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PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI) LOCAL PRODUCTION, MALAYSIA MARCH 2025

***The Producer Price Index of Malaysia decreased by 1.9 per cent in March 2025,
the first decline of the year since November 2024***

PUTRAJAYA, 28th April 2025 – Malaysia's Producer Price Index (PPI), which measures price changes at the producer level, decreased by 1.9 per cent in March 2025, from a 0.3 per cent increase in February 2025. This was reported today, in the latest monthly report of **PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI) LOCAL PRODUCTION, MARCH 2025**, published by the Department of Statistics Malaysia.

The Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, highlighted, "The decrease was primarily due to the Mining sector, continuing its downward trend in 2025 with a double-digit decrease of 15.0 per cent (February 2025: -9.7%). The decline was attributed to both Extraction of natural gas (-16.2%) and Extraction of crude petroleum (-14.5%) indices. The Manufacturing sector also recorded a 1.8 per cent decline (February 2025: -0.3%), with notable decreases in Manufacture of coke & refined petroleum products (-16.2%) and Manufacture of computer, electronic & optical products (-5.1%). Similarly, the Electricity & gas supply sector posted a 0.5 per cent decrease (February 2025: -0.3%). Conversely, the Agriculture, forestry & fishing sector remained a positive trend, up by 9.9 per cent (February 2025: 15.2%), driven by the Growing of perennial crops sub-sector (16.9%). The Water supply sector also registered a modest increase of 0.7 per cent in March 2025."

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin further explained, "On a month-on-month basis, PPI Local Production declined by 0.6 per cent in March 2025, from a 0.1 per cent increase in the previous month. The Mining sector went down by 3.8 per cent, affected by decreases in

Extraction of natural gas (-5.7%) and Extraction of crude petroleum (-3.0%). The Agriculture, forestry & fishing sector also decreased by 0.5 per cent, dragged down by the Fishing (-2.1%) and Growing of perennial crops (-0.4%) indices. Meanwhile, the Manufacturing sector declined by 0.3 per cent attributed to the Manufacture of coke & refined petroleum products (-0.5%) index. The Water supply sectors recorded marginal decline of 0.1 per cent, while the Electricity & gas supply increased by 0.3 per cent.”

Elaborating further on the PPI Local Production by stage of processing, Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato’ Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, explained, “All stages of processing registered declines in March 2025. The Crude materials for further processing index dropped by 4.5 per cent, affected by the Non-food materials (-5.5%). The Intermediate materials, supplies & components index also went down by 1.5 per cent, dragged down by the Processed fuel & lubricants (-11.8%). Meanwhile, the Finished goods index registered a moderate decline of 0.6 per cent due to the Finished consumer goods (-0.7%).”

On a month-on-month basis, the Crude materials for further processing index declined by 1.5 per cent. Meanwhile, Intermediate materials, supplies & components and Finished goods indices recorded modest declines of 0.2 and 0.4, respectively.

The Chief Statistician Malaysia also added that, “The PPI Local Production continued to decline by 0.3 per cent in the first quarter of 2025, as compared to a 0.8 per cent decline in the fourth quarter of 2024. This continued downward trend was driven by Mining (-8.8%), Manufacturing (-0.9%) and Electricity & gas supply (-0.2%) sectors. Conversely, the Agriculture, forestry & fishing sector recorded a significant increase of 13.8 per cent, while Water supply rose by 3.6 per cent. Meanwhile, on a quarter-on-quarter basis, the PPI rebounded with a 1.0 per cent, following a 0.8 per cent decline in the previous quarter.”

A comparison of selected countries showed mixed trends in the PPI March 2025. The United States’ (U.S) PPI rose by 2.7 per cent, slowing from the 3.2 per cent increase in the previous month. Japan also experienced a rise in PPI, registering a 4.2 per cent increase following a slightly revised 4.1 per cent in February 2025, primarily driven by Transport equipment and Beverages & foods sectors. In contrast, China’s producer prices continued to decline by 2.5 per cent, after a 2.2 per cent drop in the preceding month, marking the smallest contraction since November 2024. Meanwhile, Thailand also contracted by 1.6 per cent, reversing a 0.3 per cent increase in January 2025, mirroring a similar trend observed in Malaysia.

Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin shared insights into Malaysia's recent selected commodity price trends. Brent crude oil averaged approximately USD 73 per barrel in March 2025, down from USD 75 per barrel in February 2025, marking the lowest monthly average price since September 2021. The decline followed the International Energy Agency's (IEA) downward revision of global oil demand forecasts, driven by economic uncertainties tied to U.S. trade tariffs. At the same time, the downward trend supported by OPEC+ decision to increase production gradually starting April 2025. Meanwhile, the average price of crude palm oil in Malaysia also dipped slightly to RM4,740 per tonne, as compared to RM4,759 per tonne metric in the previous month. According to Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC), palm oil prices are expected to fluctuate between RM4,400 and RM4,600 per tonne in the near term, influenced by weather patterns, demand recovery from key buyers, and the performance of competing oilseed crops globally.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims 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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Chart 1: Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production, Malaysia

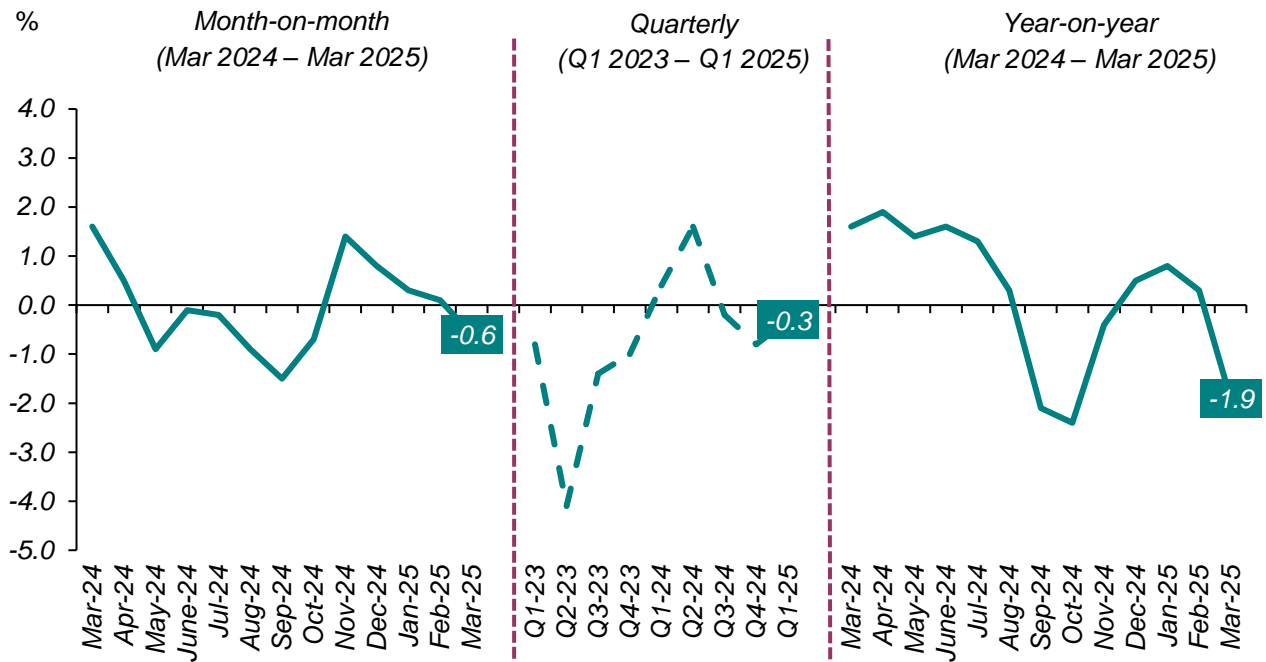


Chart 2: Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production by Sector (Year-on-Year), Malaysia

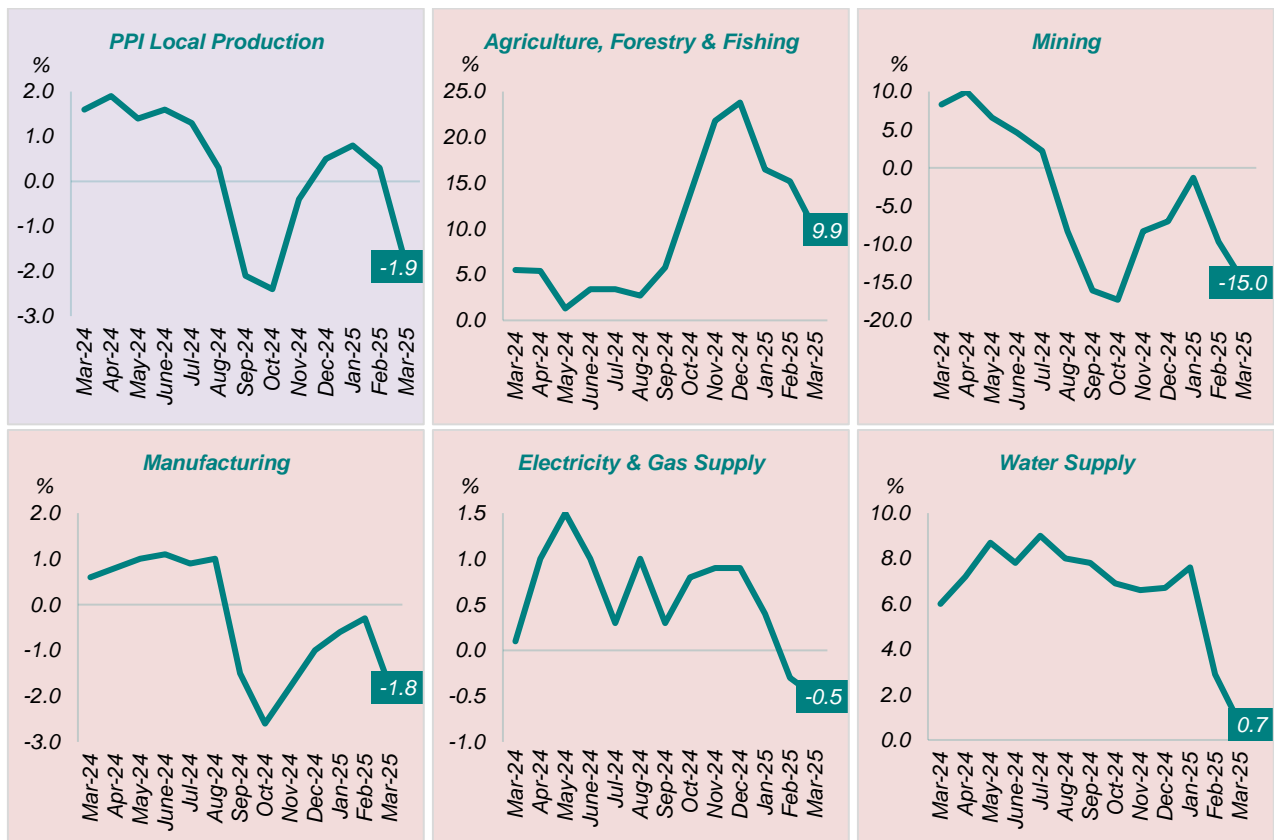


Chart 3: Percentage Change of Producer Price Index (PPI) Local Production by Stage of Processing (Year-on-Year), Malaysia

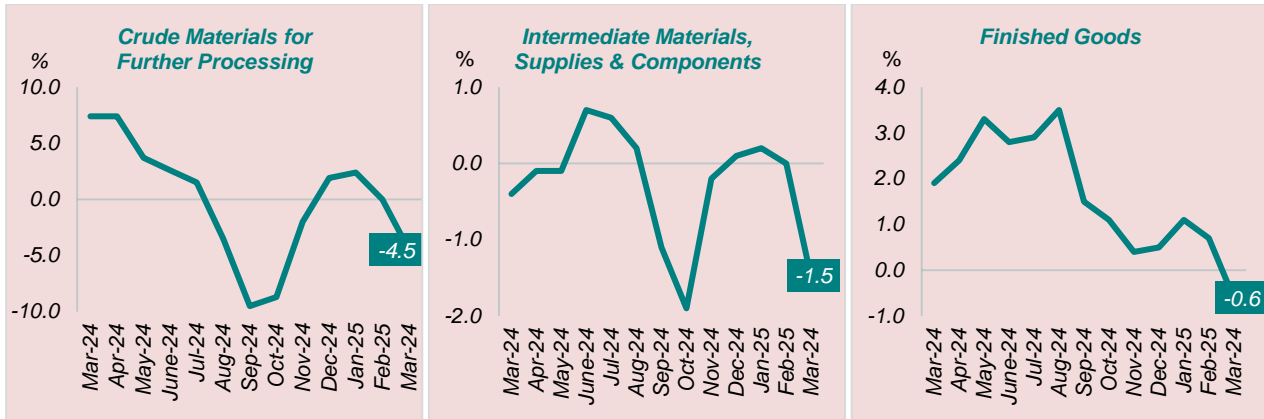
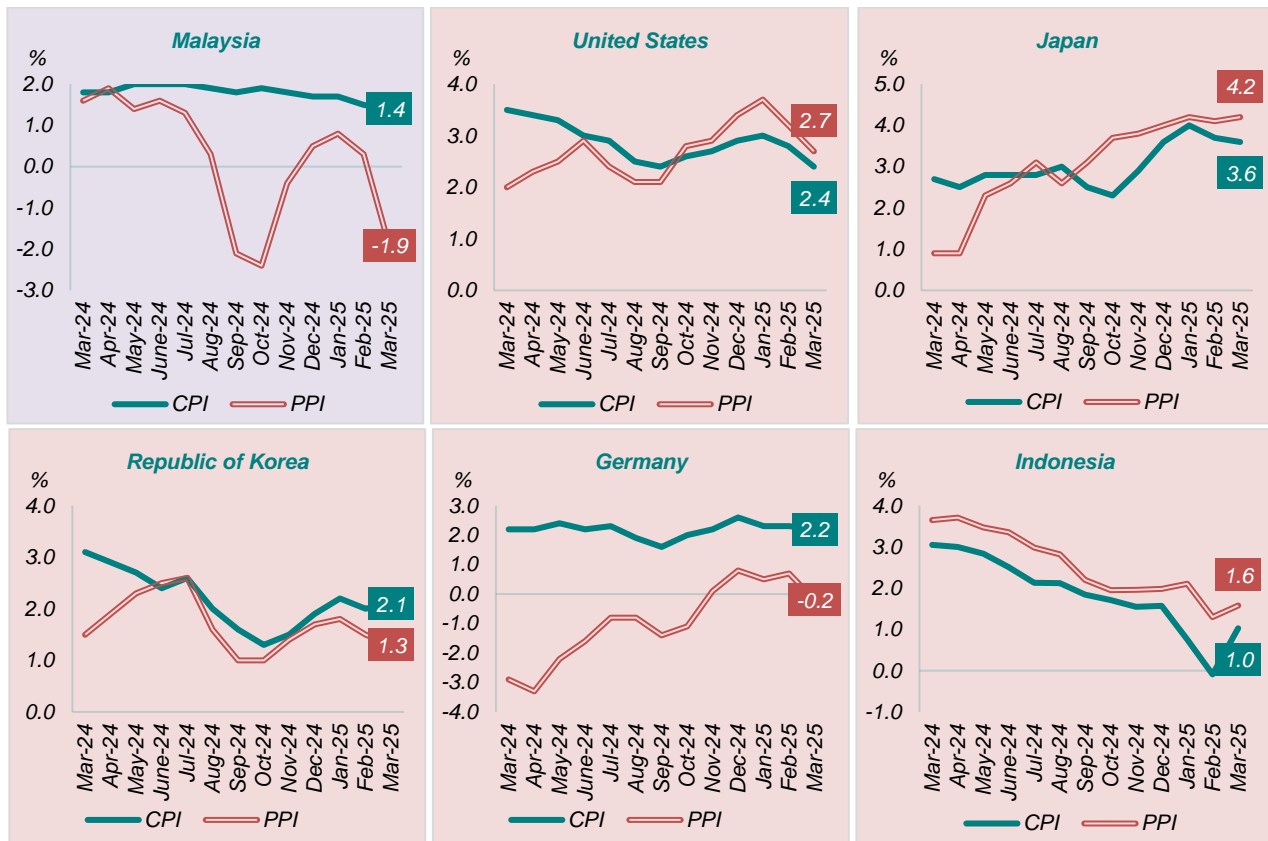
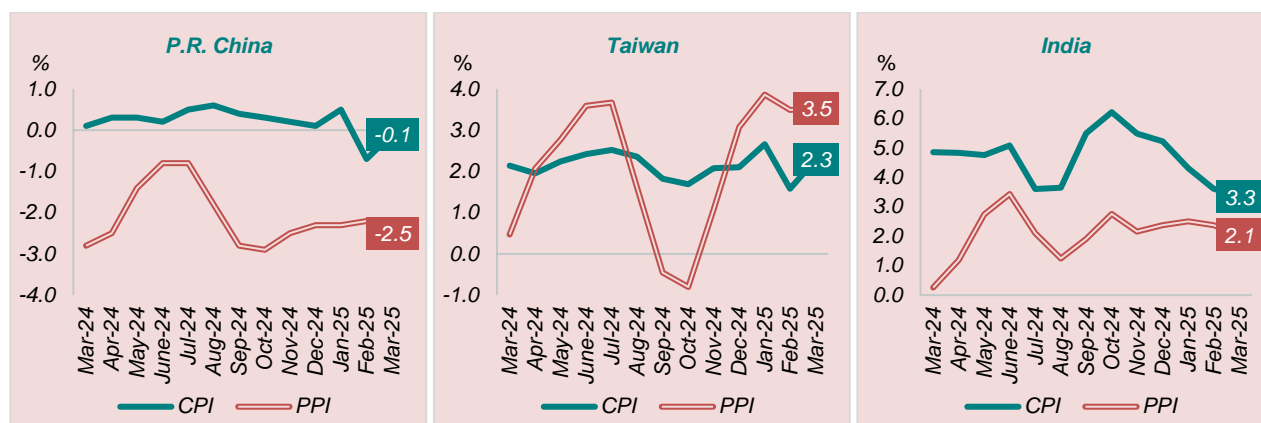


Chart 4: Percentage Change of Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI) of Selected Countries (Year-on-Year)





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