

## "Turnover slips to nearly 7-month low"

The broader market faced yet another day of decline, driven by weakened investor sentiment and thin trading volumes amidst the lingering uncertainties surrounding the political landscape in the country. The ASPI started the week on a negative note, mirroring uncertainties of the previous week and experienced a dull trading day, closing the day in red at 11,619, losing 14 points for the 3rd consecutive day. The Banking sector counters, and index heavyweights dragged the market down where HNB, SAMP, COMB, HAYL and GLAS emerged as the top negative contributors. Meanwhile, with the limited participation of the HNWIs and the retail investors, turnover slipped to nearly 7-month low, standing at LKR 376.7Mn, marking a 63.0% down from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.0Bn. The Capital Goods sector led the turnover with 24%, followed by the Banking and Food, Beverage and Tobacco sectors jointly contributing 32% to the overall turnover. Furthermore, foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 1.8Mn.

