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QUARTERLY INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION, FIRST QUARTER 2016

Overall International Investment Position

Malaysia's net international investment position at the end of first quarter 2016 recorded a lower net assets position of RM10.9 billion (Q4 2015: RM110.3 billion). Malaysian owned assets abroad decreased by RM111.0 billion to stand at RM1,555.6 billion. While foreign owned assets in Malaysia decreased with a smaller amount of RM11.6 billion to record RM1,544.7 billion.

Direct Investment

Direct investment registered a net assets position of RM31.1 billion at the end of Q1 2016, a decreased of RM51.5 billion from 31 December 2015. Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) stock recorded RM528.8 billion at the end of Q1 2016 (Q4 2015: RM587.5 billion). This investment was generated mainly in financial & insurance sector (31.1%), followed by mining sector (26.1%) and information & communication sector (9.1%). The top three DIA destinations were Singapore, Indonesia and Canada.

Meanwhile, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) stock in Malaysia accounted for RM497.7 billion at the end of March 2016 (Q4 2015: RM504.9 billion). Manufacturing sector remained as the highest FDI recipient of 42.9 per cent, followed by financial & insurance sector (22.1%) and information & communication sector (9.2%). The top three investing countries of FDI were Singapore, Japan and Netherlands.

Portfolio Investment

At the end of Q1 2016, portfolio investment showed a net liabilities position of RM355.9 billion from net liabilities of RM326.6 billion previously. The level of portfolio investment assets posted at RM279.6 billion and the total stock value of portfolio investment liabilities stood at RM635.5 billion.

Other Investment

The position of other investment at the end of March 2016 recorded net liabilities of RM47.5 billion. The position of other investment assets in Q1 2016 accumulated to RM269.6 billion and the position of other investment liabilities accounted for RM317.1 billion.

Reserve Assets

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia at the end of March 2016 stood at RM381.5 billion (Q4 2015: RM409.1 billion).

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