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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	246.9738	258.4901
Canadian Dollar	265.2845	277.0376
Chinese Yuan (Renminbi)	52.2560	55.4740
Euro	386.9407	402.5438
Japanese Yen	2.7891	2.9032
Singapore Dollar	270.6339	282.0531
Sterling Pound	442.5725	459.4125
Swiss Franc	389.8196	408.5433
US Dollar	360.5572	371.3916

(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	960.8641
Kuwait	Kuwait Dinar	1,186.2141
Oman	Oman Rial	940.9116
Qatar	Qatar Riyal	99.1325
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian Riyal	96.4599
UAE	UAE Dirham	98.6278

- (3) The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 13-Jan-2023, by all commercial banks was 27.93 percent and 16.00 percent respectively.
- (4) The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of Dec-2022 was 14.06 percent.