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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's industrial production index (IPI) for 2022 narrowed to 6.9% from 7.2% recorded in 2021, driven by the manufacturing index (8.2%); electricity index (4.5%); and mining index (2.8%), according to the Statistics Department (DoSM).

Chief Statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said for the final quarter of 2022 (4Q 2022), the index grew at a slower rate of 4.1% compared to 4Q 2021, attributed to the growth in manufacturing (4.0%) and mining (6.2%) indices.

"In December, the index's growth slipped to 3% from 4.8% recorded in November, driven by the mining index (4.1%) and manufacturing index (3%)," he said.

He said output in the manufacturing sector expanded by 3% in December 2022, driven by electrical and electronics products (7.2%); transport equipment and other manufactures (8.5%); food, beverages and tobacco products (3.4%); and non-metallic mineral products, basic metal and fabricated metal products (2.2%).

Smaller declines were recorded in the output of petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products (-0.9%); and textiles, wearing apparel, leather products and footwear (-0.5%).

Meanwhile, the production of wood products, furniture, paper products and printing continued to decline by 4.3% (November 2022: -3.6%). - Bernama