

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

Country:

Malaysia

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I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Malaysia Statistical Business Register (MSBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Department of Statistics, Malaysia

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Methodology and Research Division

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

17

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To maintain the comprehensive list of businesses and companies operating in Malaysia and establish a common framework in the creation of harmonized registers for statistical purposes. It also serves as a tool in the preparation and coordination of surveys as well as a source of information for statistical analysis of business population and demographics

6. Year of establishment of the register

1993

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2010

8. Number of active enterprises* in the register at the end of 2015

*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

Enterprises: 1,137,156

Establishment: 1,141,350

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2015) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Updating MSBR for Economic Census 2016

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The updating process are based on:

1) Regular survey conducted by the Department

2) MSBR Quality Improvement Surveys

3) Administrative data from Employees Provident Fund, Inland Revenue Board, Customs (Malaysia GST) etc.

2. Short title of work which was done

Business Profiling

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The profiling updating function has been developed in MSBR and the updating process is being carried out by the staff.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2016) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Trade by Enterprise Characteristics (TEC)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Integrating MSBR with trade database to describe the characteristics of the businesses that engaged in international market. Traditional trade statistics record the types of goods that are trading across borders between countries but do not describe the characteristics of the businesses that are behind of these trade flows. The linkage of trade statistics with business registers allows us to describe those who are engaged in global market, and what are their characteristics.

2. Short title of work planned

Business Demography Statistics

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The aim is to present the demography statistics on the active population of enterprises, the birth, survival and death. In order to produce the statistics, the key variable that are needed to be incorporated in MSBR is 'incorporation date' of the enterprises. The department is in the process of getting the data on enterprises' 'incorporated date' from Companies Commission of Malaysia. At present, only 22 percent of establishments equipped with the information in MSBR

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

TEC Project : The quality of unique identifier

Description of the challenge

The unique identifier in TEC project is business registration number (available in MSBR and trade database). However, the poor quality of business registration number in trade database has contributed to the unmatched data. Thus, it might lead to inaccurate of TEC statistics.

2. Main challenge 2

Administrative data: Unique ID from various agencies

Description of the challenge

Business registration number is unique ID in MSBR. The enterprise lists from other sources/ agencies are matched by using this ID to update MSBR. In some cases, the business registration number is not available from certain sources/ agencies. Thus, the updating process will take longer time.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge