EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

EXCHANGE RATES	Week ending	Week ago	Year ago
(Rs. per unit)	Nov 30		
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	130.26	130.28	113.90
STG	208.94	207.70	177.80
Yen	1.58	1.58	1.46
Euro	169.17	167.76	152.00
INR (1)	2.37	2.36	2.20
SDR (As at 29 November, 2012)	199.70	198.73	177.06

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.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	52.06	40.46	88.14
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)2			
1 Month	131.34	131.45	114.78
3 Months	133.68	133.92	116.20
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ mn)	11.08	8.94	24.90
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ mn) (As at 29 November, 2012)	1,049.68	1,092.73	1,438.58

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

INTEREST RATES (%)

	Week ending November 30	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	14.15	14.37	9.83
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	10.79	10.74	7.95
– 182 days	12.09	12.07	8.18
- 364 days	12.85	12.81	8.50
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)	10.58	10.57	8.83
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	10.60	10.60	8.68
7 days	11.33	11.35	8.99
1 Month	12.77	12.84	9.24
3 Months	13.50	13.47	9.43
6 Months	14.00	14.05	9.73
12 Months	14.50	14.55	9.98
	September 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	5.00-15.60	5.25-15.50	5.05-11.75
	October 2012	**Month ago**	**Year ago**
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.80	9.46	6.72
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	12.78	12.32	8.21
	September 2012	**Month ago**	**Year ago**
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	15.38	15.14	13.62
	October 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 10.10 to 10.60 percent during the week.
* AWPR – Average for the month of October 2012 – 14.23

Bankwise-AWPR	Week ending 30.11.12	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	14.87	14.91
People's Bank	16.32	17.36
Hatton National Bank	14.62	15.33
Commercial Bank Of Ceylon	14.72	14.31
Sampath Bank	15.26	15.65
Seylan Bank	18.97	16.85
Union Bank of Colombo	16.67	15.96
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	18.50	18.50
Nations Trust Bank	16.05	15.76
DFCC Vardhana Bank	16.43	17.05
NDB Bank	16.02	16.02
Amana Bank	-	-
HSBC	12.94	12.93
Standard Chartered Bank	14.34	14.03
Citi Bank	12.51	12.77
Deutsche Bank	13.21	13.23
Habib Bank	15.50	15.40
Indian Bank	15.43	15.43
Indian Overseas Bank	15.00	15.00
MCB Bank	13.76	16.02
State Bank of India	15.83	15.83
Public Bank	12.79	12.79
ICICI Bank	15.90	15.90
Axis Bank	-	-

WAGE RATE INDICES

	2012 (a) October	2011 October	% 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

NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE (Rs/Kg)

Retail Prices

Item	Average 29.11.12	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	70.00	70.00
Kekulu (Red)	58.00	58.67
Beans	156.67	200.00
Cabbage	140.00	140.00
Carrots	233.00	230.00
Tomatoes	90.33	90.00
Pumpkins	90.00	100.00
Snakegourd	120.00	136.67
Brinjals	113.33	126.67
Ash-Plantains	110.00	120.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Dried Chillies (Imported)	240.00	240.00
Dhal (Indian)	130.00	130.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.50	12.50
Coconut (Each)	36.00	36.67
Fish		
Kelawalla	753.33	690.00
Balaya	520.00	450.00
Salaya	180.00	140.00
Paraw (Small)	890.00	813.33

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 29/11/2012

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
08.84% 2013A	2	05/10/13	97.20	12.38	97.34	12.20
09.22% 2013A	2	21/11/13	97.19	12.35	97.37	12.15
06.60% 2014A	2	01/02/14	93.63	12.58	93.77	12.45
09.00% 2014A	2	01/10/14	94.27	12.57	94.51	12.42
06.75% 2013A	3	01/09/13	96.05	12.36	96.14	12.22
08.50% 2015A	3	01/11/15	90.13	12.64	90.41	12.51
13.50% 2013A	4	01/02/13	100.20	11.79	100.24	11.58
11.50% 2013A	4	15/06/13	99.83	11.80	99.93	11.61
07.00% 2014A	4	01/03/14	93.63	12.63	93.75	12.51
06.60% 2014B	4	01/06/14	91.90	12.68	92.07	12.54
06.20% 2015A	4	15/01/15	88.47	12.53	88.66	12.42
06.20% 2015B	4	15/06/15	86.57	12.53	86.79	12.41
08.00% 2016B	4	01/06/16	87.19	12.63	87.45	12.53
11.25% 2014A	5	15/07/14	97.99	12.63	98.19	12.49
06.50% 2015A	5	15/07/15	87.00	12.44	87.20	12.34
08.00% 2016A	5	01/09/16	86.34	12.68	86.60	12.58

MARANDAGAHAMULA AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE

Item	Week ending 30.11.12	Week ago Avg	Month ago	Rs/Kg Year ago
Samba	69.00	68.30	65.37	61.83
Sudu Kekulu	56.53	56.10	54.35	50.58
Raw Red	52.70	53.00	50.51	51.92
Nadu	59.00	58.08	56.23	52.71

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

	Week ending 29 Nov'12	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-bank Call Money Turnover (a)	21,933	20,403	7,516
Central Bank Holdings(a)			
Treasury Bills	210,205	212,174	119,592

(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

PRICE INDICES

	Nov 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	167.1	165.0	152.6
Annual Average Change %	7.2	6.8	6.9
Year-on-Year Change %	9.5	8.9	4.7
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	163.4	162.7	152.3
Annual Average Change %	5.6	5.4	7.2
Year-on-Year Change %	7.2	6.8	4.9
	August 2012*	Month ago	Year ago
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	4,428.7	4,520.4	4,106.5
Annual Average Change %	-0.4	-0.3	14.9

*Provisional

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

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

Item/Week Ended		Week ending Nov 28 2012 Rs. Mn	Week ending Nov 21 2012 Rs. Mn
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities			
T-bills	Outstanding	744,817	747,565
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	49,250	54,273
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	80,002	80,045
T-bonds	Outstanding	2,495,229	2,495,081
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	27,007	29,674
Primary Issues	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	316,885	316,885
T-bills	Amount Offered	18,000	19,000
	Total Bids Received	41,100	44,812
	Total Bids Accepted	23,667	22,424
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	10.79%	10.74%
	<182 days	12.09%	12.07%
	<364 days	12.85%	12.81%
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	7,332	4,093
	Sold	8,146	11,402
Repo Transactions			
	Repurchase	14,061	25,422
	Reverse Repurchase	2,739	3,203
T-bonds			
Outright Transactions			
	Purchased	1,292	2,428
	Sold	1,397	2,721
Repo Transactions			
	Repurchase	89,291	96,248
	Reverse Repurchase	8,764	11,259

Item/Week Ended		Week Ending November 28 2012 After tax	Week Ending November 21 2012 After tax
Secondary Market Weighted Average Yield Rates			
Treasury Bills			
Purchased			
	<= 91 days	10.80%	10.70%
	<= 182 days	12.10%	12.15%
	<= 364 days	12.85%	12.74%
Sold			
	<= 91 days	10.70%	10.65%
	<= 182 days	12.07%	12.05%
	<= 364 days	12.80%	12.72%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased			
	<= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	<= 2 year	12.75%	12.85%
	<= 3 year	12.50%	12.45%
	<= 4 year	12.70%	12.75%
	<= 5 year	12.45%	12.50%
	<= 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	12.65%	12.70%
	<= 3 year	12.40%	12.40%
	<= 4 year	12.60%	12.60%
	<= 5 year	12.35%	12.40%
	<= 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

	26.11 2012	28.11. 2012	29.11. 2012	30.11. 2012
Repo Auction				
Amount Offered (Rs bn)	3.00	-	-	4.00
Bids received (Rs bn)	2.32	-	-	1.88
Amount accepted (Rs bn)	2.32	-	-	1.88
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	9.72	-	-	9.71
Standing Facilities (Volumes)				
Repo (Rs bn)	0.29	0.97	1.35	0.49
Reverse Repo (Rs bn)	-	0.31	-	0.15

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week Ending 28.11.12	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	69.00	70.00	68.50	63.26
Kekulu (Red)	55.00	54.00	53.38	51.52
Beans	150.00	180.00	137.50	124.23
Cabbage	80.00	90.00	60.00	60.04
Carrots	150.00	220.00	102.50	105.29
Tomatoes	70.00	55.00	27.25	84.35
Pumpkins	40.00	60.00	35.00	36.81
Snakegourd	90.00	90.00	55.00	49.48
Brinjals	70.00	110.00	66.25	55.93
Ash-Plantains	70.00	80.00	42.50	54.33
Red-Onions (Local)	145.00	155.00	71.88	113.60
Big-Onions (Local)	82.50	60.00	45.00	63.53
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	125.00	102.50	66.38	96.28
Dried Chillies (Imported)	183.00	185.00	173.25	239.13
Dhal (Indian)	115.00	114.00	117.25	113.15
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.70	11.70	9.88	10.75
Coconut (Each)	34.50	34.50	29.00	34.10
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	350.00	440.00	367.50	351.20
Balaya	260.00	290.00	232.50	244.52
Salaya	120.00	100.00	92.50	112.37
Paraw (Small)	380.00	320.00	280.00	426.90

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

	Week ending 28.11.12	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	180.00	200.00	165.00	147.79
Cabbage	120.00	120.00	87.50	91.57
Carrots	180.00	240.00	122.50	131.18
Tomatoes	100.00	80.00	50.00	114.71
Pumpkins	60.00	80.00	57.50	58.24
Snakegourd	120.00	120.00	77.50	73.40
Brinjals	100.00	140.00	90.00	81.57
Ash-Plantains	100.00	100.00	62.50	76.57
Red-Onions (Local)	180.00	180.00	82.50	157.83
Big-Onions (Local)	100.00	80.00	60.00	78.89
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	140.00	120.00	85.00	115.31
Dried Chillies (Imported)	220.00	210.00	212.50	270.58
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	140.00	134.94
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.00	12.00	10.13	11.21
Coconut (Each)	45.00	40.00	33.25	40.94
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	500.00	500.00	437.50	460.67
Balaya	310.00	350.00	277.50	331.82
Salaya	160	150.00	130.00	141.59
Paraw (Small)	430.00	370.00	327.50	514.77

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending – 29 Nov, 2012 (Rs/Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	68.50	72.00
Kekulu (Red)	54.88	59.00
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	42.50	63.33
Snakegourd	43.13	71.67
Ash-Plantains	62.50	85.00
Beans	126.25	173.33
Carrots	150.00	206.67
Tomatoes	54.38	85.83
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	120.00	137.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	190.00	210.00
Big-Onions (Local)	70.00	95.83
Red-Onions (Local)	93.75	133.33
Coconut (Each)	32.00	39.00

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

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2012* Sep	2011 Sep	% Change
Industrial Production Index (IPI)(a) (2010 = 100)	104.2	113.2	-8.0
	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

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)	3,253.2	3,185.7	2,801.7
of which			
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.

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 29 Nov'12	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,364	5,407	6,020
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	4,891	4,955	5,247
Average Daily Turnover (Rs mn)	634	1,324	1,233
Market Capitalization (Rs bn)	2,059.6	2,075.8	2,193.9

Both the All Share Price Index and Milanka Price Index have decreased by 43 and 64 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has decreased by Rs 690 mn.

MONEY SUPPLY

	2012(a) September	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	439.8	439.0	435.4
M2 (Rs. bn)	2,455.0	2,439.4	2,091.1
M2b (Rs. bn)	2,828.7	2,813.4	2,379.9
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	-30.2	-14.9	231.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn)(b)	2,858.9	2,828.3	2,148.2
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	1,035.1	1,031.5	796.4
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	271.9	263.8	141.0
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	2,294.9	2,285.1	1,828.0
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	473.1	473.0	422.3
Annual Change (%)			
M1	1.0	0.6	16.5
M2	17.4	18.5	21.6
M2b	18.9	20.2	20.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-113.0	-105.0	-33.2
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	33.1	38.7	32.2
Net Credit to Government	30.0	33.4	14.9
Credit to Corporations	92.9	86.5	32.9
Credit to the Private Sector	25.5	28.7	34.4
Reserve Money	12.0	12.6	24.8

(a) Provincial
(b) In relation to M2b

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

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

WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	29 Nov 2012	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs. mn).	474,720	472,130	2590

TOURISM

		2012 * Jan-Oct	2011 Jan-Oct	% change
Tourist Arrivals		774,151	667,569	16.0
Earnings from Tourism	US$ mn	790.5	647.5	22.1
	Rs mn	100,342.5	71,336.3	40.7

* Provincial

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** (1997 = 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

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.

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 $/bbl)	2012 CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US$/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			
23 November	107.43	95.79		111.79	87.01	
26 November	-	-		111.24	87.28	
27 November	-	-		110.29	86.81	
28 November	109.98	98.16		109.22	86.10	
29 November	111.85	99.76		111.43	87.64	

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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Investors turn to car parks as H.K. property cools

Curbs on buying property in Hong Kong have cooled a market pushed sky-high by mainland Chinese investors. But the steps have sparked a craze for an unlikely new investment -- the car parking space.

The Asian financial hub slapped new taxes on residential properties in late October to rein in prices, amid growing complaints from Hong Kongers that buying even a tiny flat was now out of their reach.

Mainland Chinese buyers were largely blamed for the increase in prices, which have skyrocketed 90 percent since 2009, as they flocked to the city with their new wealth amid the country's economic boom.

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying hoped the curbs would calm anger over the issue in the space-starved southern city of seven million, after previous promises of making more land available did little to help the situation. The curbs appear to be working but have also had unusual side-effects, with the city's imaginative investors now focusing on car parking spaces, which analysts say could hit an all-time high.

The issue grabbed the public's attention with a single sale of parking spaces for HK$1.3 million ($166,666) last month, according to reports. *AFP*

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