

## Inflation Report, December 2017

### A. Domestic Inflation

In December 2017, Phnom Penh Consumer Price Index increased by 0.4% compared to previous month and 2.2% compared to previous year.

In 2017, inflation rate (year on year) is 2.2% lower than previous year rate of 3.9% and inflation rate (year average) is 2.9% lower than previous year rate of 3%. By the observation, inflation significantly increased in the first semester of 2017 due to the increase of food and clothes price, adding the reverse back of gasoline and diesel price. However, from the second semester inflation increased moderately due to the moderate growth of some product groups, such as clothes, alcoholic beverage and tobacco, furnishings, health, especially food (meats, fish, vegetable, and fruit) which cover 44% of the whole basket goods weight.

To sum up, in 2017 inflation in Cambodia remain in good situation and stay in the manageable level, in which can push up the domestic production, and also contribute to stabilizing the macroeconomic growth.

<b>Table 1: Changes of price index of 12 product groups in December 2017</b>		
	<b>Compared with last month</b>	<b>Compared with last year</b>
<b>Item of goods &amp; service</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
1. Foods and Nonalcoholic beverages	0.2%	1.9%
2. Alcoholic beverages, and Tobacco	-0.3%	0.3%
3. Clothing and Footwear	-0.1%	1.5%
4. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7%	0.6%
5. Furnishings, Household Maintenance	0.2%	0.2%
6. Health	0.0%	1.1%
7. Transport	1.4%	4.4%
8. Communication	-0.3%	-0.7%
9. Recreation and Culture	0.1%	-0.8%
10. Education	0.0%	-0.7%
11. Restaurants	0.7%	7.6%
12. Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.6%	2.9%

Food items	2017			2017		
	Compare to last month			Compare to last year		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rice	0.1	0.3	0.1	2.2	2.0	1.6
Beef	-0.1	0.4	0.8	2.4	2.5	3.0
Chicken	0.4	0.0	-0.6	1.2	1.2	0.3
Duck	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.6
Pork	-0.7	0.4	-0.6	0.5	1.0	-0.3
Freshwater and sea fish	-0.8	1.2	0.0	4.3	4.9	4.5
Fresh fish	-1.1	1.4	0.0	4.1	5.2	4.9
Fruit	0.0	-0.3	0.8	0.0	0.8	1.0
Fresh fruit	0.0	-0.4	1.0	-0.8	0.0	0.3
Vegetable	-0.9	0.0	0.6	-0.1	-1.3	-0.9
Leaf vegetable	-1.3	1.3	1.6	-1.3	-1.7	-0.7
Fruit vegetable	-0.1	1.5	-0.1	-1.9	-4.5	-4.0

## B. Annual Inflation of Neighbor Countries:

**Table 3: Annual inflation (%)**

Country	2016	2017											
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cambodia	3.9	4.4	4.0	4.3	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.2
Vietnam	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.3	3.2	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.6
Thailand	1.1	1.6	1.4	0.8	0.4	-0.04	-0.05	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.99	0.78
Malaysia	1.8	3.2	4.5	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.4	3.5
Indonesia	3.0	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.6
Philippine	2.6	2.7	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3
China	2.1	2.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.8
South Korea	1.3	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.5
Japan	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.6	1.0

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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