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INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION - FIRST QUARTER 2015

Overall International Investment Position

The net liabilities position of Malaysia's international investment stood at RM1.2 billion at the end of first quarter 2015, an improvement of RM11.9 billion from RM13.1 billion registered at the end of 2014. Malaysia's financial assets position accumulated to RM1,489.8 billion as compared to RM1,451.0 billion in 2014. Total liabilities recorded RM1,491.0 billion as against RM1,464.1 billion in 2014.

Direct Investment

Direct investment registered a net assets position of RM24.8 billion at the end of Q1 2015, an increase of RM18.1 billion from 31 December 2014. Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) stock amounted to RM500.5 billion in Q1 2015 from RM474.2 billion recorded in 2014. This investment was generated mainly from the financial & insurance sector which accounted for 31.1 per cent, followed by mining sector (27.4 per cent) and information & communication sector (10.5 per cent). The top three DIA destinations were Singapore, Indonesia and Canada.

Meanwhile, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia rose to RM475.7 billion in Q1 2015 from RM467.5 billion in 2014. Manufacturing sector remained as the highest direct investment recipient (44.0 per cent), followed by financial & insurance sector (20.9 per cent) and information & communication sector (9.5 per cent). The top three countries for FDI were Singapore, Japan and Netherlands.

Portfolio Investment

Net portfolio investment showed a net liabilities position of RM368.0 billion (2014: -RM381.2 billion). At the end of Q1 2015, the portfolio investment assets level amounted to RM258.6 billion and total stock value of portfolio investment liabilities widened to RM626.6 billion.

Other Investment

At the end of Q1 2015, other investment recorded a net liabilities position of RM47.6 billion as compared to RM43.9 billion registered at 31 December 2014. The position of other investment assets at the end of Q1 2015 stood at RM268.4 billion and other investment liabilities level increase to RM316.0 billion.

Reserve Assets

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia decreased by RM15.7 billion in Q1 2015 to stand at RM389.6 billion (2014: RM405.3 billion)

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