

Local MSME sector's GDP surges 11.6% in 2022

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's MSMEs achieved gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 11.6% in 2022, surpassing the national GDP growth of 8.7%, said the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DoSM).

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the surge showed the growing significance of micro, small and medium enterprises in driving economic expansion.

"Contribution of MSMEs to GDP also increased to 38.4% compared to 37.4% in 2021, while the value added amounted to RM580.4 billion, marking a substantial increase from RM520.0 billion in 2021," he said in a statement yesterday.

Services and manufacturing sectors uphold their position as the main contributors to MSMEs' GDP, accounting for an 84.6% share.

"In addition, MSMEs' GDP increased to RM670.1 billion in nominal terms against the reported figure of RM575.5 billion in 2021, with the MSMEs' performance in 2022 exceeding the pre-pandemic level in 2019," Mohd Uzir said.

He noted that MSMEs' exports totalled RM144.5 billion in 2022, expanded to 16.3% compared with 5.4% in the preceding year, driven by the manufacturing sector with 19.5% as well as the services sector, which rebounded to 5.7%.

"However, the agriculture sector recorded a slower growth of 6.2% as compared to 20.4% in 2021," he said, adding that exports of MSMEs represented 10.5% of total exports in 2022.

Commenting on MSMEs' employment situation, Mohd Uzir said their contribution to Malaysia's employment in 2022 was 48.2%, which rose 0.4 percentage points from 47.8% in the previous year. – Bernama