GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

Population 7.650 Millions
Land area 1 (m) 72,180 km²
Exchange rate 7,931.632 SLL/US$
CPI growth 16.86 %
GDP 3,933 Millions current US$
GDP growth 2.00 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade (millions of US$)
- 2005
- 2010
- 2015
- 2018
Merchandise exports 158 341 512 554
Merchandise imports 345 770 1,530 1,354
Merchandise trade balance -186 -429 -1,019 -800

Export structure by product group in 2018
(as % of total exports)
- All food items 11 %
- Ores and metals 27 %
- Manufactured goods 43 %
- Other 18 %

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services ² (millions of US$)
- 2005
- 2010
- 2015
- 2018
Services exports 78 57 200 -
Services imports 91 252 883 -
Services trade balance -13 -195 -682 -

Services exports by main category ² (as % of total services)
- 2005
- 2010
- 2015
- 2018
Transport 14.9 44.6 21.8 -
Travel 81.9 45.5 18.7 -
Other services 3.2 9.9 59.5 -

TRADE INDICES

Economic indicators (millions of US$, unless otherwise specified)
- 2005
- 2010
- 2015
- 2018
GDP, current 1,650 2,578 4,248 3,933
GDP per capita, current US$ 292 402 592 514
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 4.51 5.35 -20.49 2.00
Current account balance, % of GDP -6.36 -22.70 -23.61 -
Exchange rate (US$) 2,889,588 3,978,088 5,080,747 7,931,632

GDP by expenditure in 2017 (as % of total GDP)
- Household Consumption 94.8
- General government final consumption expenditure 10.4
- Gross Capital Formation 18.5
- Exports 26.1
- Imports 48.0

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2018 +2.0 %
Merchandise exports growth rate in 2018 -2.3 %
### Financial Flows

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<td>FDI inflows</td>
<td>83.18</td>
<td>238.44</td>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>0.15</td>
<td>1.72</td>
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### Financial Flows Trends

![Graph showing financial flows trends](image)

### Trade in Goods and Services

#### Trade Balance Indicators

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-11.59</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-42.22</td>
<td>-62.95</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.268</td>
<td>-0.459</td>
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#### Trade Openness

![Graph showing trade openness](image)

### Labour Force

#### Labour Force by Gender in 2018

![Pie chart showing labour force by gender](image)

### Maritime Transport Indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>792</td>
<td>1 464</td>
<td>1 877</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>5.74</td>
<td>10.40</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>50 000</td>
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### Information Economy Indicators

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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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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.

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
# 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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