

MANUFACTURING SALES VALUE GROWS 3.3PC

Performance lifted
by transport
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THE sales value of the manufacturing sector saw a growth of 3.3 per cent to RM146.8 billion in May, bolstered by transport equipment and other manufactures which expanded 17.3 per cent.

The Statistics Department noted in its latest monthly statistics report that the expansion was also due to the growing trend in non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated metal products (8.7 per cent) as well as electrical and electronics products (8.2 per cent).

On a month-on-month comparison, the sales value rebounded to 1.3 per cent against a -7.2 per cent recorded in April.

"Sales value of export-oriented industries, which represented 71.6 per cent of total sales, rebounded marginally by 0.2 per cent in May after registering a decrease in April.

"The increment was mainly contributed by the manufacture of computer, electronics and optical products (7.9 per cent), ma-



The wood and products of wood and cork manufacturing industry grew 7.5 per cent in May. FILE PIC

nufacture of wood and products of wood and cork (7.5 per cent), and manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (2.4 per cent) industries."

"Nonetheless, the domestic-oriented industries sustained positive momentum to record double-digit growth of 12.3 per cent in May (April: 1.6 per cent)."

The vibrant performance of domestic-oriented industries was primarily underpinned by the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (20.1 per cent), manufacture of food processing products (12.9 per cent) and manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment (10.6 per cent) industries.

The Statistics Department said the salaries and wages paid in the manufacturing sector rose by four per cent year-on-year,

amounting to RM8.1 billion in May.

"Hence, the average monthly salaries and wages per employee was RM3,438 in May, which went up by 1.4 per cent compared with a year ago, while the sales value per employee increased by 0.8 per cent to record RM62,315."

For the overall performance from January to May, the sales value of the manufacturing sector increased by 5.1 per cent to RM741.2 billion compared with the same period last year.

In same period, the number of employees grew by 2.6 per cent to 2.36 million people, while salaries and wages grew by 4.1 per cent to RM40.6 billion.

"Consequently, during the period, the sales value per employee stood at RM314,636, which posted a growth of 2.5 per cent," the Statistics Department said.