

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for February 2011

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for February 2011 was 106.48(2006=100), rising 1.39% from previous month, mainly because during Chinese New Year's Festival, nurse and maid service costs increased which brought Household Operations prices to go up 60.17%. Besides, beauty prices went up, brought the prices of Personal Care Service to move up 7.78%. Additionally, Fruits and Meat prices rose 5.59% and 1.65% respectively. Whereas, Vegetables declined 0.46% for sufficient supply, Clothing decreased 3.55% for winter garments promotion.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for February 2011, compared with the same month of previous year, increased by 1.14%. Food prices went up 2.48%, of which prices of Fish & Shellfish, Fruits and Food Away from Home move up 8.89%, 6.42%, 1.04% separately. Prices of Chinese herbs, automobiles and Fuels & Lubricants went up, which brought Medicines & Medical Care and Transportation & Communication prices to move up 1.18% and 1.60% respectively. Besides, Clothing prices rose 4.57% and Housing prices increased 0.66%.

For the first two months of 2011, the CPI increased by 1.20% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Food went up 2.24%, prices of Housing went up 0.53%, prices of Transportation & Communication went up 1.35%, prices of Clothing went up 3.80%, Education & Entertainment fees went up 0.47%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care went up 1.25%, prices of Miscellaneous moved down 0.17%.

