GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

**Population**
21.229 Millions

**Land area**
(n) 62 710 km²

**Exchange rate**
162.465 LKR/US$

**GDP**
88 484 Millions current US$

**CPI growth**
2.13 %

**GDP growth**
3.20 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

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<th>Total merchandise trade (millions of US$)</th>
<th>2005</th>
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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>6,347</td>
<td>8,602</td>
<td>10,547</td>
<td>11,890</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>8,834</td>
<td>13,512</td>
<td>18,935</td>
<td>22,233</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>-2,487</td>
<td>-4,909</td>
<td>-8,388</td>
<td>-10,343</td>
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Export structure by product group in 2018 (as % of total exports)
- All food items: 69 %
- Manufactured goods: 24 %
- Other: 7 %

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

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<th>Total trade in services (millions of US$)</th>
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<td>Services exports</td>
<td>1,540</td>
<td>2,474</td>
<td>6,397</td>
<td>(e) 8,412</td>
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<td>Services imports</td>
<td>(e) 2,886</td>
<td>(e) 4,323</td>
<td>(e) 5,965</td>
<td>(e) 6,831</td>
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<td>Services trade balance</td>
<td>(e) -1,346</td>
<td>(e) -1,849</td>
<td>(e) 431</td>
<td>(e) 1,581</td>
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Services exports by main category (as % of total services)
- Transport: 43.7 %
- Travel: 27.9 %
- Other services: 28.4 %

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

**GDP by expenditure in 2017**

- Household Consumption: 62.0%
- General government final consumption expenditure: 8.5%
- Gross Capital Formation: 36.7%
- Exports: 21.9%
- Imports: 29.1%
**FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

**Financial flows**
*(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)*

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<td>FDI inflows</td>
<td>272.00</td>
<td>477.60</td>
<td>679.66</td>
<td>1 610.54</td>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>38.00</td>
<td>42.50</td>
<td>52.99</td>
<td>67.86</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>7.07</td>
<td>7.27</td>
<td>8.68</td>
<td>8.43</td>
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**Financial flows trends**
*(millions of US$)*

![Graph showing FDI inflows and personal remittances receipts trends from 2000 to 2018.]

**Trade balance indicators**
*(as % and index)*

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>(e) -10.66</td>
<td>(e) -9.39</td>
<td>(e) -9.82</td>
<td>(e) -7.39</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>(e) -27.40</td>
<td>(e) -32.44</td>
<td>(e) -31.84</td>
<td>(e) -24.36</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>(e) -0.159</td>
<td>(e) -0.194</td>
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**Trade openness**
*(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)*

![Graph showing trade openness from 2006 to 2018.]

**Labour force by gender in 2018**
*(as % of total labour force, all sectors)*

- Male: 67%
- Female: 33%

**Maritime transport indicators**

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>196</td>
<td>239</td>
<td>246</td>
<td>419</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>37.49</td>
<td>49.22</td>
<td>62.61</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>4 100 000</td>
<td>5 185 000</td>
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**Information economy indicators**
*(as % of)*

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
<td>1.09</td>
<td>0.46</td>
<td>0.35</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
<td>4.88</td>
<td>2.95</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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**Other indicators**

- **Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2018**: 0.022 %
- **FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2018**: +0.1 %
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Notes:
1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
e Estimated.
n Estimated. Data refers to 2016.

Symbols for missing values:
0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
.. Not available or not separately reported
_ Not applicable
... Not available, including no quotation
# Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Dead weight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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