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BUSINESS TENDENCY STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2015

The main objective of this survey is to measure the expected business performance of Malaysia economic sectors for the second quarter 2015.

This report publishes the statistics of current business situation for the first quarter of 2015, business expectation for the second quarter of 2015 and the upcoming six months period of April to September 2015.

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 2015

The business performance in the first quarter of 2015 showed a net balance -0.8 per cent for number of employees and -0.6 per cent for gross revenue.

Industrial Sector

The industrial sector recorded a net balance of -9.7 per cent for gross revenue and -6.2 per cent for number of employees in the first quarter of 2015.

Electricity and water industry showed a positive net balance in terms of gross revenue (+63.6%) and number of employees (+18.2%).

However, the mining and manufacturing industries registered negative net balances for gross revenue -14.3 per cent and -16.9 per cent respectively.

Construction Sector

The construction sector recorded a net balance of -14.3 per cent for gross revenue and -9.5 per cent for number of employees.

Wholesale and Retail Trade Sector

The wholesale and retail trade sector recorded positive net balances for gross revenue (+16.5%) and number of employees (+5.8%) in the first quarter of 2015.

Services Sector

The services sector recorded positive net balances for gross revenue (+10.6%) and number of employees (+7.3%) in the first quarter of 2015.

In terms of gross revenue, the transport industry registered the highest positive net balance at +23.8 per

cent followed by insurance (+22.3%), communications (+21.5%) and finance (+12.5%). However, the real estate and information and communications technology industries showed negative net balances -41.7 per cent and -25.0 per cent respectively.

In terms of number of employees, the insurance industry recorded the highest positive net balance at +44.5 per cent followed by finance, real estate and hotel industries which showed a net balance of +12.5 per cent, +8.3 per cent and +3.1 per cent respectively. On the other hand, communications and the information and communications technology industries registered negative net balances -7.2 per cent and -31.3 per cent respectively.

FORECAST FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2015

The gross revenue and number of employees are expected to increase in the second quarter of 2015. This is showed by net balances of +7.2 per cent and +6.9 per cent respectively. The confidence indicator recorded a negative value (-0.9%) in the second quarter of 2015.

Industrial Sector

The industrial sector expected positive increases of +9.0 per cent and +3.2 per cent in the gross revenue and number of employees in the second quarter of 2015. The electricity and water industry shows the highest positive net balance in terms of gross revenue (+54.5%) and number of employees (+9.1%). The confidence indicator for this industry recorded a negative value of -0.1 per cent.

Construction Sector

The construction sector expected an increase in gross revenue by +9.5 per cent, while number of employees is expected to decline by -2.4 per cent in the second quarter of 2015. The confidence indicator for this industry recorded a negative value of -9.9 per cent.

Wholesale and Retail Trade Sector

The wholesale and retail trade sector expected to decline in gross revenue by -19.9 per cent, while number of employees is expected to increase to by +6.6 per cent in the second quarter of 2015. The confidence indicator for this industry recorded a negative value of -5.2 per cent.

Services Sector

The gross revenue and number of employees for the services sector are expected to be positive during the reference period as indicated by net balances of +16.6 per cent and +15.6 per cent respectively. The confidence indicator for this industry recorded a positive value of +0.9 per cent.

BUSINESS TENDENCY FOR APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2015

The business situation is expected to improve in the next six months as shown by the net balance of +10.2 per cent. (Table 6.1)

Industrial Sector

The industrial sector expected better business prospects for the period of April to September 2015

(+11.2%). The electricity and water industry forecasted the highest net balance with a positive net balance (+36.4%) followed by agriculture (+20.8%), mining (+14.3%) and manufacturing (+5.1%).

Construction Sector

The business situation of construction sector is expected to improve for the coming six months with a net balance of +4.8 per cent.

Wholesale and Retail Trade Sector

For the next six months, the business situation for the wholesale and retail trade sector forecasted a declined with negative net balance (-8.3%).

Services Sector

The services sector expected a thriving business in the coming six months ending September 2015 as indicated by a positive net balance (+18.1%). Among the industries which anticipated better business situation are insurance (+66.7%), communications (+42.9%), transport (+33.4%) and hotel (+18.2%). However, the business situation for real estate industry is expected to decline (-25.0%).

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