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(1) The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as follows.

| Currency | Buying Rate | Selling Rate |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Australian Dollar | 248.8983 | 260.3581 |
| Canadian Dollar | 267.6647 | 279.5157 |
| Chinese Yuan (Renminbi) | 52.6554 | 55.9586 |
| Euro | 388.7853 | 404.4347 |
| Japanese Yen | 2.7744 | 2.8879 |
| Singapore Dollar | 270.8661 | 282.1505 |
| Sterling Pound | 437.9691 | 454.6509 |
| Swiss Franc | 384.6871 | 403.1820 |
| US Dollar | 360.3991 | 371.4665 |

(2) The approximate exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as follows.

| Country | Currency | Indicative Rate |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Bahrain | Bahrain Dinar | 960.7851 |
| Kuwait | Kuwait Dinar | 1,185.9224 |
| Oman | Oman Rial | 940.8342 |
| Qatar | Qatar Riyal | 99.3486 |
| Saudi Arabia | Saudi Arabian Riyal | 96.4379 |
| UAE | UAE Dirham | 98.6224 |

- (3) The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 05-Jan-2023, by all commercial banks was 28.07 percent and 16.50 percent respectively.
- (4) The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of Dec-2022 was 14.06 percent.