

Q1 construction work done value surges to RM36.8b

➤ Robust performance attributable to stronger expansion in civil engineering sub-sector

PETALING JAYA: The construction sector's work done value recorded a year-on-year surge of 14.2 per cent to RM36.8 billion in the first quarter of 2024, said Chief Statistician Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

"The value of work done in the construction sector continued its upward trajectory in the first quarter of 2024 by recording a notable surge of 14.2 per cent (Q4 2023: 6.8%). The vibrant performance was attributable to the stronger expansion in the civil engineering sub-sector, which was at 24.7 per cent following an 18 per cent increase in the preceding quarter," he added.

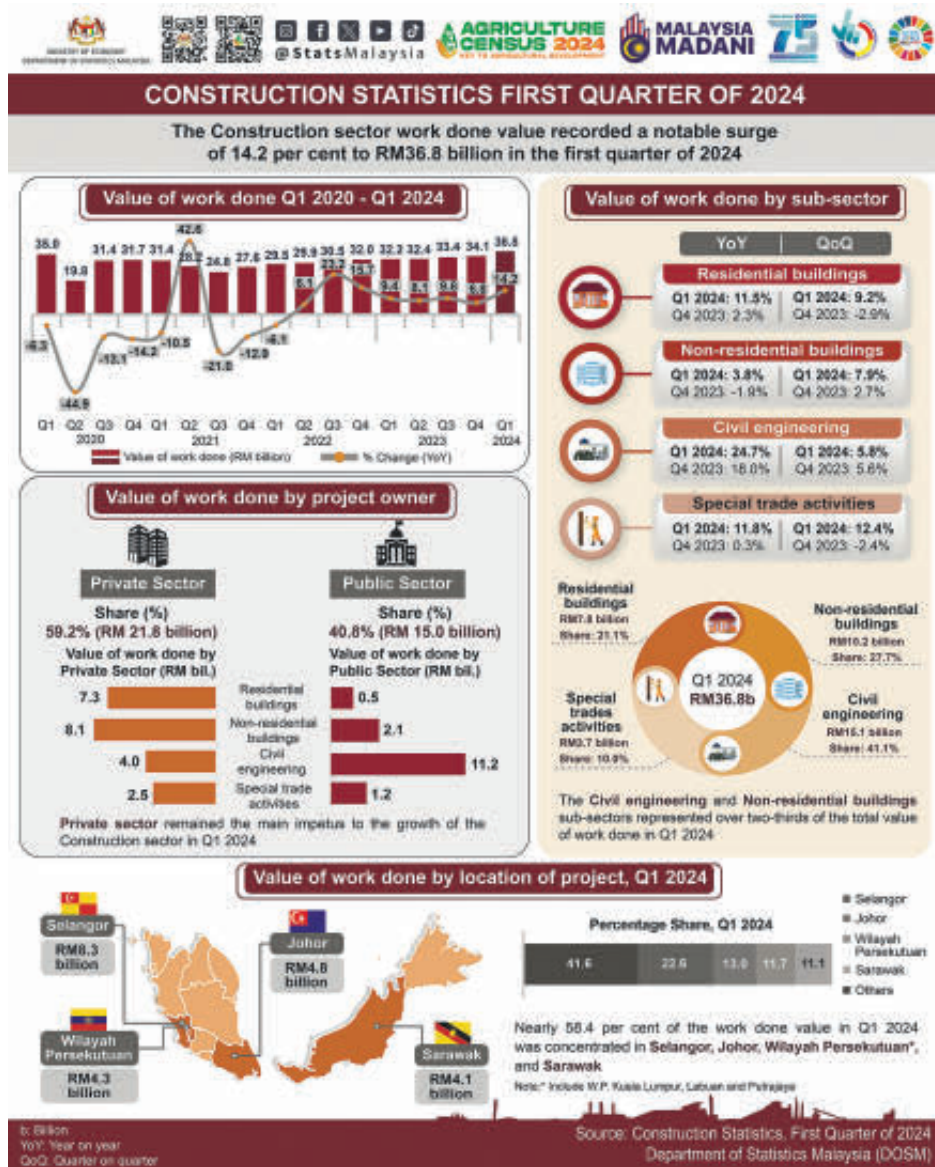
Additionally, the special trades activities and residential building sub-sectors experienced double-digit increases of 11.8 per cent and 11.5 per cent respectively. In the meantime, the non-residential buildings sub-sector also expanded at a faster pace of 3.8 per cent (Q4 2023: -1.9 per cent).

"In the first quarter of 2024, the total work done value reached RM36.8 billion. Out of this total, civil engineering amounted to RM15.1 billion or 41.1 per cent, driven primarily by the construction of roads and railways activity which accounted for RM7.6 billion," said Mohd Uzir.

The value of work done for non-residential buildings and residential buildings was RM10.2 billion (27.7 per cent) and RM7.8 billion (21.1 per cent), respectively.

Special trade activities made up RM3.7 billion (10 per cent), largely in electrical installation (RM1.1 billion); plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation (RM0.9 billion); and site preparation (RM0.7 billion).

Mohd Uzir said the private sector remained the main impetus to the growth in the quarter, with an increase of 10.1 per cent (Q4 2023: 1.4 per cent) propelled by civil



engineering (13.5 per cent) and residential buildings (12.9 per cent).

The value of work done by the private sector amounted to RM21.8 billion or 59.2 per cent of the total construction work done value.

The value of work done by the public sector reached RM15 billion or 40.8 per cent, which maintained its double-digit growth for three consecutive quarters by registering 20.6 per cent in this quarter.