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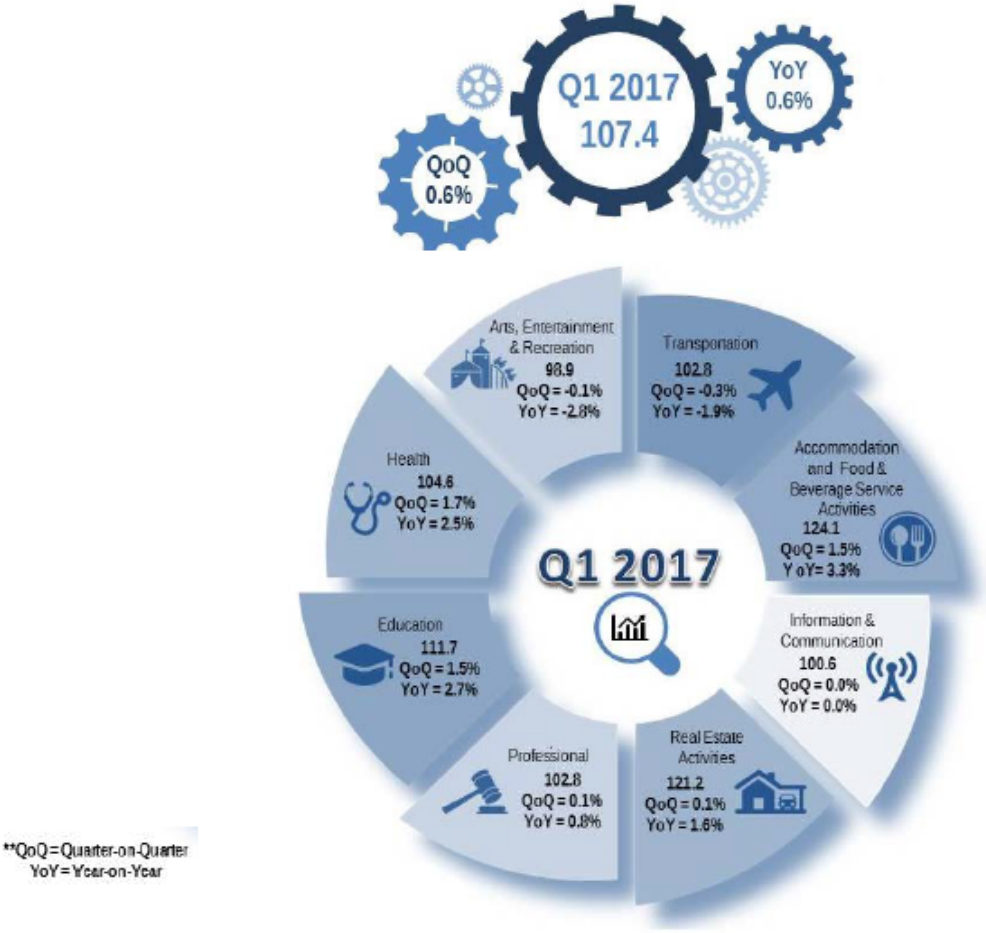
SERVICES PRODUCER PRICE INDEX FIRST QUARTER OF 2017

SPPI increased 0.6% in first quarter of 2017 compared to first quarter 2016



**QoQ = Quarter-on-Quarter
YoY = Year-on-Year

Source: Services Producer Price Index (2010=100) First Quarter 2017

SERVICES PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (2010=100) FIRST QUARTER 2017

The Services Producer Price Index (SPPI) is designed to measure the average changes in the prices of services charged by the local services industry in Malaysia on a quarterly basis. This index is the first time issued by the Department of Statistics, Malaysia.

SPPI for the first quarter of 2017 registered an increase of 0.6 per cent compared to the previous quarter. The sub-sectors that recorded positive growth are Health (1.7%), Education (1.5%), Accommodation and Food & Beverage Service Activities (1.5%), Professional (0.1%) and Real Estate Activities (0.1%).

Year-on-year comparison for SPPI also showed an increase of 0.6 per cent. The following sub-sectors recorded positive growth i.e. Accommodation and Food & Beverage Service Activities (3.3%); Education (2.7%); Health (2.5%); Real Estate Activities (1.6%) and Professional (0.8%).

Table A. Services Producer Price Index (2010=100) First Quarter of 2017

Subsector	Index			% change	
	Q1 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q1 2017/ Q4 2016	Q1 2017/ Q1 2016
SPPI (2010=100)					
TOTAL	**106.8**	**106.8**	**107.4**	**0.6**	**0.6**
Transportation	104.8	103.1	102.8	-0.3	-1.9
Accommodation & Food and Beverage Service Activities	120.1	122.3	124.1	1.5	3.3
Information and Communication	100.6	100.6	100.6	0.0	0.0
Real Estate Activities	119.3	121.1	121.2	0.1	1.6
Professional	102.0	102.7	102.8	0.1	0.8
Education	108.8	110.1	111.7	1.5	2.7
Health	102.0	102.9	104.6	1.7	2.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	101.8	99.0	98.9	-0.1	-2.8

TRANSPORTATION

The SPPI for Transportation[1] decreased by 0.3 per cent in the first quarter of 2017 compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. This was due to the decrease in the index of Passenger Air Transport (-0.5%) and Sea & Coastal Water Transport (-0.4%).

Year-on-year comparison showed the SPPI for Transportation also declined 1.9 per cent due to the decrease in the index of Passenger Air Transport (-5.6%) and Sea & Coastal Water Transport (-0.4%).

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The SPPI for Accommodation & Food and Beverage Service Activities[2] for the first quarter of 2017 rose 1.5 per cent compared to the previous quarter. The increase was driven by the Restaurants and Mobile Food Service Activities (1.7%), Beverage Serving Activities (1.0%), Short-term Accommodation Activities (0.7%) and Event Catering and other Food Service Activities (0.5%).

The year-on-year comparison recorded an increase of 3.3 per cent contributed by Restaurants and Mobile Food Service Activities (4.0%), Beverage Serving Activities (2.5%), Event Catering and other Food Service Activities (1.5%) and Short-term Accommodation Activities (0.9%).

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Comparison for both quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year for the SPPI of Information & Communication[3] showed that the index remained at 100.6.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES

The SPPI for Real Estate Activities[4] grew 0.1 per cent in the first quarter 2017 over the fourth quarter 2016. Similarly, the changes for year-on-year recorded an increase of 1.6 per cent.

PROFESSIONAL

In the first quarter of 2017, the SPPI for Professional[5] recorded an increase of 0.1 per cent compared to the previous quarter. The increase was contributed by Accounting, Bookkeeping & Auditing Activities; Tax Consultancy (0.5%).

Year-on-year comparison also showed that the index rose 0.8 per cent, driven by Accounting, Bookkeeping & Auditing Activities; Tax Consultancy (0.9%), Architectural and Engineering Activities and Related Technical Consultancy (0.8%) and Legal Activities (0.5%).

EDUCATION

As compared to the previous quarter, the SPPI for Education[6] increased 1.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2017. The increase was due to increases in the index of Secondary Education (2.3%), Pre-Primary and Primary Education (1.9%), Other Education (1.7%) and Higher Education (1.2%).

In the first quarter 2017, the SPPI for Education registered an increase of 2.7 per cent year-on-year. The growth was supported by Secondary Education (5.9%), Pre-Primary & Primary Education (2.4%), Higher Education (2.4%) and Other Education (1.7%).

HEALTH

In the first quarter of 2017, the SPPI for Health[7] recorded an increase of 1.7 per cent compared to the previous quarter. The growth was propelled by the increases in the index of Hospital Activities (2.2%), Other Human Health Activities (1.8%) and Medical & Dental Practice Activities (1.0%).

Year-on-year comparison also shows that the index rose 2.5 per cent, driven by Other Human Health Activities (3.1%), Hospital Activities (3.0%) and the Medical & Dental Practice Activities (1.6%).

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION

The SPPI for Arts, Entertainment and Recreation[8] dropped by 0.1 per cent in the first quarter 2017 as against the fourth quarter of 2016, caused by the decline in the index of Gambling and Betting Activities (-0.2%).

Year-on-year comparison shows a decrease of 2.8 per cent, due to the decrease in the index of Gambling and Betting Activities (-3.4%).

***Notes:**

[1] The industries covered are Freight Transport by Road; Transport of freight overseas and coastal

waters, whether scheduled or not; Transport of passengers by air over regular routes and on regular schedules; Transport freight by air over regular routes and on regular schedules; Postal Activities; and Courier Activities other than National Post Activities.

[2] The industries covered are Hotels and Resort Hotels; Restaurants and Restaurant cum Night Clubs; Cafeteria/Canteens; Fast-food Restaurants; Food Stalls/Hawkers; Event catering; Event/Food Caterers; Pubs, Bars, Discotheques, Coffee-houses, Cocktail Lounges and Karaoke; and Coffee Shops

[3] The industries covered are Wired Telecommunication Services; Internet Access Providers by the Operator of the Wired Infrastructure; Wireless Telecommunication Services; Internet Access Providers by the Operator of the Wireless Infrastructure; Computer Consultancy; Data Processing Activities; and Web Portals

[4] The industry covered is Activities of Real Estate Agents and Brokers for Buying, Selling and Renting of Real Estate

[5] The industries covered are Legal Activities; Accounting, Bookkeeping and Auditing Activities; Tax Consultancy; and Engineering Services

[6] The industries covered are Pre-primary Education (Private); Primary Education (Private); General School Secondary Education (Private); College and University Education (Private); Music and Dancing School; and Tuition Centre

[7] The industries covered are Hospital Activities; General Medical Services; Specialized Medical Services; Dental Services; Dialysis Centres; and Medical Laboratories

[8] The industries covered are Gambling and Betting Activities; Equestrian Clubs; Golf Courses; Bowling Centre; Fitness Centres; Activities of Amusement Parks and Theme Parks; and Cyber Café/Internet Centre

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