INTRODUCTION

Social Statistics Bulletin, Malaysia, 2018 highlights selected social statistics which are basic indicators to measure the quality of life and well-being of the population at the national and state levels. The main areas covered are population, housing, health, education, employment, welfare services, public safety and communication & recreation. Selected social statistics in health, education, welfare services and communication & recreation presented as follows:

HEALTH

Medical personnel to population ratio

Exhibit 1: Medical personnel to population ratio, Malaysia, 2016 dan 2017

Source: Ministry of Health, Malaysia

Communicable diseases

The incidence rate of communicable disease for Dengue fever, Hand, foot and mouth disease, Tuberculosis and Food poisoning in 2017 decreased as compared to 2016. Dengue fever remained as the highest communicable disease in 2017 which accounted for 83,443 followed by Hand, foot and mouth disease (29,359), Tuberculosis (26,168) and Food poisoning (13,686).
EDUCATION

Pupil teacher ratio

In 2017, the pupil teacher ratio in government and government-aided for pre-school rose to 22.7 as against 22.3 (2016). On the other hand, the pupil teacher ratio for primary school remained at 11.6 while secondary schools recorded a decline from 11.3 to 11.0 during the same period.

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<th>Communicable disease</th>
<th>Number 2016</th>
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<td>Dengue Fever</td>
<td>100,722</td>
<td>83,443</td>
<td>318.13</td>
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<td>Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease</td>
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<td>29,359</td>
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<td>Food poisoning</td>
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*Source: Ministry of Health, Malaysia*

WELFARE SERVICES

Registration of Persons With Disabilities (PWD)

The registered Person with Disabilities (PWD) at the Department of Social Welfare, Malaysia in 2017 were 453,258 persons. PWD in physical category recorded the highest number which was 35.2 per cent, followed by Learning disability category (34.8%) and Visually impaired category (8.9%). Speech category recorded the lowest registration of 0.5 per cent.
COMMUNICATION AND RECREATION

Broadband penetration rate

The national broadband penetration rate for Malaysia increased to 117.3 per 100 inhabitants in 2017 as compared to 99.8 per 100 inhabitants (2016). Five states recorded penetration rates exceeded the national level in 2017 namely W.P. Kuala Lumpur (225.2), Johor (148.1), Selangor (133.8), Pulau Pinang (130.2) and Negeri Sembilan (128.7). Meanwhile, Sabah recorded the lowest broadband penetration rate of 64.5 per 100 inhabitants.
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