



Democratic Socialist Republic of SRI LANKA



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General Information*

Capital: : Colombo
Area: : 65,610 Sq.km.
Cities: : Galle, Trincomalee (main ports)
Population: : 21,128,773 (2008 est.)
Life expectancy: : 74.97 years (2008 est.)
Literacy: : 90.7% (2001 Census)
Official language: : Sinhala
Other languages: : Tamil (national language)
 and English
Currency: : Sri Lankan Rupee (SLR)
FDI ** : 1.2% of GDP (2005)
National Airline : Sri Lanka Airlines

Chief of State:
 President Mahinda Rajapaksa
Prime Minister:
 Hon. Ratanasiri Wickremanayake

History : 2500 yrs.
Independent Day : 4 February

Government Type : Republic

Exchange rate : USD 1 = 108 SLR
HDI Rank** : 99
Internet Domain : .lk

Recent Economic Indicators ***

	Units	2004	2005	2006(a)	2007(a)	2008(a)
GPD, current prices	U.S.\$ (bn.)	20.66	24.41	28.28	32.35	42.16
GDP, deflator	Index	114.40	126.33	140.57	160.29	195.96
GDP per capita, current prices	U.S.\$	1,062.63	1,244.00	1,430.20	1,623.15	2,098.98
GDP (PPP) valuation of country GDP	Current international dollar (bn.)	63.44	69.74	77.51	84.99	92.17
GDP (PPP) per capita GDP	Current international dollar	3,262.88	3,554.62	3,919.70	4,264.86	4,588.86
GDP (PPP) share of world total	Percent	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13
	U.S.\$ (bn.)					

* (a) IMF Estimate Data

Sri Lanka's Global Merchandise Trade Relationships***

Sri Lanka's Principal Export Destinations, 2006:		Sri Lanka's Principal Import Sources, 2006:	
1 United States	27.6%	1 India	19.3%
2 United Kingdom	11.3%	2 China	10.4%
3 India	9.3%	3 Singapore	8.6%

Source: * CIA World Fact Book

** Human Development Report 2007-2008 - UNPD

*** International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2008

-) History - 2500 yrs.
- 2) Sri Lankan domain should be included - .lk
- 3) National Air Line - Sri Lankan Air Lines
- 4) Land Area - 65,610 Sq.km.