

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for July 2011

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for July 2011 was 106.66(2006=100), fell 0.06% from previous month, mainly because some fruits produced abundantly, such as mangoes, grapes and guavas, bringing Fruits prices to go down 14.57%. Besides, clothing prices decreased 2.99% for promotion, and after Dragon Boat Festival, nurse and maid service cost came down which caused Household Operations prices to move down 5.93%. However, tour expense for traveling became expensive during summer vacation which brought Entertainment Expense to rise 5.40%. Additionally, Vegetables and Meat prices increased 5.73% and 1.65% separately.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for July 2011, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 1.51%. Food prices rose 1.97%, of which prices of Meat, Food Away from Home and Cereals & Cereal Products increased 6.70%, 1.83% and 5.92% separately, prices of Fish & Shellfish and Fruits went up 3.59% and 4.61% individually, whereas Vegetables prices declined 12.82%. Housing prices rose 0.90% for prices of Household Appliances, Residential Rent and Water, Electricity & Gas Supply increased 4.34%, 0.41% and 1.44%. Besides, Fuels & Lubricants advanced 9.91% which brought Transportation & Communication prices to move up 2.05%.

For the first seven months of 2011, the CPI increased by 1.45% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Food went up 2.27%, prices of Transportation & Communication went up 2.20%, prices of Housing went up 0.63%, prices of Clothing went up 3.59%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 0.73%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care moved up 2.45%, prices of Miscellaneous moved up 0.16%.

