

MORNING BREAK

STOCK MARKET INDEX



11.02
0.12%

ECONOMIC INDICATOR	LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY OF SECOND QUARTER 2018	
	Hour Worked	Employment
Actual	3.7%	2.0%
Coverage	Q2/18	Q2/18
Previous	4.3% (Q1/18)	3.0% (Q1/18)
Frequency	Quarterly	Quarterly
Data Release	Aug/18	Aug/18



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DFTZ: bantu pacu PKS tempatan ke dalam pasaran e-dagang (Sinar)

PKS perlu laksana pendigitalan (Sinar)

ECRL cancellation will not affect economic activity, job opportunities in East Coast — Rina (*The Edge*)

Home-grown Diffride newest e-hailing service in Malaysia (Malaysian Reserve)

50,000 skilled workers, managerial staff needed for local railway industry (*NST*)

GLOBAL

One of Google's newest sister companies is almost ready to go after the \$96 billion cybersecurity industry on a 'planet scale' (CNBC)

Trade tensions may power down China's robot industry (Reuters)

Sony to release AI-infused robotic pups in the US (Channel NewsAsia)

Amazon bans the sale of a guidebook for 3D printing a gun (CNN)

Biohacking joins AI, Blockchain among technologies to bring competitive edge (Wall Street Journal)

COMMENT

LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY OF SECOND QUARTER 2018

Malaysia's labour productivity, as measured by value added per hour worked, rose 3.7 per cent year on year in the second quarter of 2018 after registering 4.3 per cent in Q1 2018. During this quarter, Malaysia's economy expanded 4.5 per cent (Q1 2018: 5.4%) while hours worked increased 0.7 per cent (Q1 2018: 1.0%).

Labour productivity expressed in terms of value added per employment grew 2.0 per cent in the second quarter of 2018 (Q1 2018: 3.0%) as employment increased 2.4 per cent (Q1 2018: 2.3%). Agriculture sector rebounded to 3.4 per cent from a negative growth of 2.1 per cent in the previous quarter. For more info, click <u>HERE</u>.

Source: DOSM