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QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, THIRD QUARTER 2017

OVERALL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

In the third quarter 2017, Malaysia's Balance of Payments recorded a larger surplus of RM12.5 billion as compared to RM9.6 billion in the previous quarter. Meanwhile, financial account recorded a net outflow RM1.2 billion from a net inflow of RM7.3 billion. The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia increased by RM2.9 billion in Q3 2017 (Q2 2017: increased RM2.7 billion).

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

The current account balance increased by RM2.9 billion from previous quarter mainly due to further expansion in goods accounts of RM31.7 billion (Q2 2017: surplus RM27.0 billion). Meanwhile, services account also contributed by registering lower deficit of RM4.9 billion from RM5.0 billion in the previous quarter.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

The financial account recorded a net outflow of RM1.2 billion from a net inflow of RM7.3 billion mainly due to reversal of portfolio investment to net outflow of RM5.1 billion (Q2 2017: net inflow RM16.0 billion). As for direct investment flow, Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) posted a net outflow of RM5.0 billion (Q2 2017: net outflow RM15.4 billion), while Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia recorded a higher net inflow of RM11.2 billion (Q2 2017: net inflow RM8.3 billion).

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