

**APPROVED MANUFACTURING PROJECTS IN SABAH
1998 TO 2008**

Year	Approved FML		Job Opportunities		Capital Investment	
	Number	(% change)	Number	(% change)	(RM million)	(% change)
1998	43	39%	5,521	63%	926.0	-49%
1999	7	-84%	854	-84%	27.3	-97%
2000	14	100%	1,241	45%	369.3	1,253%
2001	24	71%	2,181	76%	276.4	-25%
2002	20	-17%	2,015	-8%	348.6	26%
2003	20	-	1,099	-45%	153.5	-56%
2004	40	100%	3,237	194%	338.5	120%
2005	41	2%	2,233	-31%	1,204.5	256%
2006	75	83%	4,628	107%	5,068.8	321%
2007	41	n.a.	2,820	n.a.	3,257.0	n.a.
2008 Jan-Mar	13	n.a.	1,749	n.a.	503.7	n.a.

Source: MIDA.

EXTERNAL TRADE
(RM Million)

Year	Import		Export		Balance of Trade
	Amount (Million)	Growth Rate (%)	Amount (Million)	Growth Rate (%)	(Million)
Dec '06	2,166	21.5	2,358	8.0	192
Oct '07	2,461	27.5	3,818	57.5	1,357
Nov '07	2,641	32.6	3,074	31.7	433
Dec '07	2,057	-5.0	3,583	51.9	1,526
Jan–Dec '06	21,795	14.9	27,116	13.5	5,321
Jan–Dec '07	25,867	18.7	33,411	23.2	7,544

Note: Growth rate based on corresponding period of the previous year.

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

**IMPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS
(RM '000)**

Commodity	Jan–Dec 2006		Jan–Dec 2007	
Machinery and Transport Equipment	6,302,054	28.9%	7,990,304	30.9%
Manufactured Goods	3,267,020	15.0%	3,788,472	14.6%
Food	1,851,552	8.5%	2,097,247	8.1%
Chemicals	2,182,284	10.1%	2,513,000	9.7%
Mineral Fuels, lubricants, etc.	5,521,975	25.3%	6,284,934	24.3%
Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,352,342	6.2%	1,514,315	5.9%
Beverages and Tobacco	422,742	1.9%	522,689	2.0%
Crude Materials Inedible	633,720	2.9%	801,191	3.1%
Misc. Transactions & Commodities	237,902	1.1%	252,031	1.0%
Animal/Vegetable Oils and Fats	23,085	0.1%	102,856	0.4%
TOTAL IMPORT	21,794,675	100.0%	25,867,040	100.0%

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodity	Jan–Dec 2006		Jan–Dec 2007	
	Quantity	RM '000	Quantity	RM '000
Rice (tonne)	176,549	199,194	189,888	232,910
Refined Beet & Cane Sugar (tonne)	64,118	90,019	60,862	88,172
Petroleum Products ('000 tonne)	2,494	5,270,898	2,781	5,998,538
Fertilizers, Manufactured (tonne)	1,086,421	801,938	1,151,259	937,914
Flat-Rolled Products of Iron or Steel (tonne)	91,868	282,058	123,889	381,493
Tubes, Pipes & Fittings of Iron or Steel (tonne)	106,109	502,407	127,352	836,031
Excavators, Leveller's, Bulldozers, etc. (unit)	1,834	224,458	2,068	232,921
Motor Cars, Completely Built-up	19,491	783,871	21,782	904,047
Other Passengers Motor Vehicles	4,230	208,971	3,326	162,161
4-Wheel Drive Vehicles, Completely Built-up	2,509	168,277	2,630	160,598
Motor Buses and Goods Vehicles, Completely Built-up	7,872	569,156	7,302	556,848

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

EXPORTS BY COMMODITY SECTIONS (RM '000)

Commodity	Jan–Dec 2006		Jan–Dec 2007	
Crude Materials Inedible	2,362,036	8.7%	2,400,159	7.2%
Manufactured Goods	3,419,128	12.6%	4,028,925	12.1%
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants, etc.	8,284,314	30.6%	8,448,126	25.3%
Animal/Vegetable Oils and Fats	9,123,984	33.6%	14,194,804	42.5%
Machinery and Transport Equipment	1,490,858	5.5%	1,637,235	4.9%
Food	863,501	3.2%	1,147,790	3.4%
Chemicals	1,047,595	3.9%	1,072,895	3.2%
Misc. Manufactured Articles	408,094	1.5%	340,225	1.0%
Misc. Transactions and Commodities	63,105	0.2%	95,615	0.3%
Beverages and Tobacco	53,038	0.2%	44,849	0.1%
TOTAL EXPORT	27,115,652	100.0%	33,410,622	100.0%

**EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES
(RM Million)**

Commodity	Jan–Dec 2006		Jan–Dec 2007	
Sawn Timber	870.0	3.2%	904.7	2.7%
Crude Petroleum	7,556.7	27.9%	8,035.4	24.1%
Plywood Plain	1,891.8	7.0%	1,849.1	5.5%
Palm Oil*	8,060.0	29.7%	12,685.9	37.9%
Cocoa Beans	43.7	0.2%	45.0	0.1%
Methanol	762.0	2.8%	735.1	2.2%
Hot Briquetted Iron	527.3	1.9%	1,044.8	3.1%
Uncoated Printing and Writing Paper	293.9	1.1%	293.6	0.9%
Rubber	488.7	1.8%	453.6	1.4%
Sub-Total	20,494.1	75.6%	26,047.2	77.9%
Others	6,621.5	24.4%	7,363.4	22.1%
TOTAL EXPORT	27,115.6	100.0%	33,410.6	100.0%

* Crude and Processed Palm Oil, Crude and Processed Palm Stearin and Palm Fatty Acid.

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

SABAH'S MAIN TRADING PARTNERS (RM Million)

Country	Jan–Dec 2006			Jan–Dec 2007		
	Import	Export	Balance of Trade	Import	Export	Balance of Trade
P. Malaysia	12,014.2	3,045.5	-8,968.7	13,636.9	3,898.0	-9,738.9
Japan	915.5	1,521.3	605.8	1,124.1	1,656.8	532.7
China	882.1	4,618.8	3,736.7	1,174.5	7,485.4	6,310.9
Singapore	1,973.3	820.3	-1,153.0	2,314.2	1,058.6	-1,255.6
Sarawak	355.5	2,268.7	1,913.2	536.1	2,043.3	1,507.2
Korea, Rep.	146.2	1,433.9	1,287.7	230.8	1,451.7	1,220.9
USA	1,770.5	1,271.8	-498.7	1,748.7	1,794.3	45.6
Taiwan	163.6	529.8	366.2	412.8	661.2	248.4
Thailand	334.9	786.5	451.6	440.5	440.3	-0.2
Netherlands	83.9	1,701.7	1,617.8	90.1	2,320.0	2,229.9
Sub–Total	12,040.8	11,719.9	-320.9	14,133.6	13,855.4	-278.2
Others	9,753.9	15,395.8	5,641.9	11,733.4	19,555.2	7,821.8
TOTAL	21,794.7	27,115.7	5,321.0	25,867.0	33,410.6	7,543.6

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

AVERAGE EXPORT PRICES OF MAJOR COMMODITIES, SABAH

Period	Wooden Moulding (RM/Cubic Meter)	Crude Petroleum (RM/Tonne)	Palm Kernel Oil (RM/Tonne)
Dec '06	2,842.2	1,587.3	1,966.0
Oct '07	3,358.2	1,976.7	3,159.7
Nov '07	2,623.0	2,114.9	3,334.7
Dec '07	2,672.7	2,313.7	3,447.8
Jan–Dec '06	2,393.7	1,849.1	1,935.0
Jan–Dec '07	2,850.1	1,891.3	2,745.9

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AVERAGE EXPORT PRICES OF MAJOR COMMODITIES, SABAH

Period	Methanol (RM/Tonne)	Hot Briquetted Iron (RM/Tonne)	Uncoated Printing & Writing Paper (RM/Tonne)
Dec '06	1,545.1	1,011.4	2,536.8
Oct '07	1,156.5	1,239.6	2,719.2
Nov '07	1,626.6	1,248.3	2,771.0
Dec '07	1,792.4	1,241.0	2,839.0
Jan–Dec '06	1,113.2	1,040.8	2,628.1
Jan–Dec '07	1,223.3	1,150.2	2,692.5

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

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AVERAGE EXPORT PRICES OF MAJOR COMMODITIES, SABAH

Period	Palm Oil* (RM/Tonne)	Cocoa Beans (RM/Kg.)	Rubber (Cents/Kg.)
Dec '06	1,739.6	4.9	572.2
Oct '07	2,509.4	6.3	716.4
Nov '07	2,665.0	5.8	732.3
Dec '07	2,764.3	6.2	752.5
Jan–Dec '06	1,489.8	5.1	683.7
Jan–Dec '07	2,323.5	5.6	704.3

Note: * Crude and processed palm oil, crude and processed palm stearin and palm fatty acid.

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AVERAGE EXPORT PRICES OF MAJOR COMMODITIES, SABAH

Period	Sawn Timber (RM/Cu. metre)	Veneer Sheets (RM/Cu. metre)	Plywood Plain (RM/Cu. metre)
Dec '06	1,611.3	1,383.4	1,521.1
Oct '07	1,585.1	1,156.9	1,286.3
Nov '07	1,607.7	1,511.2	1,287.2
Dec '07	1,563.3	1,350.2	1,359.7
Jan–Dec '06	1,442.6	1,331.4	1,405.0
Jan–Dec '07	1,554.8	1,352.8	1,374.7

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

COMMODITY PRICES MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF COCOA BEANS

Centre	2007		2008			
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
TAWAU						
Wet Beans (RM/kg.)	1.79	1.90	1.94	2.05	2.30	2.24
Dry Beans (RM/tonne)						
SMC 1	5,857	6,316	6,458	7,233	7,884	7,675
SMC 2	5,620	6,012	6,222	7,032	7,651	7,469
SMC 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAHAD DATU						
Wet Beans (RM/kg.)	1.68	1.76	1.85	2.12	2.17	2.01
Dry Beans (RM/tonne)						
SMC 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMC 2	5,220	5,476	5,783	6,245	6,606	6,501
SMC 3	-	-	-	-	-	-

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COMMODITY PRICES MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF COCOA BEANS

Centre	2007		2008			
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
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Wet Beans (RM/kg.)	1.26	1.23	1.23	1.28	1.34	1.28
Dry Beans (RM/tonne)						
SMC 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
SMC 2	5,400	5,495	5,635	6,420	6,952	6,704
SMC 3	5,075	5,154	5,247	6,043	6,479	6,235

Source: Malaysian Cocoa Board.

AVERAGE PRICES OF PALM OIL PRODUCTS (RM/TONNE)

Products	2007	2008			
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Crude Palm Oil (Lcl Deld)	2,925.50	3,216.00	3,501.00	3,680.50	3,428.00
Crude Palm Oil (Lcl Deld) Regional					
North	2,919.00	3,210.00	3,520.50	3,668.00	3,411.50
South	2,944.00	3,230.00	3,515.00	3,693.50	3,442.00
Central	2,923.50	3,210.00	3,511.50	3,707.50	3,399.00
East Coast	2,874.00	3,111.50	3,350.00	3,673.00	3,270.00
Sabah	2,893.00	3,201.00	3,429.00	3,534.00	3,499.00
RBD Palm Stearin (Lcl Deld)	2,897.50	3,154.00	3,483.00	3,611.50	3,158.50
Palm Kernel (Lcl Ex-Mill)	1,746.50	1,987.50	2,067.00	2,039.00	1,924.50

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AVERAGE PRICES OF PALM OIL PRODUCTS (RM/TONNE)

Products	2007	2008			
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Crude Palm Kernel Oil (Lcl Deld)	3,574.50	4,025.50	4,161.00	4,205.00	3,905.50
RBD Palm Oil (FOB)	3,072.50	3,377.50	3,655.50	4,224.50	3,958.00
RBD Palm Olein (FOB)	3,113.50	3,396.00	3,635.00	4,226.00	3,987.50
RBD Palm Stearin (FOB)	2,916.00	3,184.00	3,338.00	3,657.50	3,283.50
Palm Fatty Acid Distillate (FOB)	2,278.00	2,393.50	2,273.00	2,278.00	1,796.00

Source: Lembaga Minyak Sawit Malaysia (Malaysian Palm Oil Board).

**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, INDEX NUMBERS FOR MAIN GROUPS, SABAH
(2005=100)**

Period	Total	Food & non- alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	Furnishings, household equipment & routine household maintenance
Weight :	100.0	36.0	1.5	3.2	26.4	3.6
2005	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006	103.7	103.8	106.5	98.3	102.0	100.3
2007	105.9	107.4	114.8	97.3	103.4	100.8
2007 Jan-Mar	105.2	106.5	109.8	97.8	103.0	100.6
2008 Jan-Mar	108.2	111.8	119.8	96.9	104.4	101.4

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**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, INDEX NUMBERS FOR MAIN GROUPS, SABAH
(2005=100)**

Period	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation & Culture
Weight :	1.0	11.7	3.6	3.8
2005	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006	101.3	112.9	98.5	99.6
2007	103.1	114.9	97.5	100.3
2007 Jan-Mar	102.3	114.8	97.9	98.9
2008 Jan-Mar	105.1	115.3	97.0	101.6

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**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, INDEX NUMBERS FOR MAIN GROUPS, SABAH
(2005=100)**

Period	Education	Restaurants & hotels	Miscellaneous goods & services
Weight :	2.2	2.6	4.4
2005	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006	102.0	104.7	101.4
2007	102.5	109.5	102.3
2007 Jan-Mar	102.5	105.5	101.8
2008 Jan-Mar	102.9	115.3	104.3

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, INDEX NUMBERS FOR DURABLE, SEMI-DURABLE
AND NON-DURABLE GOODS AND SERVICES, SABAH, (2005=100)**

Period	Total	Durable Goods	Semi-durable Goods	Non-durable Goods	Services
Weight:	100.0	5.4	4.2	44.4	46.0
2005	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006	103.7	98.1	98.8	106.0	102.6
2007	105.9	95.8	98.2	109.2	104.6
2007 Jan-Mar	105.2	96.4	98.5	108.5	103.6
2008 Jan-Mar	108.2	96.4	98.0	112.4	106.3

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED SUB-GROUPS
OF FOOD INDEX, SABAH
(2005=100)**

Period	Total Food	Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	Meat	Fish & Seafood	Milk, Cheese & Eggs	Oils & Fats
Weight :	33.9	8.1	3.0	4.9	2.2	0.8
2004	97.1	98.9	96.4	94.1	95.9	100.3
2005	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2006	103.9	101.1	100.0	109.6	102.7	100.0
2007	107.6	103.0	107.2	116.8	105.3	101.4
2007 Jan-Mar	106.7	102.0	105.3	116.7	103.8	101.1
2008 Jan-Mar	112.0	107.7	109.6	123.2	111.1	101.8

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

NUMBER OF ARRIVALS BY CITIZENSHIP, SABAH

Permanent Place of Residence	Jan–Dec 2006	Jan–Dec 2007
Malaysia	1,413,766	1,682,518
Brunei Darussalam	44,041	74,346
Singapore	19,840	13,939
Australia & New Zealand	21,205	16,230
Canada	6,223	4,781
Hong Kong	4,798	3,193
India	1,759	2,167
UK & Ireland	15,664	18,322
USA	9,732	9,049
China	53,312	64,870
Western & Eastern Europe	10,773	10,175
Philippines	48,900	63,011
Indonesia	300,281	455,047
Japan	33,795	28,711
Taiwan	43,282	44, 239

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NUMBER OF ARRIVALS BY CITIZENSHIP, SABAH

Permanent Place of Residence	Jan–Dec 2006	Jan–Dec 2007
South Korea	55,773	76,922
Thailand	5,814	2,632
Others	18,330	21,855
TOTAL	2,107,288	2,592,007
Period	2004	2005
Total Arrivals	1,565,662	1,940,671

Notes: Arrival and departure statistics are compiled based on the arrival and departure monthly returns provided by the Immigration Department Sabah.

These statistics are obtained by the Immigration Officers stationed at all the various immigration entry/exit points in Sabah.

According to Sabah Immigration and Passport (Exemption) Order, 1984, all arrivals into Sabah (includes Sabahans) for whatever purposes are being recorded except those persons whose place of embarkation is Sarawak are excluded. However, all departures from Sabah (includes who place of disembarkation is Sarawak) are being recorded.

In view of the above, users are cautioned to take note when making comparisons of the arrivals/departures data series.

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, April 2008.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALAYSIA

Percentage Changes in the overall Consumer Price Index by Main Groups

Group (Base year 2005=100)	Weights	Percentage change (%)		
		2005/2006	2006/2007	Jan-Mar 2007/2008
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	31.4	3.4	3.0	4.4
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	6.9	7.8	9.0
Clothing and footwear	3.1	-1.3	-1.4	-0.7
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	21.4	1.5	1.3	1.3
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.3	1.1	1.1	1.5
Health	1.4	2.1	1.6	1.7
Transport	15.9	11.0	2.3	0.9
Communication	5.1	-1.4	-1.2	-0.7
Recreation services and culture	4.6	0.7	1.4	2.6
Education	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.9
Restaurants and hotels	3.0	3.7	3.7	7.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	6.0	2.2	1.0	3.3
Total	100.0	3.6	2.0	2.6

Source: Consumer Price Index for Malaysia, March 2008.

Contribution to the changes in the overall Consumer Price Index for Malaysia

Group	Weights	2006 / 2007		Jan-Mar 2007/2008	
		% change	% contribution	% change	% contribution
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	31.4	3.0	48.1	4.4	54.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	7.8	7.6	9.0	6.9
Clothing and footwear	3.1	-1.4	-2.0	-0.7	-0.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	21.4	1.3	13.6	1.3	10.7
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	4.3	1.1	2.2	1.5	2.3
Health	1.4	1.6	1.0	1.7	0.9

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Contribution to the changes in the overall Consumer Price Index for Malaysia

Group	Weights	2006 / 2007		Jan-Mar 2007/2008	
		% change	% contribution	% change	% contribution
Transport	15.9	2.3	19.7	0.9	6.1
Communication	5.1	-1.2	-3.2	-0.7	-1.4
Recreation services and culture	4.6	1.4	3.1	2.6	4.4
Education	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.4
Restaurants and hotels	3.0	3.7	5.6	7.0	8.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	6.0	1.0	2.7	3.3	7.2
Total	100.0	2.0	100.0	2.6	100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index for Malaysia, March 2008.

Consumer Price Index for Malaysia – Indices for Selected Sub-Groups in the Food

Groups

Group	2006	2007	Jan-Mar 2007	Jan-Mar 2008	
					% change
Food	103.4	106.6	105.9	110.5	4.3
Rice, bread and other cereals	101.8	103.9	102.7	108.6	5.7
Meat	99.7	102.7	100.8	105.7	4.9
Fish and seafood	108.3	111.5	112.4	115.8	3.0
Milk, cheese and eggs	100.7	105.0	102.5	115.1	12.3
Fruits	102.1	102.8	103.3	106.2	2.8
Vegetables	105.5	112.3	114.1	115.9	1.6
Other food products	101.8	105.7	104.6	107.8	3.1
Food away from home	103.7	106.9	105.7	110.2	4.3
Coffee, tea, cocoa and non-alcoholic beverages	102.0	104.7	102.8	108.8	5.8

Source: Consumer Price Index for Malaysia, March 2008.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SABAH

Percentage Changes in the overall Consumer Price Index for Sabah by Main Groups

Group (Base year 2005=100)	Weights	Percentage change (%)		
		2005/2006	2006/2007	Jan-Mar 2007/2008
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	36.0	3.8	3.5	5.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.5	6.5	7.8	9.1
Clothing and footwear	3.2	-1.7	-1.0	-0.9
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	26.4	2.0	1.4	1.4
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3.6	0.3	0.5	0.8
Health	1.0	1.3	1.8	2.7
Transport	11.7	12.9	1.8	0.4
Communication	3.6	-1.5	-1.0	-0.9
Recreation services and culture	3.8	-0.4	0.7	2.7
Education	2.2	2.0	0.5	0.4
Restaurants and hotels	2.6	4.7	4.6	9.3
Miscellaneous goods and services	4.4	1.4	0.9	2.5
Total	100.0	3.7	2.1	2.9

Source: Consumer Price Index for Malaysia, March 2008.

Contribution to the changes in the overall Consumer Price Index for Sabah

Group	Weights	2005/2006		2006/2007	
		% change	% contribution	% change	% contribution
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	36.0	3.8	38.1	3.5	59.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.5	6.5	2.7	7.8	5.6
Clothing and footwear	3.2	-1.7	-1.6	-1.0	-1.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	26.4	2.0	14.8	1.4	17.1
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7
Health	1.0	1.3	0.4	1.8	0.8
Transport	11.7	12.9	41.1	1.8	10.4

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Contribution to the changes in the overall Consumer Price Index for Sabah

Group	Weights	2005/2006		2006/2007	
		% change	% contribution	% change	% contribution
Communication	3.6	-1.5	-1.6	-1.0	-1.7
Recreation services and culture	3.8	-0.4	-0.5	0.7	1.2
Education	2.2	2.0	1.2	0.5	0.6
Restaurants and hotels	2.6	4.7	3.4	4.6	5.8
Miscellaneous goods and services	4.4	1.4	1.7	0.9	1.7
Total	100.0	3.7	100.0	2.1	100.0

Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia

Consumer Price Index for Sabah – Indices for Selected Sub-Groups in the Food

Groups

Group	2006	2007	Jan-Mar 2007	Jan-Mar 2008	
					% change
Food	103.9	107.6	106.7	112.0	5.0
Rice, bread and other cereals	101.1	103.0	102.0	107.7	5.6
Meat	100.0	107.2	105.3	109.6	4.1
Fish and seafood	109.6	116.8	116.7	123.2	5.6
Milk, cheese and eggs	102.7	105.3	103.8	111.1	7.0
Fruits	104.7	107.1	107.1	110.0	2.7
Vegetables	109.6	113.2	114.2	121.7	6.6
Other food products	101.9	106.3	104.4	108.5	3.9
Food away from home	103.6	106.4	105.0	109.7	4.5
Coffee, tea, cocoa and non-alcoholic beverages	102.2	104.6	102.8	108.6	5.6

Source: Consumer Price Index for Malaysia, March 2008.

Consumer Price Indices of Selected Countries, 2005 – 2008 March (% change)

	Malaysia (2005=100)	Indonesia (2002=100)	Philippines (2000=100)	Singapore (2004=100)
2005	3.0	17.2	7.6	0.5
2006	3.6	6.6	6.2	1.0
2007	2.0	6.6	2.8	2.1
2008 Jan	2.3	7.4	4.9	6.6
Feb	2.6	7.4	5.4	6.5
Mar	2.8	8.2	6.4	6.5

Sources: Social Statistics Bulletin Malaysia 2007 by Department of Statistics Malaysia.
Consumer Price Index for Malaysia, March 2008.
National Statistics Office, Republic of Philippines online.
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Badan Pusat Statistik Indonesia online.

HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE MALAYSIA

Average Monthly Expenditure per Household for Malaysia, 1993/94 – 2004/05

Expenditure Group	1993/94	1998/99	2004/05
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	276	368	393
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	26	30	35
Clothing and footwear	41	56	59
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	245	363	430
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	65	84	83
Health	21	29	27
Transport	168	227	314
Communication	24	59	103
Recreation services and culture	53	70	92
Education	17	31	38
Restaurants and hotels	145	209	213
Miscellaneous goods and services	78	105	167
Average monthly expenditure per household	1,161	1,631	1,953

Note: Data 1993/94 and 1998/99 was adjusted according to 2004/05 survey classification.
Source: Report on Household Expenditure Survey 2004/05.

Percentage Expenditure per Household, Malaysia, 1993/94 – 2004/05

Expenditure Group	1993/94	1998/99	2004/05
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	23.8	22.6	20.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	2.2	1.9	1.8
Clothing and footwear	3.6	3.4	3.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	21.1	22.2	22.0
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	5.6	5.1	4.3
Health	1.8	1.8	1.4
Transport	14.5	13.9	16.1
Communication	2.1	3.6	5.3
Recreation services and culture	4.6	4.3	4.7
Education	1.5	1.9	2.0
Restaurants and hotels	12.5	12.8	10.9
Miscellaneous goods and services	6.7	6.5	8.5
Percentage expenditure per household	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Data 1993/94 and 1998/99 was adjusted according to 2004/05 survey classification.

Source: Report on Household Expenditure Survey 2004/05.

Mean Monthly Gross Household Income by Ethnic Group and Strata, 1999 and 2004

Ethnic Group and Strata	In Current Prices (RM)		Average Annual Growth Rate (%)
	1999	2004	2000 - 2004
Bumiputera	1,984	2,711	6.4
Chinese	3,456	4,437	5.1
Indians	2,702	3,456	5.0
Others	1,371	2,312	11.0
Malaysia	2,472	3,249	5.6
Urban	3,103	3,956	5.0
Rural	1,718	1,875	1.8

Source: 9th Malaysia Plan

HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SABAH

Average Monthly Expenditure per Household by Stratum, Sabah, 2004/05

Expenditure Group	Total	Urban	Rural
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	366	389	342
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	19	20	19
Clothing and footwear	42	51	33
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	352	475	224
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	49	63	34
Health	12	17	8
Transport	157	203	109
Communication	50	73	26
Recreation services and culture	53	74	30
Education	29	49	8
Restaurants and hotels	110	145	74
Miscellaneous goods and services	94	133	53
Average monthly expenditure per household	1,334	1,691	960

Source: Report on Household Expenditure Survey 2004/05.

Composition of Average Monthly Household Expenditure by Expenditure Group,

Sabah, 2004/05

Expenditure Group	Total	Urban	Rural
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	27.5	23.0	35.7
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.5	1.2	2.0
Clothing and footwear	3.2	3.0	3.5
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	26.4	28.1	23.3
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3.6	3.7	3.5
Health	0.9	1.0	0.8
Transport	11.8	12.0	11.3
Communication	3.7	4.3	2.7
Recreation services and culture	4.0	4.4	3.1
Education	2.2	2.9	0.9
Restaurants and hotels	8.2	8.6	7.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.0	7.9	5.5
Average monthly expenditure per household	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Report on Household Expenditure Survey 2004/05.

Composition of Average Monthly Household Expenditure by Ethnic Group of Head of Household, Sabah, 2004/05

Expenditure Group	Malaysian Citizens				Non-Malaysian Citizens
	Total Malaysian Citizens	Bumiputera	Chinese	Others	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	25.0	26.8	19.9	26.9	44.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.3	3.7
Clothing and footwear	3.2	3.3	2.7	2.8	3.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	27.2	27.6	26.7	20.9	21.4
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3.8	3.4	4.5	6.6	2.7
Health	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.7
Transport	12.6	13.1	11.0	13.3	6.2

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Composition of Average Monthly Household Expenditure by Ethnic Group of Head of Household, Sabah, 2004/05

Communication	3.9	3.5	4.8	6.7	2.2
Recreation services and culture	4.1	3.7	5.5	3.2	2.8
Education	2.4	2.0	3.6	0.9	0.4
Restaurants and hotels	8.3	7.3	10.6	11.5	7.9
Miscellaneous goods and services	7.5	7.0	9.0	5.5	4.3
% expenditure per household	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average monthly expenditure per household	1,553	1,383	2,414	1,467	674

Source: Report on Household Expenditure Survey 2004/05.

DOMESTIC PRICE TRENDS

Fuel Prices (RM/litre)

Year	Petrol Premium (RON97)	Petrol Regular (RON 92)	Diesel
2000	1.20	1.16	0.70
2001	1.30	1.26	0.71
2002	1.33	1.29	0.74
2003	1.35	1.31	0.76
2004	1.42	1.38	0.83
2005	1.62	1.58	1.28
2006	1.92	1.88	1.58
2007	1.92	1.88	1.58
2008 April	1.92	1.88	1.58

Source: Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, Malaysia

Price of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (RM/kg)

Year	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
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2000	1.28
2001	1.28
2002	1.31
2003	1.33
2004	1.40
2005	1.45
2006	1.75
2007	1.75
2008 April	1.75

Source: Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, Malaysia

Price of Mild Steel Round Bar (RM/tonne)

Year	Mild Steel Round Bar
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	10mm	12mm	25mm	32mm
2000	1,189	1,152	1,085	1,085
2001	1,189	1,152	1,085	1,085
2002	1,189	1,152	1,085	1,085
2003	1,279	1,242	1,175	1,175
2004	1,635	1,598	1,531	1,531
2005	1,635	1,598	1,531	1,531
2006	1,635	1,598	1,531	1,531
2007	1,962	1,918	1,837	1,837
2008 April	2,365	2,316	2,225	2,225

Source: Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, Malaysia

Average Unit Prices for Mild Steel Round Bars at Kota Kinabalu

Year	Mild steel Round Bars (RM/Tonne)
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	10mm	12mm	16mm	20mm
2000	1,222.02	1,189.00	1,215.00	1,234.00
2001	1,222.02	1,189.00	1,215.00	1,234.00
2002	1,222.02	1,189.00	1,215.00	1,234.00
2003	1,353.34	1,304.67	1,364.58	1,386.42
2004	1,781.75	1,732.33	1,728.83	1,717.42
2005	1,978.92	1,939.58	1,875.42	1,870.92
2006	1,976.83	1,944.58	1,881.75	1,876.33
2007	2,230.83	2,201.50	2,146.96	2,146.96
2008 Jan	2,595.00	2,555.00	2,505.00	2,505.00
Feb	2,695.00	2,655.00	2,608.33	2,608.33

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, October 2005, December 2007 and March 2008,
Department of Statistics Malaysia, Sabah

Average Unit Price for Cement at Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan and Tawau

Year	Ordinary Portland Cement (RM/Tonne)		
	Kota Kinabalu	Sandakan	Tawau
2000	237.00	283.82	301.11
2001	237.00	284.36	300.07
2002	237.00	284.36	300.07
2003	247.75	283.34	291.02
2004	253.67	285.67	288.00
2005	254.00	287.42	288.00
2006	254.00	289.08	290.75
2007	272.98	307.47	316.78
2008 Jan *	15.65	16.20	16.45
Feb *	15.65	15.95	16.45

*: Price refers RM per 50kg bag.

Source: Monthly Statistical Bulletin Sabah, October 2005, December 2007 and March 2008,

Department of Statistics Malaysia, Sabah

Prices of Goods in Selected ASEAN Countries

	Malaysia	Indonesia	Thailand	Singapore	Philippines
Sugar (RM/kg)	1.45	2.32	1.84	3.28	2.92
Flour (RM/kg)	1.35	1.90	2.10	2.30	2.10
Cooking oil (RM/kg)	3.30	3.61	4.76	6.80	4.27
Diesel (RM/litre)	1.58	1.68	2.19	3.15	2.50
Petrol RON97 (RM/litre)	1.92	2.31	2.49	3.86	2.69
Petrol RON92 (RM/litre)	1.88	2.27	2.41	3.67	2.64

Source: Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, February 2008, reproduced in The Star newspaper, Malaysia (19 May 2008).