

**Sales Value Of Manufacturing Sector Records 1.1 Per Cent Year-on-year Growth
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 (Bernama) -- The sales value of the manufacturing sector in December last year posted a year-on-year growth of 1.1 per cent (RM0.5 billion) to record RM48.8 billion as compared to the RM48.3 billion reported in the same month of 2010.

Month-on-month, the sales value also increased by three per cent or RM1.4 billion as compared with the preceding month, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia.

The sales value in November 2011 was a revised positive six per cent year-on-year to record RM47.4 billion.

The year-on-year increase in the sales value during the current month as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year was generated by the growth in the sales value of 75 industries (65.2 per cent) out of 115 industries covered in the survey.

The five major industries whose sales value increased significantly were the manufacture of refined petroleum products (24.2 per cent), manufacture of basic iron and steel products (13 per cent), manufacture of machined tools (53.3 per cent), manufacture of fertilisers and nitrogen compounds (68.4 per cent) and manufacture of domestic appliances, not elsewhere classified (45 per cent).

The increase in the sales value during the current month as compared with the preceding month was generated by the growth in sales value of 79 industries (68.7 per cent) out of 115 industries covered in the survey.

The five major industries whose sales value increased were the manufacture of refined petroleum products (3.6 per cent), manufacture of semi-conductor devices (14.5 per cent), manufacture of computer and computer peripherals (18.7 per cent), manufacture of electronic valves and tubes and printed circuit boards (12.2 per cent) and manufacture of television and radio transmitters and apparatus for line telephony and line telegraph (22.3 per cent).

Salaries and wages paid in December 2011 increased 11.6 per cent or RM271.9 million, month-on-month to register RM2.617 billion.

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