

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for December 2011

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for December 2011 was 107.01(2006=100), falling 0.07% from previous month, mainly because prices of Fruits went down 11.72%. In addition, prices of Clothing went down 3.39% for promotion during Christmas celebrations in some department store. However, prices of Vegetables, Fish & Shellfish and Eggs increased 21.67%, 2.35% and 5.27% respectively.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for December 2011, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 1.72%. Food prices went up 5.00%, of which prices of Vegetables, Fish & Shellfish, Meat and Cereals & Cereal Products moved up 49.98%, 7.66%, 4.83% and 4.90% separately, while Fruit prices decreased 12.68%. Housing prices rose 1.00% for prices of Residential Rent, Household Appliances and Water, Electricity & Gas Supply moved up 0.44%, 3.62% and 2.52% respectively. Clothing prices rose 4.17%, mainly because Garments prices increased 3.43%. Miscellaneous prices went down 1.62% for prices of Cosmetic Items decreased 5.36%. Transportation & Communication prices moved down 0.53%, mainly because Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts declined 1.15%, whereas Fuels & Lubricants went up 1.39%.

For the whole year of 2011, the CPI increased by 1.44% compared with 2010's. Prices of Food went up 2.33%, prices of Housing went up 0.87%, prices of Transportation & Communication moved up 1.60%, prices of Clothing moved up 4.02%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care went up 2.48%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 0.51%, prices of Miscellaneous went down 0.31%.

