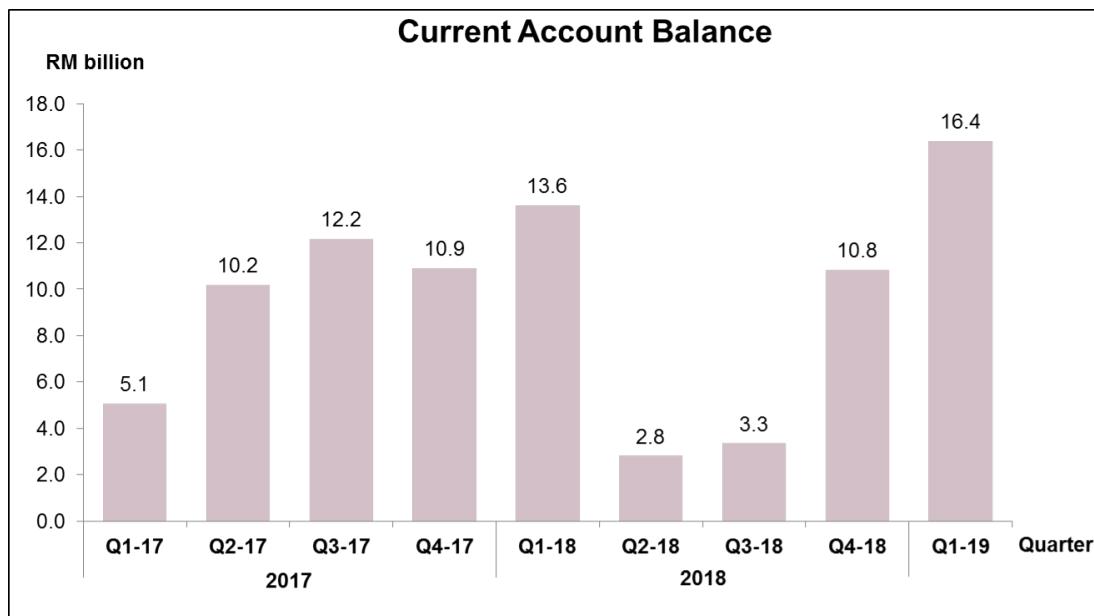




QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, FIRST QUARTER 2019

Malaysia recorded a higher current account surplus of RM16.4 billion in the first quarter of 2019 which was the largest surplus since first quarter of 2014 at RM19.8 billion. The higher surplus was mainly due lower imports of intermediate and capital goods. Concurrently, lower deficit in primary income and services accounts also contributed towards higher current account surplus.



Financial account in this quarter posted a net outflow of RM13.8 billion against RM6.1 billion last quarter. This was largely due to the higher net outflow in other investment.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into Malaysia surged to RM21.7 billion which was the highest in the quarterly series compared to RM12.9 billion in the previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from Japan, Austria and Hong Kong. Meanwhile, Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) registered a lower net outflow of RM5.5 billion as compared to RM10.8 billion in preceding quarter. The main destinations of DIA were Luxembourg, Australia and Indonesia.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM420.2 billion as compared to RM419.5 billion last quarter.



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS Q1 2019



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CURRENT ACCOUNT

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GOODS	SERVICES
Surplus RM33.8b Surplus RM32.7b Q418	Deficit RM1.8b Deficit RM3.8b Q418
PRIMARY INCOME Deficit RM10.1b Deficit RM12.9b Q418	SECONDARY INCOME Deficit RM5.5b Deficit RM5.2b Q418

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

“Financial Account posted a net outflow of RM13.8 billion”

DIRECT INVESTMENT	PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT
Net inflow RM16.3b Net inflow RM2.1b Q418	Net inflow RM2.1b Net outflow RM5.8b Q418
FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES Net outflow RM0.2b Net outflow RM0.7b Q418	OTHER INVESTMENT Net outflow RM31.9b Net outflow RM1.8b Q418

FDI & DIA PERFORMANCE



Source: Balance of Payments, Department of Statistics Malaysia

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