

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for March 2014

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for March 2014 was 102.98 (2011=100), increased 0.34% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of fruits and meat went up 3.47% and 2.67% respectively, besides, the cost of raw material keeps rising, food away from home rose 0.65%. However, entertainment expenses dropped 1.26% after Lunar New Year vacation.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for March 2014, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 1.87%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of fruits and meat went up 19.13% and 11.23% respectively. Furthermore, entertainment expenses rose 3.64%. However, prices of services and vehicle parts for transportation and communication and educational expenses were brought low. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 1.38%.

For the first quarter of 2014, the CPI increased by 1.12% over the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 2.96%, prices of miscellaneous increased 1.24%, prices of clothing went up 1.00%, prices of health went up 0.97%, education & entertainment fees went up 0.86%, prices of housing went up 0.67%, prices of transportation and communication moved down 1.02%.

