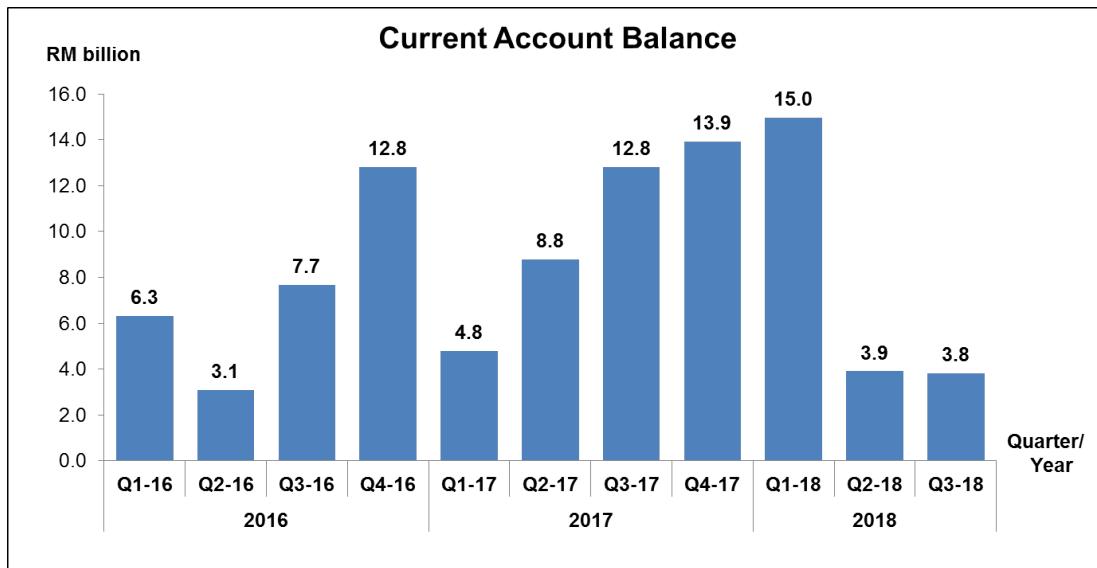




QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, THIRD QUARTER 2018

Malaysia's current account surplus recorded RM3.8 billion as compared to RM3.9 billion in the previous quarter. The slightly lower surplus was largely attributable to the widening deficit in net primary income due to higher retained earnings by the foreign investors.



The financial account recorded a lower net inflow of RM0.2 billion from RM9.2 billion in second quarter 2018. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) increased to RM3.9 billion from RM2.8 billion in the previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from United States of America, United Kingdom and Japan. Meanwhile, Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) also improved to RM3.9 billion from RM3.6 billion in the second quarter with the main destinations to Singapore, Luxembourg and United Kingdom.

Portfolio investment registered a turnaround of net inflow of RM0.6 billion from net outflow of RM38.3 billion in the previous quarter. The portfolio investment assets showed a reversal to net inflow of RM4.3 billion, while liabilities registered a lower net outflow of RM3.6 billion. Likewise, other investment also recorded a turnaround of net outflow RM0.8 billion from a net inflow of RM48.4 billion in last quarter.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM426.9 billion compared to RM423.3 billion in the previous quarter.



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Malaysia's Current Account Balance recorded a surplus of
RM3.8 billion in Q3 2018

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

Q2 18 Surplus
RM3.9b → Q3 18 Surplus
RM3.8b

Due to higher deficit in Primary Income

	Surplus		Deficit	
	Q3 18	RM26.6b	Q3 18	RM3.3b
Goods	Surplus	RM26.1b	Deficit	RM6.2b
Primary Income	Deficit	RM15.0b	Deficit	RM4.5b
Secondary Income	Deficit	RM11.2b	Deficit	RM4.7b

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Q2 18 Net inflow
RM9.2b → Q3 18 Net inflow
RM0.2b

Due to turnaround in Other Investment

	Net inflow	Q3 18 RM0.1b	Net inflow	Q3 18 RM0.3b
	Net outflow	Q2 18 RM0.7b	Net outflow	Q2 18 RM0.2b
Direct Investment	Net inflow	Q3 18 RM0.6b	Net outflow	Q3 18 RM0.8b
	Net outflow	Q2 18 RM38.3b	Net inflow	Q2 18 RM48.4b
Financial Derivatives	Net inflow	Q3 18 RM0.1b	Net outflow	Q3 18 RM0.3b
	Net outflow	Q2 18 RM0.7b	Net inflow	Q2 18 RM0.2b
Portfolio Investment	Net inflow	Q3 18 RM0.6b	Net outflow	Q3 18 RM0.8b
	Net outflow	Q2 18 RM38.3b	Net inflow	Q2 18 RM48.4b
Other Investment	Net outflow	Q3 18 RM0.8b	Net inflow	Q3 18 RM0.3b
	Net inflow	Q2 18 RM48.4b	Net outflow	Q2 18 RM0.2b



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