

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for January 2013

In order to go in line with the up-to-date expenditure patterns of households and industry structure, the rebasing of CPI is conducted once every five years. The 2011-base revisions of CPI has been accomplished and the new base period, 2011, is adopted since this month.

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for January 2013 was 101.87(2011=100), decreased 0.19% from the previous month, mainly because clothing prices went down 5.97% for promotion, vegetables prices moved down 3.33% due to sufficient supply. However, air tickets prices and tour fees for foreign travel went higher during winter vacation; besides, fish & seafood and meat prices increased 3.26% and 1.35% individually.

The annual change for CPI in Taipei for January 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 0.52%, mainly because prices of fruits, fuels & lubricants and garments moved up 17.98%, 12.05% and 5.04% separately. Nevertheless, distorted by timing of the Chinese New Year in January last year, decreases of children care fees brought miscellaneous category to move down 11.72%; furthermore, household operations fees also declined 16.44%.

