

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for March 2012

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for March 2012 was 106.25(2006=100), increased 0.14% from previous month, mainly because tour fees of overseas and hotel accommodation increased which brought Education & Entertainment prices to go up 0.75%. Prices of Food went up 0.35% due to Fruits moved up 13.77%, while Vegetable and Fish & Shellfish prices decreased 2.27% and 1.53% respectively. Additionally, prices of Fuels & Lubricants prices move up 2.22%, Water, Electricity & Gas Supply went up 0.94%.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for March 2012, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 1.14%. Food prices move up 3.00% for prices of Vegetables, Food Away from Home, and Fish & Shellfish moved up 23.92%, 1.80% and 5.23% separately, while Fruits decreased 7.78%. Housing prices rose 1.25%, of which prices of Residential Rent and Water, Electricity & Gas Supply moved up 0.70% and 4.20%. Education & Entertainment prices moved up 0.66% for prices of Entertainment Expense increased 1.84%. Clothing prices rose 2.54%, mainly because Footwear and Apparel Services & Accessories prices increased 5.99% and 4.26% separately.

For the first quarter of 2012, the CPI increased by 1.13% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Food went up 3.06%, prices of Housing went up 1.09%, prices of Clothing moved up 2.54%, prices of Miscellaneous went up 1.15%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care went up 1.00%, prices of Transportation & Communication moved down 1.73%, Education & Entertainment fees moved down 0.26%.

