

# **MORNING BREAK**

## STOCK MARKET INDEX

Closing Price: 8 Oct 2018





-1.40

-0.08%

#### SHANGHAI 2.716.51



-104.84

-3.74%

### NIKKEI 23,783.72



+1.96

+0.01%

## DJIA



+39.73

## +0.15%

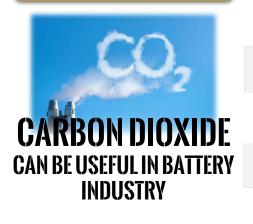
#### FTSE 7,233.33



-85.21

-1.16%

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# **BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS**

## **LOCAL**

JPW, JPM dan SME Bank bantu usahawan wanita (Utusan)

Media Prima lancar program usahawan #JOMMASUKTV (Berita Harian)

MMC-Gamuda holds out for solution (The Star)

MoF approves 45 PPP projects (updated) (The Star)

Malaysian business sentiment dips in Q4 2018, says Dun & Bradstreet (The Edge)

# **GLOBAL**

Microsoft to invest in Southeast Asian ride-hailing firm Grab (Channel NewsAsia)

Industrial giant Siemens invests in a start-up that's creating 'human-eye resolution' virtual reality (CNBC)

This battery is powered by carbon dioxide (World Economic Forum)

Chickens and eggs: Retailer Carrefour adopts blockchain to track fresh produce (Channel NewsAsia)

Apple tells congress that global supply chain wasn't compromised (Bloomberg)

#### **COMMENT**

#### **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS AUGUST 2018**

Total trade which was valued at RM162.0 billion expanded RM7.9 billion or 5.1% from a year ago. However, when compared to the previous month, it posted a decrease of RM2.0 billion or 1.2%. The trade surplus for August 2018 was RM1.6 billion, fell RM8.3 billion (-83.7%) from a year ago. It also posted a decrease of RM6.7 billion or 80.7% when compared to the previous month.

On a y-o-y basis, exports decreased 0.3% from RM82.0 billion. The main products which contributed to the decrease were palm oil and palm oil-based products, liquefied natural gas, timber and timber-based products. On a y-o-y basis, imports increased 11.2% to RM80.2 billion. The growth in imports by end use was mainly attributed to capital goods, intermediate goods and consumption goods.

For more info, click HERE.

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