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MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES JUNE 2026

Leading Index June 2026 increases 1.3 per cent, economic prospects remain positive

PUTRAJAYA, 24 AUGUST 2026 – Malaysia's Leading Index (LI) maintained its positive momentum, recording an annual growth of 1.3 per cent in June 2026, reaching 114.8 points as compared to 113.3 points in the same month of the previous year **(Exhibit I).** Detailed information on this performance is available in the **MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES JUNE 2026** report, released 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.

DOSM reported that the growth in the LI was primarily driven by a significant surge in Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (35.1%) and the stable performance of Real Imports of Semi Conductors (14.2%). This scenario is in line with the strengthening of Malaysia's trade activities, particularly sustained demand for Electrical and Electronics (E&E) products. However, the overall performance was partly offset by declines in several components, notably the Number of New Companies Registered. On a monthly basis, the LI also recorded a marginal increase of 0.02 per cent, contributed mainly by Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (0.8%).

Looking ahead, the long-term smoothed trend of the LI remained below 100.0 points **(Exhibit II)**. Nevertheless, the Malaysian economy is expected to continue growing, supported by resilient domestic demand and continued expansion in investment activities. At the same time, an increasingly dynamic global economic landscape and the recovery in international trade are expected to continue supporting Malaysia’s economic growth.

For current economic performance, the Coincident Index (CI) showed a strengthening of 2.6 per cent year-on-year with 131.6 points. This increase was underpinned by strong growth in all components, particularly the Real Contributions, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) (16.0%) and the Volume Index of Retail Trade (4.1%). On a month-on-month basis, the CI also increased by 0.3 per cent, contributed by an increase in Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing (0.2%).

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

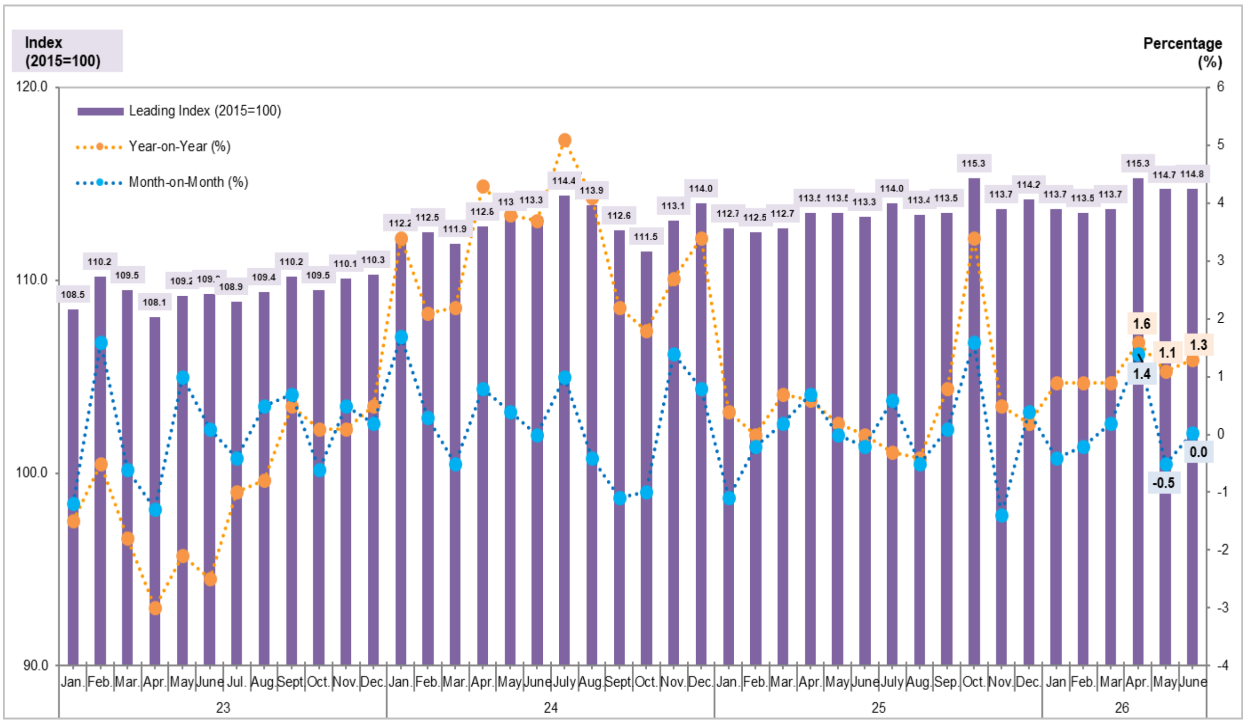

Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

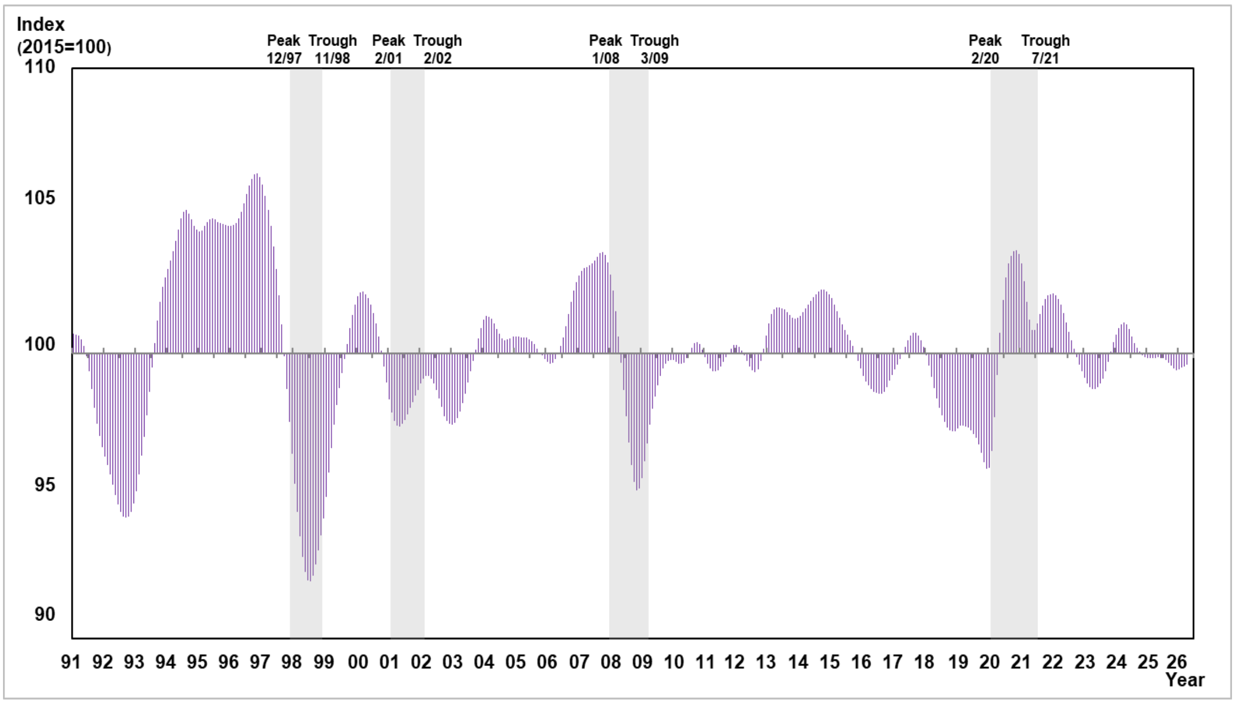

Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components