st Floor , Seshadri Road, Bangalore-560 001 Phone: (080) 22276357 / 22245041- 42 / 22249908 / 22270977 Fax: (080) 22277389 Email: khsdrp@gmail.com, ddprockhsdrp@gmail.com Website: http://karhfw.gov.in

IMPORT ENQUIRIES FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AUTOMOTIVE, PARTS & COMPONENTS

TOURIST, TRADE AND LABOUR-EXPORT JOINT-STOCK COMPANY (VINAMOTOR-TTLC)

4th Floor, 337 Truong Trinh Thanh Xuan District, Hanoi

Product(s)	: Motocars and Motocycles
	General Directors Assistant
Contact	: Mr. Hao Dang Thithuy,
Email	: haodang4181@yahoo.com.sg
Tel	: 844-356-82699
Vietnam	

BEVERAGES

FADY IMPORT-EXPORT

4590 Henri-Bourassa Ouest Suitee100 Saint H4L 1A8 QuebecCanadaTel: 1514-996-1228Fax: 1514-334-1738Email: ybacheikh@fadyimportexport.comWebsite: www.fadyimportexport.comContact: Mr. Yassir Bacheikh, PresidentProduct(s): Juices and Cordials

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & HARDWARE

INTIMEX IMPORT-EXPORT JOINT STOCK COMPANY-HANOI BRANCH

36, Tay Son-Dong Da				
10000 Hanoi, Vietnam				
Tel	: 844-353-34398			
Email	: nguyenloan@intimexhcm.com			
Website	: www. intimexhcm.com			
Contact	: Mr. Huynh Long, Director			
Product(s)	: Steel Bars and Rods			

COMPUTER SOFTWARE

SHENSIYIN ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY (HONG KONG LIMITED)

8/F Western Comm Building				
31 Des Voeux, Road West, Hong Kong				
Tel	: 852-365-80758			
Email	: joe@chinaainy.com			
Contact	: Mr. Zou Hai Yan, Director			
Product(s)	: ERP/MRP and Accounting and			
	Banking			

FURNITURE

CK INDUSTRIES COMPANY

 2/F, Tin Shing Building

 36-38 Belcher's Street, Kennedy Tower, Hong Kong

 Tel
 : 852-317-66150

 Email
 : jr-club@nwtbb.com

 Contact
 : Mr. Mak Ming Fai, Director

 Product(s)
 : Cabinets and Racks, Chairs and

 Sofa and Knockdown/DIY Furniture

IMPORT ENQUIRIES FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES (CONT'D)

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

CK INDUSTRIES COMPANY

36-38 Belcher's Street, Kennedy Tower, Hong Kong		
Tel	: 852-317-66150	
Email	: jr-club@nwtbb.com	
Contact	: Mr. Mak Ming Fai, Director	
Product(s)	: Aerosol Spray and Disposable Products	

SHIZUOKA SANGYOSHA CO LTD.

4-7 Ryutsu-Centre Aoiku Shizuokashi			
420-0922 Shizuoka, Japan			
Tel	: 815-426-32138		
Fax	: 815-426-32138		
Email	: t-ohashi@sizsan.co.jp		
Website	: www.sizsan.co.jp		
Contact	: Mr. Toshimitsu Ohashi,		
	Assistant Manager		
Product(s)	: Disposable Products		

PACKAGING AND CONTAINERS

SHIZUOKA SANGYOSHA CO LTD.

4-7 Ryutsu-Centre Aoiku Shizuokashi 420-0922 Shizuoka, Japan			
Tel	: 815-426-32138		
Fax	: 815-426-32138		
Email	: t-ohashi@sizsan.co.jp		
Website	: www.sizsan.co.jp		
Contact	: Mr. Toshimitsu Ohashi,		
	Assistant Manager		
Product(s)	: Plastic Packaging & Containers		

PALM OIL PRODUCTS

GROUP MONARCH INTERNATIONAL INC.

366 Windermere Road Beaconsfield			
H9W 1W7 Qu	H9W 1W7 Quebec, Canada		
Tel	: 1514-694-7276		
Fax	: 1514-694-6502		
Email	: manuelvictoria@syampatico.ca		
Website	: www.groupmonarchinternational.com		
Contact	: Mr. Jose Manuel Victoria, President		
Product(s)	: Refined Palm Oil		

INTERNATIONAL TRADING INC.

618 Magnetic Drive North York			
M3J 2C4 Ontario, Canada			
Tel : 1416-625-7556			
Email	: ignisco@rogers.com		
Contact	: Mr. Nikolay Ignatov, CEO		
Product(s) : Soap Noodles			

PREPARED FOOD

CHOUCAIR HOLDINGS LTD

253 Stillview Road				
Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada				
Tel	: 1514-426-8590			
Contact	: Mr. Abbas, President			
Product(s)	: Processed Meat, Poultry and			
	Seafood (Halal)			

GROUP MONARCH INTERNATIONAL INC.

366 Windermere Road Beaconsfield		
H9W 1W7 Qu	ebec, Canada	
Tel	: 1514-694-7276	
Fax	: 1514-694-6502	
Email	: manuelvictoria@syampatico.ca	
Website	: www.groupmonarchinternational.com	
Contact	: Mr. Jose Manuel Victoria, President	
Product(s)	: Condensed Milk	

TROPICAL TREETS

130, Bermondsey Road Toronto M4A 1X5 Ontario, Canada

Contact Product(s)	: www.tropicaltreets.com : Mr. Zahir M Keshavjee, VP : Frozen Paratha
Email Website	: zahir@tropicaltreets.com
Fax	: 1416-759-7782
Tel	: 1416-759-8777

RUBBER PRODUCTS

INTIMEX IMPORT-EXPORT JOINT STOCK COMPANY – HANOI BRANCH

36, Tay Son-Do	ong Da
10000 Hanoi, \	/ietnam
Tel	: 844-353-34398
Email	: nguyenloan@intimexhcm.com
Website	: www. intimexhcm.com
Contact	: Mr. Huynh Long, Director
Product(s)	: Natural Rubber

WOOD PRODUCTS

SHIZUOKA SANGYOSHA CO LTD.

4-7 Ryutsu-Centre Aoiku Shizuokashi			
420-0922 Shizuoka, Japan			
Tel : 815-426-32138			
Fax	: 815-426-32138		
Email	: t-ohashi@sizsan.co.jp		
Website	: www.sizsan.co.jp		
Contact	: Mr. Toshimitsu Ohashi		
	Assistant Manager		
Product(s)	: Charcoals		



EVENTS CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH

ΜΙΤΙ

Programmes	Objectives	Target Group	Contact
Outreach Programme of the Strategic Trade Act 2010 (Collaboration with Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan) 10 November 2010 Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	Briefing of the Strategic Act 2010 and sharing of experience with the Government of Japan in implementing the export control system	Companies engaged in export, transit, transhipment and brokering of strategic items.	Ms. Salwa Mohd Adas Tel: 03-6203 2267 (salwa@miti.gov.my) Ms. Fadzilah Musa Tel : 03- 6203 2612 (fadzilah.musa@miti.gov.my)

MIDA

Programmes	Objectives	Target Group	Contact
ITAP-MIDA Capacity Building Programme for Investment Promotion Official of IDB Member Countries: Public-Private Sector Partnership (PPP) 7-13 November 2010 Legend Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	To gain a comprehensive understanding on the pros and cons, benefits and pitfalls of PPP approach and the mechanisms on how to successfully implement PPP in a developing country	Senior officials of Investment Promotion Agencies/ Government institutions who are involved in PPP in their home countries	Ms. Anis Halini Abdul Halim Tel: 03-2267 6716 (anishalini@mida.gov.my) Ms. Suhana Nor Ramli Tel : 03- 2267 6719 (suhana@mida.gov.my)

MATRADE

Programmes	Objectives	Target Group	Contact
MATRADE Briefing and Consultation Session (i) Miri, Sarawak (23-24 November 2010)	 i. Disseminate information about MATRADE's function, services, facilities, programmes and activities ii. Obtain feedback on how MATRADE can further facilitate companies in their export business iii. Disseminate information on benefits of Free Trade Agreements iv. Clarify export-related issues 	Malaysian companies (both SME & non-SMEs) that are currently exporting or seeking opportunities in export market	Azimatul Masriyah (azimatul@matrade.gov.my) Noor Asyikin Mustapha (asyikin@matrade.gov.my)

TRADE FAIRS

Event Name	Event Description	Target Group	Contact
BIG 5 2010 Venue: Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Center Dubai, UAE Date : 22-25 Nov 2010 Closing Date : Extended deadline	The largest trade show for the Construction industry in the Arabian Gulf consists of five major exhibitions. Featuring around 2,000 companies from 50 countries. The Big 5 features National Pavilions from all major exporting countries, alongside the important local developers, contractors, importers and distributors. Exhibitors include Building & construction, water technology & environment, and air - conditioning & refrigeration, cleaning & maintenance, glass & metal, bathroom & ceramics, marble & machinery	Malaysian companies	Mohamad Adris Abu Bakar adris@matrade. gov.my

SPECIALISED MARKETING MISSION

Mission	Target Group	Contact
Specialised Marketing Mission for Machinery and Equipment to Bangkok, Thailand City: Bangkok	Malaysian companies	Sarah Johana Yusof (sarah@matrade.gov.my)
Date : 23-25 Nov 2010 Closing Date : 29 Oct 2010		
Specialised Marketing Mission for Professional and Construction Services to Sri Lanka City: Colombo	Malaysian companies	Faizal Izany Mastor (faizal@matrade.gov.my)
Date : 7-10 Nov 2010 Closing Date : 29 Oct 2010		
Specialised Marketing Mission On Outsourcing Services to Sao Paulo, Brazil City: Sao Paulo, Brazil	Malaysian companies	Damian Santosh Samson (damian@matrade.gov. my)
Date : 4-11 Dec 2010 Closing Date : 1 Nov 2010		

***PROMOTION BOOTHS**

Event Name	Event Description	Target Group	Contact
MANUFACTURING INDONESIA 2010 Venue: Jakarta International Expo (JIExpo), Jakarta, Indonesia Date : 1-4 Dec 2010 Closing Date : 1 Nov 2010	The Manufacturing Indonesia series is one of the biggest trade shows in Indonesia. The annual exhibition covers products such as automotive parts, electrical products, engineering products, plastic parts, metalworks, food & beverage and textiles. More than 1,400 exhibitors are participating in Manufacturing Indonesia 2010 and are expected to showcase their latest products and services in 2009. A total of 1,351 exhibitors participated in the event from 34 countries and 35,301 visitors attended the show from across the world	Malaysian companies	Badrul Hisham Hilal (badrul.h@ matrade.gov.my)

* Interested Malaysian companies are required to submit details of company as well as products' promotional materials (eg: brochures/ catalogues) to MATRADE

MPC

Programmes	Objectives	Target Group	Contact
TRAINING Understanding ISO 9001:2008 Requirements 27-28 October 2010 Petaling Jaya	Increase their understanding about the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management Systems Understand the requirements of the ISO 9001:2008 Gain knowledge on the interpretation of ISO 9001:2008 Provide themselves the guidance on the documentation and implementation of ISO 9001:2008 QMS	Top management Executive Supervisor Operator	Abd. Majid Ibrahim (abmajid@mpc.gov.my)

PROGRAM DIKENDALIKAN DALAM BAHASA MELAYU

SME CORP. MALAYSIA

Program	Objektif	Kumpulan Sasaran	Hubungi
Seminar Pembungkusan Jenama & Undang-undang serta Peraturan Pelabelan 28 Oktober 2010 Dewan Seminar Nurul Ehsan, Tingkat 4, Pejabat UMNO Besut, Jerteh, Terengganu	Memberi pendedahan dan menyebarkan maklumat berkenaan kepentingan pembungkusan, penjenamaan dan pelabelan produk kepada para usahawan yang hadir	Para usahawan	Pn. Nor Azian 03-6207 6169 azian@smecorp.gov.my En. Radzuwan 03-6207 6151 radzuwan@smecorp.gov.my
 Bengkel Usahawan Wanita 1Malaysia: Meneroka Transformasi Perniagaan i. Siri 2/2010: 2 November 2010 Ipoh, Perak ii. Siri 3/2010: 3 Disember 2010 Kuching, Sarawak 	Memberi pendedahan mengenai pengetahuan berkaitan perniagaan dan amalan perniagaan terbaik, di samping mengembangkan rangkaian perniagaan dan berkongsi pengalaman bersama usahawan wanita berjaya yang lain	Usahawan wanita di Malaysia	Murniati Mokhtar 03-6207 6142 (murniati@smecorp.gov.my) Norhayati Abu Bakar 03-6207 6136 (norhayati@smecorp.gov.my)
Bengkel Pembungkusan dan Penjenamaan & Bicara Petang Tn. Hj. Umar Yatim 9 Disember 2010 MITC, Melaka	Memberi pendedahan dan menyebarkan maklumat berkenaan pembungkusan dan penjenamaan kepada para usahawan dan berkongsi pengalaman dengan usahawan yang telah berjaya untuk meningkatkan semangat dan berjaya di dalam perniagaan. Galeri Pembungkusan dan Penjenamaan Bergerak akan mempamerkan contoh-contoh pembungkusan yang sesuai dan menarik	Para usahawan	Pn. Nor Azian 03-6207 6169 azian@smecorp.gov.my Cik Murniati Mokhtar 03-6207 6142 murniati@smecorp.gov.my

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Program	Objektif	Kumpulan Sasaran	Hubungi
Transformasi Usahawan Bumiputera Berdaya Saing Fasa 2 (TRU-BD) i. 3 November 2010 Pahang/Terengganu ii. 9 November 2010 Melaka/Negeri Sembilan iii. November 2010 Johor iv. November 2010 Sabah/Labuan v. Disember 2010 Sarawak	Memberi maklumat serta pengetahuan kepada usahawan bumiputera berkaitan dengan konsep daya saing usahawan dan perniagaan serta keperluan dalam konteks Model Baru Ekonomi Mengumpul data untuk menilai tahap daya saing usahawan bumiputera dalam pelbagai sektor perniagaan masa kini Mendapatkan cadangan berkaitan strategi serta sistem sokongan bagi membantu usahawan bumiputera untuk terus berdaya saing dalam bidang keusahawanan dan perniagaan	Usahawan Bumiputera	Dr. Aishah Kasa 603 62052571 (aishah@miti.gov.my) Aidi Azli Wahid 603-88805156 (aidiazli@miti.gov.my) Wazi Seman 603 62052572 (wazi.seman@miti. gov.my)



Action is the foundational key to all success Anthony Robbins - Motivator



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