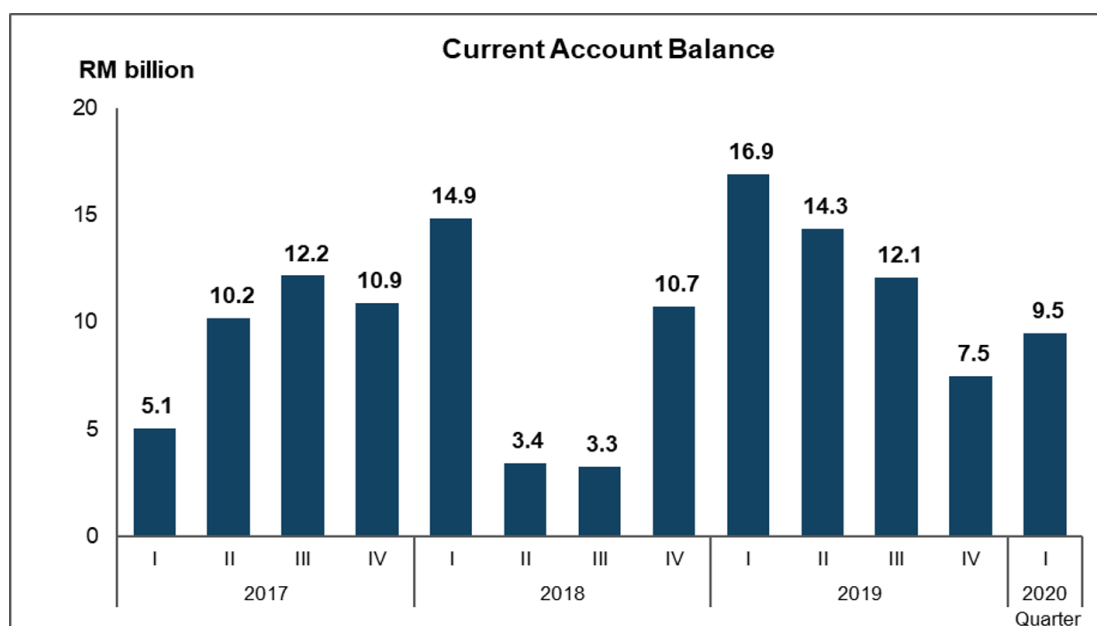




QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, FIRST QUARTER 2020

Malaysia's Current Account Balance (CAB) recorded a surplus of RM9.5 billion in the first quarter of 2020. This was led by the surplus in Goods account and the smaller deficit in Primary income whereby foreign companies in Malaysia earned lower income of RM16.3 billion as compared to RM25.1 billion in the previous quarter.

Meanwhile, Financial account registered a higher net outflow of RM13.3 billion in the first quarter of 2020 as compared to RM0.1 billion in previous quarter. This was primarily contributed by higher outflow in Portfolio investment due to redemption upon maturity and selling off debt securities by non-residents.



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) expanded to RM6.4 billion from RM5.4 billion in the previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from USA, Singapore and Ireland in Manufacturing, Financial and insurance; and Mining and quarrying. In the same time, Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) also increased from RM1.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 2019 to RM3.0 billion this quarter. The main destinations of DIA were UK, Indonesia and Canada which channelled to Mining and quarrying, Information and communication; and Agriculture sectors.

The international reserves stood at RM440.0 billion as compared to RM424.0 billion in preceding quarter.



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, Q1 2020



“Malaysia’s current account balance recorded a surplus of **RM9.5 billion** as against RM7.5 billion in the Q4 2019”

Current Account

“Current account balance recorded a surplus of **RM9.5 billion** due to:
❖ a continuous surplus in goods;
❖ the smaller deficit in primary income as foreign companies in Malaysia earned lower income amidst the economic uncertainty in this quarter.”

Financial Account

“Financial Account registered a higher net outflow of **RM13.3 billion** mainly due to outflow of Portfolio Investment”



FDI and DIA Performance

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
Net inflow **RM6.4b**
(Q4-19: Net inflow RM5.4b)



Direct Investment Abroad (DIA)
Net outflow **RM3.0b**
(Q4-19: Net outflow RM1.1b)

Note: b refers to billion

Source: Balance of Payments, Department of Statistics Malaysia

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