

MORNING BREAK

STOCK MARKET INDEX

FBMKLCI
1780.09
▲ **+1.96**
+0.11%

SHANGHAI
2740.44
▼ **-27.58**
-1.00%

NIKKEI
22,548.90
▲ **+23.72**
+0.11%

DJIA
25,462.58
▲ **+136.42**
+0.54%

FTSE
7659.10
▲ **+83.17**
+1.10%



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COMMENT

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMEs) PERFORMANCE 2017

Malaysia's SMEs GDP recorded a strong growth for 2017 at 7.2 per cent as compared to 5.2 per cent recorded in 2016. This performance exceeded Malaysia's GDP and Non SMEs which registered 5.9 per cent and 5.1 per cent respectively. The contribution of SMEs GDP to Malaysia's GDP increased to 37.1 per cent from 36.6 per cent in the previous year.

SMEs activities are dominated by **Services** which contributed 59.7 per cent and Manufacturing sectors with a share of 21.5 per cent. The Agriculture sector contributed 11.2 per cent to SMEs GDP followed by the Construction and Mining & quarrying sectors which contributed 5.8 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively. For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM