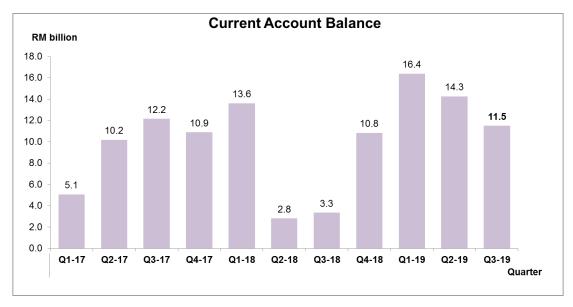


QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, THIRD QUARTER 2019

Malaysia's current account recorded a surplus of RM11.5 billion as compared to RM14.3 billion in the previous quarter. This was led by surplus in Goods Account and lower deficit in Services Account, which was primarily backed by better performance in travel activities. Nevertheless, the overall narrower surplus was influenced by widening deficit in Primary Income due to higher dividend earned by foreign companies. Meanwhile, financial account recorded a net outflow of RM1.3 billion (Q2 2019: net outflow RM18.6 billion) due to higher outflow in portfolio investment. For the period of January to September 2019, the surplus in current account reached RM42.1 billion.



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) was registered a net inflow of RM2.9 billion in this quarter which was lower than RM4.4 billion in previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from Netherlands, Singapore and Japan. Similarly, Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) registered a lower net outflow of RM3.7 billion from RM12.6 billion in preceding quarter. The main destinations of DIA were Australia, Netherlands and Canada.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM431.2 billion as compared to RM425.4 billion in last quarter.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, Q3 2019



"Malaysia's current account balance recorded a surplus of RM11.5 billion as against RM14.3 billion in the Q2 2019"

CURRENT ACCOUNT

"The surplus in current account balance was led by Goods and lower deficit in Services"

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

"Financial Account registered net outflow of RM1.3 billion mainly due to higher outflow of Portfolio Investment"





FDI & DIA PERFORMANCE



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