

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for May 2013

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for May 2013 was 101.80(2011=100), increased 0.12% from the previous month, mainly because prices of Vegetables and Fruits went up 18.27% and 5.22% respectively. Nevertheless, Garments and services for personal care prices moved down 3.50% and 2.49% separately with Mother's Day promotion, which offset partly rise of CPI.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for May 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, moved up 0.43%, mainly because prices of Vegetables, Water, Electricity& Gas Supply, Household Appliances, Food Away from Home and Residential Rent went up 10.65%, 3.78%, 3.71%, 1.04% and 0.69% individually. Nevertheless, Fruits prices and Entertainment expenses decreased 12.41% and 1.68% respectively, which offset some percentage of raise. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.41%.

For the first five months of 2013, the CPI increased by 1.13% over the same period of previous year. Prices of Medicines & Medical Care moved up 1.76%, prices of Food moved up 1.63%, prices of Transportation & Communication moved up 1.54%, prices of Housing moved up 1.21%, Education & Entertainment fees moved up 0.29%, prices of Clothing moved up 0.15%, prices of Miscellaneous moved down 0.30%.

