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PRESS STATEMENT

FOR MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BY STATE 2025

MALAYSIA'S TRADE OPENNESS INDEX (TOI) FOR 2024 INCREASED TO 149.0 WITH PULAU PINANG AND JOHOR RECORDED THE HIGHEST TOI AT 542.6 AND 326.8 RESPECTIVELY IN 2023

PUTRAJAYA, 16 JUNE 2025 – *The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of* ***MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BY STATE 2025*** *for reference year 2024, which highlighted Malaysia's total trade in year 2024 amounted to RM2.9 trillion with exports of RM1.5 trillion and imports worth RM1.2 trillion. Five (5) states namely Pulau Pinang, Johor, Selangor, Sarawak and W.P. Kuala Lumpur contributed 81.6 per cent from total trade in year 2024. Malaysia External Trade Statistics by State were published for the first time in a series of 15 publications for each state in Malaysia.*

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted that Malaysia's trade openness index in 2024 was recorded at 149.0 as compared to 144.6 in the preceding year. Trade openness index measures the dependence of international trade in goods towards the economy. This index can be used to assess the importance of trade to the economy at the national and state levels. In 2023, four (4) states registered a higher index as compared to the national level which were Pulau Pinang 542.6 (2022: 626.9), Johor 326.8 (2022: 367.4), W.P. Labuan 229.3 (2022: 336.9) and Kedah 220.1 (2022: 227.7). Meanwhile, the trade openness index by state in 2024 is still in the stage of compilation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by state and will be published in the next release (Table 1).

Commenting on the overall trade performance for year 2024, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said exports valued at RM1.5 trillion in year 2024, increased 5.7 per cent as compared to the previous year. Higher exports were recorded in most states such as Pulau Pinang (+RM61.7 billion), Johor (+RM28.3 billion), Selangor (+RM28.0 billion), Perak (+RM10.8 billion), Terengganu (+RM6.4 billion), Sarawak (+RM4.4 billion), Kedah (+RM1.8 billion), Pahang (+RM1.0 billion), Melaka (+RM457.5 million), Kelantan (+RM311.4 million) and Negeri Sembilan (+RM272.1 million). However, exports decreased in Sabah (-RM59.3 billion), W.P. Kuala Lumpur (-RM3.4 billion), W.P. Labuan (-RM896.4 million) and Perlis (-RM112.8 million).

Pulau Pinang remained as the top exporter with a share of 32.8 per cent, followed by Johor (20.3%), Selangor (17.6%), Sarawak (7.7%) and W.P. Kuala Lumpur (4.3%). Strong expansion of exports was underpinned by electronic integrated circuits products in Pulau Pinang and Selangor. Meanwhile, refined petroleum products were the main contributors of exports in Johor, while liquefied natural gas was the main contributor of exports in Sarawak.

Looking at the performance of imports by state, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said imports in year 2024 registered an increase of 13.2 per cent or RM159.8 billion as compared to the previous year. The increase in imports was led by higher imports by most states such as Pulau Pinang (+RM53.1 billion), Johor (+RM52.5 billion), Selangor (+RM51.3 billion), Kedah (+RM23.7 billion), W.P. Kuala Lumpur (+RM21.5 billion), Negeri Sembilan (+RM3.1 billion), Melaka (+RM2.5 billion), Perak (+RM2.4 billion), Pahang (+RM1.4 billion), Terengganu (+RM1.4 billion), W.P. Labuan (+RM626.2 million), Kelantan (+RM486.2 million) and Perlis (+RM438.0 million). However, imports decreased in Sabah (-RM57.1 billion) and Sarawak (-RM619.5 million).

Selangor continued to dominate Malaysia's import with a share of 26.0 per cent, followed by Johor (23.0%), Pulau Pinang (21.4%), W.P. Kuala Lumpur (7.7%) and Kedah (6.1%). Higher imports recorded in Selangor was contributed by other electrical and electronics products. In addition, refined petroleum products was the main contributor of imports in Johor, while electronic integrated circuits were the main contributors of imports in Pulau Pinang and Kedah. In addition, telecommunications

equipment, parts and accessories were the main import products in W.P. Kuala Lumpur.

The statistics of Malaysia's external trade data series relating to exports and imports of merchandise at the state level with the rest of the world in this publication covers the period from 2019 to 2024. In addition, this publication provides detailed statistics for each state according to major commodities, country of destination and country of origin, commodity sections, economics grouping and type of traders.

These comprehensive statistics of Malaysia External Trade Statistics by State 2025 are generated from the Trade Enterprise Characteristics (TEC) module which is one of the Department's initiatives under the Statistics Big Data Analytics (STATSBDA). TEC integrates two different statistics domains: the international merchandise trade database and Malaysia Statistical Business Register (MSBR). These statistics provide imperative information to policymakers to formulate strategic planning for states involved in international trade.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The 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.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully recorded the top position globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 198 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through https://open.dosm.gov.my.

Exhibit 1: Malaysia External Trade Statistics by State, 2024

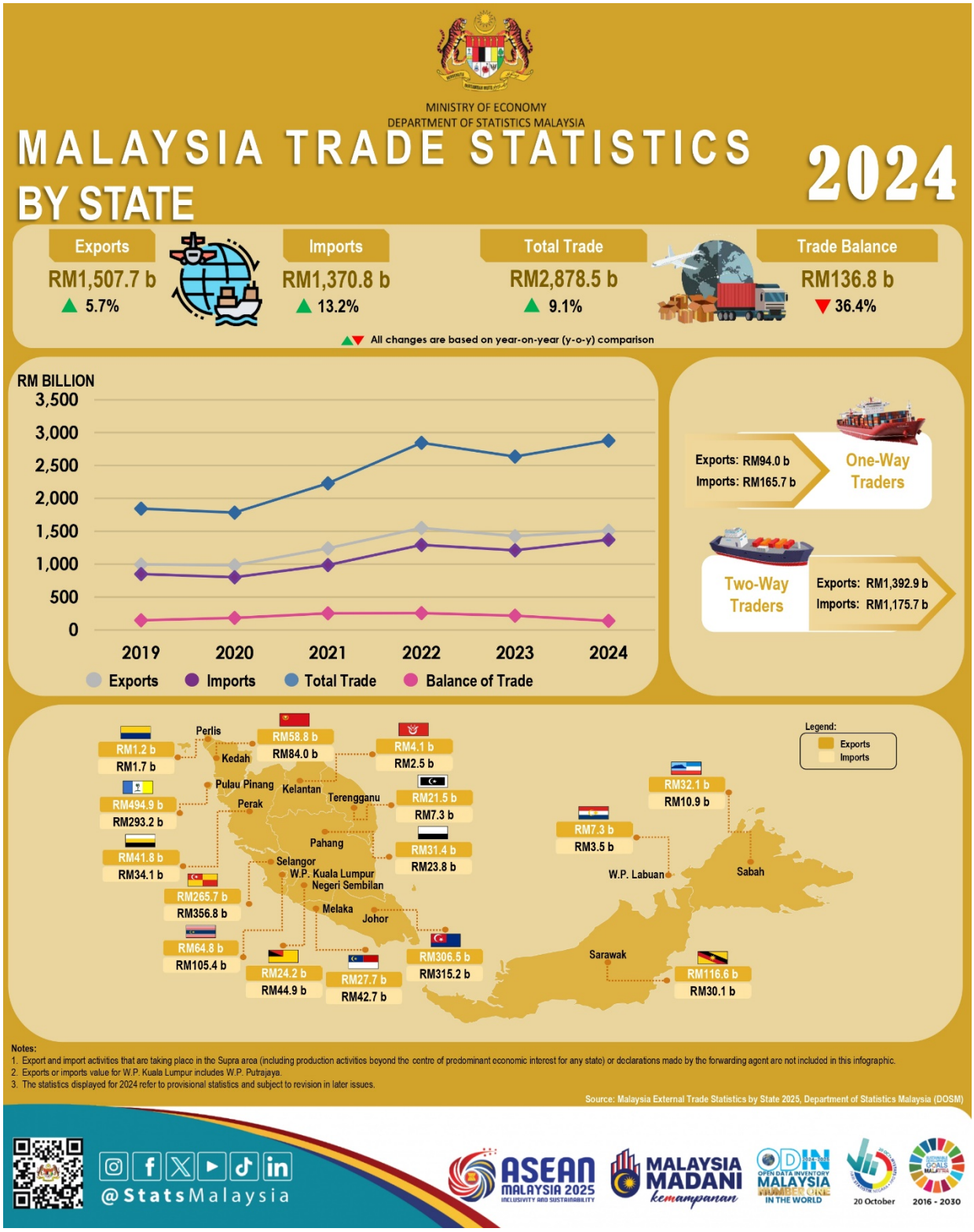

Exhibit 2: Top 3 Export and Import Products by State, 2024

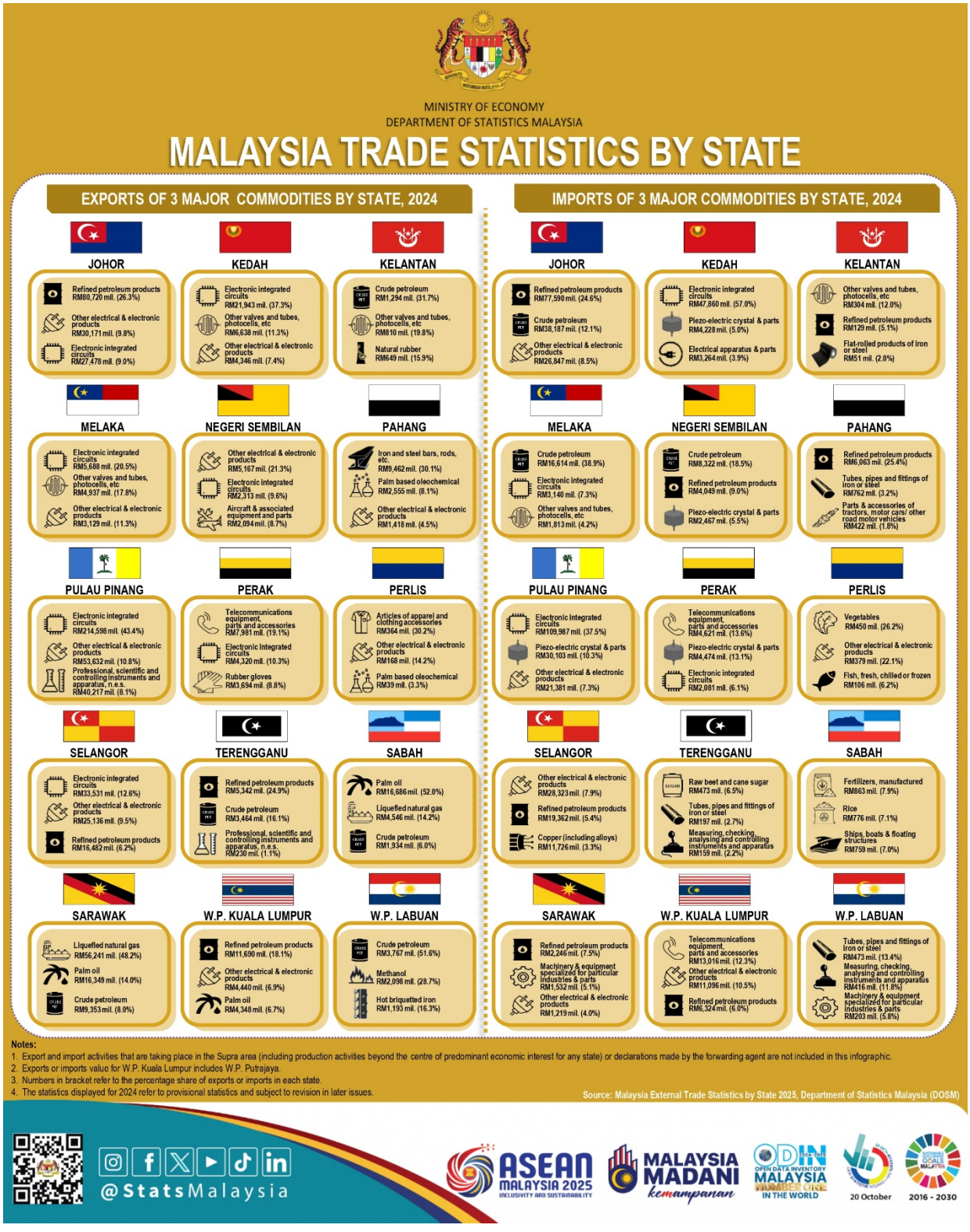

Exhibit 3: Top 3 Country of Destination and Country of Origin by State, 2024

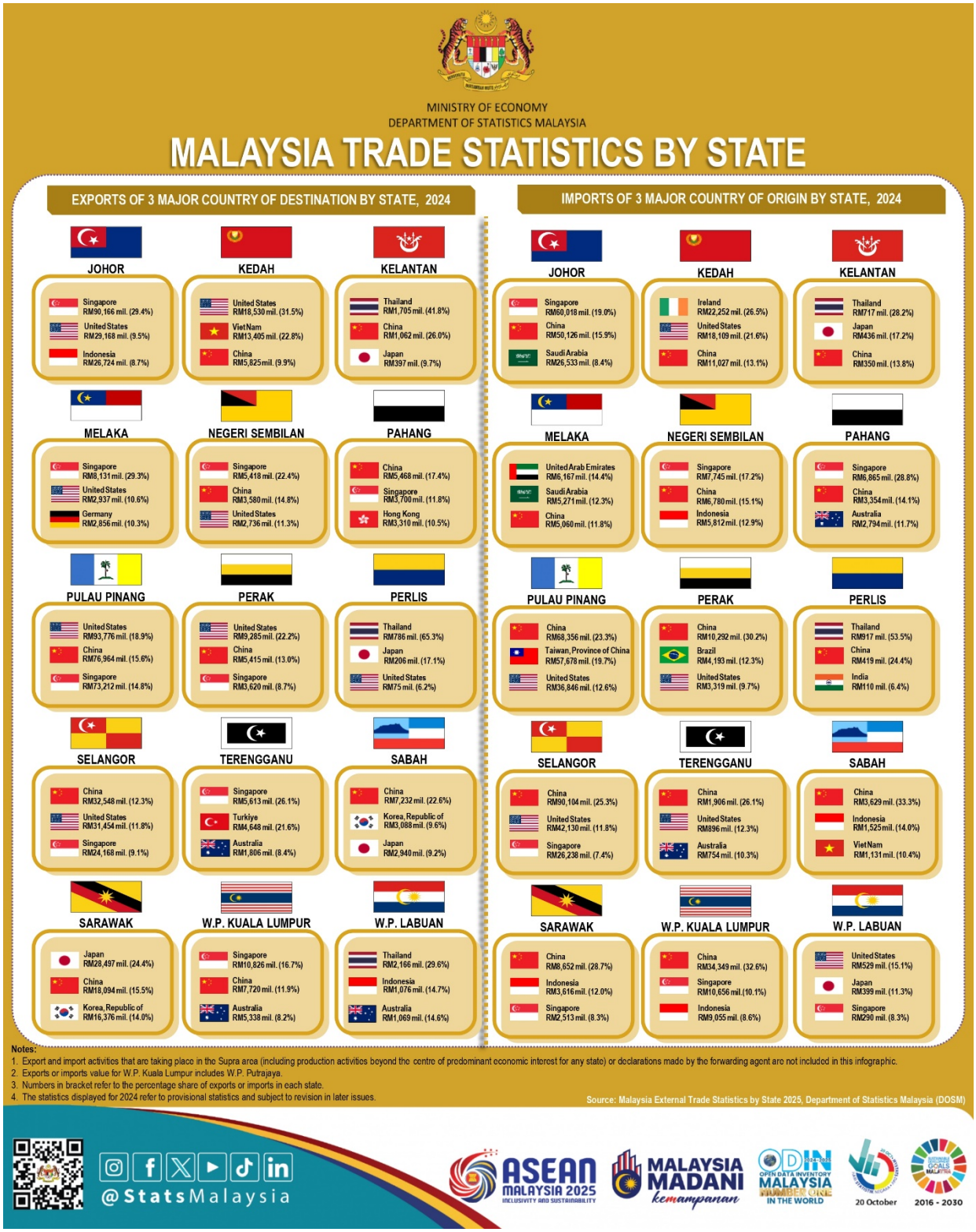

Exhibit 4: Top 3 Exports and Imports of Commodity Sections by State, 2024

Table 1: Trade Openness Index by State, 2022 - 2024

State	Trade Openness Index		
	2022	2023	2024
Malaysia	***158.4***	***144.6***	***149.0***
Johor	*367.4*	*326.8*	*n.a.*
Kedah	*227.7*	*220.1*	*n.a.*
Kelantan	*19.3*	*20.6*	*n.a.*
Melaka	*145.8*	*127.7*	*n.a.*
Negeri Sembilan	*124.9*	*112.2*	*n.a.*
Pahang	*75.8*	*75.0*	*n.a.*
Perak	*79.3*	*70.1*	*n.a.*
Perlis	*45.5*	*39.6*	*n.a.*
Pulau Pinang	*626.9*	*542.6*	*n.a.*
Sabah	*48.2*	*37.1*	*n.a.*
Sarawak	*82.5*	*78.4*	*n.a.*
Selangor	*143.8*	*127.7*	*n.a.*
Terengganu	*61.4*	*60.5*	*n.a.*
W.P. Kuala Lumpur	*57.8*	*56.9*	*n.a.*
W.P. Labuan	*336.9*	*229.3*	*n.a.*

Note:

The availability of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by state data is until 2023 and subject to revision in later issues.

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