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**PRESS STATEMENT
FOR MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS
BY STATE 2026**

**MALAYSIA'S TRADE OPENNESS INDEX (TOI) FOR 2025
INCREASED TO 151.0, WITH PULAU PINANG, JOHOR AND KEDAH
RECORDED TOI VALUES AT 575.1, 332.1 AND 234.2
RESPECTIVELY IN 2024**

PUTRAJAYA, 16th JUNE 2026 – The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) reported today on the release of **MALAYSIA EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS BY STATE 2026** for reference 2025, which highlighted Malaysia's total trade amounted to RM3.1 trillion in 2025 with exports of RM1.6 trillion and imports worth RM1.5 trillion. Five (5) states namely Pulau Pinang, Selangor, Johor, W.P. Kuala Lumpur and Sarawak contributed 84.3 per cent from total trade in 2025.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin highlighted that Malaysia's trade openness index in 2025 was recorded at 151.0 as compared to 149.0 in the preceding year. Trade openness index measures the degree of dependence of international trade in goods towards the economy. This index can be used to analyze trade patterns and the importance of trade to the economy. In 2024, three (3) states recorded an index higher than the national level, namely Pulau Pinang 575.1 (2023: 540.6), Johor 332.1 (2023: 327.8) and Kedah 234.2 (2023: 218.6). Meanwhile, the trade openness index by state in 2025 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 2025, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said exports valued at RM1.6 trillion in 2025, increased 6.4 per cent as compared to the previous year. Higher exports were recorded in Pulau Pinang (+RM117.9 billion), Johor (+RM12.6 billion), Selangor (+RM7.6 billion), Melaka (+RM4.2 billion), Perak (+RM117.4 million), Sabah (+RM134.7 million) and Perlis (+RM0.5 million). However, exports decreased in Sarawak (-RM15.1 billion), Kedah (-RM10.3 billion), W.P. Kuala Lumpur (-RM8.4 billion), Terengganu (-RM4.8 billion), Pahang (-RM4.8 billion),

Negeri Sembilan (-RM1.4 billion), W.P. Labuan (-RM1.0 billion) and Kelantan (-RM96.0 million).

Pulau Pinang remained as the top exporter with a share of 38.1 per cent, followed by Johor (19.8%), Selangor (17.0%), Sarawak (6.4%) and W.P. Kuala Lumpur (3.7%). Strong export growth was driven by electronic integrated circuits and other electrical and electronic products, particularly in Pulau Pinang, Selangor and Johor. Meanwhile, refined petroleum products contributed to exports in Johor, while palm oil was among the key contributors to exports in Sabah and Sarawak.

Looking at the performance of imports by state, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said imports in 2025 registered an increase of 6.0 per cent to RM1.5 trillion as compared to the previous year. The increase in imports was led by higher imports in Pulau Pinang (+RM60.4 billion), W.P. Kuala Lumpur (+RM24.8 billion), Selangor (+RM23.5 billion), Johor (+RM6.5 billion), Perak (+RM2.9 billion), Sabah (+RM582.8 million) and Kelantan (+RM112.7 million). However, imports decreased in Kedah (-RM12.3 billion), Negeri Sembilan (-RM7.1 billion), Melaka (-RM6.9 billion), Pahang (-RM5.7 billion), Sarawak (-RM3.6 billion), Terengganu (-RM2.2 billion), W.P. Labuan (-RM753.3 million) and Perlis (-RM254.3 million).

Selangor continued to dominate Malaysia's imports with a share of 26.3 per cent, followed by Pulau Pinang (24.4%), Johor (22.3%), W.P. Kuala Lumpur (8.9%) and Kedah (4.9%). Imports were supported by electronic integrated circuits, particularly in Pulau Pinang and Kedah. Meanwhile, other electrical and electronic products and refined petroleum products contributed to imports in Selangor and Johor, while piezo-electric crystals and parts were among the key import products in Pulau Pinang.

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 2020 to 2025. In addition, this publication provides detailed statistics according to major / selected commodities, country of origin and destination from 2023 to 2025. This publication also provides statistics by commodity sections and type of traders from 2023 to 2025.

These comprehensive statistics 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 statistical domains namely 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.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed "**Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat**". The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered

business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation's economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** globally in the biennial **Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25** report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 197 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

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>.

TaniStats 2.0 is a centralised agricultural information hub that provides informative, structured and user-friendly statistical dashboards to strengthen public understanding of patterns and changes in the agricultural sector, thus supporting digital transformation initiatives towards more inclusive and evidence-based policies. Access TaniStats at <http://tanistats.dosm.gov.my>.

Exhibit 1: Malaysia External Trade Statistics by State, 2025

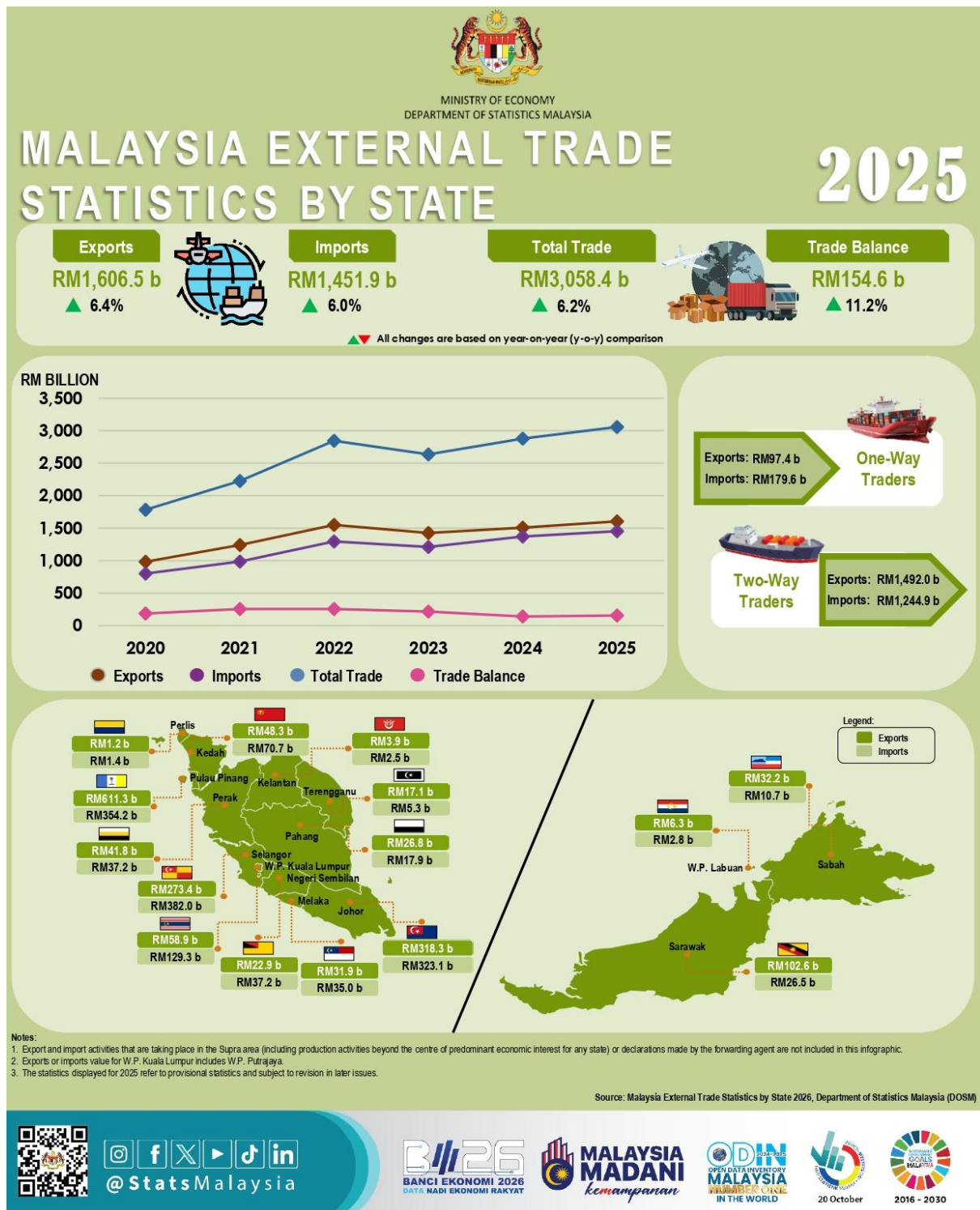


Exhibit 2: Top 3 Export and Import Products by State, 2025



Exhibit 3: Top 3 Country of Destination and Country of Origin by State, 2025

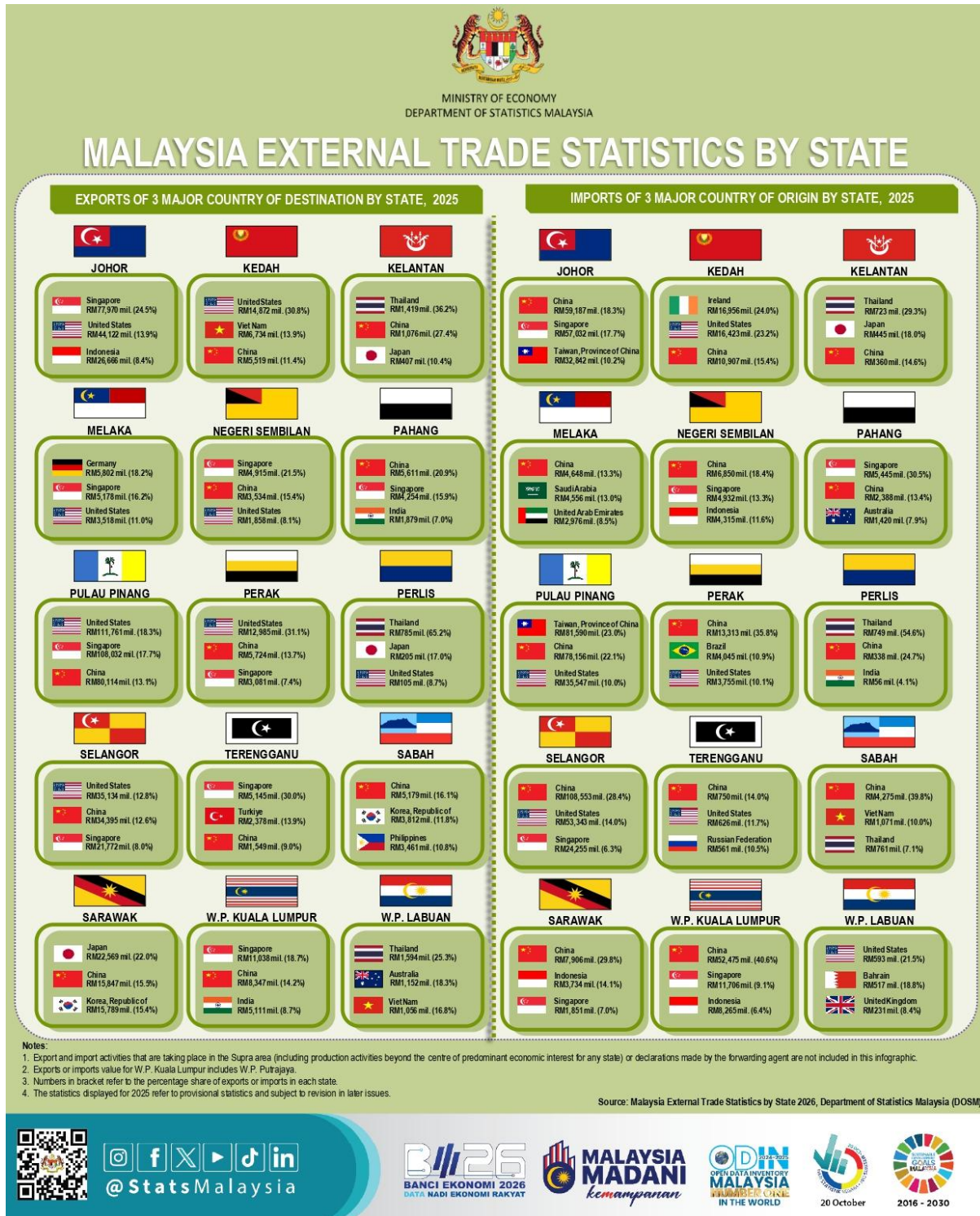


Exhibit 4: Top 3 Exports and Imports of Commodity Sections by State, 2025



Table 1: Trade Openness Index by State, 2023 – 2025^p

State	Trade Openness Index		
	2023	2024	2025 ^p
Malaysia	144.5	149.0	151.0
Johor	327.8	332.1	n.a.
Kedah	218.6	234.2	n.a.
Kelantan	23.9	19.4	n.a.
Melaka	128.1	121.9	n.a.
Negeri Sembilan	111.4	102.7	n.a.
Pahang	77.9	66.7	n.a.
Perak	70.7	75.7	n.a.
Perlis	39.1	38.6	n.a.
Pulau Pinang	540.6	575.1	n.a.
Sabah	37.0	36.9	n.a.
Sarawak	79.1	79.9	n.a.
Selangor	127.3	128.7	n.a.
Terengganu	59.0	73.8	n.a.
W.P. Kuala Lumpur	58.7	57.6	n.a.
W.P. Labuan	128.5	123.2	n.a.

Note: The latest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by state data is up to 2024 and subject to revision in later issues.

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