COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 21ST & 22ND MARCH 2017

SALE NO: 12

GOOD DEMAND.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's – Declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more for high priced teas of last week. Teas in the below best category were firm and tended dearer whilst the plainer sorts were Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliya's – gained Rs. 10-30/- per kg. Uva/Udapussellawa – Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer.

BOPF

Best Western's – Declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more for last week's select high priced teas. Teas in the below best and plainer categories which commenced at marginally easier levels were mostly firm as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's – declined Rs. 20-40/- per kg. Uva/Udapussellwa's – were mostly firm.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s -Irregular and tended dearer. PF1s - Firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s - Rs.10/- per kg dearer on average . PF1s - Irregular following quality.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Below best cleaner varieties were dearer Rs.10-20/- whilst others were firm on last. Poorer sorts were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Low Grown's - In general were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. CTC's - In general were firm on last.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. A selection of best Dust1's gained Rs.10-20/- per kg following special inquiry. Balance firm to irregularly lower. Below best gained Rs.10/- per kg and more following quality. Balance along with poorer sorts were firm to irregularly lower. Best Mediums were firm to irregularly lower. Others followed a similar trend. Select best CTC's declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Balance sold at last levels. Poorest on offer gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best Low Growns sold at last levels. Below best were dearer by Rs.10/- per kg. Poorest on offer declined irregularly.

DUST

FBOPF1

Clean secondaries gained Rs.10/- per kg. Below best sold at last levels. Poorest on offer declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Better CTC's sold at last levels. Others gained Rs.10/- per kg and more. Better Low Growns sold at last levels. Poorest on offer were irregular and mostly lower.

Select best FBOP's appreciated. Few well-made teas in the best and below best

LOW GROWN TEAS

<u>FBOP/</u> <u>FBOP1</u> <u>BOP</u>	categories gained. Others tended irregular following quality. Teas at the bottom were firm to dearer. FBOP1's - In general were dearer. Select best BOP's were dearer. Best and cleaner below best too appreciated. Teas at the bottom maintained.
BOP1	BOP1's were fully firm to dearer.
<u>OP1</u>	A selection of better OP1's gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Others too gained but to a lesser extent.
<u>OP</u>	A selection of better OP's were irregularly dearer. Others were barely steady. Prices at the lower end gained.
<u>OPA</u>	Selection of better OPA's were firm to selectively dearer. Others though irregular were firm. At the lower end prices gained Rs.10-15/- per kg and
<u>PEKOE</u>	more. Better PEK/PEK1's were firm. Others particularly the bold PEK's gained Rs.10-15/- per kg.
BOPF	Select best and best were firm to dearer. Below best and bottom appreciated.
FBOPF/	Very tippy teas maintained. Best tended irregular. Below best and bottom were irregularly lower following quality. Select best FF1's appreciated. Best

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TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	F 21 ST & 22 ND CH 2017	SALE NO. 12	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOP BOPS	*960/- 840/-
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	680/-
Henfold	Western High	FGS-1	*700/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF1	*690/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP1	*620/-

• All-time record price.