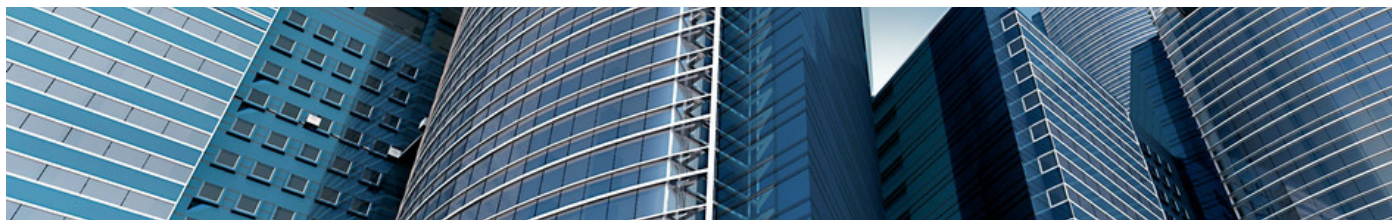


# MORNING BREAK

INSTITUT KEUSAHAWANAN NEGARA BERHAD (INSKEN)



## Stock Market Index

FBM KLCI: 1837.90 ▼ -0.57% SHANGHAI: 3271.67 ▼ -0.55% NIKKEI: 21408.12 ▲ +0.73% DJIA: 24801.36 ▼ -0.33% FTSE: 7157.84 ▲ +0.16%

Economic Indicator	Actual	Coverage	Previous	Frequency	Data Release
Overnight Policy Rate	3.25 percent	Jan/18	3.0 percent	Quarterly	Mar/18

## BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

### LOCAL

- Kerajaan beri jaminan perniagaan digital (Utusan)
- Ekonomi Digital dijangka sumbang 20 peratus KDNK (Berita Harian)
- DHL to set up Malaysia's first Global Centre of Excellence(NST)
- More MNCs expected to set up regional hubs in Malaysia(Malaysia Reserve)
- EPF confirms ownership of bonds, refutes allegations of fraud (The Edge)

### GLOBAL

- Oil Arbitrage to Bloom in Spring With Mideast Fuel Sent to Asia(Bloomberg)
- China 'has the edge' in the war for 5G and the US and Europe could fall behind (CNBC)
- Trump set to authorize steel, aluminum tariffs on Thursday(Reuters)
- Facebook Really Is Spying on You, Just Not Through Your Phone's Mic(Wall Street Journal)
- Amazon promises fix for creepy Alexa laugh (BBC)

## COMMENT

### Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.25 percent.

The strong growth performance in the fourth quarter of 2017 continued to be anchored by private sector spending. Looking ahead, growth prospects will be sustained by the positive global growth outlook and spillovers from the external sector to the domestic economy. Domestic demand will remain the key driver of growth, underpinned by favourable income and labour market conditions, spending on new and ongoing infrastructure projects and sustained capital investment by firms in the manufacturing and services sectors. With additional impetus from the external sector, growth is expected to remain strong in 2018.

(Source: Bank Negara Malaysia)