

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for August 2011

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for August 2011 was 106.55(2006=100), falling 0.13% from previous month, mainly because Garments prices decreased 7.39% for promotion. Besides, tour expense for traveling came to the original lower price level for summer vacation is about to end. However, prices of Vegetables and Fruits increased 7.73% and 3.01% respectively during Chinese Ghost Festival.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for August 2011, compared with the same month of previous year, went up 1.64%. Food prices rose 2.50%, of which prices of Food Away from Home, Fish & Shellfish, Cereals & Cereal products and Meat moved up 1.81%, 5.51%, 6.15% and 4.19% separately, whereas Vegetables price declined 7.34%. Housing prices rose 1.23% for prices of Household Appliances and Residential Rent moved up 6.97% and 0.49% respectively. Medicines & Health Food rose 9.84% which brought Medicines and Medical Care prices to moved up 3.76%. Besides, Transportation & Communication prices went up 1.58%, mainly because Fuels & Lubricants advanced 7.48%.

For the first eight months of 2011, the CPI increased by 1.48% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Food went up 2.30%, prices of Transportation & Communication moved up 2.12%, prices of Housing went up 0.71%, prices of Clothing moved up 3.80%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care went up 2.60%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 0.75%, prices of Miscellaneous went down 0.04%.

