

Manufacturing sector logs RM154.9b in sales

KUALA LUMPUR: The manufacturing sector logged a sales value of RM154.9 billion in May, which is an increase of 5.5 per cent from the previous month, supported by the 12.2 per cent growth of the electrical and electronic products (E&E) sub-sector.

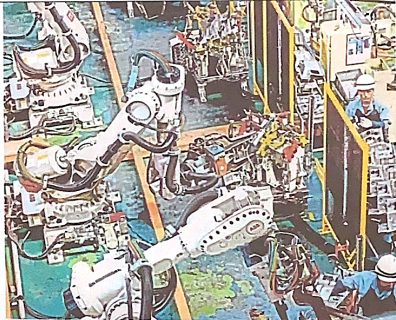
The Statistics Department, in its monthly manufacturing statistics data, said increases were also seen in the non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated metal products (8.9 per cent), and food, beverages and tobacco (7.7 per cent) sub-sectors.

More than two-thirds of the sales value was contributed by export-oriented industries, which improved further by 4.6 per cent year-on-year.

The growth was augmented by the manufacture of computer, electronics and optical products (14.3 per cent); coupled with a 9.0 per cent expansion in the manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats.

On a month-on-month basis, the sales value of export-oriented industries logged a 2.5 per cent growth.

Domestic-oriented industries expanded by 7.9 per cent in May attributable to the expansion in the manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (12.9 per cent); the manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment (9.7 per cent) and food processing products (6.3 per cent) industries.



According to the Statistics Department, domestic-oriented industries expanded by 7.9 per cent in May. FILE PIC

"There were 2.38 million employees engaged in the manufacturing sector in May, which rose by 0.9 per cent compared with 2.36 million recorded a year ago.

The increase was mainly in the food, beverages and tobacco, non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated metal

products, and wood, furniture, paper products and printing sub-sectors," said chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

Similarly, the salaries and wages paid in the sector grew by 1.1 per cent year-on-year to RM8.19 billion in May.