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Malaysia's inflation shrinks to 1.9pc in September

KUALA LUMPUR: Inflation slowed to 1.9 per cent last month from 2.0 per cent in August, with the index points recorded at 130.8 against 128.3 in the same period last year.

The Statistics Department said this was driven by the lower increases in restaurants and hotels, and food and non-alcoholic beverage segments at 4.4 and 3.9 per cent, respectively.

This was also contributed by the rise in miscellaneous goods and services (2.5 per cent); health (2.2 per cent); education (2.0 per cent); housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (1.6 per cent) and furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (1.5 per cent) segments.

Alcoholic beverage and tobacco

and recreation services and culture segments increased by 0.7 and 0.6 per cent, respectively.

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the monthly headline inflation increase of 0.1 per cent was contributed by alcoholic beverage and tobacco (0.4 per cent) and miscellaneous goods and services (0.2 per cent).

He said the inflation for the third quarter rose two per cent to 130.7 compared with 128.1 in the same quarter of the preceding year.

"On a quarterly basis, inflation increased 0.4 per cent, the same rate as recorded in the second quarter. The core inflation remained at 2.5 per cent, the same rate as recorded in August."