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LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY OF THIRD QUARTER 2018

Malaysia's labour productivity, as measured by value added per hour worked, rose 2.9 per cent in the third quarter of 2018 after registering 3.8 per cent in Q2 2018. During this quarter, Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 4.4 per cent (Q2 2018: 4.5%) while hours worked increased 1.4 per cent (Q2 2018: 0.7%).

Labour productivity expressed as the ratio of value added to employment recorded 1.7 per cent (Q2 2018: 2.0%) as employment increased 2.6 per cent (Q2 2018: 2.4%).

Labour productivity in Agriculture sector moderated to 1.4 per cent in Q3 2018 (Q2 2018: 3.4%). In terms of value added, this sector posted a negative growth of 1.4 per cent (Q2 2018: -2.5%) while hours worked recorded a decrease of 2.7 per cent (Q2 2018: -5.7%). Meanwhile, labour productivity by value added per employment dropped 1.9 per cent (Q2 2018: 1.3%) as employment increased 0.6 per cent (Q2 2018: -3.7%).

Labour productivity of Mining and Quarrying sector decreased 2.9 per cent (Q2 2018: 6.2%). The growth of value added continued its declining trend to a negative 4.6 per cent (Q2 2018: -2.2%) while hours worked fell 1.7 per cent (Q2 2018: -7.9%). In the meantime, the growth of labour productivity by employment moderated to 0.8 per cent (Q2 2018: 5.2%) while employment dropped 5.3 per cent (Q2 2018: -7.0%).

The growth of labour productivity in the Manufacturing sector stepped up to 2.4 per cent (Q2 2018: 1.7%). Value added registered a growth of 5.0 per cent (Q2 2018: 4.9%) while hours worked increased 2.6 per cent (Q2 2018: 3.1%). In the meantime, labour productivity by employment recorded 2.2 per cent (Q2 2018: 1.5%) as employment increased 2.7 per cent (Q2 2018: 3.4%).

Labour productivity in Construction sector moderated to 4.3 per cent during this quarter (Q2 2018: 5.0%). Value added grew 4.6 per cent (Q2 2018: 4.7%) while hours worked rebounded 0.3 per cent (Q2 2018: -0.3%). When measured by value added per employment, labour productivity posted 3.2 per cent (Q2 2018: 4.0%) as employment grew 1.4 per cent (Q2 2018: 0.7%).

Labour productivity in the Services sector increased 5.1 per cent (Q2 2018: 5.0%). The growth of value added expanded further at 7.2 per cent (Q2 2018: 6.5%) while hours worked rose 2.0 per cent (Q2 2018: 1.5%). Labour productivity expressed as the ratio of value added to employment posted a better performance of 3.9 per cent (Q2 2018: 2.6%) as employment grew 3.2 per cent (Q2 2018: 3.9%) during the quarter.



LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Third Quarter
2018

	Q2 2018	Q3 2018
Hours Worked	3.8%	2.9%
Employment	2.0%	1.7%



AGRICULTURE

	HW	EMP
Q2 2018	3.4%	1.3%
Q3 2018	1.4%	-1.9%



MINING & QUARRYING

	HW	EMP
Q2 2018	6.2%	5.2%
Q3 2018	-2.9%	0.8%



MANUFACTURING

	HW	EMP
Q2 2018	1.7%	1.5%
Q3 2018	2.4%	2.2%



CONSTRUCTION

	HW	EMP
Q2 2018	5.0%	4.0%
Q3 2018	4.3%	3.2%



SERVICES

	HW	EMP
Q2 2018	5.0%	2.6%
Q3 2018	5.1%	3.9%



TOTAL HOURS WORKED

Q2 2018	Q3 2018
0.7%	1.4%
8.5 billion hours	8.7 billion hours



TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Q2 2018	Q3 2018
2.4%	2.6%
14.8 million persons	14.9 million persons

Notes :

- The statistics shown refer to year on year percentage change of labour productivity from the same quarter of the preceding year.
- HW - Hours Worked; EMP - Employment

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