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THE COLOMBO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER 2016

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The CCPI is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of Colombo district. Prices for items in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are collected from 14 selected centers located in Colombo namely Pettah, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Borella, Kirulapone, Dehiwala, Kotte, Nugegoda, Kolonnawa, Rathmalana, and Narahenpita and Rathmalana dedicated economic centers. Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Co-operative store and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 373 items which represent the typical urban households' consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2006/07.

Month on Month (M on M) Change of CCPI:

The CCPI for all items for the month of December 2016 was 192.8 and it records an increase of 1.9 index points or a percentage of 0.99 compared to the month of November 2016 for which the index was 190.9 This increase represents an expenditure value of Rs.526.28 in the "Market Basket".

Table 1- Monthly Changes by main Groups of Market Basket

Major Group*	Index Number			Monthly Changes of the Expenditure Values(Rs.)			Monthly Changes of the Index (%)		
	Dec. 2015	NOV. 2016	Dec. 2016	Dec. 2015	NOV. 2016	Dec. 2016	Dec. 2015	NOV. 2016	Dec. 2016
All Items	185.2	190.9	192.8	136.85	336.35	526.28	0.26	0.63	0.99
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	219.3	223.9	227.6	205.03	12.70	419.06	0.40	0.02	0.78
Non Food	161.5	168.0	168.6	-68.18	323.65	107.22	-0.13	0.61	0.20
Housing Water Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	137.5	138.5	138.2	-75.56	45.49	-18.45	-0.15	0.09	-0.03
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	168.6	172.8	171.7	4.09	4.68	-10.53	0.01	0.01	-0.02
Health	318.9	365.7	369.2	0.00	97.62	31.13	0.00	0.18	0.06
Communication	94.0	106.4	109.8	0.00	135.05	45.02	0.00	0.25	0.08
Recreation & Culture	167.5	168.3	159.9	0.00	1.01	-35.39	0.00	0.00	-0.07
Education	154.2	154.9	163.7	0.00	0.91	96.70	0.00	0.00	0.18
Other	182.5	189.8	189.8	3.29	38.89	-1.25	0.01	0.07	0.00

*Note : There are 10 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in December 2016 were noted only in Seven main groups, details on which are given in Table 1.

Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the increase in CCPI from November 2016 to December 2016 are given in Table 2. The increase in the index point by 0.99% was due to the increase of food items by 0.78% and increase of non-food items by 0.20% respectively.

Contribution of Food and non alcoholic beverages items: 0.78%

Increase in value change in index were reported for Rice (0.25%), Vegetables (0.18%), Eggs (0.08%), Coconut (0.08%), Big Onions (0.05%), Coconut Oil (0.04%), Potatoes (0.03%), Garlic (0.03%), Sea Fish (0.02%) and Dried Fish (0.01%) while decreases in value change were reported for Limes (0.14%), Chicken (0.07%), Pineapple (0.03%), Mangoes (0.03%) and Banana (0.02%).

Contribution of non food items: 0.20%

Among non food groups value increases were reported for groups of 'Education' (0.18%), 'Communication' (0.08%) and 'Health' (0.06%) while value decrease were reported for the groups of 'Recreation and Culture' (0.07%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.03%) and 'Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance' (0.02%). The group of 'Clothing and Footwear' showed an insignificant value decrease while groups of 'Transport' and 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' remain unchanged during the period.

Table 2: Contribution to the increase in CCPI from November 2016 to December 2016
(Base: 2006/07=100)

Sub Group/Commodity	Value Change			
	Rs.cts.	% change		
		Increase %	Decrease %	Net effect %
Food	419.06	1.09	0.31	0.78
1 Rice	136.10	0.25		
2 Chicken	-36.06		0.07	
3 Sea Fish	8.45	0.02		
4 Dried Fish	4.11	0.01		
<i>Sprats</i>	4.68	0.01		
5 Eggs	40.52	0.08		
6 Coconut	44.48	0.08		
7 Coconut Oil	19.03	0.04		
8 Banana	-12.68		0.02	
9 Pineapple	-15.01		0.03	
10 Mangoes	-17.57		0.03	
11 Vegetables	94.98	0.18		
12 Potatoes	17.93	0.03		
13 Big onions	25.27	0.05		
14 Garlic	15.62	0.03		
15 Limes	-76.37		0.14	
Other	170.26	0.32		
Non Food	107.22	0.57	0.37	0.20
16 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other	-18.45		0.03	
<i>Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings</i>	-6.75		0.01	
<i>L.P. Gas</i>	-11.70		0.02	
17 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	-10.53		0.02	
18 Health	31.13	0.06		
<i>Consultation fee to Specialist</i>	13.25	0.02		
<i>Laboratory test</i>	14.17	0.03		
<i>Hospital Charges</i>	2.79	0.01		
19 Communication	45.02	0.08		
<i>Telephone Charges</i>	45.02	0.08		
20 Recreation and Culture	-35.39		0.07	
21 Education	96.70	0.18		
<i>Tuition fees</i>	96.70	0.18		
<i>Others</i>	-1.25		0.00	
All Items	526.28			0.99

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

INFLATION:

The CCPI is an economic indicator constructed to measure inflation which is defined as percentage change in CCPI over the year. There are two measures of inflation in general use. One measure is Year on Year base or Point to Point inflation (The percentage change in the CPI during the last 12 months). The other measure is Moving Average Inflation (The percentage difference between the average Price Index of last 12 months & the average Price Index of previous 12 months).

Table 3: Movements of the CCPI(Base: 2006/07=100)

Year	Month	Index Number	All Item			Food			Non Food		
			% Change Month to Month	Inflation		% Change Month to Month	Inflation		% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
				Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.
2015	November	184.7	1.4%	3.1%	0.9%	3.0%	5.2%	5.1%	0.0%	1.1%	-2.8%
	December	185.2	0.3%	2.8%	0.9%	0.8%	4.2%	4.9%	-0.2%	1.5%	-2.5%
2016	January	184.9	-0.2%	0.9%	0.7%	-0.5%	-0.2%	3.9%	0.2%	2.0%	-2.0%
	February	183.8	-0.6%	2.7%	0.9%	-1.1%	0.8%	3.2%	-0.1%	4.6%	-1.1%
	March	181.7	-1.1%	2.0%	1.1%	-2.3%	1.4%	2.8%	-0.1%	2.5%	-0.5%
	April	184.1	1.3%	3.1%	1.3%	2.2%	4.9%	2.8%	0.6%	1.7%	0.0%
	May	188.5	2.4%	4.8%	1.7%	2.2%	5.6%	2.9%	2.5%	4.2%	0.6%
	June	192.5	2.1%	6.0%	2.2%	4.3%	8.2%	3.3%	0.2%	4.0%	1.2%
	July	192.9	0.2%	5.5%	2.7%	0.6%	8.1%	3.8%	-0.2%	3.0%	1.7%
	August	189.1	-2.0%	4.0%	3.0%	-3.7%	5.6%	4.0%	-0.3%	2.4%	2.1%
	September	188.5	-0.3%	3.9%	3.4%	-0.7%	5.5%	4.3%	0.2%	2.5%	2.5%
	October	189.7	0.6%	4.2%	3.6%	1.3%	6.0%	4.6%	0.0%	2.5%	2.7%
	November	190.9	0.6%	3.4%	3.6%	0.0%	2.9%	4.4%	1.2%	3.8%	2.9%
December	192.8	1.0%	4.1%	3.7%	1.7%	3.8%	4.4%	0.4%	4.4%	3.1%	

Year on Year (YoY) Inflation

The YoY inflation as measured by CCPI is 4.1% in December 2016 and inflation calculated for November 2016 was 3.4% (Table3). YoY inflation of Food Group has increased from 2.9% in November 2016 to 3.8% in December 2016 and that of Non-food Group has also increased from 3.8% to 4.4% during this period.

Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of December 2016, on year to year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 1.84%.

The contribution of Non food items was 2.28%. This was mainly due to value change increases in groups of ‘Clothing and Footwear’ (0.14%), ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels’ (0.10%), ‘Furnishing HH Equipment’s & Routine HH Maintenance’ (0.06%), ‘Health’ (0.86%), ‘Transport’ (0.43%), ‘Communication’ (0.41%), ‘Education’ (0.20%), ‘Miscellaneous Goods and Services’ (0.15%) while decreases in value change was reported in the group of ‘Recreation & Culture’ (0.06%).

Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of December 2016 was 3.7%. The corresponding rate for the month of November 2016 was also 3.6%.

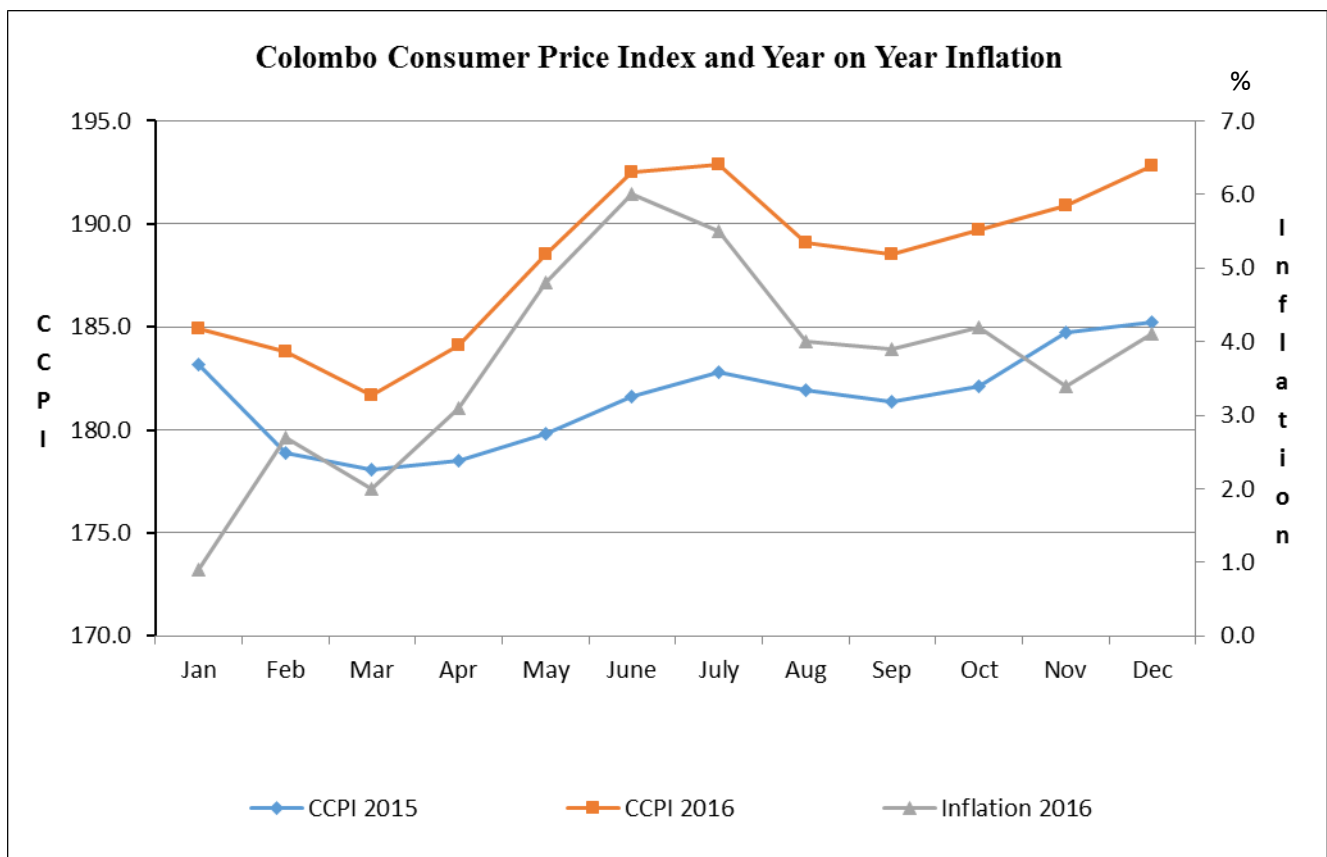


Table 4 : Monthly Average Open Market Retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index (December 2015, November & December 2016)

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2015Dec.	2016Nov.	2016Dec.	Dec.16– Nov. 16	Dec.16 - Dec.15
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	71.48	75.69	81.28	7.38	13.71
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	73.44	76.75	86.18	12.28	17.34
3. Rice –Nadu	Kg	78.47	82.96	89.49	7.87	14.04
4. Rice– Samba	Kg	94.89	92.47	95.06	2.80	0.18
5. Cowpea	Kg	268.91	259.46	263.14	1.41	-2.15
6. Green Grams	Kg	253.32	223.99	228.17	1.86	-9.93
7. Coconut	Each	43.36	47.08	48.72	3.50	12.36
8. Coconut Oil	750ml	200.49	223.83	232.19	3.73	15.81
9. Chicken	Kg	439.07	469.73	451.51	-3.88	2.83
10. Eggs	Each	14.95	12.76	15.55	21.89	4.05
11. Red Onion	Kg	144.03	128.16	132.82	3.63	-7.79
12. B' Onion	Kg	100.09	92.42	102.60	11.02	2.52
13. Potatoes	Kg	122.25	132.01	141.39	7.10	15.66
14. Garlic	Kg	305.56	445.30	486.88	9.34	59.34
15. Dried Chilies	Kg	359.70	368.05	351.08	-4.61	-2.40
16. Green Chilies	Kg	967.48	178.15	184.22	3.41	-80.96
17. Sugar	Kg	91.17	97.23	97.75	0.53	7.22
18. Pepper	Kg	1685.29	1827.58	1824.08	-0.19	8.24
Vegetables-						
19. Ash Plantain	Kg	139.42	130.42	132.29	1.43	-5.11
20. Carrot	Kg	279.88	141.27	148.61	5.20	-46.90
21. Snake Gourd	Kg	146.35	136.25	145.66	6.91	-0.47
22. Tomatoes	Kg	212.52	96.34	87.05	-9.64	-59.04
23. Capsicum	Kg	483.50	189.04	212.61	12.47	-56.03
24. Beetroot	Kg	213.22	121.57	131.29	8.00	-38.42
25. Beans	Kg	327.50	226.53	270.21	19.28	-17.49
Fruits						
26. Banana	Each	12.53	17.20	16.73	-2.75	33.51
27. Papaw	Kg	75.92	95.75	93.88	-1.95	23.66
28. Mangoes	Each	58.93	89.54	75.85	-15.28	28.71
Fresh Fish –						
29. Seer	Kg	1259.90	1316.34	1328.30	0.91	5.43
30. Talapath	Kg	875.08	890.58	905.57	1.68	
31. Paraw	Kg	905.02	869.68	840.05	-3.41	-7.18
Dried Fish -						
32. Katta	Kg	1105.24	1168.42	1168.17	-0.02	5.69
33. Sprats	Kg	591.29	614.73	623.91	1.49	5.52
34. Kerosene Oil	Lt	49.00	49.00	49.00	0.00	0.00
35. Petrol(CPC & IOC Avg.)	Lt	117.00	117.00	117.00	0.00	0.00
36. Diesel (CPC & IOC Avg.)	Lt	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00	0.00
37. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	1496.00	1346.00	1324.57	-1.59	-11.46
Shell\Litro	12.5kg	1496.00	1346.00	1324.57	-1.59	-11.46
Laughs	12.5kg	1496.00	1346.00	1324.57	-1.59	-11.46

The DCS will commence releasing rebased CCPI(Base: 2013=100) from January 2017 and Base Year of 2006/07=100 will be discontinued.

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