

BUSINESS TIMES HIGHLIGHT  
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian private sector is receptive to the idea of using regional currencies in intra-Asean trade, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz says. page 1;

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian shares finished mostly firmer in active trading yesterday despite some profit-taking after the sharp run-up last week, with total turnover again exceeding one billion shares. page 1;

3. KUALA LUMPUR: The Entrepreneur Development Ministry is in the process of developing a new set of strategies, bent on making it an "entrepreneur-friendly" ministry in light of the region's economic problems. page 2;

4. KUALA LUMPUR: The Information Ministry yesterday launched the "Tabung Setia Negara" (National Loyalty Fund) for the collection of donations from its staff and the public to help the Government counter economic problems. page 2;

5. KUALA LUMPUR: The Multimedia Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (MDC) will organise a series of educational roadshows throughout the country to inform the public about the Multimedia Super Corridor Project (MSC), its Director for client services Dr Muhammad Ghazie Ismail said. page 2;

6. KUALA LUMPUR: The price of imported food is becoming a major contributor to the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as a result of the ringgit's depreciation, said Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud. page 3;

7. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday Malaysia is still keen to be involved in the reconstruction of Lebanon. page 20;

8. TOKYO: The economic problems facing South-East Asia call for the establishment of a new international monetary system, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim says. page 20;

9. KUALA LUMPUR: The International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti) will close some of its local and overseas offices to cut costs and boost their effectiveness. page 20;

10. KUALA LUMPUR: The working committee of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC), in its quest to work out possible short - and long-term solutions to the country's economic problems, recently held discussions with 22 organisations representing the stockbroking community, manufacturers and individual companies. page 20

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