

MORNING BREAK

STOCK MARKET INDEX

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| FBMKLCI | 1879.32 | -1.17 | -0.06% |
| SHANGHAI | 3091.40 | +24.60 | +0.80% |
| NIKKEI | 22245.52 | +87.32 | +0.39% |
| DJIA | 24748.07 | -38.56 | -0.16% |
| FTSE | 7317.34 | +91.29 | +1.26% |



BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

LOCAL

- Belia luar bandar dibantu menjadi usahawan (*Utusan*)
- Terengganu akan raih manfaat besar daripada projek mega (*Berita Harian*)
- UiTM's solar photovoltaic plant in Gambang will generate over RM650m revenue over 21 years (*NST*)
- Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) labour market faces structural issues (*Malaysian Reserve*)
- 'Repopulating' George Town via co-working, co-living spaces (*The Edge*)

GLOBAL

- Hyperloop is coming to Abu Dhabi by 2020 (*CNBC*)
- Chinese money floods U.S. biotech as Beijing chases new cures (*Bloomberg*)
- Position Singapore as a global Asia node in next phase of economic transformation: Heng Swee Keat (*Channel NewsAsia*)
- 'Everything you see in sci-fi movies is going to happen,' says former Google X senior executive (*CNBC*)
- Facebook plans to build its own chips as part of hardware push (*Wall Street Journal*)

| ECONOMIC INDICATOR | CONSUMER PRICE INDEX |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Actual | 120.9 |
| Coverage | Mar/18 |
| Previous | 119.4 |
| Frequency | Monthly |
| Data Release | Apr/18 |

COMMENT

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), MARCH 2018

The CPI increased by 1.3 per cent in March 2018 to 120.9 compared to 119.4 in corresponding month of the preceding year. Among the major groups which recorded increases were the indices for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+2.8 per cent), Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (+2.1 per cent), Health (+2.0 per cent), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.0 per cent), Restaurants and Hotels (+2.0 per cent) and Education (+1.1 per cent). For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM