

## Economy grows...

The sub activities of 'fresh water fishing' and 'growing of tea' have recorded a substantial decline by 19.1 percent and 14.9 percent respectively in this quarter.

Under industrial activities, 'manufacture of textile and wearing apparels', recorded positive growth rates of 3.7 percent and 3.2 percent respectively during 3Q18.

In addition, 'manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products' and 'manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products' reported significant positive growth rates of 16.7 percent and 3.9 percent respectively.

The 'construction' activity, which corresponds to the second highest share of 7.0 percent within the industry sector, grew by 2.5 percent during the quarter under review when compared to the third quarter of 2017.

Performance of the service activities were strengthened by sub activities of 'telecommunication services', 'financial services', 'insurance services', 'information technology services', 'human health activities', 'accommodation, food and beverage services', 'wholesale and retail trade' and 'other personal services'

The telecommunication services activities expanded by 14.8 percent while financial services activities expanded 12.4 percent compared to the third quarter of 2017.

However, 'programming and broadcasting' and 'transportation' activities contracted substantially by 9.0 percent and 0.7 percent during the quarter under review compared to the respective quarter in 2017.