

MORNING BREAK

INSTITUT KEUSAHAWANAN NEGARA BERHAD (INSKEN)



Stock Market Index

FBM KLCI: 1853.60 ▲+0.52% SHANGHAI: 3307.17 ▲+0.00% NIKKEI: 21942.27 ▲+ 2.20% DJIA: 25335.74 ▲+ 1.77% FTSE: 7224.51 ▲+ 0.30%

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

LOCAL

- Negara berisiko hilang hasil RM416.6b (Utusan)
- Abolishing GST a step backwards, says Liow(The Star)
- PHB, UEM and MSC consortium to launch Malaysia's first luxury senior living (NST)
- Sasar 1,000 usahawan di bawah TUBE (Utusan)
- Malaysia monitors reactions on US steel tariff implementation (Malaysia Reserve)

GLOBAL

- China says trade war with U.S. will only bring disaster to global economy(Reuters)
- SpaceX Mars Ship Could Make Short Test Flights in '19, Musk Says(Bloomberg)
- When Will Stocks Tumble Again? Investors Look to Bitcoin for Answers(Wall Street Journal)
- How to surf the web safely on public Wi-Fi networks(CNBC)
- Rusia uji peluru berpandu hipersonik (Utusan)

COMMENT

Building Material Cost Index (BCI)

In Penisular Malaysia, the Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars and with steel bars) showed increases for almost all regions in February 2018 except region B-Perak which showed decreases as compared to the previous month. Meanwhile, the BCI in region D-Johor remained unchanged as compared to January 2018.

However in Sabah, the BCI (without steel bars and with steel bars) in Sabah recorded increases for almost all building categories except single storey steel frame (tower only) in Kota Kinabalu which showed decreases in February 2018 as compared to the previous month. Sarawak also recorded increases for almost all building categories except (R.C.) piling (without steel bars) in Kuching which decreased in February 2018 as compared to the previous month. [Link of the unit price indices of building materials.](#) (Source:DOSM)