

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for March 2010

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for March 2010 was 103.61(2006=100), falling 1.60% from previous month. Prices of Housing went down 3.33%, due mainly to prices of Household Operations decreased 36.26% after Chinese New Year's Festival. Education & Entertainment fees went down 2.44%, due primarily to tour fees for traveling overseas and domestic were lower because of the winter vacation and Chinese New Year's Festival ended. Prices of Clothing went down 2.22%, due mainly to prices of Garments decreased 4.20%.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for March 2010, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 0.16%. Prices of Transportation & Communication went up 4.90%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants increased 23.86%. Prices of Medicines and Medical Care went up 1.90%, due primarily to prices of Medical Care Services and Medicines & Health Food went up 2.74% and 1.79% individually. Prices of Housing went up 0.19%, due mainly to Water, Electricity & Gas Supply fees increased 3.41%.

For the first quarter year of 2010, the CPI increased by 0.22% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Transportation & Communication moved up 5.45%, prices of Housing move up 0.37%, prices of Clothing move up 1.89%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care move up 1.59%, Education & Entertainment fees move down 3.37%, prices of Food move down 0.12%, prices of Miscellaneous went down 0.05%.

