ECONOMIC INDICATORS

24 - 02 - 2012

EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Feb 24	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	119.24	119.05	110.90
STG	187.78	188.21	180.21
Yen	1.49	1.51	1.35
Euro	159.40	156.30	152.74
INR (1)	2.43	2.43	2.47
SDR (As at 23 Feb '12)	183.68	184.34	173.82
Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US$ Mn.) - total for Month	Nov. 2011	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases	30.00	0.00	0.00
Sales	594.15	431.58	89.05
	Week ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.)	76.62	139.89	45.06
(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)			
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)(2)			
1 month	119.04	118.70	111.09
3 months	120.51	119.53	111.36
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ Mn)	21.00	35.81	12.17
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ Mn) (As at 23 Feb '12)	1,503.87	1,560.24	905.80

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

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending Feb 24	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.95	11.78	9.17
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	9.51	9.31	6.99
- 182 days	9.64	9.44	7.08
- 364 days	10.19	9.99	7.33
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase rate (Repo)	7.50	7.50	7.00
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase rate	9.00	9.00	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	9.41	9.66	7.84
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	9.62	9.73	7.90
7 days	9.92	9.98	7.95
1 month	10.18	10.18	8.05
3 months	10.43	10.32	8.16
6 months	10.73	10.63	8.23
12 months	11.00	10.98	8.38
	Dec 2011	Month ago	Year ago
Saving Deposits - Commercial Banks	1.00-8.50	1.00-8.50	1.50-9.50
One Year Fixed Deposits - Commercial Banks	5.55-11.00	5.55-11.00	5.05-17.00
	January 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	7.35	7.24	6.21
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	9.11	8.95	8.16
	Nov 2011	Month Ago	Sep 2010
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.47	13.60	15.35
	Dec 2011	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits - NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits - NSB	8.50	8.50	8.50
Treasury Bonds Auction	(03 Y & 4 mths 13.02.12)	(05 Y & 5 mths) 13.02.12	(06 Y & 06 mths) 12.01.12
Coupon rate	6.20	5.80	8.50
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	10.20	10.75	9.75

Call money rates remained between 8.50 to 9.95 percent during the week.
* AWPR - Average for the month of January 2011 - 11.41

Bankwise-AWPR	Week ending 24.02.12	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	11.94	11.66
People's Bank	11.78	12.75
Hatton National Bank	12.25	11.84
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.81	11.87
Sampath Bank	12.67	12.46
Seylan Bank	14.86	14.47
Union Bank of Colombo	12.82	12.83
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	14.00	14.00
Nations Trust Bank	12.62	12.20
DFCC Vardhana Bank	12.77	12.54
NDB Bank	14.00	13.10
Amana Bank	-	-
HSBC	11.18	11.14
Standard Chartered Bank	11.49	11.07
Citi Bank	8.70	7.94
Deutsche Bank	10.25	10.25
Habib Bank	11.97	11.97
Indian Bank	11.50	11.50
Indian Overseas Bank	12.50	12.50
MCB Bank	14.57	13.06
State Bank of India	13.14	13.14
Public Bank	10.50	10.69
ICICI Bank	11.85	9.54
Axis Bank	-	-

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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

Item/Week ended		Week ending Feb 22 2012 Rs. Mn.	Week ending Feb 15 2012 Rs.Mn.
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities			
T-bills			
	Outstanding	720,454	723,019
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	48,284	49,504
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	84,510	88,564
T-bonds			
	Outstanding	2,137,306	2,131,781
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	33,979	37,659
Primary Issues	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	212,037	210,948
T-bills	Amount offered	10,000	10,000
	Total Bids received	20,151	22,177
	Total bids accepted	9,121	6,083
T-bonds	Amount offered	0	4,000
	Total bids received	0	9,600
	Total bids accepted	0	5,000
Latest Primary Issues			
T-bills	= 91 days	9.51%	9.31%
	182 days	9.64%	9.44%
	364 days	10.19%	9.99%
T-bonds			
2 year	Last Issue	0.00%	0.00%
2 year	Last Issue 17.01.12	9.45%	9.45%
3 year	Last Issue 15.01.11	10.20%	10.20%
4 year	Last Issue 17.01.12	9.55%	9.55%
5 year	Last Issue 15.06.11	10.75%	10.75%
6 year	Last Issue 17.01.12	9.75%	9.75%
10 year	Last Issue 01.02.11	10.25%	10.25%
15 year	Last Issue 01.03.11	9.30%	9.30%
20 year	Last Issue 01.02.12	11.00%	11.00%
Secondary Market Activities			
T-Bills			
Outright transactions	**Purchased**	**2,107**	**2,103**
	Sold	**4,461**	**12,185**
Repo transactions	Repurchase	16,312	21,111
	Reverse Repurchase	2,980	3,707
T-bonds			
Outright transactions	Purchased	3,345	1,649
	Sold	3,172	2,996
Repo transactions	Repurchase	69,302	58,904
	Reverse Repurchase	17,611	11,204
Item/Week Ended			
Secondary Market		Week ending Feb 22 2012 After tax	Week ending Feb 15 2012 After tax
Weighted Average Yield Rates			
Treasury Bills			
Purchased	= 91 days	9.50%	10.00%
	= 182 days	9.55%	10.00%
	= 364 days	10.20%	10.60%
Sold	= 91 days	9.40%	9.60%
	= 182 days	9.45%	9.60%
	= 364 days	10.05%	10.25%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased	= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 2 year	11.15%	11.25%
	= 3 year	11.45%	11.50%
	= 4 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 5 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Sold	= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 2 year	11.00%	11.00%
	= 3 year	11.20%	11.25%
	= 4 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 5 year	0.00%	0.00%
	= 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 23/02/2012

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	98.74	9.84	98.85	9.59
08.84% 2013 A	2	05/10/13	98.48	9.87	98.72	9.70
09.22% 2013 A	2	21/11/13	98.70	10.03	99.24	9.82
06.60% 2014 A	2	01/02/14	92.35	10.09	92.75	10.84
06.75% 2013 A	3	01/09/13	94.85	10.50	95.15	10.28
13.50% 2012 A	4	01/04/12	100.38	9.33	100.40	9.12
13.50% 2012 B	4	01/07/12	101.27	9.59	101.35	9.38
13.50% 2013 A	4	01/02/13	102.86	10.21	103.03	10.02
11.50% 2013 A	4	15/06/13	101.28	10.40	101.61	10.13
07.00% 2014 A	4	01/03/14	92.69	11.14	93.07	10.92
06.60% 2014 B	4	01/06/14	91.09	11.14	91.49	10.92
06.20% 2015 A	4	15/01/15	88.28	11.04	88.70	10.85
06.20% 2015 B	4	15/06/15	87.19	10.91	87.61	10.74
06.85% 2012 C	5	01/03/12	99.95	8.98	99.96	8.75
11.25% 2014 A	5	15/07/14	100.30	11.09	100.71	10.89
06.50% 2015 A	5	15/07/15	86.20	11.52	86.82	11.28

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week Ending 24.02.12	Week Ago Avg	Month Ago	Rs/Kg Year Ago
Samba	59.38	59.74	55.65	61.83
Sudu Kekulu	45.00	46.60	47.21	50.58
Raw Red	49.88	50.50	46.76	51.92
Nadu	45.25	46.90	48.25	52.71

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs. Mn)	Week ending 23 Feb.12	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-Bank Call Money turnover(a)	14,908	14,958	9,217
Central Bank Holdings (a) - Treasury Bills	216,259	203,472	1,873

(a) Daily average for week

CREDIT CARDS *

	2011 End Dec**	2011 End Nov	2010 End Dec.
Total number of Active Cards	862,340	854,395	778,474
Local (accepted only locally)	61,320	61,483	58,771
Global (accepted globally)	801,020	792,912	719,703
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	37,637	36,317	31,616
Local (accepted only locally)	1,098	1,095	840
Global (accepted globally)	36,539	35,222	30,775

* Issued by licensed commercial banks
** Provisional

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 23 Feb.12	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985=100) (ASPI)	5,508	5,279	7,549
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	4,804	4,553	7,181
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	2,127	1,469	2,196
Market Capitalization (Rs. bn)	2,019.3	1,935.5	2,514.9

The All Share Price Index and the Milanka Price Index have increased by 229 and 251 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs. 658 mn.

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2011* End Dec	2011 End Nov	2010 End Dec.
Total issues (Rs. bn.)	13.6	9.2	12.3
Outstanding (at the end of the period) (Rs. bn.)	7.7	5.6	4.3

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

MONEY SUPPLY

	2011(a) Dec	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	438.7	424.7	407.2
M2 (Rs. bn)	2,192.6	2,139.7	1,813.0
M2b (Rs. bn)	2,491.7	2,438.7	2,091.4
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	98.1	168.1	377.4
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	2,393.7	2,270.6	1,714.0
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	833.6	801.5	627.2
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	198.5	179.3	144.6
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	2,005.9	1,945.7	1,491.1
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	439.5	420.3	360.5
Annual Change(%)			
M1	7.7	11.6	20.9
M2	20.9	21.3	18.0
M2b	19.1	20.6	15.8
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-74.0	-55.1	-6.1
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	39.7	37.8	22.1
Net Credit to Government	32.9	42.0	-2.1
Credit to Corporations	37.3	29.8	97.4
Credit to the Private Sector	34.5	33.5	24.9
Reserve Money	21.9	22.2	18.8

(a) Provisional
(b) In relation to M2b

NOMINAL WAGES

	2011(a) Dec	2010 Dec	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978=100)(b)	4,964.5 Jun(c)	4,651.6 Jun	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
(c) Data available from the Labour Department only up to June 2011.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2011* Jan-Dec	2010 Jan-Dec	% Change
Private Sector Industrial Production Index (1997=100)	209.8	192.7	8.9
	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov	
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997=100)	83.4	70.0	19.1

* Provisional

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	21.02. 2012	22.02. 2012	23.02. 2012	24.02. 2012
Repo Auction				
Amount offered (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-
Bids received (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-
Amount accepted (Rs.bn)	-	-	-	-
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	-	-	-	-
Standing Facilities (Volumes)				
Repo (Rs.bn.)	7.72	10.87	8.20	3.31
Reverse Repo (Rs.bn)	-	0.80	1.00	-

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 23.02.12	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	61.50	63.00	66.40	63.26
Kekulu (Red)	52.00	52.00	54.50	51.52
Beans	100.00	70.00	63.60	124.23
Cabbage	25.00	20.00	55.00	60.04
Carrots	60.00	60.00	110.00	105.29
Tomatoes	20.00	19.00	101.00	84.35
Pumpkins	35.00	19.00	33.40	36.81
Snakegourd	20.00	20.00	60.00	49.48
Brinjals	15.00	13.50	52.00	55.93
Ash-Plantains	60.00	60.00	52.00	54.33
Red-Onions (Local)	50.00	60.00	92.00	113.60
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	63.53
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	67.50	82.50	101.10	96.28
Dried Chilies (Imported)	168.00	175.00	189.20	239.13
Dhal (Indian)	114.00	112.00	97.80	113.15
Eggs (Red) (Each)	8.00	8.00	11.06	10.75
Coconut (Each)	27.50	27.50	26.10	34.10
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	320.00	350.00	380.00	351.20
Balaya	220.00	220.00	233.33	244.52
Salaya	100.00	90.00	76.67	112.37
Paraw (Small)	450.00	400.00	410.00	426.60

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 23.02.12	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Ave
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	70.00	70.00	70.00	68.84
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	60.00	60.00	58.41
Beans	120.00	90.00	90.00	147.49
Cabbage	45.00	40.00	85.00	91.57
Carrots	80.00	80.00	132.50	131.18
Tomatoes	40.00	40.00	130.00	114.71
Pumpkins	40.00	40.00	57.50	58.24
Snakegourd	40.00	50.00	95.00	73.40
Brinjals	30.00	30.00	77.50	81.57
Ash-Plantains	80.00	80.00	70.00	76.57
Red-Onions (Local)	80.00	100.00	117.50	157.83
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a.	n.a.	78.89
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	80.00	100.00	115.00	115.31
Dried Chillies (Imported)	230.00	220.00	230.00	270.58
Dhal (Indian)	130.00	120.00	117.50	134.94
Eggs (Red) (Each)	8.20	8.20	11.25	11.21
Coconut (Each)	30.00	33.00	31.50	40.64
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	490.00	490.00	490.00	460.67
Balaya	350.00	380.00	357.50	331.82
Salaya	140.00	130.00	112.50	141.59
Paraw (Small)	510.00	660.00	662.50	514.77

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending - 21 Feb 2012 (Rs.Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	62.67	69.00
Kekulu (Red)	53.50	59.00
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	32.83	55.00
Snakegourd	12.50	27.50
Ash-Plantains	39.17	61.67
Beans	56.67	82.50
Carrots	44.17	76.67
Tomatoes	11.67	27.50
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N/Eliya)	70.83	93.33
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	54.17	77.50
Coconut (Each)	23.50	30.00

PRICE INDICES

	Jan 2012	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	154.8	154.4	149.2
Annual Average Change %	6.5	6.7	6.1
Year-on-Year Change %	3.8	4.9	6.2
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	153.3	152.7	146.4
Annual Average Change %	6.7	6.9	6.8
Year-on-Year Change %	4.7	4.7	6.5
	Nov 2011*	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	4,095.8	4,140.7	4,218.2
Annual Average Change %	12.8	14.3	10.8

* Provisional

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2012* Jan	2011 Jan	% Change
Tea (Mn Kg)	22.4	21.1	6.2
	Jan-Dec'11	Jan-Dec'10	
Rubber (Mn Kg)	157.9	153.0	3.2
Coconuts (Mn Nuts)	2,757.3	2,713.8	1.6

* Provisional

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2011 (a) End Nov	2010 End Dec.	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	7,541.2	8,034.5	-6.1
	Rs Mn	858,945.0	891,456.7	-3.6
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	6,200.6	6,610.2	-6.2
	Rs Mn	706,244.1	733,426.5	-3.7
		2011(a) Jan-Nov.	2010 Jan-Nov.	% Change
Workers' Remittances				
Inflows	US$ Mn	4,638.7	3,746.3	23.8
	Rs Mn	511,450.0	424,093.0	20.6
Outflows	US$ Mn	410.2	362.4	13.2
	Rs Mn	45,322.9	41,013.9	10.5
Net	US$ Mn	4,228.5	3,383.9	25.0
	Rs Mn	466,127.0	383,079.1	21.7

(a) Provisional
(b) Excluding ACU receipts
(c) By end November 2011, the total level of foreign reserves were equivalent to 4.6 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.8 months of imports.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

		2011 Nov	2010 Nov	% Change
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs/Kg	351.28	377.34	-6.9
	US$/Kg	3.16	3.38	-6.7
Imports (CIF)				
Rice	Rs/MT	60,108.8	94,747.6	-36.6
	US$/MT	539.9	849.1	-36.4
White Sugar	Rs/MT	82,653.4	79,148.5	4.4
	US$/MT	742.4	709.3	4.7
Crude Oil	Rs/Barrel	12,581.0	9,467.3	32.9
	US$/Barrel	113.0	84.8	33.2
Wheat	Rs/MT	40,357.6	25,164.5	60.4
	US$/MT	362.5	225.5	60.7

GOVERNMENT DEBT

		2011* End Nov	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total domestic debt	**Rs. bn**	2,825.8	2,819.0	2,548.3
of which				
Treasury bills		615.8	617.4	509.1
Treasury bonds		1,812.1	1,805.7	1,648.2
Rupee loans		62.0	62.0	87.7
Total foreign debt	**Rs. bn**	2,329.5	2,251.4	1,988.8
Total outstanding Govt. debt	**Rs. bn**	5,155.3	5,070.4	4,537.2

* Provisional
Total outstanding Government debt increased by 12.3 percent compared to end December 2010.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2011* Jan-Nov	2010 Jan-Nov
Revenue and Grants (Rs.bn)	892.2	749.3
Revenue (Rs.bn)	813.6	737.6
Tax	734.1	654.6
Non tax	79.5	83.0
Grants	**15.7**	**11.7**
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs. bn)	**1,285.9**	**1,159.1**
Current	928.6	852.9
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	357.3	306.2

* Provisional
Total Revenue and Grants increased by 10.7 percent compared to January-November 2010.

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

Growth Rate	2011* 3rd quarter	2010 3rd quarter	2010* Annual
Agriculture	6.2	6.0	7.0
Industry	10.8	8.8	8.4
Services	7.8	8.0	8.0
GDP	**8.4**	**8.0**	**8.0**

* Provisional
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

TOURISM

		2012* Jan.	2011 Jan	% Change
Tourist Arrivals		85,874	74,197	15.7
Earnings from Tourism	US$ Mn	88.5	72.0	22.9
	Rs. Mn	10,074.4	7,981.4	26.2

* Provisional

WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	23 Feb.12	Week ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn)	446,480	446,680	-200

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2011 Jan-Nov	2010 Jan-Nov	% Change
Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**1,056,418**	**887,069**	**19.1**
Agricultural		236,818	221,406	7.0
Industrial		806,380	634,628	27.1
Mineral		13,203	9,906	33.3
Other		17	21,130	-99.9
Imports	**Rs. Mn**	**2,030,428**	**1,361,000**	**49.2**
Consumer Goods		374,648	264,487	41.7
Intermediate Goods		1,178,414	784,685	50.2
Investment Goods		466,118	292,582	59.3
Other		11,248	19,247	-41.6
Trade Balance	**Rs. Mn**	**-974,010**	**-473,932**	**-105.5**
Exports	**US$ Mn**	**9,581**	**7,841**	**22.2**
Agricultural		2,148	1,957	9.8
Industrial		7,313	5,608	30.4
Mineral		120	87	36.9
Other		0	189	-
Imports	**US$ Mn**	**18,417**	**12,022**	**53.2**
Consumer Goods		3,398	2,337	45.4
Intermediate Goods		10,689	6,931	54.2
Investment Goods		4,227	2,585	63.5
Other		102	169	-39.5
Trade Balance	**US$ Mn**	**-8,835**	**-4,181**	**-111.3**

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2011 Jan-Nov	2010 Jan-Nov	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	**Rs. Mn**	**806,380**	**634,628**	**27.1**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		61,806	53,451	15.6
Textiles and Apparel		420,930	346,903	21.3
Petroleum Products		48,963	21,008	133.1
Leather, Rubber, etc.		137,738	103,144	33.5
Other		136,943	110,121	24.4
Total Industrial Exports	**US$ Mn**	**7,313.4**	**5,607.8**	**30.4**
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		560.5	471.9	18.8
Textiles and Apparel		3,817.7	3,065.2	24.5
Petroleum Products		444.1	185.7	139.2
Leather, Rubber, etc.		1,249.3	912.1	37.0
Other		1,241.9	973.0	27.6

EMPLOYMENT

	2011(a) 2nd quarter	2010(a) 2nd quarter	2010(a) Annual
Labour Force			
Participation rate	48.3	47.9	48.1
Unemployment rate	4.2	5.4	4.9
Employed Persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	33.7	32.0	32.7
Industry	23.6	23.6	24.2
Services and Other	42.7	44.4	43.1

(a) Data exclude Northern Province.
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NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE (Rs/Kg)

Item	Retail Prices Average 23/02/12	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	68.00	66.67
Kekulu (Red)	54.00	52.00
Beans	100.00	80.00
Cabbage	50.00	60.00
Carrots	70.00	80.00
Tomatoes	50.00	50.00
Pumpkins	60.00	60.00
Snakegourd	70.00	60.00
Brinjals	30.00	30.00
Ash-Plantains	60.00	80.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	70.00	70.00
Potatoes (Imported)	70.00	93.33
Dried Chillies (Imported)	226.67	220.00
Dhal (Indian)	120.00	120.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	8.70	8.70
Coconut (Each)	35.00	35.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	560.00	560.00
Balaya	n.a.	n.a.
Salaya	160.00	120.00
Paraw (Small)	740.00	660.00

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

	2011** Sept	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	220.4	245.7	183.0
Quantity	160.2	166.3	146.8
Unit Value	137.6	147.8	124.7
Total Imports			
Value	359.9	375.9	223.1
Quantity	204.2	216.0	175.4
Unit Value	176.2	174.0	127.2
Terms of Trade	78.1	84.9	98.0

* In US$ Terms
** Provisional

AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Month	2011 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	2011 WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	2011 CPC import prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)(*)	2012 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US$/bbl)	2012 WTI (European Market) (US$/bbl)	2012 CPC import prices (C&F) (*)
January	97.33	89.26	95.33	111.34	98.46	115.61
February	103.71	88.66	103.18			
March	115.39	102.86	111.31			
April	124.41	109.53	119.45			
May	116.85	101.54	111.50			
June	114.72	96.50	111.21			
July	117.35	97.19	112.85			
August	111.14	86.33	107.74			
September	114.92	85.42	108.43			
October	110.72	86.31	107.19			
November	111.13	86.89	113.00			
December	108.93	98.57	110.57			
17 February	103.79	85.05		122.24	103.27	
20 February	-	-		122.92	104.91	
21 February	104.51	90.25		122.40	105.88	
22 February	106.54	92.65		124.62	105.99	
23 February	110.04	96.04		126.08	107.44	

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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