ECONOMIC INDICATORS

21 - 10 - 2011

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Oct 21	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	110.24	110.23	111.85
STG	174.34	173.56	177.06
Yen	1.44	1.43	1.38
Euro	151.96	151.62	155.82
INR (1)	2.22	2.25	2.53
SDR (As at 20 Oct '11)	172.87	173.32	175.36
Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US$ Mn.) - total for Month	August	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	0.00	0.00	87.00
Sales	197.60	416.99	65.40
	Week ending Oct 21	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	89.34	81.10	47.40
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)(2)			
1 month	110.83	110.76	112.27
3 months	111.91	111.73	112.47
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ Mn)	37.41	31.31	12.99
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ Mn) (As at 20 Oct '11)	1,447.52	1,350.41	905.25

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

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending Oct 21	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.21	9.44	9.95
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	7.24	7.21	7.13
- 182 days	7.29	7.27	7.04
- 364 days	7.36	7.34	7.17
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.00	7.00	7.25
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase rate	8.50	8.50	9.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	8.06	8.08	8.64
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	8.04	8.10	8.32
7 days	8.12	8.15	8.49
1 month	8.23	8.23	8.69
3 months	8.35	8.34	8.86
6 months	8.51	8.50	9.08
12 months	8.74	8.71	9.30
	August 2011	**Month ago**	**Year ago**
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	1.00-8.50	1.50-8.00	1.50-9.50
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	5.05-10.00	5.05-10.50	6.50-17.00
	September 2011	**Month Ago**	**Year Ago**
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.48	6.40	6.58
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	8.11	8.11	8.68
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	**13.70**	**13.74**	**15.35**
	August 2011	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	8.50	8.50	9.50
Treasury Bonds Auction	**(05 Y & 09 mths) 13.10.11**	**(07 Y & 06 mths) 13.10.11**	**(12 Y) 13.10.11**
Coupon rate	5.80	8.50	7.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.85	8.95	9.15

Call money rates remained between 7.90 to 8.25 percent during the week.
* AWPR - Average for the month of September 2011 - 9.36

Bankwise-AWPR	**Week ending 21.10.11**	**Week Ago**
Bank of Ceylon	10.06	10.16
People's Bank	11.00	10.19
Hatton National Bank	9.74	9.44
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	8.68	8.74
Sampath Bank	10.63	10.37
Seylan Bank	9.47	10.27
Union Bank of Colombo	10.39	10.52
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	11.86	11.36
Nations Trust Bank	9.46	9.22
DFCC Vardhana Bank	9.20	9.76
NDB Bank	9.91	9.49
Amana Bank	-	-
HSBC	9.23	9.43
Standard Chartered Bank	8.48	8.97
Citi Bank	7.75	7.96
Deutsche Bank	8.80	8.24
Habib Bank	10.25	10.25
Indian Bank	10.86	10.86
Indian Overseas Bank	11.50	11.50
MCB Bank	9.39	13.62
State Bank of India	11.71	11.71
Public Bank	10.50	10.50
ICICI Bank	9.25	9.25

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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

Item/Week ended		Week ending Oct 19 2011	Week ending Oct 12 2011
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		Rs. Mn.	Rs.Mn.
T-bills	Outstanding	694,290	694,101
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	69,848	69,848
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	68,590	67,220
T-bonds	Outstanding	2,004,889	2,011,076
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	47,355	47,355
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	198,810	198,520
Primary Issues			
T-bills	Amount offered	12,000	10,000
	Total Bids received	15,947	19,248
	Total bids accepted	6,828	4,826
T-bonds	Amount offered	3,000	0
	Total bids received	6,672	0
	Total bids accepted	3,437	0
Latest Primary Issues			
T-bills	= 91 days	7.24%	7.21%
	182 days	7.29%	7.27%
	364 days	7.36%	7.34%
T-bonds			
2 year	Last Issue	0.00%	0.00%
2 year	Last Issue 15.02.11	7.77%	7.77%
3 year	Last Issue 17.01.11	7.99%	7.99%
4 year	Last Issue 15.07.11	8.20%	8.20%
5 year	Last Issue 16.06.11	8.60%	8.60%
6 year	Last Issue 17.10.11	8.85%	8.70%
10 year	Last Issue 01.02.11	9.15%	9.15%
15 year	Last Issue 01.03.11	9.30%	9.30%
20 year	Last Issue 23.10.11	6.08%	6.08%
Secondary Market Activities			
T-Bills			
Outright transactions	**Purchased**	**6,643**	**6,923**
	Sold	**5,032**	**7,102**
Repo transactions	Repurchase	24,236	19,287
	Reverse Repurchase	736	2,343
T-bonds			
Outright transactions	Purchased	2,530	7,021
	Sold	2,567	5,360
Repo transactions	Repurchase	88,923	39,776
	Reverse Repurchase	9,213	10,660

Item/Week Ended		Week ending Oct 19 2011 After tax	Week ending Oct 12 2011 After tax
Secondary Market			
Weighted Average Yield Rates			
Treasury Bills			
Purchased	= 91 days	7.24%	7.27%
	= 182 days	7.30%	7.30%
	= 364 days	7.37%	7.40%
Sold	= 91 days	7.20%	7.21%
	= 182 days	7.25%	7.25%
	= 364 days	7.33%	7.35%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased	= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 2 year	7.75%	7.60%
	= 3 year	8.20%	8.15%
	= 4 year	8.85%	8.75%
	= 5 year	8.95%	8.85%
	= 10 year	9.15%	0.00%
	= 15 year	9.25%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Sold	= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 2 year	7.70%	7.50%
	= 3 year	8.15%	8.05%
	= 4 year	8.80%	8.70%
	= 5 year	8.90%	8.80%
	= 10 year	9.05%	0.00%
	= 15 year	9.15%	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 20/10/2011

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
06.90% 2012 A	2	01/08/12	99.51	7.54	99.58	7.45
08.84% 2013 A	2	05/10/13	101.49	8.00	101.67	7.90
06.60% 2014 A	2	01/02/14	96.87	8.12	97.07	8.02
14.50% 2012 A	3	15/01/12	101.58	7.42	101.60	7.35
14.50% 2012 B	3	15/02/12	102.16	7.42	102.19	7.31
06.75% 2013 A	3	01/09/13	98.14	7.83	98.29	7.75
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	102.57	7.51	102.62	7.41
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	103.96	7.53	104.03	7.43
13.50% 2013 A	4	01/02/13	106.89	7.73	107.00	7.64
11.50% 2013 A	4	15/06/13	105.56	7.83	105.70	7.75
07.00% 2014 A	4	01/03/14	97.43	8.21	97.63	8.12
06.60% 2014 B	4	01/06/14	96.21	8.24	96.42	8.14
06.20% 2015 A	4	15/01/15	93.08	8.69	93.28	8.62
06.20% 2015 B	4	15/06/15	92.12	8.76	92.38	8.68
06.85% 2012 C	5	01/03/12	99.76	7.45	99.79	7.36
06.85% 2012 C	5	15/07/14	107.16	8.26	107.50	8.13

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week Ending 21.10.11	Week Ago Avg	Month Ago	Rs/Kg Year Ago
Samba	55.50	55.73	55.60	64.12
Sudu Kekulu	47.32	47.38	42.59	55.62
Raw Red	47.60	45.50	42.52	54.35
Nadu	48.50	48.00	45.14	56.31

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs. Mn)	Week ending 20 Oct.11	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	11,309	10,170	7,973
Central Bank Holdings (a) - Treasury Bills	68,208	74,493	9,570

(a) Daily average for week

CREDIT CARDS *

	2011 End Aug**	2011 End July	2010 End Dec.
Total number of Active Cards	829,573	822,153	778,474
Local (accepted only locally)	61,711	61,614	58,771
Global (accepted globally)	767,862	760,539	719,703
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	34,711	33,917	31,616
Local (accepted only locally)	1,044	1,022	840
Global (accepted globally)	33,667	32,895	30,775

* Issued by licensed commercial banks
** Provisional

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 20 Oct	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	6,282	6,586	6,664
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	5,629	5,911	7,229
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	921	2,037	2,954
Market Capitalization (Rs. bn)	2,256.5	2,365.5	2,204.3

The All Share Price Index and the Milanka Price Index have decreased by 304 and 282 index points respectively. The average daily turnover has decreased by Rs. 1116 mn.

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2011* End Aug	2011 End July	2010 End Dec.
Total issues (Rs. bn.)	4.1	3.1	12.3
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)	2.5	1.8	4.3

* Provisional
(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks.

MONEY SUPPLY

	2011(a) Aug	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	436.5	433.0	361.3
M2 (Rs. bn)	2,059.4	2,025.9	1,679.2
M2b (Rs. bn)	2,339.7	2,312.3	1,939.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	300.2	324.4	330.4
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	2,039.5	1,987.9	1,609.3
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	773.0	731.2	697.4
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	141.5	143.4	108.1
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	1,775.7	1,724.8	1,324.5
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	419.9	413.2	336.8
Annual Change(%)			
M1	20.8	23.3	26.5
M2	22.6	22.7	17.0
M2b	20.6	20.7	13.9
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-9.2	-3.1	20.5
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	26.7	25.7	12.6
Net Credit to Government	10.8	6.0	-2.1
Credit to Corporations	30.8	32.6	199.2
Credit to the Private Sector	34.1	33.9	12.7
Reserve Money	24.7	24.5	21.8

(a) Provisional
(b) In relation to M2b

NOMINAL WAGES

	2011(a) June	2010 June	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978=100)(b)	4,964.5	4,651.6	6.7
Workers in Wages Boards Trades (1978=100)	2,936.4	2,813.8	4.4
Agriculture	3,337.0	3,319.8	0.5
Industry & Commerce	2,402.1	2,054.0	16.9
Services	1,851.8	1,545.8	19.8

(a) Provisional
(b) Non-executive officers and minor employees

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2011* Jan-Aug	2010 Jan-Aug	% Change
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	201.9	185.2	9.0
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	80.4	66.1	21.6

* Provisional

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	17.10. 2011	18.10. 2011	19.10. 2011	20.10. 2011	21.10 2011
Repo Auction					
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	30.00	36.00	32.00	26.00	26.00
Bids received (Rs.bn)	31.75	35.03	31.38	24.94	24.89
Amount accepted (Rs.bn)	30.00	35.03	31.38	24.94	24.89
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	7.08	7.08	7.08	7.08	7.08
Standing Facilities (Volumes)					
Repo (Rs.bn.)	11.16	2.72	3.40	5.99	3.14
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)					

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 20.10.11	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	62.50	62.50	58.90	64.29
Kekulu (Red)	51.00	49.00	46.10	52.70
Beans	100.00	100.00	96.00	97.78
Cabbage	30.00	35.00	29.00	48.87
Carrots	60.00	80.00	68.00	82.63
Tomatoes	60.00	35.00	33.60	72.11
Pumpkins	30.00	35.00	37.00	30.66
Snakegourd	30.00	35.00	23.75	41.62
Brinjals	10.00	20.00	34.00	45.16
Ash-Plantains	50.00	40.00	33.00	60.79
Red-Onions (Local)	85.00	95.00	82.92	94.01
Big-Onions (Local)	60.00	67.50	56.60	76.16
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	82.50	86.50	97.13	83.14
Dried Chillies (Imported)	245.00	250.00	249.60	160.89
Dhal (Indian)	100.00	99.00	98.00	135.85
Eggs (Red) (Each)	9.80	10.30	10.13	12.75
Coconut (Each)	25.50	27.00	29.60	28.42
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	320.00	365.00	372.00	326.54
Balaya	180.00	250.00	248.00	224.78
Salaya	90.00	100.00	127.50	105.68
Paraw (Small)	360.00	400.00	506.25	371.57

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 20.10.11	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual
Ave				
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	68.00	65.00	65.00	70.38
Kekulu (Red)	55.00	53.00	54.80	59.18
Beans	120.00	120.00	94.40	117.65
Cabbage	60.00	60.00	60.00	73.14
Carrots	80.00	100.00	88.00	102.16
Tomatoes	80.00	60.00	52.00	94.12
Pumpkins	60.00	60.00	58.00	48.24
Snakegourd	60.00	60.00	56.00	62.27
Brinjals	30.00	40.00	60.00	58.14
Ash-Plantains	70.00	60.00	66.00	77.16
Red-Onions (Local)	100.00	120.00	105.00	121.85
Big-Onions (Local)	80.00	80.00	68.75	91.54
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	100.00	100.00	113.00	100.10
Dried Chillies (Imported)	280.00	280.00	277.50	196.80
Dhal (Indian)	120.00	120.00	120.00	147.65
Eggs (Red) (Each)	10.00	10.50	10.20	13.33
Coconut (Each)	30.00	33.00	35.00	32.45
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	490.00	450.00	475.00	421.43
Balaya	260.00	375.00	352.50	279.56
Salaya	130.00	130.00	172.50	140.26
Paraw (Small)	460.00	550.00	587.50	450.99

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 20 Oct 2011 (Rs.Kg)

Food Item	**Wholesale (Average)**	**Retail (Average)**
Rice		
Samba	58.00	62.20
Kekulu (Red)	45.50	53.60
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	40.50	56.50
Snakegourd	21.60	42.50
Ash-Plantains	41.20	68.50
Beans	67.50	89.50
Carrots	71.00	107.00
Tomatoes	36.00	49.50
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N/Eliya)	71.90	92.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	243.60	275.00
Big-Onions (Local)	61.50	73.00
Red-Onions (Local)	86.88	124.00
Coconut (Each)	24.00	29.50

PRICE INDICES

	Sept 2011	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	151.7	151.3	142.6
Annual Average Change %	7.2	7.1	5.3
Year-on-Year Change %	6.4	7.0	5.7
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	152.4	152.7	142.5
Annual Average Change %	7.6	7.5	6.5
Year-on-Year Change %	6.9	7.8	6.2
	July 2011*	**Month Ago**	**Year Ago**
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	4,139.9	4,207.0	3,704.8
Annual Average Change %	14.7	14.2	8.7

* Provisional

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2011* Jan-Aug	2010 Jan-Aug	% Change
Tea (Mn Kg)	220.9	222.7	-0.8
Rubber (Mn Kg)	105.9	98.1	8.0
Coconuts (Mn Nuts)	1,482.6	1,734.0	-14.5

* Provisional

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2011 (a) End Aug	2010 End Dec.	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	9,292.7	8,034.5	15.7
	Rs Mn	1,021,203.4	891,456.7	14.6
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	8,050.7	6,610.2	21.8
	Rs Mn	884,723.0	733,426.5	20.6
		2011(a) Jan-July	**2010 Jan-July**	**% Change**
Workers' Remittances				
Inflows	US$ Mn	2,922.0	2,326.1	25.6
	Rs Mn	321,988.3	264,953.1	21.5
Outflows	US$ Mn	259.0	228.9	13.1
	Rs Mn	28,557.8	26,078.4	9.5
Net	US$ Mn	2,662.9	2,097.2	27.0
	Rs Mn	293,430.5	238,874.8	22.8

(a) Provisional
(b) Excluding ACU receipts
(c) By end August 2011, the total level of foreign reserves were equivalent to 6.3 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 5.4 months of imports.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

		2011 July	2010 July	% Change
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs/Kg	338.99	344.11	-1.5
	US$/Kg	3.10	3.04	1.7
Imports (CIF)				
Rice	Rs/MT	55,310.8	73,888.4	-25.1
	US$/MT	505.1	653.5	-22.7
White Sugar	Rs/MT	81,766.3	68,400.8	19.5
	US$/MT	746.7	605.0	23.4
Crude Oil	Rs/Barrel	12,357.4	8,313.2	48.6
	US$/Barrel	112.9	73.5	53.5
Wheat	Rs/MT	38,031.1	26,953.7	41.1
	US$/MT	347.3	238.4	45.7

GOVERNMENT DEBT

		2011* End July	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total domestic debt of which	**Rs. bn**	2,755.0	2,746.8	2,578.6
Treasury bills		614.5	616.1	576.9
Treasury bonds		1,752.2	1,703.4	1,560.4
Rupee loans		80.8	81.2	95.8
Total foreign debt	**Rs. bn**	2,264.8	2,125.3	1,885.4
Total outstanding Govt. debt	**Rs. bn**	5,019.8	4,872.1	4,464.0

* Provisional
Total outstanding Government debt increased by 9.4 percent compared to end December 2010.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2011* Jan-July	2010 Jan-July
Revenue and Grants (Rs.bn)	504.7	432.4
Revenue (Rs.bn)	498.7	425.0
Tax	443.2	372.4
Non tax	55.5	52.6
Grants	**6.1**	**7.4**
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs. bn)	**793.1**	**705.0**
Current	586.9	550.4
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	206.1	154.6

* Provisional
Total Revenue and Grants increased by 16.7 percent compared to January - July 2010.

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

Growth Rate	2011* 2nd quarter	2010 2nd quarter	2010* Annual
Agriculture	1.9	6.3	7.0
Industry	9.5	9.2	8.4
Services	8.8	8.6	8.0
GDP	**8.2**	**8.5**	**8.0**

* Provisional
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

TOURISM

		2011* Jan.-Sep	2010 Jan-Sep	% Change
Tourist Arrivals		598,006	445,228	34.3
Earnings from Tourism	US$ Mn	580.1	391.8	49.0
	Rs. Mn	63,901.0	44,497.3	44.3

* Provisional

WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	20 Oct.11	Week ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn)	431,180	431,230	-50

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2011 Jan-July	2010 Jan-July	% Change
Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**662,783**	**525,832**	**26.0**
Agricultural		147,001	133,523	10.1
Industrial		507,685	386,093	31.5
Mineral		8,089	6,211	30.2
Other		8	5	37.7
Imports	**Rs. Mn**	**1,221,793**	**851,672**	**43.5**
Consumer Goods		235,405	161,459	45.8
Intermediate Goods		712,997	497,347	43.4
Investment Goods		264,295	176,956	49.4
Other		9,097	15,910	-42.8
Trade Balance	**Rs. Mn**	**-559,011**	**-325,840**	**-71.6**
Exports	**US$ Mn**	**6,014**	**4,617**	**30.3**
Agricultural		1,334	1,172	13.8
Industrial		4,607	3,390	35.9
Mineral		73	55	34.7
Other		0	0	-
Imports	**US$ Mn**	**11,091**	**7,477**	**48.3**
Consumer Goods		2,136	1,417	50.7
Intermediate Goods		6,473	4,367	48.2
Investment Goods		2,399	1,553	54.4
Other		83	139	-40.6
Trade Balance	**US$ Mn**	**-5,077**	**-2,860**	**-77.5**

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2011 Jan-July	2010 Jan-July	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**507,685**	**386,093**	**31.5**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		37,495	35,860	4.6
Textiles and Apparel		265,037	212,540	24.7
Petroleum Products		34,309	12,709	170.0
Leather, Rubber, etc.		85,216	58,772	45.0
Other		85,629	66,212	29.3
Total Industrial Exports	**US$ Mn**	**4,607.0**	**3,390.4**	**35.9**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		340.3	314.9	8.1
Textiles and Apparel		2,405.0	1,866.4	28.9
Petroleum Products		311.3	111.6	179.0
Leather, Rubber, etc.		773.3	516.2	49.8
Other		777.0	581.2	33.7

EMPLOYMENT

	2011(a) 1st quarter	2010(a) 1st quarter	2010(a) Annual
Labour Force			
Participation rate	48.0	48.2	48.1
Unemployment rate	4.3	5.0	4.9
Employed Persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	32.3	33.7	32.7
Industry	25.1	24.7	24.2
Services and Other	42.7	41.6	43.1

(a) Data exclude Northern Province.

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NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE (Rs/Kg)

Item	Retail Prices Average 20/10/11	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	68.00	68.00
Kekulu (Red)	51.00	52.00
Beans	90.00	80.00
Cabbage	60.00	60.00
Carrots	90.00	90.00
Tomatoes	60.00	50.00
Pumpkins	60.00	60.00
Snakegourd	60.00	60.00
Brinjals	60.00	50.00
Ash-Plantains	70.00	70.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	0.00	0.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	80.00	70.00
Potatoes (Imported)	80.00	80.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	280.00	280.00
Dhal (Indian)	120.00	120.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	9.20	11.50
Coconut (Each)	35.00	35.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	660.00	440.00
Balaya	n.a	n.a
Salaya	120.00	120.00
Paraw (Small)	700.00	720.00

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

	2011** June	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	210.6	214.9	160.1
Quantity	151.1	148.3	122.7
Unit Value	139.3	144.9	130.5
Total Imports			
Value	335.4	345.3	227.8
Quantity	208.3	191.2	168.4
Unit Value	161.0	180.6	135.3
Terms of Trade	86.5	80.2	96.5

* In US$ Terms
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AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Month	2010 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	2010 WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	2010 CPC import prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)(*)	2011 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	2011 WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	2011 CPC import prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)(*)
January	76.58	78.32	77.79	97.33	89.26	95.33
February	74.07	76.38	78.23	103.71	88.66	103.18
March	79.00	81.20	-	115.39	102.86	111.31
April	84.59	84.38	85.02	124.41	109.53	119.45
May	75.69	73.71	84.83	116.85	101.54	111.50
June	74.75	75.20	77.26	114.72	96.50	111.21
July	76.23	76.13	73.53	117.35	97.19	112.85
August	77.87	76.60	73.53	111.14	86.33	107.74
September	78.25	75.16	75.54	114.92	85.42	108.43
October	83.01	81.89	80.99			
November	85.91	84.23	84.85			
December	92.32	89.15	90.37			
14 October	84.05	82.71		115.33	86.94	
17 October	-	-		113.92	86.43	
18 October	-	-		112.07	88.21	
19 October	81.52	79.57		112.56	86.05	
20 October	82.08	81.93		109.80	85.98	

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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