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MALAYSIAN WELL-BEING INDEX 2021

INTRODUCTION

Malaysian Well-being Index (MyWI) is developed to measure levels of well-being among Malaysians from an economic and social perspective. MyWI comprises of two sub-composites, namely economic well-being and social well-being.

The Malaysian Well-Being Index for 2021 was also affected by the spread of COVID-19. Various efforts are being implemented such as the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) and Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) to control the pandemic and recovery of the country's economic activities.

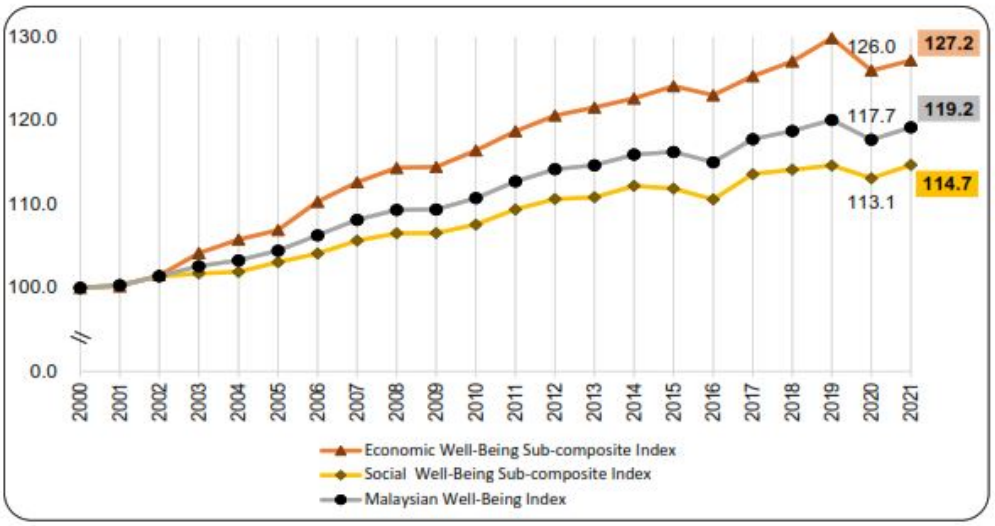
MYWI'S OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

Overall, MyWI performance in 2021 improved by 1.3 per cent to 119.2 points as compared to 117.7 points in 2020. Both well-being sub-composites showed an increase in 2021. The economic well-being sub-composite recorded an increase of 1.0 per cent in 2021 to 127.2 points and the social well-being sub-composite increased by 1.4 per cent to 114.7 points in the same period. The sub-composite of economic and social well-being also showed an increase of 1.2 and 1.6 index points respectively in the same period.

The findings showed that in the sub-composite index of economic well-being, it was found that four components recorded an increase in 2021 contributed by income and distribution (2.4%), communications (1.3%), education (1.2%) and working life (1.1%). Meanwhile, the transportation component decreased by 1.1 per cent. Six components in the sub-composite index of social well-being increased, namely governance (6.8%), culture (6.4%), public safety (3.4%), environment (2.7%), family (1.2%) and housing (1.0%). On the other hand, the entertainment and recreation component decreased by 4.8 per cent, followed by health (-1.8%) and social participation (-1.4%). [Table 1]

As a result of the prevention of COVID-19 from spreading in 2021, the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO), Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) and Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) as well as the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme among the adult population, does not directly affect the performance of both sub-components of well-being. The resumption of economic activity and the progressive reopening of the social sector of essential and non-essential services in accordance to the interests of Malaysians contributing to an increase of 10 out of 14 MyWI components in 2021 as compared to the base year, 2000. However, two components of the social well-being sub-composite which is Culture Index and Family Index has yet to improve, registering an index of less than 100.0 index points.

Chart 1: Malaysian Well-being Index, 2000-2021



For the period of 2000 to 2021, the economic well-being sub-composite index rose by 27.2 index points. The social well-being sub-composite index also increased by 14.7 index points. Overall, MyWI increased by 19.2 index points over the past 21 years.

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