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THE COLOMBO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Base Year 2013) – APRIL 2017

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The base year used for compilation of CCPI from June 2011 to December 2016 was the year 2006/07. Following internationally accepted guidelines, it has been arranged to revise the base year from 2006/07=100 to 2013=100 in order to accommodate the changing expenditure patterns and in cooperate changes of goods & services available in the market. Accordingly with respect to the new base, CCPI (Base 2013=100) will be released monthly commencing from January 2017 on the last working day of each month. It is emphasized that index numbers or inflation figures compiled under different base years cannot be compared.

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–Mt. Lavinia, 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 Lak Sathosa and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 392 items which represent the typical urban household consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2012/13.

For more details on the revision of base year, please click here: [Technical Note on Base Year Revision](#)

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 (%) | | |
|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Apr. 2016 | Mar. 2017 | Apr. 2017 | Apr. 2016 | Mar. 2017 | Apr. 2017 | Apr. 2016 | Mar. 2017 | Apr. 2017 |
| All Items | 109.5 | 116.5 | 117.1 | 557.55 | -96.41 | 374.36 | 0.85 | -0.14 | 0.53 |
| Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages | 113.4 | 121.1 | 123.1 | 431.08 | -142.69 | 342.60 | 0.66 | -0.20 | 0.49 |
| Non Food | 108.0 | 114.7 | 114.8 | 126.47 | 46.29 | 31.76 | 0.19 | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 117.1 | 124.9 | 125.8 | -2.17 | 11.64 | 12.32 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Furnishing Household Equipment's and Routine Household Maintenance | 107.1 | 109.9 | 110.7 | 6.53 | 9.32 | 11.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 |
| Transport | 92.6 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 86.84 | 0.00 | 4.75 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Other | 110.5 | 118.1 | 118.1 | 35.28 | 25.34 | 3.69 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.01 |

*Note : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in April 2017 were noted only in four main groups, details on which are given in Table 2.

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

The CCPI for all items for the month of April 2017 was 117.1 and it records an increase of 0.6 index points or 0.53 percentage points compared to the month of March 2017 for which the index was 116.5. This represents an increase of expenditure value by Rs.374.36 in the “Market Basket”.

Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the increase in CCPI from March to April 2017 are given in Table 2. The increase in the index point by 0.53% was due to the increases of food items by 0.49% and increases of non-food items by 0.05% respectively.

Contribution of Food and non alcoholic beverages items: 0.49%

Increases in value change were reported for Vegetables (0.15%), Coconut (0.12%), Chicken (0.07%), Papaw (0.06%), Sea fish (0.03%), Mangoes (0.02%), Dried Fish (0.02%), Sugar (0.02%), Coconut Oil (0.01%), Pineapple (0.01%), Red Onion (0.01%) and Banana (0.01%) while decreases in value change in index were reported for Dhal (0.01%), Green Chilies (0.02%) and Limes (0.02%).

Contribution of non food items: 0.05%

Among non food groups, value increases were reported for groups of ‘Clothing and Foot Wear’ (0.02%), ‘Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance’ (0.02%) and ‘Transport’ (0.01%) while ‘Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco’ and ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ groups showed an insignificant value changes. Value change of all other groups remain unchanged during the period.

**Table 02: Contribution to the change in CCPI from March 2017 to April 2017
(Base 2013=100)**

| Sub Group/Commodity | Value Change | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Rs.Cts. | % change | | |
| | | Increase | Decrease | Net effect |
| Food | 342.60 | 0.54 | 0.05 | 0.49 |
| 1 Chicken | 45.85 | 0.07 | | |
| 2 Sea fish | 18.36 | 0.03 | | |
| 3 Dried Fish | 14.20 | 0.02 | | |
| <i>Sprats</i> | <i>10.91</i> | <i>0.02</i> | | |
| 4 Coconut | 82.45 | 0.12 | | |
| 5 Coconut Oil | 5.26 | 0.01 | | |
| 6 Banana | 7.59 | 0.01 | | |
| 7 Pineapple | 8.11 | 0.01 | | |
| 8 Papaw | 42.98 | 0.06 | | |
| 9 Mangoes | 13.62 | 0.02 | | |
| 10 Vegetables | 108.13 | 0.15 | | |
| 11 Dhal | -9.54 | | 0.01 | |
| 12 Red onions | 6.08 | 0.01 | | |
| 13 Green chilies | -14.12 | | 0.02 | |
| 14 Sugar | 16.41 | 0.02 | | |
| 15 Limes | -13.27 | | 0.02 | |
| 16 Others | 10.5 | 0.01 | | |
| Non Food | 31.76 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.05 |
| 17 CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR | 12.32 | 0.02 | | |
| 18 FURNISHING ,HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE | 11.00 | 0.02 | | |
| 19 TRANSPORT | 4.75 | 0.01 | | |
| <i>Air Lines</i> | <i>4.75</i> | <i>0.01</i> | | |
| 20 OTHERS | 3.69 | 0.01 | | |
| All Items | 374.36 | | | 0.53 |

*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: 2013=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 Months Moving Avg. | | Y on Y | 12 Months Moving Avg. | | Y on Y | 12 Months Moving Avg. |
| 2016 | February | 109.3 | -0.6% | 2.9% | 2.1% | -1.7% | 2.0% | 3.7% | -0.2% | 3.2% | 1.5% |
| | March | 108.6 | -0.6% | 2.6% | 2.2% | -2.1% | 3.1% | 3.3% | 0.0% | 2.5% | 1.8% |
| | April | 109.5 | 0.8% | 3.4% | 2.4% | 2.3% | 7.3% | 3.5% | 0.3% | 2.0% | 1.9% |
| | May | 111.5 | 1.8% | 4.8% | 2.7% | 1.6% | 7.4% | 3.7% | 1.9% | 3.9% | 2.2% |
| | June | 113.2 | 1.5% | 5.5% | 3.0% | 5.0% | 9.8% | 4.2% | 0.1% | 3.8% | 2.5% |
| | July | 113.9 | 0.6% | 5.8% | 3.4% | 2.3% | 11.7% | 5.0% | -0.1% | 3.5% | 2.8% |
| | August | 112.1 | -1.6% | 4.4% | 3.7% | -4.5% | 8.3% | 5.5% | -0.4% | 2.8% | 3.0% |
| | September | 111.8 | -0.3% | 4.2% | 3.9% | -1.6% | 7.5% | 5.9% | 0.4% | 2.9% | 3.2% |
| | October | 112.1 | 0.3% | 4.1% | 4.0% | 0.6% | 6.9% | 6.2% | 0.1% | 2.9% | 3.2% |
| | November | 113.6 | 1.3% | 4.0% | 4.0% | 0.6% | 4.3% | 6.1% | 1.6% | 3.9% | 3.2% |
| | December | 114.7 | 1.0% | 4.5% | 4.0% | 0.8% | 4.1% | 6.1% | 1.0% | 4.5% | 3.1% |
| | 2017 | January | 116.1 | 1.2% | 5.5% | 4.3% | 1.6% | 4.5% | 6.4% | 1.1% | 6.0% |
| February | | 116.7 | 0.5% | 6.8% | 4.6% | 1.2% | 7.7% | 6.9% | 0.2% | 6.4% | 3.8% |
| March | | 116.5 | -0.2% | 7.3% | 5.0% | -0.7% | 9.2% | 7.4% | 0.1% | 6.5% | 4.1% |
| April | | 117.1 | 0.5% | 6.9% | 5.3% | 1.7% | 8.6% | 7.5% | 0.1% | 6.3% | 4.5% |

Year on Year (YoY) Inflation

The YoY inflation as measured by CCPI is 6.9% in April 2017 and inflation calculated for March was 7.3% (Table3). YoY inflation of Food Group has decreased from 9.2% in March to 8.6% in April 2017 and that of Non-food Group has also decreased from 6.5% to 6.3% during this period.

Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of April 2017, on year to year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 2.51%.

The contribution of Nonfood items was 4.46%. This was mainly due to value change increases in groups of ‘Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics’ (0.36%) ‘Clothing and Footwear’ (0.18%), ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels’ (0.02%), ‘Furnishing Household Equipment’s & Routine Household Maintenance’ (0.08%), ‘Health’ (1.23%), ‘Transport’ (0.32%), ‘Communication’ (0.50%), ‘Recreation & Culture’ (0.04%), ‘Education’ (0.87%), ‘Restaurants & Hotels’ (0.38%) and ‘Miscellaneous Goods and Services’ (0.47%).

Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of April 2017 was 5.3%. The corresponding rate for the month of March was 5.0%.

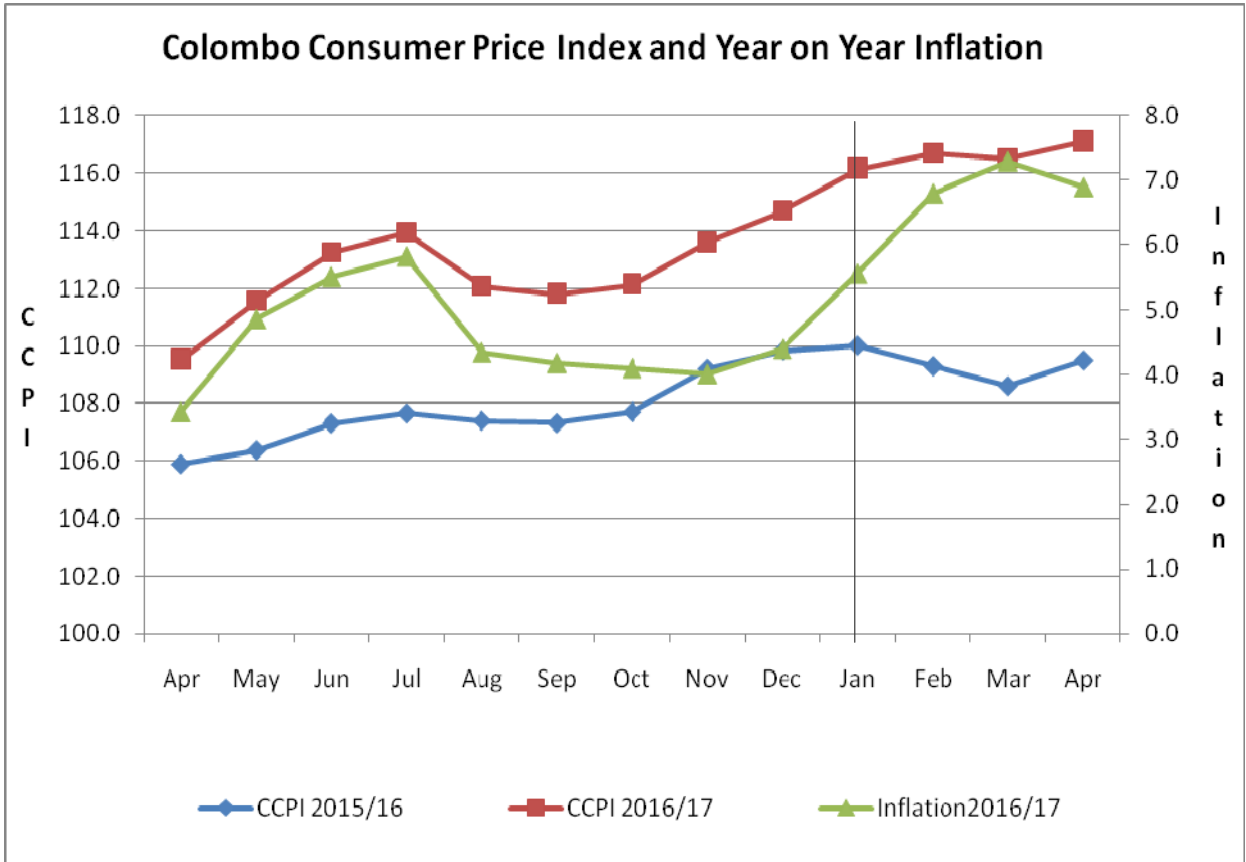


Table 4 : Monthly Average Open Market Retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index (April 2016, March2017 & April2017)

| Item | Unit | Retail Prices (Rs. Cts) | | | Retail Price Changes (%) | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | | 2016 Apr. | 2017 Mar. | 2017 Apr. | Mar. 17- Apr. 17 | Apr.16 - Apr.17 |
| 1. Rice– Kekulu – Red | Kg | 64.32 | 82.12 | 81.93 | -0.23 | 27.37 |
| 2. Rice– Kekulu – White | Kg | 66.91 | 76.88 | 76.80 | -0.10 | 14.78 |
| 3. Rice –Nadu - White | Kg | 73.42 | 81.14 | 81.24 | 0.13 | 10.66 |
| 4. Rice –Nadu - Red | Kg | 78.00 | 87.50 | 90.32 | 3.21 | 15.79 |
| 5. Rice– Samba | Kg | 92.41 | 92.30 | 92.29 | - 0.01 | - 0.13 |
| 6. Cowpea | Kg | 257.95 | 291.87 | 308.47 | 5.69 | 19.58 |
| 7.Green Grams | Kg | 262.81 | 242.65 | 245.80 | 1.30 | -6.47 |
| 8. Coconut | Each | 45.89 | 60.25 | 63.45 | 5.31 | 38.26 |
| 9. Coconut Oil | 750ml | 206.83 | 281.14 | 285.52 | 1.56 | 38.05 |
| 10.Chicken | Kg | 451.35 | 437.75 | 459.09 | 4.88 | 1.72 |
| 11. Eggs | Each | 17.87 | 14.78 | 14.68 | -0.68 | -17.83 |
| 12. Red Onion | Kg | 114.35 | 154.44 | 164.56 | 6.56 | 43.91 |
| 13. Big Onion | Kg | 83.23 | 95.90 | 95.04 | -0.90 | 14.19 |
| 14. Potatoes | Kg | 110.29 | 133.37 | 132.41 | -0.72 | 20.05 |
| 15. Garlic | Kg | 408.67 | 481.66 | 480.13 | -0.32 | 17.49 |
| 16. Dried Chillies | Kg | 365.91 | 284.54 | 267.21 | -6.09 | -26.97 |
| 17. Green Chillies | Kg | 264.04 | 332.05 | 279.01 | -15.97 | 5.67 |
| 18. Sugar | Kg | 103.64 | 104.17 | 108.53 | 4.18 | 4.72 |
| 19. Pepper | Kg | 1736.44 | 1743.14 | 1743.76 | 0.04 | 0.42 |
| Vegetables- | | | | | | |
| 20. Ash Plantain | Kg | 118.39 | 133.55 | 135.92 | 1.77 | 14.81 |
| 21. Carrot | Kg | 153.20 | 128.93 | 137.90 | 6.96 | -9.98 |
| 22. Snake Gourd | Kg | 137.32 | 144.22 | 155.51 | 7.83 | 13.25 |
| 23. Tomatoes | Kg | 117.79 | 101.69 | 173.45 | 70.58 | 47.25 |
| 24. Capsicum | Kg | 251.93 | 248.04 | 270.72 | 9.14 | 7.46 |
| 25. Beetroot | Kg | 150.35 | 127.44 | 143.50 | 12.60 | -4.56 |
| 26. Beans | Kg | 193.32 | 197.25 | 219.91 | 11.49 | 13.75 |
| Fruits | | | | | | |
| 27. Banana | Kg | 118.36 | 152.85 | 154.16 | 0.86 | 30.25 |
| 28. Papaw | Kg | 139.98 | 153.03 | 173.34 | 13.27 | 23.83 |
| 29. Mangoes | Each | 90.73 | 67.52 | 94.58 | 40.07 | 4.25 |
| Fresh Fish – | | | | | | |
| 30. Seer | Kg | 1306.43 | 1348.55 | 1345.43 | -0.23 | 2.99 |
| 31.Talapath | Kg | 906.70 | 937.27 | 948.41 | 1.19 | 4.60 |
| 32.Paraw | Kg | 881.82 | 909.21 | 902.70 | -0.72 | 2.37 |
| Dried Fish - | | | | | | |
| 33.Katta | Kg | 1144.39 | 1189.86 | 1200.43 | 0.89 | 4.90 |
| 34. Sprats | Kg | 683.95 | 656.45 | 678.87 | 3.47 | -0.74 |
| 35. Kerosene Oil | Lt | 49.00 | 44.00 | 44.00 | 0.00 | -10.20 |
| 36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC) | Lt | 117.00 | 117.00 | 117.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 37. Diesel (CPC & IOC) | Lt | 95.00 | 95.00 | 95.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 38. Gas- Avg. | 12.5kg | 1346.00 | 1321.00 | 1321.00 | 0.00 | -1.86 |
| Litro | 12.5kg | 1346.00 | 1321.00 | 1321.00 | 0.00 | -1.86 |
| Laughs | 12.5kg | 1346.00 | 1321.00 | 1321.00 | 0.00 | -1.86 |

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