

MORNING BREAK

STOCK MARKET INDEX

FBM KLCI
1775.84
 **-21.56**
-1.20%

SHANGHAI
3120.46
 **-14.62**
-0.47%

NIKKEI
21,965.31
 **-394.98**
-1.73%

DJIA
24,361.45
 **-391.64**
-1.58%

FTSE
7632.64
 **-97.64**
-1.26%



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COMMENT

MALAYSIA LEADING, COINCIDENT, LAGGING INDEXES MARCH, 2018

The growth of Malaysia's economy is expected to continue between July to September 2018. The annual change of Leading Index (LI) stated that the index increased by 0.3% against 1.8% in the previous month. However, the monthly change of LI showed a negative growth of 0.5% in the reference month. This was mainly due to the deceleration of the Number of Housing Units Approved to negative 0.7% (February 2018: 0.3%).

The Coincident Index (CI) which examines the current economic activity, rose 0.6 per cent in March 2018, driven by the increase in Real Contribution to EPF (0.4%), Volume Index of Retail Trade (0.3%), Total Employment in Manufacturing sector (0.2%) and Real Salaries & Wages in Manufacturing sector (0.1%). The annual change of CI stepped up to 3.4 per cent in the reference month as compared to 3.1 per cent in February 2018. For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM

ECONOMIC INDICATOR	LEADING, COINCIDENT, LAGGING INDEXES
Actual	119.0 (0.3%)
Coverage	Mar/18
Previous	119.6 (1.8%)
Frequency	Monthly
Data Release	May/18