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THE COLOMBO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – JULY 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.

DCS commenced releasing monthly National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) from October 2015 with a time lag of 21 days. However, CCPI is released on the last working day of each month. Accordingly, the NCPI for the month of June 2016 was released on 21st July 2016 and this report is on the CCPI for the month of June 2016. (Please see the DCS website: www.statistics.gov.lk, for further details).

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

The CCPI for all items for the month of July 2016 was 192.9 and it records an increase of 0.4 index points or a percentage of 0.18 compared to the month of June 2016 for which the index was 192.5. This increase represents an expenditure value of Rs.96.08 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 (%)		
	July 2015	June 2016	July 2016	July 2015	June 2016	July 2016	July 2015	June 2016	July 2016
All Items	182.8	192.5	192.9	344.08	1124.71	96.08	0.68	2.13	0.18
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	213.9	229.8	231.2	165.00	1076.97	159.86	0.32	2.04	0.30
Non Food	161.3	166.6	166.2	179.09	47.74	-63.77	0.35	0.09	-0.12
Clothing and Footwear	204.4	209.1	206.8	36.37	-6.46	-20.20	0.07	-0.01	-0.04
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	139.1	138.5	138.3	-11.18	27.84	-13.99	-0.02	0.05	-0.03
Health	318.9	357.7	356.9	0.00	0.00	-6.58	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Transport	183.2	186.8	187.2	108.18	0.00	11.27	0.21	0.00	0.02
Communication	94.0	109.8	106.4	0.00	6.06	-45.00	0.00	0.01	-0.08
Education	143.8	154.2	154.5	0.00	0.00	3.51	0.00	0.00	0.01
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	154.5	160.5	161.2	0.08	12.75	5.27	0.00	0.02	0.01
Other	167.4	170.1	170.2	45.64	7.54	1.96	0.09	0.01	0.00

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

Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the increase in CCPI from June 2016 to July 2016 are given in Table 2. An increase in index point by 0.18% was due to the increase of food items by 0.30% and decrease of non-food items by 0.12%.

Contribution of Food and non alcoholic beverages items: 0.30%

Increases in value change in index were reported for Gram (0.01%), Chicken (0.02%), Fresh Fish (0.10%), Eggs (0.03%), Coconut Oil (0.02%), Banana (0.05)%, Papaw(0.04%), Mangoes (0.01%), Potatoes (0.01%), Red Onions (0.02%), Green Chilies(0.18%), Sugar (0.03%) & Salt(0.01%) and value decreases were reported for Rice (0.01%), Dried Fish (0.01%), Coconut (0.03%), Vegetables (0.11%), Dhal (0.01%), B'Onion (0.01%), Garlic (0.02%) & Limes(0.22%).

Contribution of non food items: -0.12%

Among non food groups value decreases were reported for groups of 'Clothing & Footwear' (0.04%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels' (0.03%), 'Health' (0.01%) and 'Communication' (0.01%) while value increases were reported for 'Transport' (0.02%), 'Education' (0.01%), and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (0.01%) groups. In terms of 'Health' and 'Communication' groups, the amount of price decreases have been due to elimination of recently introduce VAT component in laboratory test fees and telephone charges respectively.

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

Sub Group/Commodity	Value Change			
	Rs.cts.	% change		Net effect
		Increase %	Decrease %	
Food	159.86	0.71	0.41	0.30
1 Rice	-5.90		0.01	
2 Gram	3.70	0.01		
3 Chicken	8.93	0.02		
4 Fresh Fish	53.72	0.10		
5 Dried Fish	-5.57		0.01	
6 Eggs	18.31	0.03		
7 Coconut	-18.58		0.03	
8 Coconut Oil	11.32	0.02		
9 Banana	25.55	0.05		
10 Papaw	22.36	0.04		
11 Mangoes	4.94	0.01		
12 Vegetables	-57.09		0.11	
13 Potatoes	7.65	0.01		
14 Dhal	-3.90		0.01	
15 Red Onions	12.27	0.02		
16 Bombay onions	-7.15		0.01	
17 Garlic	-10.23		0.02	
18 Green chilies	98.88	0.18		
19 Sugar	14.96	0.03		
20 Salt	6.28	0.01		
21 Limes	-120.09		0.22	
Non Food	-63.77	0.04	0.16	-0.12
22 Clothing and Footwear	-20.20		0.04	
23 Housing,Water,Electricity,gas Maintanance & Repair of Dwellings	-13.99		0.03	
Water Bills	-9.20		0.02	
	-4.80		0.01	
24 Health	-6.58		0.01	
Laboratory test	-6.58		0.01	
25 Transport	11.27	0.02		
Lubricating Oil	11.27	0.02		
26 Communication	-45.00		0.08	
Telephone Charges	-45.00		0.08	
27 Education	3.51	0.01		
Exercise Books & Stationaries	3.51	0.01		
28 Miscellaneous Goods & Services	5.27	0.01		
29 Others	1.96		0.00	
All Items	96.08			0.18

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 MonthtoMonth	Inflation		%Change MonthtoMonth	Inflation		%Change MonthtoMonth	Inflation	
				Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.
2015	July	182.8	0.7%	-0.2%	1.3%	0.7%	2.5%	5.7%	0.7%	-2.5%	-2.3%
	August	181.9	-0.5%	-0.2%	1.0%	-1.5%	2.2%	5.5%	0.3%	-2.3%	-2.7%
	September	181.4	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.7%	-0.6%	2.0%	5.3%	0.1%	-2.2%	-3.1%
	October	182.1	0.4%	1.7%	0.7%	0.8%	2.7%	5.1%	0.0%	0.8%	-3.0%
	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%
	June	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%

Year on Year (YoY) Inflation

The YoY inflation as measured by CCPI is 5.5% in July 2016 and inflation calculated for June 2016 was 6.0% (Table3). YoY inflation of Food Group has decreased from 8.2% in June 2016 to 8.1% in July 2016 while Non-food Group decreased by 4.0% to 3.0% during this period.

Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of July 2016, on year to year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 3.89%.

The contribution of Non food items was 1.60%. This was mainly due to value change increases in groups of 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.04%), 'Furnishing HH Equipment's & Routine HH Maintenance' (0.07%), 'Health' (0.66%), 'Transport' (0.27%), 'Communication' (0.32%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%), 'Education' (0.23%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.11%) while decrease in value change reported in the group of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels' (0.09%).

Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of July 2016 was 2.7%. The corresponding rate for the month of June 2016 was 2.2%.

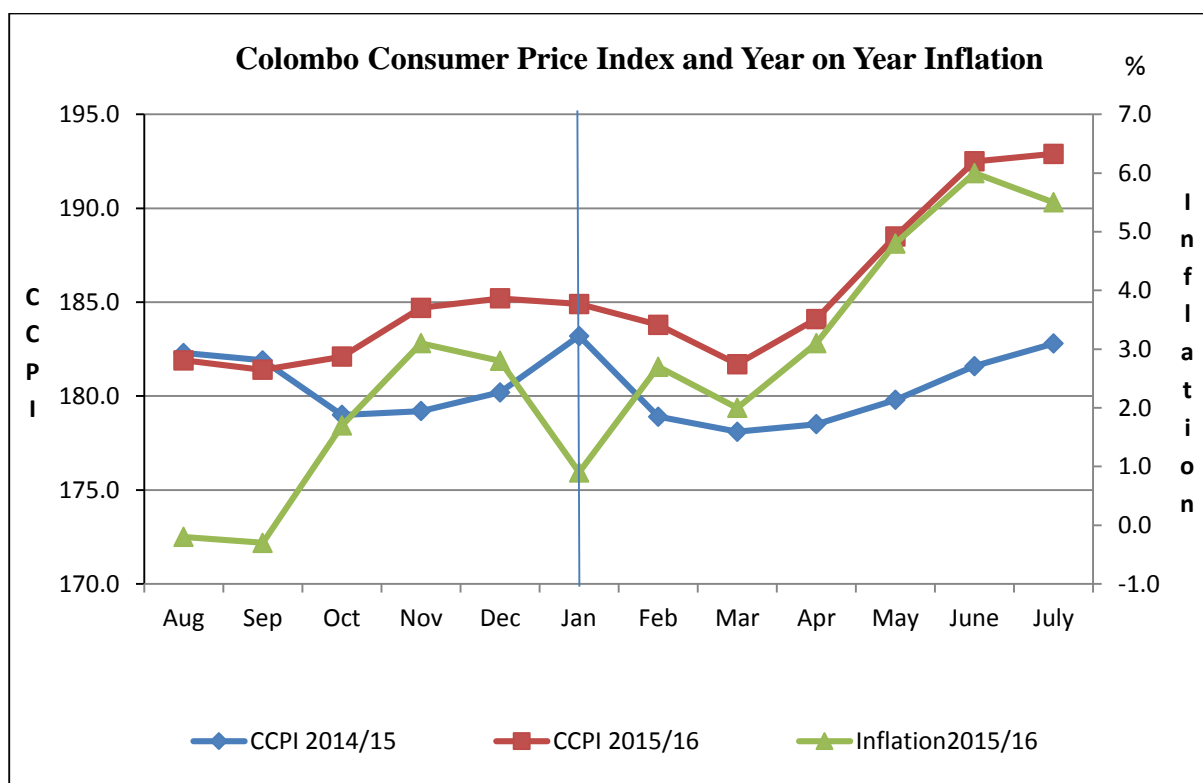


Table 4 : Monthly Average Open Market Retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index (July 2015, June & July2016)

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2015July.	2016June.	2016July.	July.16– June16	July.16– July.15
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	75.97	65.62	65.47	-0.22	-13.81
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	72.87	70.60	70.73	-2.89	0.19
3. Rice –Nadu	Kg	75.87	77.80	77.62	-0.24	2.36
4. Rice– Samba	Kg	90.62	92.26	91.87	-0.42	1.38
5. Cowpea	Kg	260.28	258.63	256.68	-0.75	-1.38
6.Green Grams	Kg	260.13	258.32	249.87	-3.26	-3.93
7. Coconut	Each	46.84	46.29	45.60	-1.49	-2.64
8. Coconut Oil	750ml	209.19	212.50	217.47	2.34	3.96
9.Chicken	Kg	453.65	478.80	483.31	0.94	6.54
10. Eggs	Each	14.96	14.61	15.87	8.64	6.11
11. Red Onion	Kg	147.86	155.59	166.06	6.73	12.31
12. B' Onion	Kg	101.67	84.27	81.39	-3.42	-19.95
13. Potatoes	Kg	133.55	143.06	147.06	2.80	10.12
14. Garlic	Kg	269.07	439.67	412.42	-6.20	53.28
15. Dried Chilies	Kg	283.07	368.27	374.72	1.75	32.38
16. Green Chilies	Kg	504.02	715.52	944.19	31.96	87.33
17. Sugar	Kg	82.49	111.00	113.60	2.36	37.73
18. Pepper	Kg	1696.63	1781.28	1818.22	2.07	7.17
Vegetables-						
19. Ash Plantain	Kg	131.67	139.53	145.68	4.41	10.65
20. Carrot	Kg	232.80	255.20	252.21	-1.17	8.34
21. Snake Gourd	Kg	128.68	189.27	181.57	-4.07	41.10
22. Tomatoes	Kg	117.90	233.35	264.25	13.24	124.13
23. Capsicum	Kg	270.99	278.62	429.43	54.13	58.47
24. Beetroot	Kg	185.59	229.79	240.33	4.58	29.49
25. Beans	Kg	274.22	326.02	268.20	-17.74	-2.20
Fruits						
26. Banana	Each	11.86	14.04	14.99	6.97	26.40
27. Papaw	Kg	100.38	84.06	94.01	11.83	-6.34
28. Mangoes	Each	96.07	55.70	59.55	6.91	-38.01
Fresh Fish –						
29. Seer	Kg	1269.48	1489.66	1512.38	1.53	19.13
30.Talapath	Kg	896.05	936.45	935.57	-0.09	4.41
31.Paraw	Kg	865.50	969.99	992.96	2.37	14.73
Dried Fish -						
32.Katta	Kg	1135.68	1262.79	1256.47	-0.50	10.64
33. Sprats	Kg	550.01	701.34	684.46	-2.41	24.44
34. Kerosene Oil	Lt	59.00	49.00	49.00	0.00	-16.95
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	1596.00	1346.00	1346.00	0.00	-15.66
Shell\Litro	12.5kg	1596.00	1346.00	1346.00	0.00	-15.66
Laughs	12.5kg	1596.00	1346.00	1346.00	0.00	-15.66

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