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Malaysia's economic prospects remain positive with the Malaysia's Leading Index recording 0.8 per cent in May 2026

PUTRAJAYA, 24 JULY 2026 – The Malaysia's Leading Index (LI) for May 2026 continued to record positive growth of 0.8 per cent, registering 114.4 points as compared to 113.5 points in May 2025 **(Exhibit I).** Further details are provided in the publication of **MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES MAY 2026**, published today by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). The LI provides an early indication of turning points in the business cycle and the near-term direction of the economy.

Commenting further on the latest findings, DOSM stated that the increase was driven by the positive performance of several components, mainly Real Money Supply, M1 (9.2%) and Real Imports of Semi Conductors (2.7%), in line with stable economic liquidity and the expansion in production activities related to electronic components. However, from a monthly perspective, the LI recorded a decline of 0.5 per cent in May 2026, following the moderation in three out of seven components, namely Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (-0.6%), Number of New Companies Registered (-0.4%) and Number of Housing Units Approved (-0.2%).

Examining the smoothed long-term trend in May 2026, the LI remained below the 100.0 points **(Exhibit II)**. Nevertheless, the Malaysian economy is expected to be resilient, supported by stable domestic demand as well as the country's ability to adapt to changes in the global environment and current technological developments.

Meanwhile, the Coincident Index (CI), which reflects the current economic conditions, rose 2.5 per cent, recording 131.2 points in May 2026 as compared to 128.0 points in the same month of the previous year. This performance was supported by growth in almost all components, except for Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing. On a month-on-month basis, CI decreased 0.3 per cent in May 2026 due to the softer performance in several components, particularly Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing (-0.4%), reflecting the moderation in current economic activities following the ongoing global uncertainties.

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.

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Exhibit I: Leading Composite Index

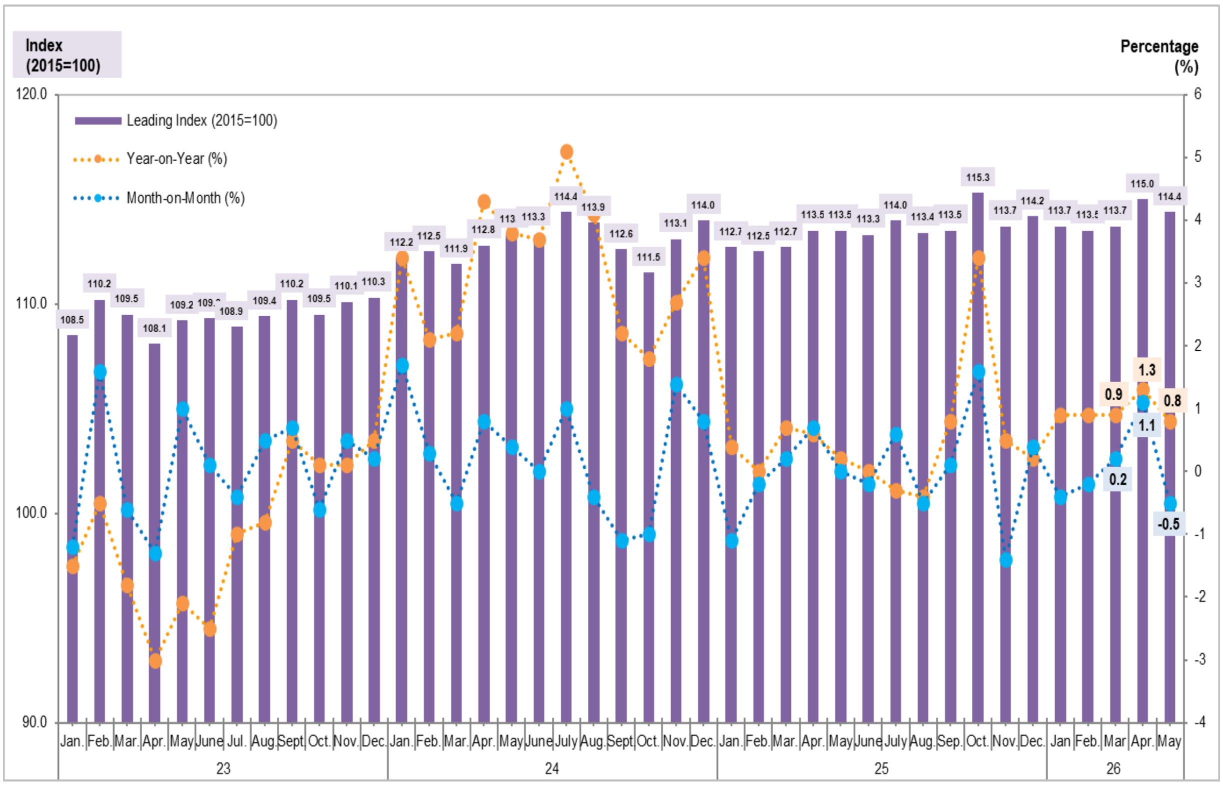

Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

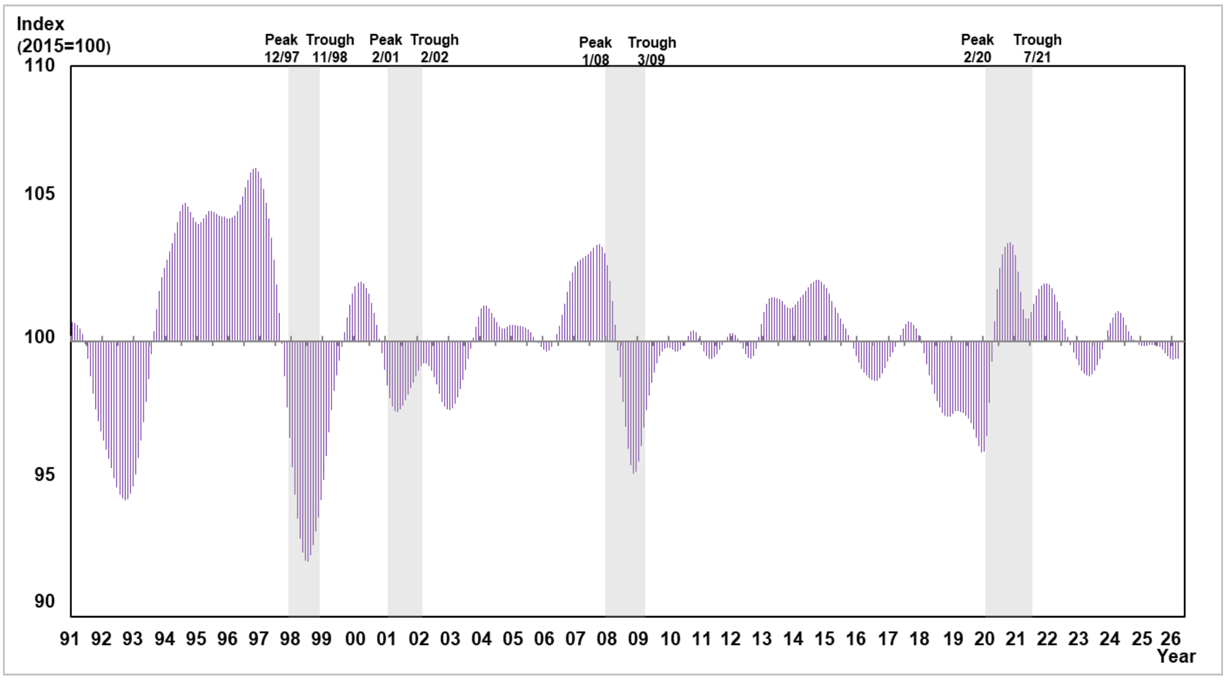

Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components