INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION, FOURTH QUARTER 2015

Overall International Investment Position

Malaysia's net international investment position at the end of December 2015 was RM107.1 billion reflected by higher value in Malaysian owned assets abroad (RM1,665.6 billion) than the value of foreign owned assets in Malaysia (RM1,558.5 billion).

Direct Investment

The net direct investment assets position recorded RM80.8 billion at the end of 2015, a decrease of RM20.6 billion from previous quarter. Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) stock recorded RM588.4 billion at the end of 2015 (Q3 2015: RM601.6 billion). This investment was generated mainly in financial & insurance sector (30.0%), followed by mining sector (28.3%) and information & communication sector (9.8%). The top three DIA destinations were Singapore, Indonesia and Canada.

Meanwhile, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) stock in Malaysia accounted for RM507.6 billion at the end of 2015 (Q3 2015: RM500.2 billion). Manufacturing sector remained as the top FDI recipient of 43.6 per cent, followed by financial & insurance sector (22.1%) and information & communication sector (9.3%). The top three investing countries of FDI were Singapore, Japan and Netherlands.

Portfolio Investment

At the end of 2015, portfolio investment showed a net liabilities position of RM326.6 billion from net liabilities of RM299.7 billion at the end of Q3 2015. The level of portfolio investment assets posted at RM296.7 billion and the total stock value of portfolio investment liabilities stood at RM623.3 billion.

Other Investment

The position of other investment at the end of 2015 recorded a net liabilities of RM58.2 billion (Q3 2015: net liabilities RM72.6 billion). The position of other investment assets in Q4 2015 accumulated to RM282.0 billion and the position of other investment liabilities accounted for RM340.2 billion.

Reserve Assets

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia at the end of 2015 stood at RM409.1 billion (Q3 2015: RM415.1 billion).

Year 2015

The Malaysia's international investment position reverted a net assets of RM107.1 billion from a net liabilities of RM13.1 billion a year ago. The total positions of assets and liabilities increased by RM214.6 billion and RM94.4 billion, respectively. The net direct investment position increased by RM74.1 billion as DIA stock recorded a higher position by RM114.2 billion from RM474.2 billion a year ago. While FDI position increased by RM40.1 billion from RM467.5 billion at end of 2014.

The portfolio investment position posted a lower net liabilities by RM54.6 billion from RM381.2 billion in the same period last year. In the meantime, other investment position registered a higher net liabilities position by RM14.3 billion from RM43.9 billion last year. Meanwhile, the international reserves recorded an increase of RM3.7 billion (2014:RM405.3 billion).

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