

Inflation Report, September 2018

A. Domestic Inflation

In September 2018, Phnom Penh Consumer Price Index increased by 0.3% compared to the previous month and 2.6% compared to the previous year.

In September 2018, most product groups price index increased compared to the same period last year, in which foods and non-alcoholic beverages rose by 2.5% (2.7% in August), alcoholic beverages and tobacco increased by 2.0% (1.5% in August), clothing and footwear grew by 2.7% (3.3% in August), and restaurants up 6.0% (5.4% in August).

Regarding the data in nine months of 2018, the inflation (year average) growth rate was 2.4% lower than the same period of 2017 at 3.3% due to the moderate growth of foods and non-alcoholic beverages (44.8% of the total basket size) with average growth rate of 2.3% (4.4% in nine months of 2017).

Table 1: Changes of price index of 12 product groups in September 2018		
	Compared with last month	Compared with last year
Item of goods & service	0.3%	2.6%
1. Foods and Nonalcoholic beverages	0.3%	2.5%
2. Alcoholic beverages, and Tobacco	0.6%	2.0%
3. Clothing and Footwear	0.0%	2.7%
4. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.6%	1.4%
5. Furnishings, Household Maintenance	-1.1%	0.1%
6. Health	0.2%	1.5%
7. Transport	1.3%	3.7%
8. Communication	-0.2%	-1.0%
9. Recreation and Culture	-0.4%	0.6%
10. Education	-1.2%	-0.4%
11. Restaurants	0.5%	6.0%
12. Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.6%	1.7%

Table 2: Price level changes of some food items (%)						
Food items	Compare to last month			Compare to last year		
	2018			2018		
	July	Aug	Sep	July	Aug	Sep
Rice	0.0	0.9	0.1	2.1	2.8	2.7
Beef	-0.3	0.4	0.2	3.4	2.6	2.1
Chicken	0.1	0.5	0.0	2.4	1.8	2.0
Duck	0.5	-0.5	1.0	2.0	0.1	1.9
Pork	-0.2	2.0	0.5	1.3	3.0	3.4
Freshwater and sea fish	-0.8	0.8	0.5	3.8	4.6	3.2
Fresh fish	-1.1	0.8	0.7	3.6	4.7	3.2
Fruit	-0.9	0.2	-0.5	1.8	2.3	1.7
Fresh fruit	-1.2	0.3	-0.7	1.3	2.3	1.6
Vegetable	-0.6	1.1	1.5	2.8	2.8	4.3
Leaf vegetable	0.5	0.5	1.8	5.3	5.0	7.5
Fruit vegetable	-1.8	2.3	2.8	2.2	2.2	5.7

A. Annual Inflation of Neighbor Countries:

Table 3: Year on Year inflation rate (%)						
Country	2017			2018		
	July	August	September	July	August	September
Cambodia	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.6
Vietnam	2.5	3.4	3.4	4.5	4.0	4.0
Thailand	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.3
Malaysia	3.2	3.7	4.3	0.9	0.2	0.3
Indonesia	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.2	2.9
Philippine	2.4	2.7	3.1	5.7	6.4	6.7
China	1.4	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.5
South Korea	2.2	2.6	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.9
Japan	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.2

Sources:
(1) Cambodia: National Institute of Statistics (NIS)
(2) Other countries: <http://www.tradingeconomics.com>;

Note

Compiling Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Phnom Penh:

- There are 259 selected items of goods
- The prices are collected from five major markets in Phnom Penh
- Generally, the prices are collected from four sample stands in each market
- For items that are not sold in the market, prices are collected from nearby stores
- The Price Indices are compiled by geometric average

Data source: National Institute of Statistics

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