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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI was in line with the regional downtrend yesterday. The index closed 28.2 points or 2.09% lower to 1,322.7. A total 4.74bn shares worth RM2.77bn were traded. Losers were 523 versus gainers of 355.

Japan's Nikkei 225 Index lost 4.50% or 851.6 points to 18,065.4. Hang Seng Index and Shanghai Composite Index also finished lower as both the indices dropped 0.57% and 2.19% respectively.

US stock markets fell sharply overnight after President Trump warned a painful outlook of coming two weeks due to Covid-19. Dow Jones dived 973.5 points to 20,943.5, Nasdaq Composite Index sank 4.41% to 7,360.6 and S&P 500 Index lost 114.1 points to 2,470.5.



News For The Day

Plantation giants FGV and Sime Darby plead for less stringent control

The country's two largest plantation groups – FGV Holdings and Sime Darby Plantation Bhd are pleading for the Sabah state government's understanding of the tough situation that the oil palm estate owners are facing in the state as a result of shutting down operations in the state. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Yinson terminates Ghana FPSO contract

Yinson Holding Bhd, via its Ghanaian joint venture, has terminated its letter of intent with Aker Energy Ghana Limited, as Aker Energy has postponed the activities under the Deepwater Tano/Cape Three Points Petroleum Agreement and the development of the project until further notice amid the Covid-19 pandemic. – *Sunbiz*

Sapura Energy says discussing with banks to refinance borrowings

Sapura Energy Bhd says it is in discussions with banks to refinance the oil and gas support services provider's borrowings and that these lenders are supportive of the company's refinancing plans. The company expects to complete the refinancing exercise this year. – *The Edge Markets*

Megah Port Management takes over Labuan Port, allocates RM10m for upgrades

Straits Inter Logistics Bhd's 51%-owned subsidiary, Megah Port Management Sdn Bhd has taken over the management of Labuan Liberty Terminal effective today, for the next six years. Megah Port will be handling the operation and facility management of the port, with an allocation of RM10m for upgrading works. – *Sunbiz*



Our Thoughts

Investors sentiments again were severely tested yesterday as Wall Street saw another wave of selling. The DJI Average declined by almost 1,000 points on concerns over the US economic health as Covid-19 cases in the US has broken the 200,000 mark. With this, we reckon regional markets may experience some selling pressure today. Locally, following the FBM KLCI decline yesterday breaking the 1,330 support level effortlessly, we envisage the next support at 1,300 to be under threat.



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