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## Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI ended lower to 1,652.41 losing 3.26% or 0.2% yesterday. However, the blue-chip casino play GENM saw a gain of 7.2% in share price following the news of expected early opening of its theme park. Volume traded was higher stood at 3.2bn unit of shares worth RM2.29bn traded.

Asian stock markets continued its uptrend with the Shanghai Composite Index rose 0.8%, Hang Seng Index gained 0.2% and Nikkei 225 climbed 0.41%.

US markets closed mixed on Wednesday. The Dow declined 0.29% but the S&P 500 Index and Nasdaq Composite hit record close at 3,019.56 points and 8,321.50 points respectively.



## Our Thoughts

The word recession has had appeared rather frequently of late. In real terms, the word "Recession" denotes a business cycle contraction when there is a general decline in economic activity usually defined as a negative economic growth and generally occur when there is a widespread drop in spending. In Malaysia, the government is steadily pump-priming the construction sector to a tune of around RM400bn which will cascade down to other sub-segments. Therefore, we infer that recession is not happening any time soon.



## News For The Day

### **BN: Recession fears are overplayed**

Malaysia's economy is expected to see moderate but steady growth despite risks from the escalating trade war between the US and China, said Bank Negara director of economics Mohd Fraziali Ismail. "I think recession fears are overplayed. What we expect is moderate but steady economic growth as compared to previous years," he told reporters after his talk on "US-China Trade War – Context and Implications". – *The Star*

### **Hibiscus reaches first oil in North Sabah PSC**

Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd's wholly owned subsidiary SEA Hibiscus Sdn Bhd has achieved the first oil in the North Sabah enhanced oil recovery production sharing contract (PSC). It had drilled and completed the SJ - 105A well, the first of three infill wells being drilled as part of the St Joseph infill drilling project. – *The Sun Daily*

### **Vizione to bid for Solar Photovoltaic Plants**

It has inked a Memorandum of Collaboration with Engineering Protocol Sdn Bhd for a potential joint investment to bid for the third round of the Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic project which is worth RM2bn. - *The Edge*

### **DNeX's NSW contract extended for 2 years**

Dagang NeXchange Bhd's contract for the National Single Window for trade facilitation has been extended for two years by the government. The contract extension will commence from Sept 1, 2019 until Aug 31, 2021– *The Sun Daily*

### **GHL partners with Thanachart Bank**

GHL Systems Bhd via its 100% subsidiary GHL (Thailand) Co Ltd together with Thanachart Bank Public Company Limited have jointly launched smart payment terminals in Thailand. - *The Edge*



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