

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for April 2012

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for April 2012 was 107.60(2006=100), increased 1.22% from previous month, mainly because clothing prices went up 18.40% while new items for spring/summer seasons beginning to be available on the market, besides, Fuels & Lubricants, Entertainment Expense, and Fruits moved up 9.40%, 2.46% and 8.70% separately.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for April 2012, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 1.45%. Food prices move up 2.55% for prices of Fish & Shellfish, Vegetables and Food Away from Home moved up 8.15%, 12.24% and 1.78% separately. Housing prices rose 0.99%, of which prices of Residential Rent and Water, Electricity & Gas Supply moved up 0.69% and 3.30% separately. Clothing prices rose 5.75%, mainly because Garments and Footwear prices increased 5.67% and 7.08%. Education & Entertainment prices moved up 0.95% for prices of Entertainment Expense increased 3.79%.

For the first four months of 2012, the CPI increased by 1.24% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Food went up 2.95%, prices of Housing went up 1.07%, prices of Clothing moved up 3.42%, prices of Miscellaneous went up 1.10%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care went up 0.97%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 0.05%, prices of Transportation & Communication moved down 1.21%.

