

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for August 2012

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for August 2012 was 109.39(2006=100), increased 0.61% from the previous month, mainly because prices of Vegetables went up 26.51% owing to the effect of typhoons. In addition, Eggs prices moved up 9.11% because of hot weather. Besides, rebound in international oil prices caused Fuels & Lubricants prices to increase 5.83%.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for August 2012, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 2.68%. Food prices move up 7.31% for prices of Vegetables, Fruits, and Food Away from Home increased 60.82%, 21.35% and 1.65% respectively. Housing prices rose 1.03%, of which prices of Water, Electricity & Gas Supply and Residential Rent moved up 5.27% and 0.63% separately. Transportation & Communication moved up 1.83% for prices of Fuels & Lubricants increased 10.68%. Clothing prices rose 2.49%, mainly because Garments increased 5.29%.

For the first eight months of 2012, the CPI increased by 1.58% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Food went up 3.99%, prices of Clothing moved up 2.74%, prices of Miscellaneous went up 1.09%, prices of Housing went up 1.09%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 0.40%, prices of Medicines and Medical Care went up 0.30%, prices of Transportation & Communication moved down 0.68%.

