

MORNING BREAK

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Stock Market Index

FBM KLCI: 1861.20 ▼ - 0.22% SHANGHAI: 3152.76 ▼ - 3.39% NIKKEI: 20457.82 ▼ - 0.78% DJIA: 23533.20 ▼ - 1.77% FTSE: 6921.94 ▼ - 0.44%

Economic Indicator	Actual	Previous	Coverage	Frequency	Data Release
Leading Index (LI)	120.3	119.3	Jan/18	Monthly	Mar/18

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

LOCAL

- MIDA gesa syarikat manfaatkan i-Incentives (*Utusan*)
- Laporan NTP: 'Nafas baharu' pengangkutan awam (*Berita Harian*)
- Economists: National Transformation Programme (NTP) true reflection of country's economic situation (*NST*)
- Workshop to help SMEs (*The Star*)
- Malaysia files for US talks over solar tariff (*Malaysian Reserve*)

GLOBAL

- Uber is said to have agreed to sell Southeast Asia business to rival Grab (*CNBC*)
- Ride-hailing apps run Indonesian tuk-tuks off road (*NST*)
- China is about to shake up the oil futures market (*Bloomberg*)
- The vital role of culture in business (*Wall Street Journal*)
- Qantas sets aviation milestone as Perth flight lands in London (*Bloomberg*)

COMMENT

Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes Jan, 2018

The Leading Index (LI) which monitors the economic performance in advance registered a growth of 0.8% in January 2018 to 120.3 points from 119.3 points in December 2017. Real Imports of Semi Conductors and Number of Housing Units Approved, which recorded 0.5% respectively, were among the components that caused this increase. The Coincident Index (CI) which measures the current economic activity, rose to 0.5% in January 2018. Three components that contributed positively to the increase were Total Employment in Manufacturing sector (0.3%), Real Salaries & Wages in Manufacturing sector (0.2%) and Volume Index of Retail Trade (0.1%). The LI and CI showed a good performance in January 2018 as compared to the preceding month. At the same time, both Diffusion Indexes remained above 50.0%. Thus, the Malaysia's economy is expected to continue to strengthen between May to July 2018. For more info, kindly click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM