

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for March 2013

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for March 2013 was 101.09(2011=100), decreased 1.66% from the previous month, mainly because prices of services for nursery & nursing care , Household Operations fees and entertainment expenses(such as travel tour fees) went down 51.05%, 37.00% and 4.98% individually after lunar New Year festival. Besides, vegetables and fruits prices decreased 10.33% and 7.08% due to sufficient supply.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for March 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 1.16%, mainly because prices of fuels & lubricants, Garments, Food Away from Home and Residential Rent went up 9.01%, 6.77%, 1.47% and 0.65% separately. In addition, Cosmetic items also increased 6.64% due to the reduction of discount. Nevertheless, vegetables prices went down 5.69%.

For the first three months of 2013, the CPI increased by 1.56% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Clothing move up 2.74%, prices of Transportation & Communication moved up 2.57%, prices of Food move up 2.17%, prices of Medicines & Medical Care moved up 1.59%, prices of Housing moved up 1.14%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 1.04%, prices of Miscellaneous moved down 0.24%.

