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FBM KLCI
1797.40
 ▲ **+21.74**
 ▲ **+1.22%**

SHANGHAI
3141.30
 ▼ **-13.35**
 ▼ **-0.42%**

NIKKEI
22,501.21
 ▲ **+46.32**
 ▲ **+0.20%**

DJIA
24,753.09
 ▼ **-58.67**
 ▼ **-0.24%**

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7730.28
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LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY FIRST QUARTER, 2018

In the first quarter of 2018, Malaysia's labour productivity grew 3.0% (RM80,440) after registering 3.8% (RM85,281) in Q4 2017. During this quarter, Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanded 5.4% (Q4 2017: 5.9%) while employment increased 2.3% (Q4 2017: 2.0%).

Agriculture sector posted a negative growth of 1.4% (Q4 2017: 4.8%) at RM48,953. The value added of this sector grew 2.8% (Q4 2017: 10.7%) while employment rose 4.2% (Q4 2017: 5.7%).

Services sector recorded a growth of 4.6% (RM72,145) in this quarter against 5.0% in the previous quarter. In terms of value added, this sector expanded to 6.5% (Q4 2017: 6.2%) while employment increased 1.8% (Q4 2017: 1.1%). For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM

ECONOMIC INDICATOR	LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY
Actual	RM80,440
Coverage	Q1/18
Previous	RM85,281 (Q4/17)
Frequency	Quarterly
Data Release	May/18