ECONOMIC INDICATORS

05 - 02 - 2010

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Feb. 05	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	114.64	114.44	113.86
STG	180.58	185.30	164.29
Yen	1.28	1.27	1.28
Euro	157.16	160.15	146.04
INR (1)	2.49	2.48	2.35
SDR (As at 03 Feb. 10)	178.18	177.51	170.15
Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US$ Mn.) - total for Month	Jan. 2009	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	27.25	59.40	20.50
Sales	34.15	33.35	272.20
Week	**Week ending Feb. 05**	**Year Ago**	**Ago**
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	54.30	26.07	47.12
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)(2)			
1 month	115.19	115.11	114.99
3 months	116.06	-	117.25
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ Mn)	4.99	8.32	17.32
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ Mn) (As at 03 Feb. 10)	556.63	644.36	788.46

In nominal terms the Rupee depreciated against the US$, Yen, INR while it appreciated against the STG, Euro and SDR.
(1) Central Bank indicative rate. (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending Feb. 05	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)*	10.75	11.24	20.10
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	7.99	7.95	15.99
- 182 days	8.93	8.90	16.96
- 364 days	9.46	9.46	17.76
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.50	7.50	10.50
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase rate	9.75	9.75	12.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	8.89	9.08	14.69
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	9.01	9.04	14.67
7 days	9.30	9.30	16.42
1 month	9.50	9.50	17.31
3 months	9.80	9.71	17.71
6 months	10.60	9.95	18.71
12 months	10.24	10.22	19.42
	Nov. 2009	**Month ago**	**Year ago**
Saving deposits - Commercial Banks	1.50-12.50	1.50-12.50	3.00-16.50
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	7.25-19.00	7.75-19.00	8.50-19.75
	Jan. 2010	**Month Ago**	**Year Ago**
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit (AWDR)	7.73	8.01	11.74
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit (AWFDR)	10.46	10.91	16.92
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	9.50	9.50	15.00
	(2 Y & 01 Mnts)	**(04 Y & 03 Mnts)**	**(05 Y & 08 Mnts)**
Treasury Bonds Auction	**11.01.10**	**11.01.10**	**11.01.10**
Coupon rate	14.50	11.75	11.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	9.55	9.78	9.92

Call money rates remained between 8.25 to 9.38 percent during the week.
AWPR- Average for the month of January 2010 - 10.99

Bankwise-AWPR	**Week ending 05/02/2010**	**Week Ago**
Bank of Ceylon	11.11	11.28
People's Bank	11.17	11.00
Hatton National Bank	9.90	12.62
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	10.76	10.56
Sampath Bank	10.75	10.86
Seylan Bank	11.49	11.62
Union Bank of Colombo	14.60	14.56
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	11.00	11.28
Nations Trust Bank	9.98	9.92
DFCC Vardhana Bank	12.32	12.33
NDB Bank	10.65	10.90
HSBC	11.07	11.29
Standard Chartered Bank	10.08	10.33
Citi Bank	12.53	12.42
Deutsche Bank	9.65	9.37
Habib Bank	11.05	11.75
Indian Bank	12.49	13.50
Indian Overseas Bank	12.75	12.75
MCB Bank	14.50	10.75
State Bank of India	15.16	15.16
Public Bank	15.15	15.00
ICICI Bank	11.66	11.66

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions and Weighted Average Yield Rates

Item/Week ended		**Week ending Feb.03 2010**	**Week ending Jan. 27 2010**
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		Rs. Mn.	Rs.Mn.
T-bills	Outstanding	531,929	506,940
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	37,039	37,039
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	42,840	42,620
T-bonds	Outstanding	1,664,151	1,668,981
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	40,145	40,145
Primary Issues	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	146,640	146,040
T-bills	Amount offered	10,000	11,000
	Total bids received	20,651	17,653
	Total bids accepted	9,343	8,248
T-bonds	Amount offered	0	0
	Total bids received	0	0
	Total bids accepted	0	0
Latest Primary Issues T-bills			
	= 91 days	7.99%	7.95%
	182 days	8.93%	8.90%
	364 days	9.46%	9.46%
T-bonds			
2 year	Last Issue 04.11.08	20.43%	20.43%
2 year	Last Issue 15.01.10	9.55%	9.55%
3 year	Last Issue 03.08.09	12.83%	12.83%
4 year	Last Issue 15.01.10	9.78%	10.32%
5 year	Last Issue 23.10.09	10.32%	9.92%
6 year	Last Issue 15.11.09	9.92%	13.09%
10 year	Last Issue 03.08.09	13.09%	7.63%
15 year	Last Issue 15.08.03	7.63%	6.08%
20 year	Last Issue 23.10.03	6.08%	6.08%
Secondary Market Activities			
T-Bills			
Outright transactions	**Purchased**	**9,135**	**1,755**
	Sold	**14,274**	**11,148**
Repo transactions	Repurchase	11,109	10,238
	Reverse Repurchase	9,886	7,517
T-bonds			
Outright transactions	Purchased	4,452	4,600
	Sold	5,432	4,768
Repo transactions	Repurchase	47,065	52,053
	Reverse Repurchase	15,105	13,318
Item/Week Ended Secondary Market		**Week ending** Feb. 03 2010 After tax	**Week ending** Jan. 27 2010 After tax
Weighted Average Yield Rates			
Treasury Bills			
Purchased	= 91 days	8.10%	7.95%
	= 182 days	8.95%	8.98%
	= 364 days	9.50%	9.55%
Sold	= 91 days	7.95%	7.90%
	= 182 days	8.90%	8.90%
	= 364 days	9.40%	9.45%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased	= 1 year	9.55%	9.55%
	= 2 year	10.50%	10.50%
	= 3 year	10.68%	10.75%
	= 4 year	11.88%	11.80%
	= 5 year	11.95%	11.90%
	= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Sold	= 1 year	9.45%	9.50%
	= 2 year	10.40%	10.40%
	= 3 year	10.60%	10.65%
	= 4 year	11.80%	11.75%
	= 5 year	11.80%	11.80%
	= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Primary Auctions and Primary Dealer Weekly Reporting System

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 03/02/2010

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
15.50% 2010 F	2	15/05/10	101.55	9.47	101.66	9.10
15.50% 2010 B	2	01/07/10	102.36	9.37	102.46	9.12
15.50% 2010 C	2	01/08/10	102.85	9.47	103.00	9.15
15.50% 2010 D	2	15/09/10	103.45	9.50	103.64	9.18
15.50% 2010 E	2	15/12/10	104.52	9.86	104.77	9.57
15.50% 2011 A	2	15/01/11	104.79	10.05	105.12	9.70
15.50% 2011 B	2	01/03/11	105.26	10.18	105.64	9.80
12.00% 2011 A	2	15/07/11	102.31	10.23	102.89	9.80
10.85% 2010 A	3	01/07/10	100.46	9.59	100.57	9.31
14.50% 2011 A	3	15/02/11	104.35	9.95	104.66	9.64
14.50% 2011 B	3	15/06/11	105.27	10.23	105.83	9.80
14.50% 2011 C	3	15/09/11	106.16	10.23	106.82	9.80
14.50% 2012 A	3	15/01/12	106.75	10.56	107.39	10.21
14.50% 2012 B	3	15/02/12	107.18	10.51	107.63	10.20
07.20% 2010 A	4	01/11/10	98.08	9.93	98.30	9.60
13.50% 2010 B	4	01/04/10	105.67	10.48	106.28	10.17

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Rs/Kg

Item	Week Ending 05.02.10	Week Ago Avg	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	78.20	78.00	74.67	64.12
Sudu Kekulu	64.00	64.00	61.39	55.62
Raw Red	63.00	63.25	59.60	54.35
Nadu	67.00	67.75	64.91	56.31

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs. Mn)	Week ending 03.Feb.10	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	2,733	3,975	16,175
Central Bank Holdings (a) - Treasury Bills	28,580	21,380	157,765

(a) Daily average for week

CREDIT CARDS *

	2009** End Nov.	2009 End Oct.	2008 End Dec.
Total number of Active Cards	844,732	848,296	917,418
Local (accepted only locally)	58,343	58,326	57,641
Global (accepted globally)	786,389	789,970	859,777
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	31,616	31,731	34,212
Local (accepted only locally)	753	746	856
Global (accepted globally)	30,863	30,985	33,356

* Issued by commercial banks
** Provisional

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 03 Feb. 10	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	3,698	3,591	1,802
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	4,240	4,125	1,936
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,911	1,354	158
Market Capitalisation (Rs. bn)	1,191.4	1,156.7	586.4

The All Share Price Index and Milanka Price index have increased by 107 and 115 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs. 590 mn.

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2009* End Nov	2009 End Oct	2008 End Dec.
Total issues (Rs. bn.)	20.8	19.6	23.8
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)	5.8	6.0	4.1

* Provisional
(1) Based on the information provided by commercial banks.

MONEY SUPPLY

	2009(a) Nov.	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	313.5	294.5	262.2
M2 (Rs. bn)	1,497.0	1,461.3	1,253.3
M2b (Rs. bn)	1,770.5	1,755.4	1,491.1
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	413.8	427.8	120.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	1,356.6	1,327.6	1,370.4
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	650.5	642.1	519.9
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	73.4	70.6	42.1
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	1,188.1	1,176.4	1,265.8
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	288.2	288.8	253.6
Annual Change(%)			
M1	19.6	10.5	2.0
M2	19.4	17.0	10.7
M2b	18.7	17.8	7.3
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	242.9	202.4	-47.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	-1.0	-1.5	18.2
Net Credit to Government	25.1	32.0	44.3
Credit to Corporations	74.5	71.6	-18.8
Credit to the Private Sector	-6.1	-6.5	8.5
Reserve Money	13.6	4.6	-4.0

(a) Provisional
(b) In relation to M2b

NOMINAL WAGES

	2009(a) Dec.	2008 Dec.	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978=100)(b)	4,651.6	4,235.1	9.8
Workers in Wages Boards Trades (1978=100)	2,171.5	2,171.4	0.0
Agriculture	2,349.6	2,349.4	0.0
Industry & Commerce	2,054.0	2,054.0	0.0
Services	1,545.8	1,545.8	0.0

(a) Provisional
(b) Non-executive officers and minor employees
(c) The indices were updated to reflect wages rates given in the Public Administration Circular 6/2006.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2009 Oct.	2008 Oct.	% Change
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	196.5	189.7	3.6
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	85.1	90.5	-6.0

* Provisional

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	01.02. 2010	02.02. 2010	03.02. 2010	05.02. 2010
Repo Auction				
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	13.50	23.00	20.00	20.00
Bids received (Rs.bn)	18.52	21.46	17.80	18.57
Amount accepted (Rs.bn)	13.50	21.46	17.80	18.57
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	8.18	8.18	8.18	8.18
Standing Facilities (Volumes)				
Repo (Rs.bn.)	5.42	0.42	1.91	2.07
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 05.02.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	70.00	79.00	81.63	68.11
Kekulu (Red)	71.00	65.50	69.25	58.13
Beans	80.00	142.50	101.88	76.86
Cabbage	65.00	80.00	65.00	42.55
Carrots	80.00	170.00	116.25	75.73
Tomatoes	120.00	100.00	91.25	56.23
Pumpkins	25.00	35.00	31.88	30.55
Snakegourd	30.00	57.50	56.25	38.77
Brinjals	30.00	80.00	82.00	43.87
Ash-Plantains	60.00	80.00	70.63	48.17
Red-Onions (Local)	100.00	95.00	101.25	78.24
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	54.03
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	77.50	77.50	83.75	80.54
Dried Chillies (Imported)	178.00	182.00	183.25	180.89
Dhal (Indian)	155.00	160.00	155.50	172.90
Eggs (Red) (Each)	10.00	9.50	10.50	9.96
Coconut (Each)	28.00	28.00	27.00	21.74
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	270.00	285.00	288.75	289.90
Balaya	290.00	200.00	183.33	210.94
Salaya	120.00	80.00	116.67	82.65
Paraw (Small)	330.00	300.00	302.50	321.60

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 05.02.10	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	n.a.	85.00	87.00	72.90
Kekulu (Red)	73.00	72.00	73.75	62.45
Beans	100.00	160.00	112.50	91.96
Cabbage	80.00	120.00	87.50	65.20
Carrots	100.00	200.00	140.00	93.14
Tomatoes	160.00	140.00	112.50	76.96
Pumpkins	40.00	50.00	45.00	42.25
Snakegourd	50.00	80.00	71.25	54.41
Brinjals	40.00	100.00	96.50	58.14
Ash-Plantains	80.00	100.00	81.25	62.45
Red-Onions (Local)	130.00	n.a.	160.00	101.89
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	69.69
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	90.00	90.00	92.50	93.90
Dried Chillies (Imported)	220.00	220.00	220.00	215.39
Dhal (Indian)	165.00	170.00	165.00	187.86
Eggs (Red) (Each)	10.50	10.00	10.80	10.23
Coconut (Each)	32.00	33.00	32.00	26.14
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	400.00	400.00	400.00	390.51
Balaya	230.00	230.00	216.67	257.20
Salaya	160.00	120.00	143.33	112.24
Paraw (Small)	400.00	350.00	362.50	372.50

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 05 Feb. 2010 (Rs.Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)		
Samba	73.00	82.50
Kekulu (Red)	63.50	71.00
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	13.13	30.63
Snakegourd	21.75	47.50
Ash-Plantains	48.75	68.13
Beans	55.00	73.75
Carrots	89.38	113.75
Tomatoes	68.75	101.25
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N/Eliya)	72.50	105.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	179.25	225.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	65.00	98.33
Coconut (Each)	26.50	30.63

PRICE INDICES

	Jan. 2010	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2002 = 100)	216.4	213.5	203.1
Annual Average Change %	3.1	3.4	21.6
Point to Point Change %	6.5	4.8	10.7
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2002 = 100)	197.8	193.2	183.4
Annual Average Change %	8.6	9.2	14.3
Point to Point Change %	7.9	5.9	15.5
	Sep. 2009	**Month Ago**	**Year Ago**
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	3,658.5	3,568.5	3,689.8
Annual Average Change %	-5.3	-3.9	32.1

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2009* Jan-Dec.	2008* Jan-Dec.	% Change
Tea (Mn Kg)	289.8	318.7	-9.1
	Jan-Nov.	**Jan-Dec.**	
Rubber (Mn. Kg.)	125.0	119.2	4.9]
Coconuts (Mn.Nuts.)	2,648.5	2,498.8	6.0

* Provisional

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

	2009** Sep.	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	146.7	183.4	168.3
Quantity	132.3	146.2	143.2
Unit Value	110.9	125.4	117.5
Total Imports			
Value	161.3	169.0	252.5
Quantity	155.8	136.2	170.1
Unit Value	103.5	124.1	148.4
Terms of Trade	107.1	101.1	79.2

* In US$ Terms
** Provisional

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2009 End Nov.(a)	2008 End Dec.	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	6,894.0	2,991.5	130.5
	Rs Mn	790,010.2	338,455.3	133.4
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	5,228.0	1,753.4	198.2
	Rs Mn	599,097.0	198,380.7	202.0
		2009(a) Jan-Nov.	**2008 Jan-Nov.**	**% Change**
Private Remittances				
Inflows	US$ Mn	3,035.4	2,657.8	14.2
	Rs Mn	349,092.6	287,100.7	21.6
Outflows	US$ Mn	307.4	286.4	7.3
	Rs Mn	35,303.0	30,989.4	13.9
Net	US$ Mn	2,727.9	2,371.3	15.0
	Rs Mn	313,789.6	256,111.4	22.5

(a) Provisional
(b) Excluding ACU receipts
(c) By end November 2009, the total level of foreign reserves were sufficient to finance 8.4 months of imports and the gross official reserves were sufficient to finance 6.4 months of imports.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

		2009 Nov.	2008 Nov.	% Change
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs/Kg	383.91	217.79	76.3
	US$/Kg	3.35	1.98	69.2
Imports (C & F)				
Rice	Rs/MT	41,781.7	98,923.8	-57.8
	US$/MT	364.9	899.3	-59.4
White Sugar	Rs/MT	66,182.9	42,741.4	54.8
	US$/MT	578.0	388.5	48.8
Crude Oil	Rs/Barrel	9,066.5	7,563.9	19.9
	US$/Barrel	79.2	68.8	15.2
Wheat	Rs/MT	29,281.9	39,602.2	-26.1
	US$/MT	255.7	360.0	-29.0

GOVERNMENT DEBT

		2009* End Sep.	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total domestic debt	**Rs. bn**	2,328.8	2,380.9	1,940.0
of which				
Treasury bills		410.4	437.4	338.0
Treasury bonds		1,466.7	1,450.5	1,164.0
Rupee loans		114.6	114.6	130.0
Total foreign debt	**Rs. bn**	1,694.8	1,639.7	1,392.6
Total outstanding govt. debt	**Rs. bn**	4,023.6	4,020.5	3,332.6

* Provisional
The total outstanding Government debt stock increased by 12.5 percent compared to the end 2008.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2009* Jan-Sep.	2008 Jan-Sep.	2009
Budget			
Revenue (Rs.bn)	522.0	465.6	855.0
Tax	457.0	419.9	779.1
Non tax	65.0	45.8	75.9
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs.bn)	844.7	712.5	1191.7
Current	661.5	524.1	823.5
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	183.2	188.3	368.2

* Provisional
Total Revenue increased by 12.1 percent over the period.

NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE

Item	**Average Retail Prices 03/02/10 (Rs/Kg)**	**Week Ago (Rs/Kg)**
Rice		
Samba	n.a.	n.a.
Kekulu (Red)	66.50	66.25
Beans	80.00	120.00
Cabbage	75.50	82.50
Carrots	76.25	112.00
Tomatoes	80.00	100.00
Pumpkins	30.00	32.25
Snakegourd	65.50	72.00
Brinjals	45.00	80.00
Ash-Plantains	85.50	110.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	88.00	95.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	67.50	72.00
Potatoes (Imported)	52.50	52.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	210.00	215.00
Dhal (Indian)	160.00	165.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.25	12.00
Coconut (Each)	28.50	29.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	490.00	510.00
Balaya	n.a.	220.00
Salaya	130.00	120.00
Paraw (Small)	550.00	500.00

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2009 Jan.-Nov.	2008 Jan.-Nov.	% Change
Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**731,196**	**805,501**	**-9.2**
Agricultural		174,846	187,284	-6.6
Industrial		546,834	605,399	-9.7
Mineral		9,516	12,816	-25.7
Other		0	1	-
Imports	**Rs. Mn**	**1,014,902**	**1,399,880**	**-27.5**
Consumer Goods		172,304	214,632	-19.7
Intermediate Goods		601,860	881,880	-31.8
Investment Goods		228,668	290,082	-21.2
Other		12,070	13,286	-9.2
T rade Balance	**Rs. Mn**	**-283,706**	**-594,379**	**52.3**
Exports	**US$ Mn**	**6,361**	**7,456**	**-14.7**
Agricultural		1,521	1,734	-12.3
Industrial		4,757	5,603	-15.1
Mineral		83	119	-30.2
Other		0	0	-
Imports	**US$ Mn**	**8,830**	**12,959**	**-31.9**
Consumer Goods		1,499	1,987	-24.5
Intermediate Goods		5,234	8,164	-35.9
Investment Goods		1,991	2,685	-25.9
Other		105	123	-14.7
Trade Balance	**US$ Mn**	**-2,468**	**-5,503**	**55.1**

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2009 Jan.-Nov.	2008 Jan.-Nov.	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**546,834**	**605,399**	**-9.7**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		42,937	45,808	-6.3
Textiles and Apparel		336,864	334,442	0.7
Petroleum Products		13,892	26,345	-47.3
Leather, Rubber, etc.		61,127	81,275	-24.8
Other		92,013	117,530	-21.7
Total Industrial Exports	**US$ Mn**	**4,757.3**	**5,603.3**	**-15.1**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		373.2	423.9	-12.0
Textiles and Apparel		2,930.7	3,095.4	-5.3
Petroleum Products		120.8	244.0	-50.5
Leather, Rubber, etc.		532.1	752.3	-29.3
Other		800.5	1,087.7	-26.4

EMPLOYMENT

	2009(a) 3rd quarter	2008(a) 3rd quarter	2008(a) Annual
Labour Force			
Participation rate	48.7	50.3	49.5
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.5	5.4
Employed Persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	31.7	34.5	32.6
Industry	25.0	25.9	26.2
Services and Other	43.2	39.7	41.2

(a) Data excludes Northern Provinces.

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WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	03 Feb.10	Week ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn)	314,440	310,250	4190

TOURISM

		2009* Jan.-Dec.	2008 Jan.-Dec.	% Change
Tourist Arrivals		447,890	438,475	2.1
Earnings from Tourism	US$ Mn	349.5	342.0	2.2
	Rs. Mn	40,140.1	37,093.8	8.2

* Provisional

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

Growth Rate	2009* 3rd quarter	2008 3rd quarter	2008* Annual
Agriculture	-0.9	12.4	7.5
Industry	4.4	5.6	5.9
Services	5.1	5.5	5.6
GDP	**4.2**	**6.3**	**6.0**

* Provisional
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Month	2009 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	CPC import prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)(*)	2010 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	CPC import prices (C&F) (*)
January	42.99	41.36	41.71	76.58	78.32	
February	43.34	38.98	45.64			
March	46.75	47.94	46.66			
April	50.17	49.62	54.45			
May	57.48	59.10	61.98			
June	68.85	69.55	72.83			
July	64.70	64.26	68.31			
August	72.79	71.04	67.52			
September	67.52	69.22	75.54			
October	73.10	75.78	72.80			
November	77.02	77.88	79.18			
December	74.76	74.47	77.58			
28 January	42.91	42.01		71.15	73.62	
01 February	-	-		72.08	74.40	
02 February	43.01	41.35		74.44	77.20	
03 February	43.21	40.87		76.27	76.96	
04 February	43.74	40.27		71.75	73.12	

Sources: Reuters, Energy Information Administration (Website), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation.
(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with spot prices of WTI and Brent due to: CPC prices include freight charges; CPC price is weighted average price of different type of crude oil; Part of imports of CPC are on term contract basis.

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Geithner says zeal for bank reform intact

CANADA: US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner insisted on Saturday that major economies were not easing up on their commitment to stiffen the rules for banks just because the global economy was recovering.

"We all share a deep commitment to try to move forward and reach agreement on a strong, comprehensive set of financial reforms on the timetable we all committed to last September," he said at a closing press conference following a meeting of Group of Seven finance chiefs.

"That means agreement on ... a new set of capital requirements for large global institutions by the end of this year," he added, playing down the possibility that the Obama administration might be headed in a different direction from other governments.

President Barack Obama has additional rules that would limit proprietary trading by banks, put them out of the hedge fund and private equity business and limit their future growth through a new market share cap.

Some G7 members, including Britain, have expressed reservations about the U.S. proposals and how they might work but Geithner played down any suggestion that differences were a hindrance for proceeding with reform.

Iqaluit, Sunday, Reuters