

## **MALAYSIA BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND ECONOMICS GROWTH**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This paper examines the structure and trends of Malaysian bilateral exports and imports and then investigates whether these bilateral exports and imports have caused Malaysian economic growth. Although the structure of Malaysia's trade has changed quite significantly over the last three decades, the direction of Malaysia's trade remains generally the same. Broadly, ASEAN, the EU, East Asia, the US and Japan continue to be the Malaysia's major trading partners. The Granger causality tests have shown that it is the bilateral imports that have caused economic growth in Malaysia rather than the bilateral exports.