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## LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY OF THIRD QUARTER 2019

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**In the third quarter of 2019, Malaysia's labour productivity, as measured by value added per hour worked rose 2.6 per cent** after registering 2.4 per cent in the preceding quarter. During this quarter, Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) posted a growth of 4.4 per cent (Q2 2019: 4.9%) while hours worked increased 1.7 per cent against 2.4 per cent in Q2 2019. In the meantime, **labour productivity expressed as the ratio of value added to employment recorded a growth of 2.3 per cent** (Q2 2019: 2.8%) while employment sustained at 2.1 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.1%).

**Agriculture sector** registered a growth of labour productivity by hours worked at 1.8 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.2%). The value added of this sector rose 3.7 per cent (Q2 2019: 4.2%) while hours worked remained at 1.9 per cent (Q2 2019: 1.9%). Meanwhile, labour productivity by employment posted a growth of 2.0 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.1%) as employment increased 1.7 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.0%).

Labour productivity by hours worked for **Mining and Quarrying sector** continued to decline with a growth of negative 3.4 per cent as against negative 0.7 per cent in the preceding quarter. The value added of this sector contracted 4.3 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.9%) while hours worked decreased 1.0 per cent (Q2 2019: 3.5%). Measuring labour productivity by value added per employment, this sector recorded a negative growth of 5.4 per cent (Q2 2019: 1.4%) while employment increased 1.1 per cent (Q2 2019: 1.4%).

**Manufacturing sector** posted a growth of labour productivity by hours worked at 2.9 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.5%). During this quarter, value added of this sector grew 3.6 per cent after registering 4.3 per cent in Q2 2019 while hours worked increased at a slower rate of 0.8 per cent (Q2 2019: 1.8%). The highest growth of labour productivity were registered by Transport equipment, other manufacturing & repair (5.6%), followed by Wood products, furniture, paper products & printing (5.2%) and Beverages & tobacco products (4.2%). In addition, Petroleum, chemical, rubber & plastics products which contributed 29.5 per cent of Manufacturing's value added expanded 4.1 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.0%). In the meantime, labour productivity by employment grew modestly to 1.6 per cent (Q2 2019: 2.4%) as employment increased 2.0 per cent (Q2 2019: 1.8%).

The growth of labour productivity by hours worked for **Construction sector** was 1.6 per cent (Q2 2019: 3.3%). The value added of this sector registered a marginal decline of 1.5 per cent (Q2 2019: 0.5%) while hours worked continued to record a negative growth for six consecutive quarters by registering a negative growth of 3.1 per cent (Q2 2019: -2.7%). In terms of labour productivity by employment, this sector recorded a growth of 2.1 per cent (Q2 2019: 3.2%) as employment in this sector declined further to 3.5 per cent (Q2 2019: -2.6%).

Labour productivity by hours worked for **Services sector** posted a growth of 2.9 per cent in Q3 2019 (Q2 2019: 2.5%). Value added of this sector expanded by 5.9 per cent (Q2 2019: 6.1%) while hours worked

increased 2.8 per cent (Q2 2019: 3.6%). During this quarter, the highest growth was recorded by Real estate & business services (5.8%). This was followed by Transportation & storage (3.9%), Utilities (3.3%) and Wholesale & retail trade (3.3%). Meanwhile, labour productivity expressed as the ratio of value added to employment grew 2.7 per cent (Q2 2019: 3.0%) as employment increased 3.1 per cent (Q2 2019: 3.0%).



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