

Malaysia's total trade rises to RM2.8tril last year

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's trade rose 8.6 per cent year-on-year to RM236 billion last month, with exports gaining six per cent to RM131.9 billion and imports adding 12 per cent to RM104.1 billion, said the Statistics Department yesterday.

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said Malaysia's total trade for the whole year reached RM2.8 trillion.

"Higher exports were recorded in Johor with an increase of RM4.3 billion, Sarawak (+RM2.2 billion), followed by Selangor (+RM1.4 billion), Labuan (+RM1.4 billion), Negri Sembilan (+RM264.1 million), Perak (+RM230.1 million) and Kedah (+RM184 million)," he added.

Melaka recorded higher exports of RM97.9 million, along with Kelantan (+RM92.9 million), Kuala Lumpur (+RM64.8 million)

and Perlis (+RM14.3 million).

However, he noted that Sabah's exports slipped RM1.7 billion, followed by Pahang (-RM563.3 million), Terengganu (-RM531.0 million) and Penang (-RM93.3 million).

He added that Penang remained the top exporter with a 30.8 per cent share, followed by Johor (19.2 per cent), Selangor (17.8 per cent), Sarawak (9.1 per cent) and Kuala Lumpur (4.7

per cent).

As for imports, Johor saw the biggest increase with RM5.1 billion, followed by Selangor (+RM2.7 billion) and Melaka (+RM1.8 billion).

However, Selangor was the biggest importer with a 27.2 per cent share of the total, followed by Penang (21.9 per cent), Johor (20.8 per cent) Kuala Lumpur (6.6 per cent) and Kedah (5.8 per cent). **Bernama**



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