

# MORNING BREAK

## STOCK MARKET INDEX

**FBM KLCI**  
**1781.73**  
 **-4.21**  
**-0.24%**

**SHANGHAI**  
**2723.26**  
 **-57.71**  
**-2.08%**

**NIKKEI**  
**21,953.53**  
 **-250.69**  
**-1.13%**

**DJIA**  
**25,162.41**  
 **-137.51**  
**-0.54%**

**FTSE**  
**7497.87**  
 **-113.77**  
**-1.49%**



## BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

### LOCAL

Malaysia mampu capai akses Internet lebih meluas - International Data Corporation (IDC) (*Berita Harian*)

Kukuhkan PKS untuk naikan perolehan koperasi sekolah (*Sinar*)

SSM to offer 80% discount on compounds for corporations (*Malaysian Reserve*)

Govt urged to formulate strategy to strengthen construction sector (*NST*)

Lazada remains the leader in Malaysia's e-commerce (*Malaysian Reserve*)

### GLOBAL

China startups struggle to escape the shadows of Alibaba and Tencent (*Bloomberg*)

SMEs should collaborate in the face of disruption: Heng Swee Keat (*Channel NewsAsia*)

Here's why tech rivals' logos look so similar (*CNBC*)

U.S. retail sales, manufacturing data bolster third-quarter economic outlook (*Reuters*)

Tech giant Tencent caught in Chinese regulatory trap (*Wall Street Journal*)

### COMMENT

#### KEY STATISTICS OF LABOUR FORCE IN MALAYSIA, JUNE 2018

ECONOMIC INDICATOR	KEY STATISTICS OF LABOUR FORCE
Actual	68.5% / 15,379.0 ('000) (+2.3% compared to June/17)
Coverage	June/18
Previous	67.8% / 15,027.6 ('000) (June/17)
Frequency	Monthly
Data Release	Aug/18

The labour force participation rate in June 2018 increased by 0.1 percentage point to 68.5 per cent as compared to the previous month. Year-on-year showed that the labour force participation rate increased by 0.7 percentage points (June 2017: 67.8%).

The unemployment rate in June 2018 increased 0.1 percentage point to 3.4 per cent as compared to the previous month. Year-on-year unemployment rate remained at 3.4 per cent as recorded in the same month of 2017. The number of unemployed persons recorded a total of 515.8 thousand persons, increased 1.6 per cent against June 2017. For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM