EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

	Week ending Nov 16	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	129.96	130.88	110.20
STG	206.09	209.22	173.77
Yen	1.60	1.65	1.43
Euro	165.90	166.82	148.31
INR (1)	2.38	2.42	2.18
SDR (As at 15 November, 2012)	198.72	199.85	172.57

Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US$ Mn.) - total for Month	September 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Purchases	23.00	5.00	0.00
Sales	300.00	15.75	514.05
	Week ending	Week ago	Year ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.)	43.24	44.44	86.28
(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)			
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)2			
1 Month	131.64	131.73	110.71
3 Months	133.38	-	111.59
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ mn)	13.30	16.15	32.25
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ mn) (As at 15 November, 2012)	1,129.35	1,102.69	1,356.97

In nominal terms the Rupee appreciated against the US$, STG, Yen, Euro, INR and SDR.

(1) Central Bank indicative rate
(2) Weekly average based on actual transactions

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending November 16	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	14.18	14.21	9.96
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	10.67	10.68	7.39
– 182 days	12.05	12.02	7.45
- 364 days	12.73	12.65	7.59
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase Rate (Repo)	7.75	7.75	7.00
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase Rate	9.75	9.75	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	10.53	10.54	8.04
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	10.60	10.60	8.04
7 days	11.35	11.35	8.13
1 Month	12.77	12.75	8.23
3 Months	13.38	13.30	8.36
6 Months	14.01	13.94	8.49
12 Months	14.59	14.55	8.67
	August 2012	**Month ago**	**Year ago**
Saving Deposits – Commercial Banks	0.75-10.50	0.75-10.50	1.00-8.50
One Year Fixed Deposits – Commercial Banks	5.25-15.00	5.00-15.50	5.05-10.00
	October 2012	**Month ago**	**Year ago**
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.46	9.22	6.57
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	12.32	11.92	8.12
	September 2012	**Month ago**	**Year ago**
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	15.38	15.14	13.62
	September 2012	**Month** ago	**Year** ago
Saving Deposits – NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits – NSB	12.50	12.50	8.50
	(02 yrs & 02 Mths)	(04 Y & 02 Mths)	(06 Y & 03 Mths)
Treasury Bonds Auction	26.07.12	26.07.12	26.07.12
Coupon rate	9.00	6.40	8.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	13.62	14.10	14.25

Call money rates remained between 10.00 to 10.60 percent during the week.
* AWPR – Average for the month of October 2012 – 13.97

Bankwise-AWPR	Week ending 16.11.12	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	14.87	14.78
People's Bank	15.63	18.81
Hatton National Bank	14.54	14.51
Commercial Bank Of Ceylon	14.44	14.61
Sampath Bank	15.30	15.46
Seylan Bank	17.50	16.83
Union Bank of Colombo	17.95	15.72
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	18.50	18.50
Nations Trust Bank	15.82	15.85
DFCC Vardhana Bank	17.05	16.80
NDB Bank	16.10	16.02
Amana Bank	-	-
HSBC	12.98	12.93
Standard Chartered Bank	13.75	14.01
Citi Bank	12.34	12.43
Deutsche Bank	14.00	13.88
Habib Bank	15.36	15.14
Indian Bank	15.58	15.58
Indian Overseas Bank	14.00	14.00
MCB Bank	14.60	14.06
State Bank of India	15.83	15.83
Public Bank	12.82	12.80
ICICI Bank	14.43	13.48
Axis Bank	-	-

MONEY SUPPLY

	2012(a) August	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	439.0	437.9	436.5
M2 (Rs. bn)	2,439.4	2,410.2	2,059.4
M2b (Rs. bn)	2,813.4	2,770.9	2,339.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	-14.9	-13.9	300.2
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn)(b)	2,828.3	2,784.8	2,039.5
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	1,031.5	998.8	773.0
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	263.8	261.5	141.5
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	2,285.1	2,270.6	1,775.7
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	473.0	463.4	419.9
Annual Change (%)			
M1	0.6	1.1	20.8
M2	18.5	19.0	22.6
M2b	20.2	19.8	20.6
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-105.0	-104.3	-9.2
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	38.7	40.1	26.7
Net Credit to Government	33.4	36.6	10.8
Credit to Corporations	86.5	82.4	30.8
Credit to the Private Sector	28.7	31.6	34.1
Reserve Money	12.6	12.2	24.7

(a) Provincial
(b) In relation to M2b

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending – 15 Nov, 2012 (Rs/Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	68.50	71.00
Kekulu (Red)	54.50	57.40
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	58.50	85.50
Snakegourd	70.00	96.00
Ash-Plantains	61.88	87.50
Beans	154.63	190.50
Carrots	183.75	211.50
Tomatoes	53.75	79.20
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	86.25	108.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	203.75	228.33
Big-Onions (Local)	59.67	83.33
Red-Onions (Local)	96.88	122.00
Coconut (Each)	31.50	37.90

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 15/11/2012

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
08.84% 2013A	2	05/10/13	97.05	12.43	97.19	12.25
09.22% 2013A	2	21/11/13	97.00	12.45	97.18	12.25
06.60% 2014A	2	01/02/14	93.43	12.59	93.59	12.44
09.00% 2014A	2	01/10/14	94.12	12.60	94.38	12.43
06.75% 2013A	3	01/09/13	95.86	12.36	96.02	12.14
08.50% 2015A	3	01/11/15	89.92	12.68	90.30	12.52
13.50% 2013A	4	01/02/13	100.30	11.62	100.35	11.39
11.50% 2013A	4	15/06/13	99.75	11.91	99.87	11.69
07.00% 2014A	4	01/03/14	93.42	12.65	93.58	12.51
06.60% 2014B	4	01/06/14	91.68	12.70	91.87	12.55
06.20% 2015A	4	15/01/15	88.17	12.60	88.40	12.47
06.20% 2015B	4	15/06/15	86.26	12.59	86.57	12.43
08.00% 2016B	4	01/06/16	86.86	12.72	87.20	12.58
11.25% 2014A	5	15/07/14	97.87	12.68	98.10	12.52
06.50% 2015A	5	15/07/15	86.53	12.59	86.78	12.47
08.00% 2016A	5	01/09/16	86.07	12.73	86.43	12.60

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE

Item	Week ending 16.11.12	Week ago Avg	Month ago	Rs/Kg Year ago
Samba	68.00	66.92	65.37	61.83
Sudu Kekulu	56.50	54.72	54.35	50.58
Raw Red	52.56	52.44	50.51	51.92
Nadu	57.50	56.90	56.23	52.71

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

Week	Week ending 15 Nov'12	Year ago	ago
Inter-bank Call Money Turnover (a)	14,810	15,991	10,135
Central Bank Holdings(a) Treasury Bills	206,912	208,227	92,535

(a) Daily average for week

CREDIT CARDS *

	2012(a) End Aug	2012 End July	2011 End Dec
Total number of Active Cards	928,072	918,216	862,352
Local (accepted only locally)	60,660	60,766	61,320
Global (accepted globally)	867,412	857,450	801,032
Outstanding balance (Rs mn)	47,936	40,483	37,637
Local (accepted only locally)	3,011	1,144	1,098
Global (accepted only globally)	44,925	39,339	36,539

* Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks
(a) Provisional
(b) Revised

TOURISM

		2012 * Jan-Sep	2011 Jan-Sep	% change
Tourist Arrivals		693,772	598,006	16.0
Earnings from Tourism	US$ mn	711.1	580.1	22.6
	Rs mn	90,080.9	63,901.0	41.0

* Provincial

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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

Item/Week Ended		Week ending Nov 14 2012 Rs. Mn	Week ending Nov 07 2012 Rs. Mn
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities			
T-bills	Outstanding	731,613	732,297
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	52,179	53,345
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	80,208	80,724
T-bonds	Outstanding	2,494,990	2,494,965
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	29,495	29,038
Primary Issues	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	316,535	316,078
T-bills	Amount Offered	14,000	10,000
	Total Bids Received	37,672	26,076
	Total Bids Accepted	15,601	10,636
T-bonds	Amount Offered	0	0
	Total Bids Received	0	0
	Total Bids Accepted	0	0
Latest Primary Issues		Yield Rates	
T-bills	<= 91 days	10.67%	10.68%
	<182 days	12.05%	12.02%
	<364 days	12.73%	12.65%
T-bonds			
<2 year	Last Issue	0.00%	0.00%
2 year	Last Issue (02.08.12)	13.62%	13.62%
3 year	Last Issue (11.05.12)	13.50%	13.50%
4 year	Last Issue (02.08.12)	14.10%	14.10%
5 year	Last Issue (02.07.12)	14.15%	14.15%
6 year	Last Issue (02.08.12)	14.25%	14.25%
10 year	Last Issue (02.07.12)	14.75%	14.75%
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		Rs.Mn	Rs.Mn
Outright Transactions	Purchased	2,168	1,926
	Sold	4,777	4,512
Repo Transactions	Repurchase	25,075	29,888
	Reverse Repurchase	10,324	6,177
T-bonds			
Outright Transactions	Purchased	3,175	2,223
	Sold	3,131	2,713
Repo Transactions	Repurchase	82,730	96,638
	Reverse Repurchase	9,913	13,145

Item/Week Ended		Week Ending November 14	Week Ending November 07
Secondary Market Weighted Average Yield Rates		2012 After tax	2012 After tax
Treasury Bills			
Purchased	<= 91 days	10.75%	10.70%
	<= 182 days	12.05%	12.00%
	<= 364 days	12.70%	12.65%
Sold	<= 91 days	10.65%	10.62%
	<= 182 days	11.95%	11.90%
	<= 364 days	12.60%	12.55%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased	<= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	<= 2 year	12.70%	12.75%
	<= 3 year	12.60%	12.60%
	<= 4 year	0.00%	12.70%
	<= 5 year	12.60%	12.70%
	<= 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	12.60%	12.65%
	<= 3 year	12.50%	12.55%
	<= 4 year	0.00%	12.60%
	<= 5 year	12.50%	12.62%
	<= 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

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	12.11 2012	14.11. 2012	15.11. 2012	16.11. 2012
Repo Auction				
Amount Offered (Rs bn)	2.00	-	4.50	5.50
Bids received (Rs bn)	3.86	-	5.35	8.45
Amount accepted (Rs bn)	2.00	-	4.50	5.50
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	9.32	-	9.72	9.33
Standing Facilities (Volumes)				
Repo (Rs bn)	1.50	4.40	0.69	1.17
Reverse Repo (Rs bn)	1.07	1.74	1.18	2.25

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 15.11.12	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	69.00	69.00	68.50	63.26
Kekulu (Red)	54.00	53.50	53.38	51.52
Beans	240.00	230.00	137.50	124.23
Cabbage	105.00	100.00	60.00	60.04
Carrots	240.00	140.00	102.50	105.29
Tomatoes	80.00	55.00	27.25	84.35
Pumpkins	70.00	60.00	35.00	36.81
Snakegourd	110.00	90.00	55.00	49.48
Brinjals	140.00	130.00	66.25	55.93
Ash-Plantains	80.00	60.00	42.50	54.33
Red-Onions (Local)	147.50	122.50	71.88	113.60
Big-Onions (Local)	62.50	67.50	45.00	63.53
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	102.50	95.00	66.38	96.28
Dried Chillies (Imported)	190.00	173.00	173.25	239.13
Dhal (Indian)	115.00	115.00	117.25	113.15
Eggs (Red) (Each)	11.50	10.50	9.88	10.75
Coconut (Each)	33.50	34.00	29.00	34.10
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	500.00	410.00	367.50	351.20
Balaya	280.00	270.00	232.50	244.52
Salaya	n.a.	90.00	92.50	112.37
Paraw (Small)	400.00	330.00	280.00	426.90

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week ending 15.11.12	Week ago	Month ago	Year ago Annual avg
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	70.00	70.00	70.00	68.84
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	60.00	60.00	58.41
Beans	270.00	250.00	165.00	147.79
Cabbage	140.00	120.00	87.50	91.57
Carrots	270.00	160.00	122.50	131.18
Tomatoes	100.00	80.00	50.00	114.71
Pumpkins	90.00	80.00	57.50	58.24
Snakegourd	140.00	120.00	77.50	73.40
Brinjals	170.00	160.00	90.00	81.57
Ash-Plantains	100.00	80.00	62.50	76.57
Red-Onions (Local)	150.00	130.00	82.50	157.83
Big-Onions (Local)	80.00	85.00	60.00	78.89
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	120.00	120.00	85.00	115.31
Dried Chillies (Imported)	240.00	200.00	212.50	270.58
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	140.00	134.94
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.00	11.00	10.13	11.21
Coconut (Each)	38.00	40.00	33.25	40.94
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	550.00	520.00	437.50	460.67
Balaya	320.00	330.00	277.50	331.82
Salaya	n.a.	110.00	130.00	141.59
Paraw (Small)	460.00	380.00	327.50	514.77

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 15 Nov'12	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,558	5,581	6,092
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	5,128	5,128	5,397
Average Daily Turnover (Rs mn)	498	497	585
Market Capitalization (Rs bn)	2,130.0	2,137.9	2,191

The All Share Price Index has decreased by 23 index points and Milanka Price Index remained unchanged. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs 1 mn.

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2012 End Aug*	2012 End July	2011 End Dec
Total issues - Cumulative (Rs bn)	21.4	19.1	13.5
Outstanding (as at end of the period) (Rs bn)	10.9	12.1	8.1

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

PRICE INDICES

	Oct 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	165.0	165.5	151.5
Annual Average Change %	6.8	6.5	7.2
Year-on-Year Change %	8.9	9.1	5.1
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	162.7	161.9	152.4
Annual Average Change %	5.4	5.3	7.5
Year-on-Year Change %	6.8	6.2	5.6
	July 2012*	Month ago	Year ago
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	4,520.4	4,484.9	4,139.9
Annual Average Change %	-0.3	-0.2	14.7

*Provisional

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2012* Jan-Sep	2011 Jan-Sep	% Change
Tea (Mn kg)	239.5	245.2	-2.3
Rubber (Mn Kg)	117.4	119.1	-1.4
Coconuts (Mn nuts)	2,297.4	2,062.1	11.4

* Provisional

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2012(a) End Sep	2011 End Dec	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b)	US $ Mn	8,610.2	7,199.0	19.6
	Rs Mn	1,117,550.6	819,978.0	36.3
Gross Official Reserves (b)	US$ Mn	7,053.1	5,957.6	18.4
	Rs Mn	915,447.5	678,583.9	34.9
		2012(a) Jan-Sep	2011 Jan-Sep	% Change
Worker's Remittances (C) Inflows	US$ Mn	4,418.6	3,782.1	16.8
	Rs Mn	561,531.4	416,568.0	34.8

(a) Provisional
(b) By end September 2012, the total level of foreign reserves were equivalent to 5.22 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.27 months of imports.
© Data on workers' remittances outflows are published on quarterly basis.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

		2012 Sep	2011 Sep	% Change
Colombo Auction Price				
Tea Prices	Rs/kg	419.73	345.40	21.5
	US$/kg	3.81	2.62	45.4
Imports (CIF)				
Rice	Rs/mt	101,204	72,136	40.3
	US$/mt	768	655	17.3
White sugar	Rs/mt	84,305	83,800	0.6
	US$/mt	640	761	-15.9
Crude oil	Rs/barrel	-	11,942	-
	US$/barrel	-	108	-
Wheat	Rs/mt	42,490	36,924	15.1
	US$/mt	322	335	-3.8

GOVERNMENT DEBT

	2012* End Aug	Month ago	Year ago
Total domestic debt (Rs bn) of which	3,253.2	3,185.7	2,801.7
Treasury bills	802.9	651.5	616.2
Treasury bonds	2,121.7	2,114.0	1,782.8
Rupee loans	58.4	58.4	62.0
Total foreign debt (Rs bn)	2,995.8	2,975.3	2,257.3
Total outstanding govt debt (Rs bn)	6,249.0	6,161.0	5,059.1

* Provisional
Total outstanding government debt increased by 21.7 percent compared to end December 2011.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2012* Jan-Aug	2011 Jan-Aug
Revenue and Grants (Rs bn)	645.5	580.7
Revenue (Rs. bn)	632.0	574.6
Tax	562.6	512.4
Non tax	69.4	62.2
Grants	13.5	6.1
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs bn)	1,100.0	930.3
Current	781.0	690.0
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	319.1	240.3

* Provisional
Total revenue and grants increased by 11.2 percent compared to the period of Jan-Aug 2011

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

Growth rate	2012* 2nd Quarter	2011 2nd Quarter	2011 Annual
Agriculture	9.1	1.8	1.5
Industry	9.5	9.5	10.3
Services	4.5	8.8	8.6
GDP	6.4	8.1	8.3

*Provisional Source: Department of Census and Statistics

TRADE INDICES** (2010 = 100)

	2012** July	Month ago	Year ago
Total exports			
Value	110.6	105.2	133.9
Quantity	120.6	101.2	124.1
Unit Value	91.7	104.0	107.9
Total Imports			
Value	118.6	127.0	158.4
Quantity	118.5	120.8	124.1
Unit Value	100.1	105.1	127.7
Terms of Trade	91.6	98.9	84.5

* In US$ Terms
** Provisional

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2012 Jan-Sep	2011 Jan-Sep	% Change
Exports	Rs mn	936,730	864,686	8.3
Agricultural		220,809	208,246	6.0
Industrial		699,320	652,973	7.1
Mineral		5,374	2,908	84.8
Other		11,227	559	1,908.5
Imports	Rs mn	1,792,964	1,613,076	11.2
Consumer goods		290,037	295,889	-2.0
Intermediate goods		1,083,183	976,924	10.9
Investment goods		416,773	336,134	24.0
Other		2,971	4,128	-27.6
Trade Balance	Rs mn	-856,234	-748,389	-14.4
Exports	US$ mn	7,393	7,851	-5.8
Agricultural		1,736	1,891	-8.2
Industrial		5,519	5,928	-6.9
Mineral		42	26	59.8
Other		96	5	1,796.5
Imports	US$ mn	14,173	14,650	-3.3
Consumer goods		2,292	2,687	-14.7
Intermediate goods		8,552	8,873	-3.6
Investment goods		3,305	3,053	8.3
Other		24	37	-36.1
Trade Balance	US$ mn	-6,780	-6,799	0.3

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2012 Jan-Sep	2011 Jan-Sep	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	Rs mn	699,320	652,973	7.1
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		27,113	28,948	-6.3
Textiles and apparel		376,892	341,999	10.2
Petroleum Products		44,627	44,886	-0.6
Leather, Rubber etc		87,080	76,631	13.6
Other		163,608	160,510	1.9
Total Industrial Exports	US$ mn	5,519	5,928	-6.9
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		213	263	-18.9
Textiles and Apparel		2,972	3,105	-4.3
Petroleum Products		352	408	-13.5
Leather, Rubber etc		687	696	-1.3
Other		1,294	1,457	-11.2

WAGE RATE INDICES

	2012 (a) September	2011 September	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978 = 100) (b)	5,304.7	4,964.5	6.9
Workers in Wages Boards Trades (1978 = 100)	3,662.8	2,936.4	24.7
Agriculture	4,434.3	3,337.0	32.9
Industry & Commerce	2,402.1	2,402.1	0.0
Services	1,851.8	1,851.8	0.0

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

EMPLOYMENT

	2012(a) 2nd Quarter	2011(a) 2nd Quarter	2011(a) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	46.8	48.3	48.2
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.2	4.2
Employed persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	30.1	33.7	32.9
Industry	26.9	23.6	24.3
Services and Other	43.0	42.7	42.8

(a) Data exclude Northern Province

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WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	15 Nov	Week 2012	Change Ago
Reserve Money (Rs. mn).	478,640	479,760	-1120

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2012* Aug	2011 Aug	% Change
Industrial Production Index (IPI)(a) (2010 = 100)	107.5	114.5	-6.1
	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2010	
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997 = 100)	85.5	70.7	21.0

* Provisional
(a) IPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Month	2011 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US $/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US $/bbl)	CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US $/bbl(*)	2012 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US $/bbl)	WTI (European Market) (US $/bbl)	CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)(*)
January	97.33	89.26	95.33	111.34	98.46	115.62
February	103.71	88.66	103.18	120.05	102.36	119.86
March	115.39	102.86	111.31	126.67	106.16	119.86
April	124.41	109.53	119.45	120.77	103.32	121.21
May	116.85	101.54	111.50	110.93	94.49	110.73
June	114.72	96.50	111.21	95.60	82.30	96.60
July	117.35	97.19	112.85	103.20	87.86	-
August	111.14	86.33	107.74	114.11	94.16	112.25
September	114.92	85.42	108.43	113.16	94.64	
October	110.72	86.31	107.19	112.37	89.49	-
November	111.13	86.89	113.00			
December	108.93	98.57	110.57			
09 November	112.38	93.83		109.66	86.08	
12 November	-	-		111.28	85.56	
13 November	-	-		109.88	85.38	
14 November	113.57	98.11		110.72	86.32	
15 November	112.90	99.37		111.13	85.45	

Sources: Reuters
Energy Information Administration (web site), 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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NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE (Rs/Kg)

Item	Average 15.11.12	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	70.00	70.00
Kekulu (Red)	58.00	57.00
Beans	250.00	240.00
Cabbage	140.00	220.00
Carrots	260.00	230.00
Tomatoes	100.00	80.00
Pumpkins	100.00	90.00
Snakegourd	120.00	130.00
Brinjals	160.00	150.00
Ash-Plantains	120.00	90.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Dried Chillies (Imported)	200.00	200.00
Dhal (Indian)	130.00	130.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.50	11.50
Coconut (Each)	35.00	35.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	750.00	720.00
Balaya	450.00	450.00
Salaya	120.00	180.00
Paraw (Small)	790.00	890.00

Japan to give $ 615 million in loans to Myanmar

Japan is to provide Myanmar with $615 million in government loans, a report said, just days after the United States scrapped a ban on most imports from the long-isolated Southeast Asian nation. Myanmar nominally ended nearly half a century of military rule last year and rapid changes have sparked a widespread lifting of sanctions and a scramble to tap a potentially lucrative market.

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda will make the loans announcement when he meets Myanmar's President Thein Sein on the sidelines on a Southeast Asian summit in Cambodia on Monday, the Nikkei business daily said. Japan's first low-interest, long-term government loans to Myanmar in nearly three decades will "back up moves by Japanese companies into the country and hold China in check after it increased its influence in Myanmar", it said. *AFP*

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