

# MORNING BREAK

## STOCK MARKET INDEX Closing Price: 8 Oct 2018

**FBMKLCI**  
**1775.75**  
▼ **-1.40**  
**-0.08%**

**SHANGHAI**  
**2,716.51**  
▼ **-104.84**  
**-3.74%**

**NIKKEI**  
**23,783.72**  
▲ **+1.96**  
**+0.01%**

**DJIA**  
**26,486.78**  
▲ **+39.73**  
**+0.15%**

**FTSE**  
**7,233.33**  
▼ **-85.21**  
**-1.16%**

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#### 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.

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