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MALAYSIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (MHDI) 2023

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PUTRAJAYA, DECEMBER 11, 2024 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) successfully published the Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI) Report for the second time for the year 2023. This index measures the level of human development which is the main criteria in measuring the progress of a country aside from economic aspects.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said “MHDI was measured based on three dimensions namely long and healthy life, access to knowledge and a decent standard of living. The long and healthy life dimension is measured based on one indicator which is life expectancy at birth. The access to knowledge dimension comprises two indicators namely expected years of schooling and mean years of schooling. Meanwhile, the decent standard of living dimension consists of one indicator namely Gross National Income (GNI) per capita”.

MHDI employs a score value from 0.000 to 1.000. This measurement indicates that the higher the score obtained, the better the level of Malaysia's development. The score values on the MHDI scale shows a value below 0.550 as low; 0.550 to 0.699 as medium; 0.700 to 0.799 as high, while a score of 0.800 and above as very high.

According to Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir, "The performance of the MHDl score in 2023 was at a very high level of development with a score of 0.816. An analysis by dimension index showed that the highest index score recorded in 2023 was the Gross National Income (GNI) Index with a score of 0.872 (2022: 0.872), followed by the Life Expectancy Index of 0.826 (2022: 0.823) and the Education Index of 0.754 (2022: 0.757). All indices were at a very high level of development except the Education Index at a high level".

From 2022 to 2023, the **Life Expectancy Index** recorded an increase of 0.003 index points, rising from 0.823 in 2022 to 0.826 in 2023. This improvement in the life expectancy index is attributed to a reduction in the number of deaths in 2023 as compared to 2021 and 2022, during which there were excess deaths due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The **Education Index** decreased by 0.003 points, with an index score of 0.754 as compared to the previous year's score of 0.757. The indicator for expected years of schooling contributed to this decline in the index. The **GNI Index** remained at a score of 0.872 in 2023 as compared to 2022, due to encouraging economic performance with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 3.6 percent.

Performance of MHDl By State

Eight states were at a very high level of development in 2023. The state with the highest MHDl score is W.P. Kuala Lumpur* with a score of 0.890, followed by W.P. Labuan (0.843), Pulau Pinang (0.839), Selangor (0.837), Melaka (0.822), Negeri Sembilan (0.820), Sarawak (0.813), and Pahang (0.801). Meanwhile, the states that registered a high level of development were Johor (0.796), Perak (0.790), Terengganu (0.782), Kedah (0.770), Perlis (0.770), Sabah (0.766) and Kelantan (0.755).

The five states that recorded the highest increase in index points were Melaka, which was 0.011 index points to 0.822 in 2023 as compared to 0.811 in 2022. Pulau Pinang increased by 0.009 index points to 0.839 as compared to 0.830 during the same period. Meanwhile, W.P. Kuala Lumpur*, Negeri Sembilan and Johor increased by 0.003 index points in 2023.

The three states that recorded the highest decrease in index points were Sarawak, which fell by 0.012 index points from a score of 0.825 to 0.813, and Sabah, which decreased by 0.006 index points from a score of 0.772 to 0.766. Terengganu also saw a decline of 0.005 index points from 0.787 to 0.782. Additionally, Perlis and Perak recorded the same score for both years, with scores of 0.770 and 0.790 respectively.

The Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDI) 2023 Report can be downloaded for free from the Department of Statistics Malaysia portal at www.dosm.gov.my.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has launched OpenDOSM NextGen as a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis of various data and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on 20th October. MyStats Day theme is "Statistics is the Essence of Life". DOSM commemorates its 75th Diamond Jubilee in 2024.

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Chart 1: Malaysia Human Development Index (MHDl), 2015 - 2023

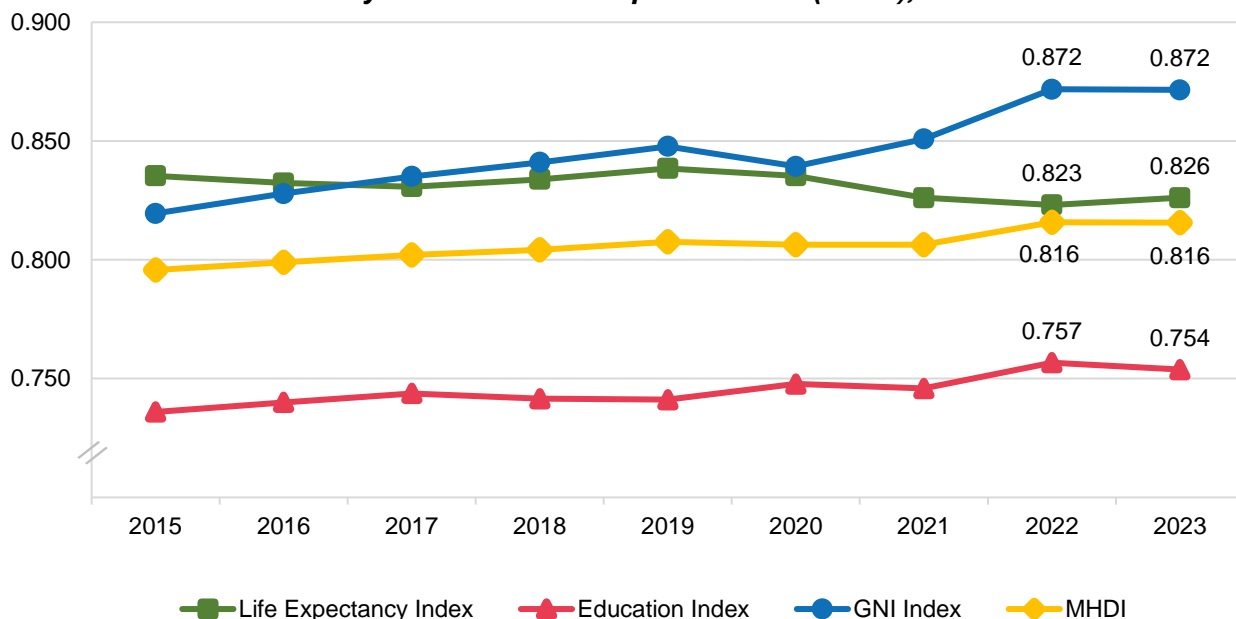


Chart 2: MHDl by State, 2022 and 2023



Note: *Include W.P. Putrajaya

Note: Data refer to Malaysia citizens