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MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES FEBRUARY 2025

***Malaysia's economy is expected to moderate with
the Leading Index recording 112.4 points in February 2025***

PUTRAJAYA, APRIL 25, 2025 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia released the **Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes for February 2025**. The Leading Index (LI) provides an early indication of turning points in the business cycle and the direction of the economy in the near term.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin mentioned, "The annual performance of the LI registered 112.4 points in February 2025 (**Exhibit I**), reflecting a marginal decline of 0.004 points, primarily attributable to a substantial contraction in the Number of Housing Units Approved (-34.5%) and followed by the Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (-21.5%). In terms of monthly performance, the LI recorded a decline of 0.2 per cent in February 2025, indicating modest negative as compared to the previous month (January 2025: -1.1%). This was primarily bolstered by a 0.5 per cent increase in Real Imports of Semi Conductors".

Looking at the smoothed long-term trend in February 2025, the LI remained below 100.0 points (**Exhibit II**). Nevertheless, Malaysia's economy is expected to remain

moderate supported by strong economic fundamentals despite facing global uncertainties, leading to complex spillover effects.

Meanwhile, the Coincident Index (CI) which measures the overall current economic performance rose by 2.0 per cent to 144.8 points in February 2025 as compared to 124.7 points in the corresponding month a year before. This improvement was contributed by widespread increases across all components of the CI. At the same time, the monthly performance of the CI increased by 1.9 per cent in February 2025, rebounding from a 1.4 per cent drop in the previous month. This notable recovery was driven by a 2.3 per cent rise in the Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing, which represented the highest increase among the contributing components.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aim to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20 October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

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Exhibit I: Leading Composite Index

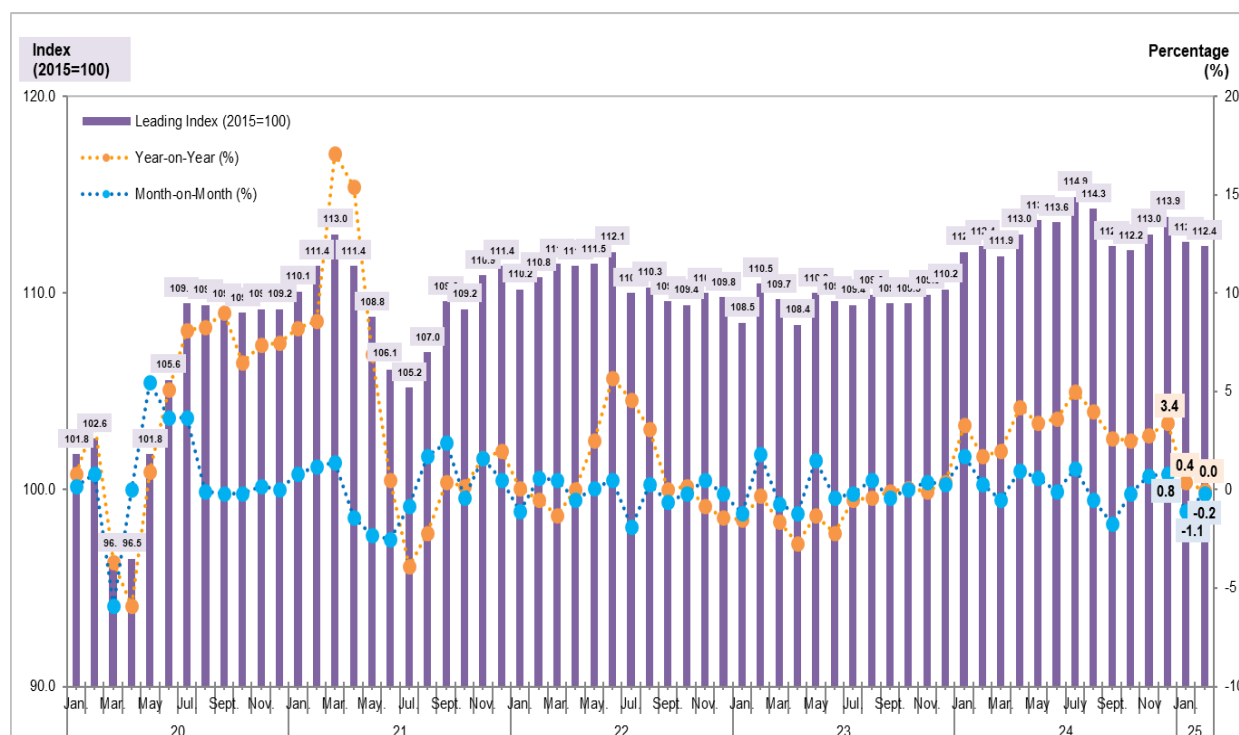


Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components

