

Socio-Economic Trends

July-August 2018

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Executive summary

1. In August 2018, Phnom Penh Consumer Price Index increased by 0.7% compared to the previous month and 2.6% compared to the previous year. Compared to the same period last year, most product groups price index also increased, including foods and non-alcoholic beverages rose by 2.7% (2.3% in July), alcoholic beverages and tobacco increased by 1.5% (1.0% in July), clothing and footwear grew by 3.3% (1.6% in July), transportation grew by 2.5% (3.7% In July) and restaurants up 5.4% (5.6% in July).
2. As of June 2018, total credit granted by commercial banks was KHR 74,284 billion, increased 2.1% compared to previous month and 18.3% compared to previous year. The credit granted to non-financial institute 77.8%, personal used 17.3%, financial institute 3.6% and other credits 1.3% of total credit granted. Moreover, the lending interest rate of commercial bank in Khmer Riel and US Dollar were 11.39% and 11.32%, slightly decreased compared to May. Broad money M2 has reached KHR 79,348 billion, increased by 1.6% compared to previous month (increased by 21.6% compared to previous year).
3. In August 2018, the total trading value on Cambodia Securities Exchange market (CSX) was KHR 395 million increased by 10% compared to July at KHR 359 million.
4. For 8months 2018, total export value was US\$ 8,415 million increased 16.5% compared to the same period last year due to the growth in exports of garment and footwear products. Total import value was US\$ 11,266 million, increased 27.6% compared to the same period last year. According to data, the volume of textiles imported in the first 8months was 476 tons increased 36.9% compare to the same period last year.
5. According to National Treasury preliminary data, For 7 months of 2018, Central government has achieved total domestic revenue of KHR 10,871.84 billion, rose by 11.6 percent compared to the same period in 2017, in which direct tax revenue increased by 10.4 percent, indirect tax revenue increased by 18.5 percent, international trade tax revenue rose by 13 percent and non-tax revenue rose by 20.9 percent, respectively. For total expenditure, Central government has reached KHR 10,008.85 billion, in which total current expenditure has achieved KHR 7,400.84 billion grew by 17.8 percent compared to 2017.
6. For 8 months 2018, Council for Development of Cambodia (CDC) approved 80 investment projects increased by 7 projects, with investment value of US\$ 3,594 million which decreased 29.2% compared to the same period last year. In which, investment value to agriculture sector

accounted for 10%, industry sector 9.2%, service sector 73.2% and tourism sector 7.5% of total investment value.

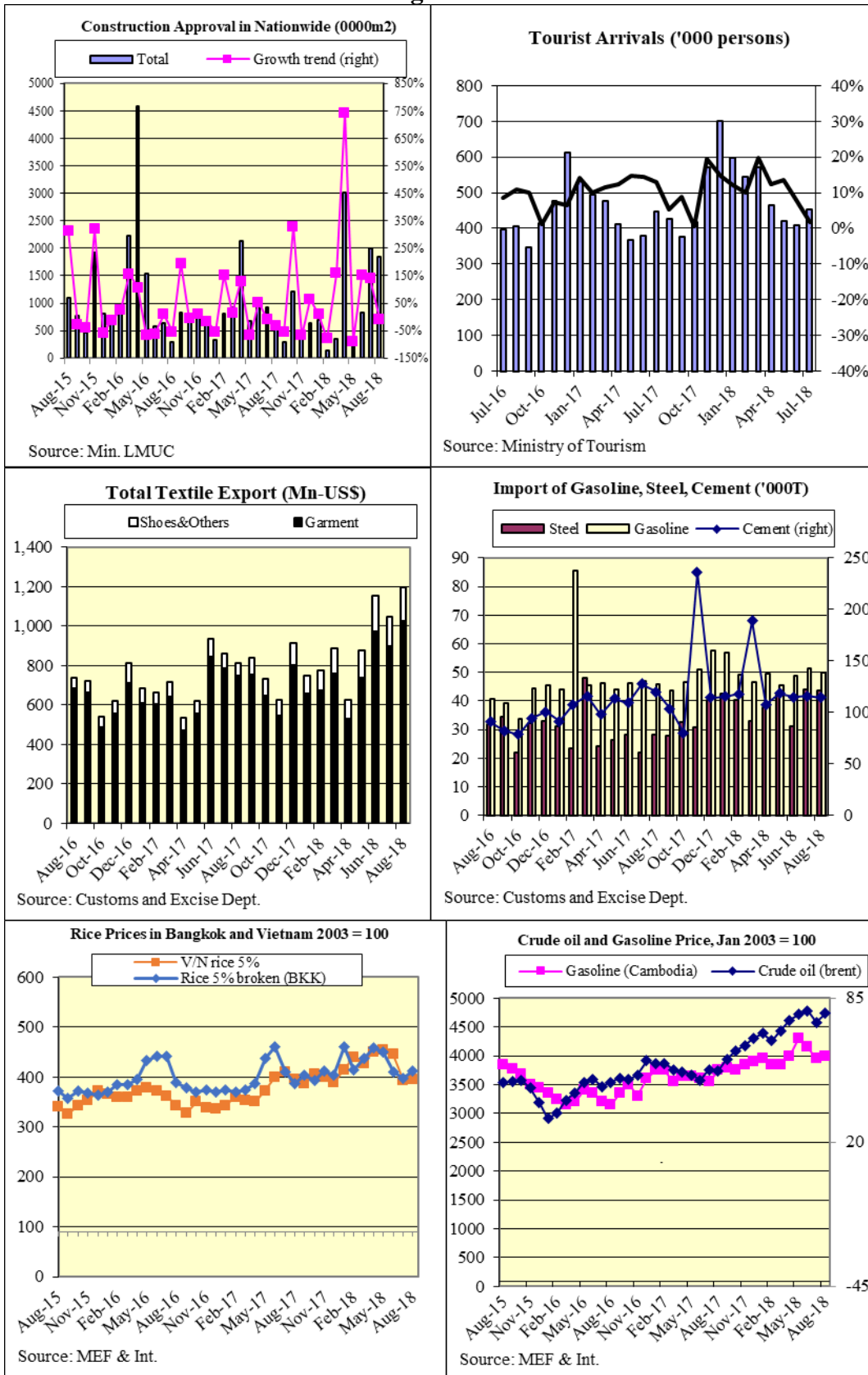
7. For 8 months 2018, total number of construction proposals were 2,250 projects increased by 11 projects compared to the same period last year. In which 1,895 projects were housing, 195 commercial projects, 72 tourism projects, 55 industry projects, 27 public construction projects and 6 investment projects.
8. For 7 months 2018, total number of international arrivals were about 3.5million, increased by 11,1% compared to the same period last year, in which most tourists were Chinese (around 1 million), after that was Vietnamese and follow by Laos, Korean, Thailand, US, Japanese, France, England and Malaysian.
9. In August 2018, Brent crude oil price was US\$78.02/barrel increased US\$3.81 compared to previous month due to the reverse back of oil price in Europe and the United States because US has suspended the purchase of oil from Iran since early April.

In August 2018, Cambodian rice exports (broken 5%) was US\$480/ton decreased US\$5/ton due to the high competition export prices both in the region and international. However, Thailand and Vietnam rice exports price were increased by US\$13/ton and US\$2/ton. According to Thai export exporters website, the increase of Thailand rice exports price was due to additional orders from Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, the United States, Canada and Mexico. On the other hand, through Vietnam's Rice Export, the increase in Vietnamese rice exports price was due to increasing orders from Cuba, Iraq, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, and Bangladesh.

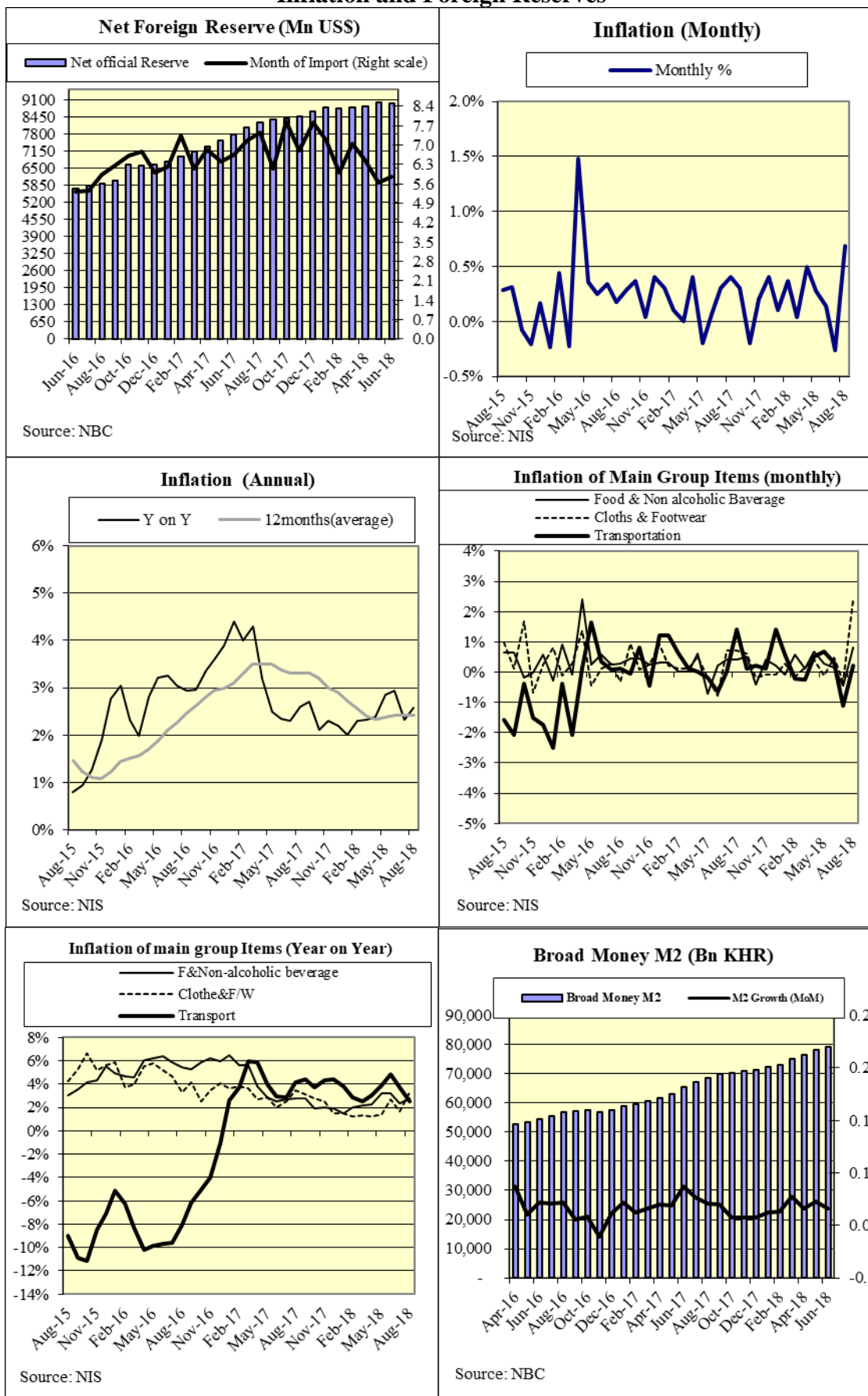
In August 2018, the price of rubber TSR20 in Asia market was US\$1,380/ton, increased by US\$40/ton compared to the previous month, as Global demand for natural rubber was up 5.2 percent, while supply rose only 3.7 percent.

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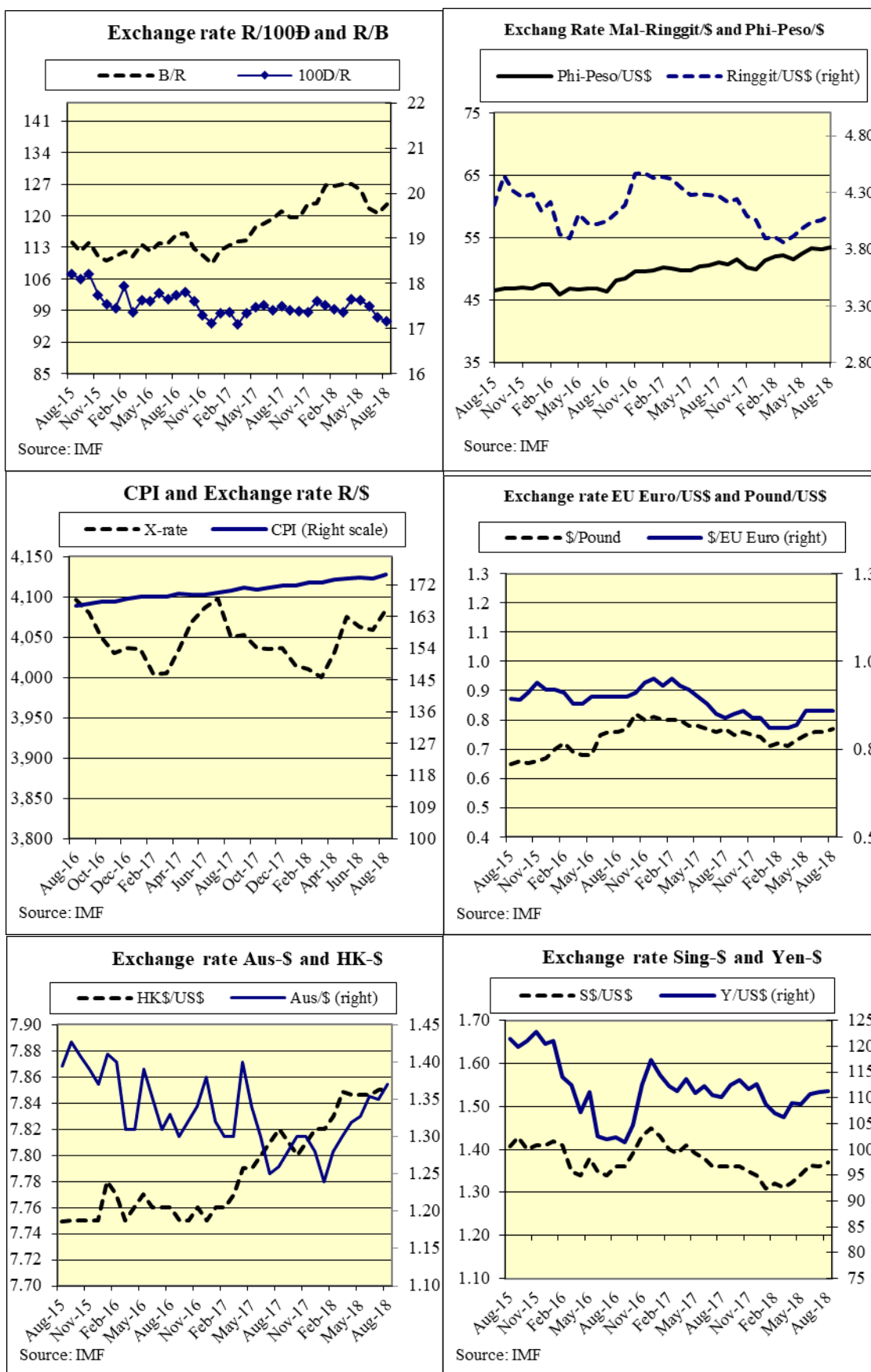
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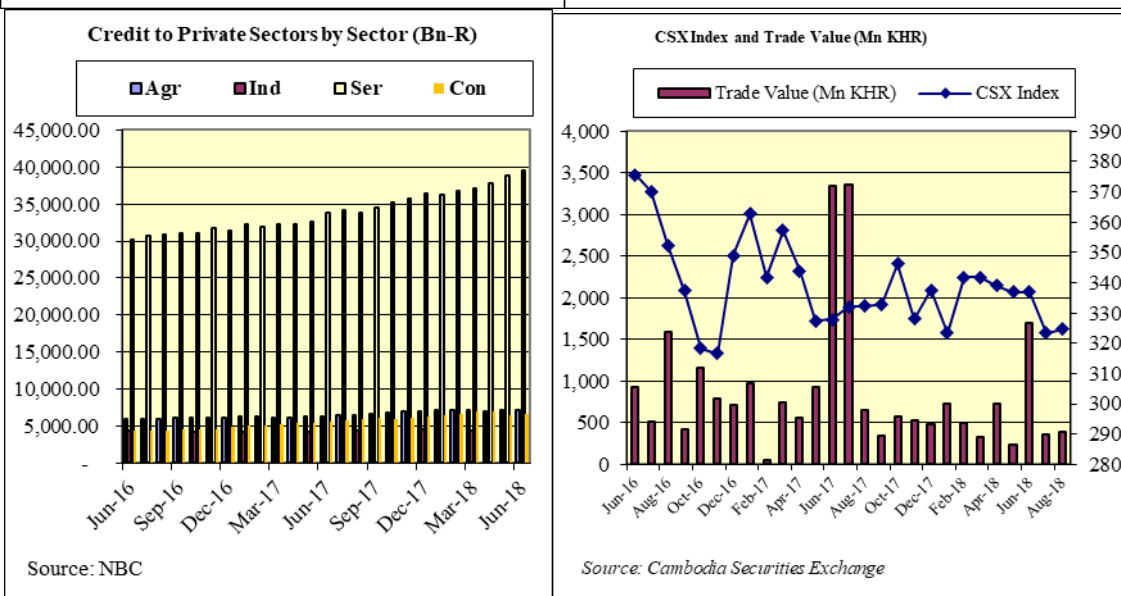
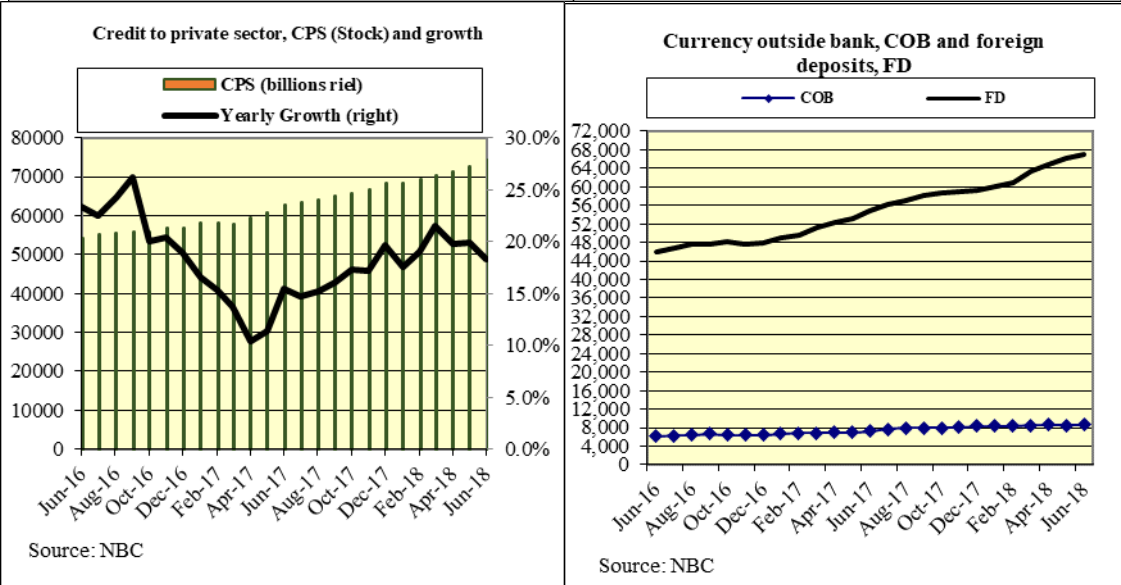
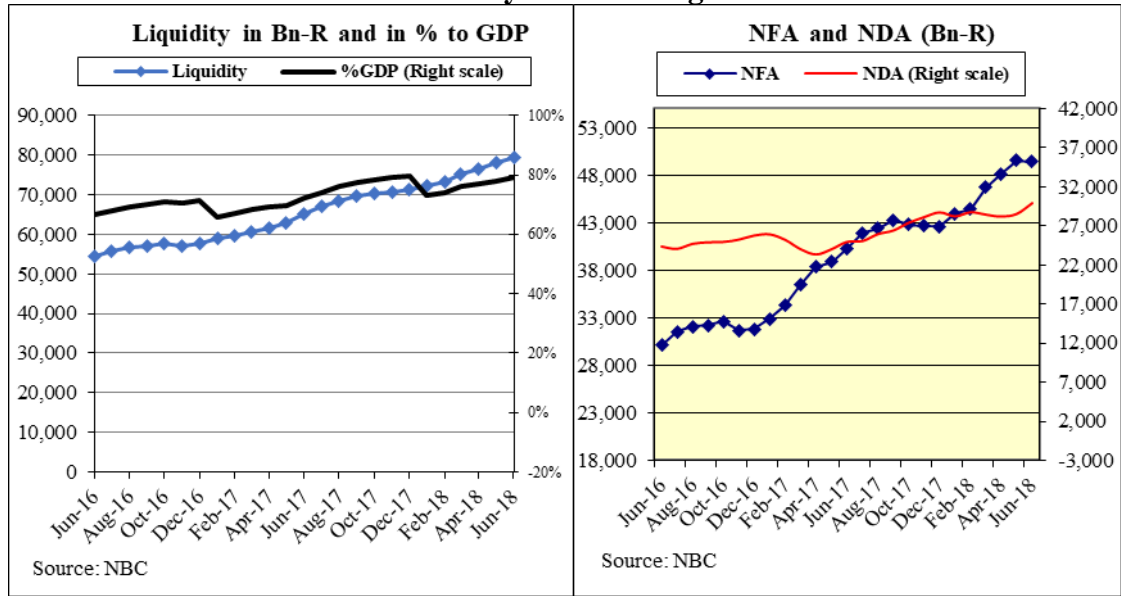
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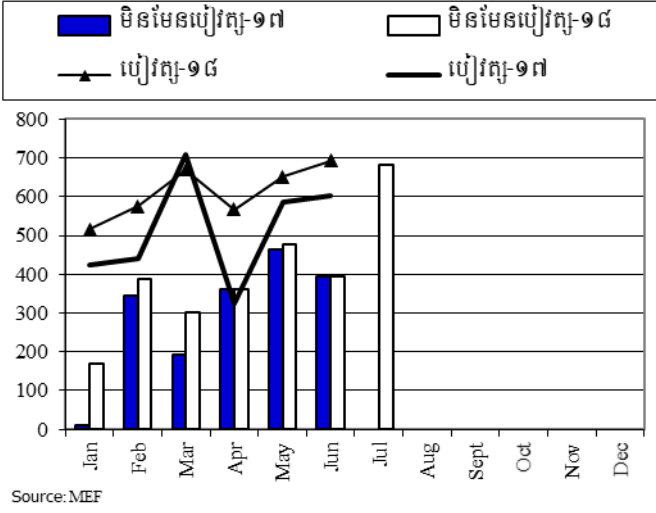


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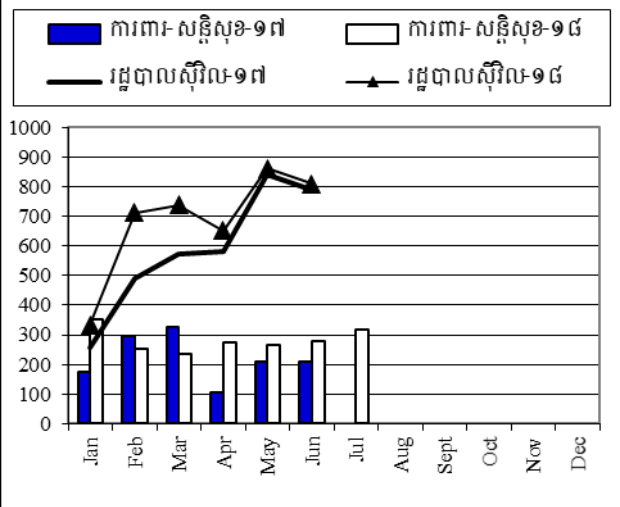


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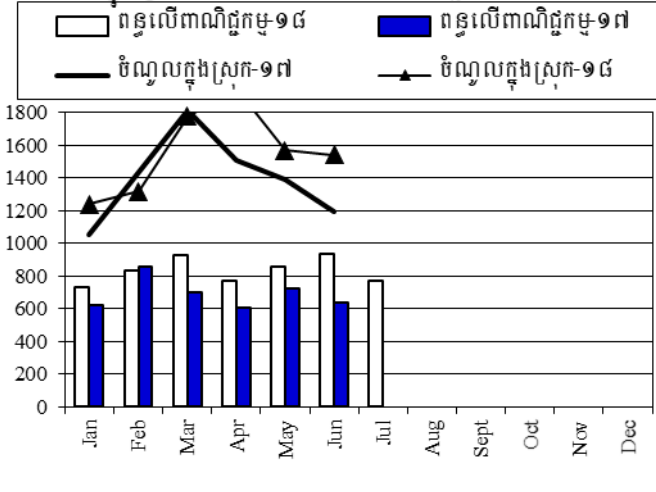
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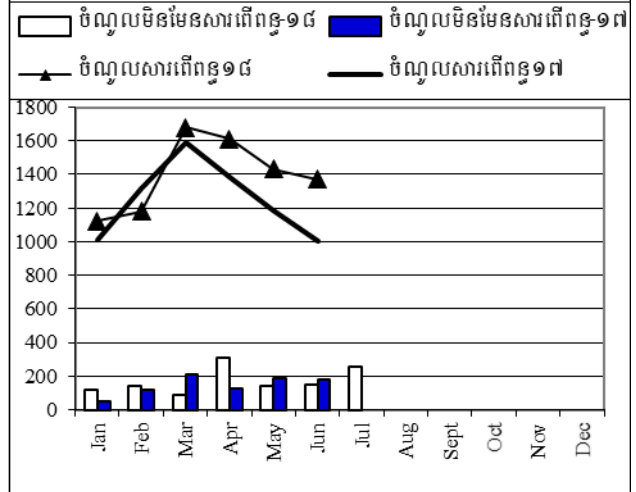
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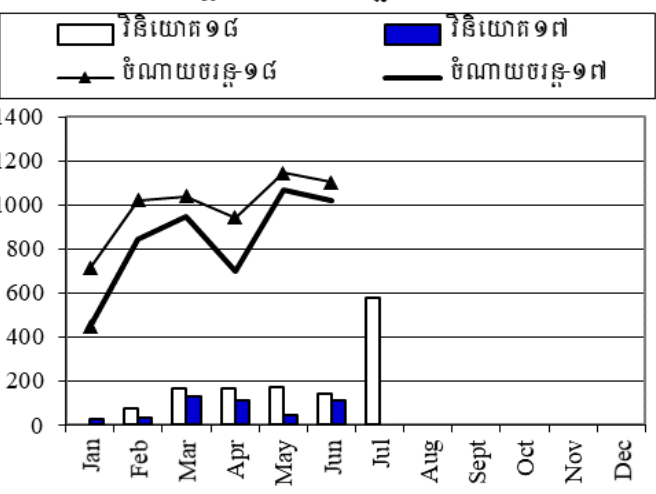
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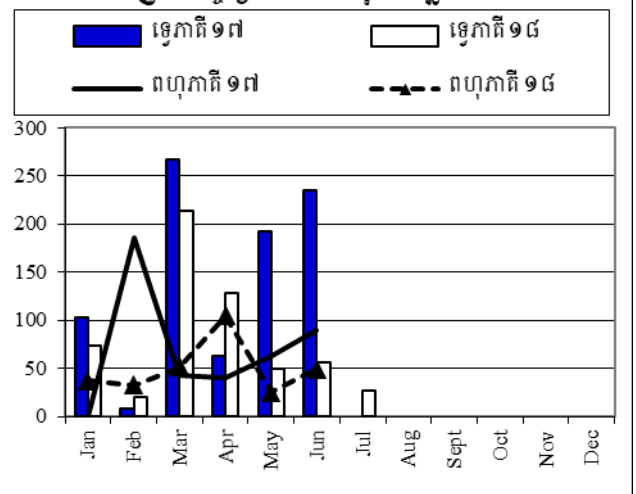
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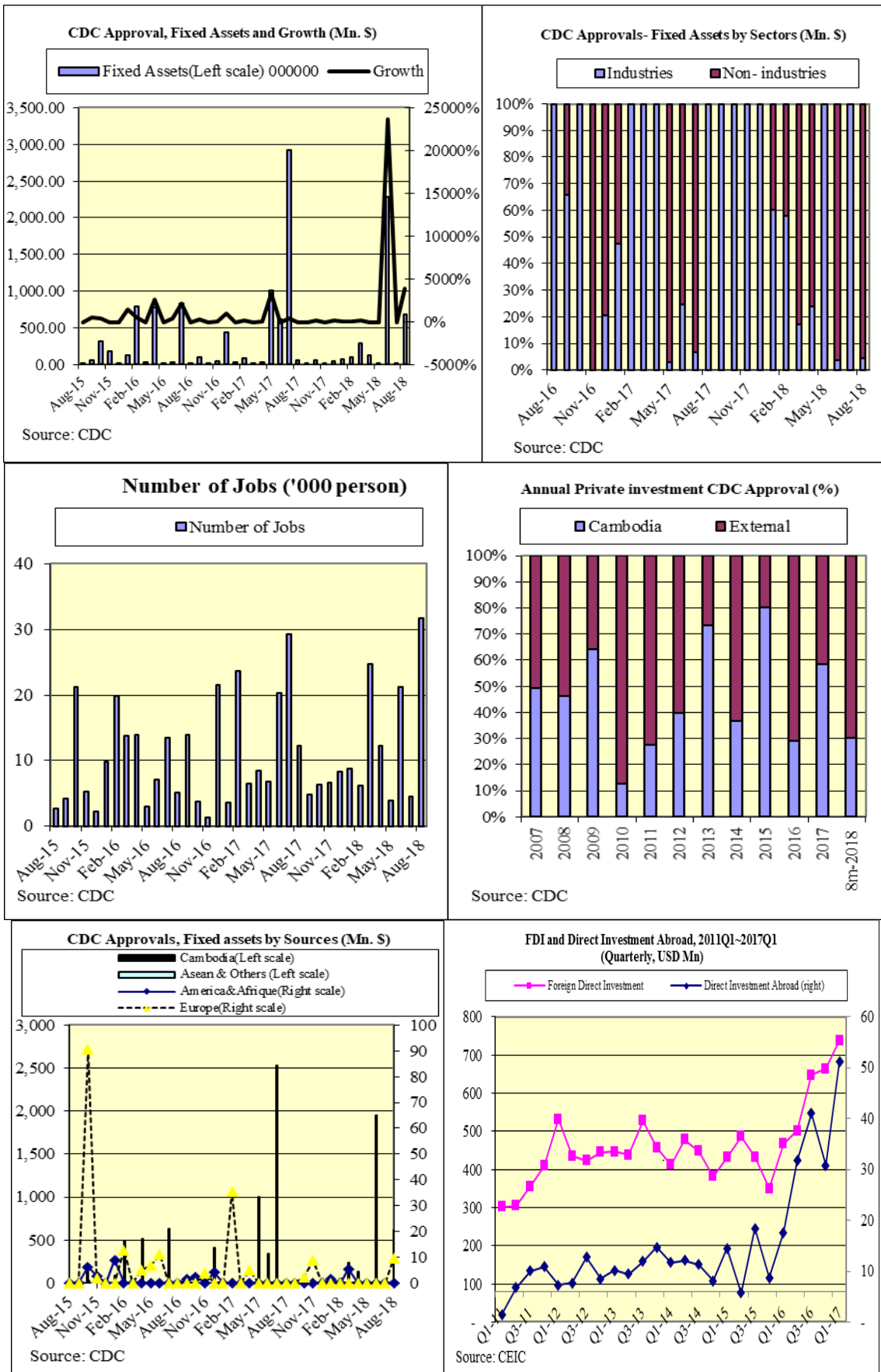
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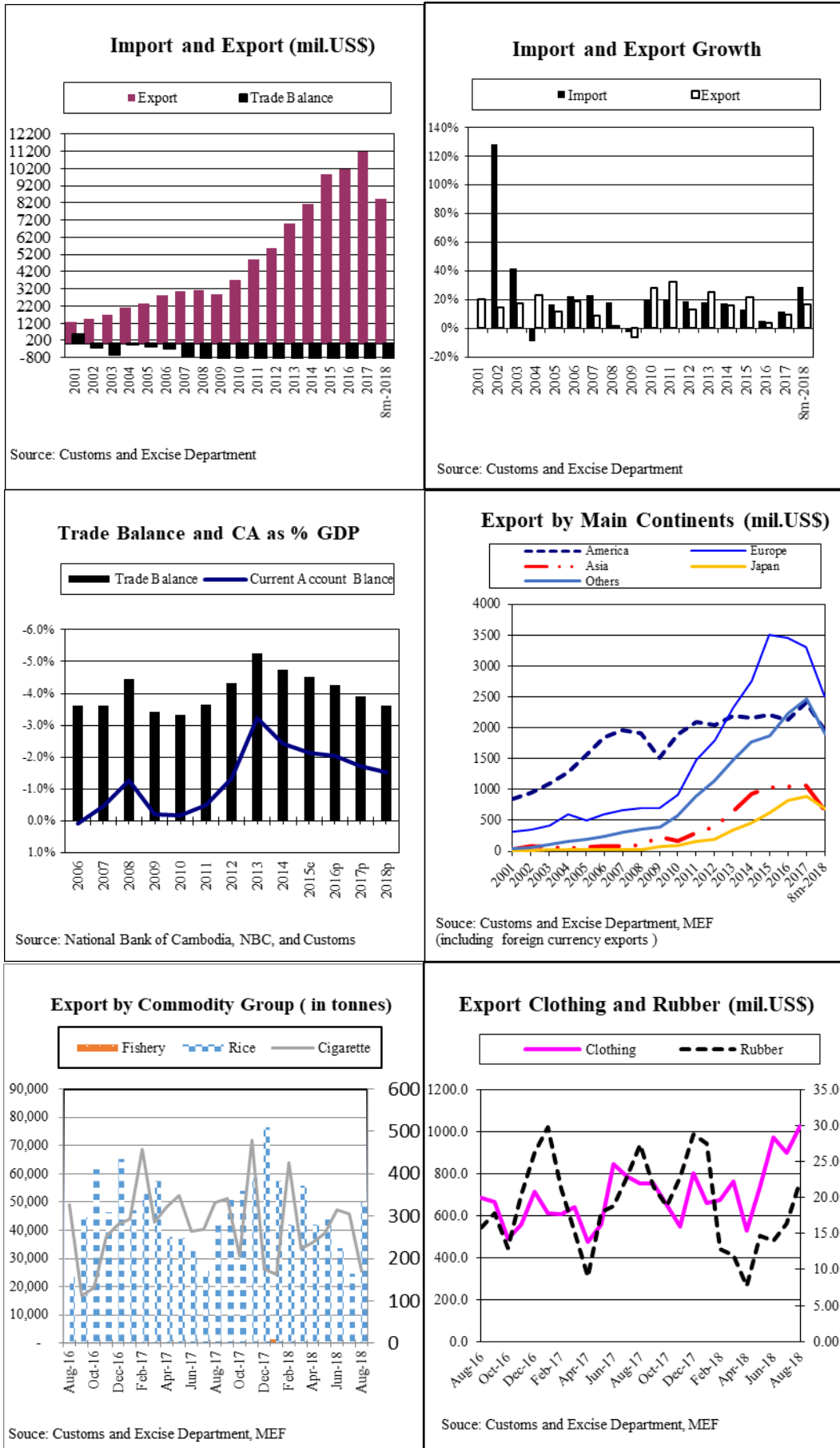
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