

## **Advancement of Data Transmission Through METS Online**

Tan Bee Bee  
Department of Statistics, Malaysia

### **Abstract :**

Policy makers, Malaysian businesses and the general public rely on external trade statistics to assist them in making data-driven decisions on trade and the economy. These data are essential to understanding the Malaysian economy with respect to its major trading partners and the impact from global developments. This is especially so in the case of Malaysia which is a very open economy where in 2014 total trade was 131% of Gross Domestic Product. Understanding the importance of accessible and timely external trade statistics, Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has strived towards an online dissemination of these statistics. This paper aims to share the effort and initiative of Department of Statistics Malaysia towards online dissemination of external trade statistics also known as METS online. Users can now have access to timely external trade statistics through METS online anywhere, anytime and with any device be it laptop, desktop, tab or mobile. METS Online is easy to use, is interactive and provide details of product with classification up to 6 digit HS or 5-digit SITC as well as covering all the trading partners and with a long time series from 1990. DOSM will continue to improve METS online with more coverage, scope and in line with international developments and bringing external trade statistics to the doorstep of users.