

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for April 2014

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for April 2014 was 103.80 (2011=100), increased 0.79% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of garments went up 21.15% with the availability of new arrivals for spring/summer clothing, besides, entertainment expenses rose 1.62% due to tour fees rising, and prices of food away from home rose 1.16%. However, prices of fruits dropped 4.64% since some fruits were in season.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for April 2014, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 2.08%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of fruits and meat went up 18.61% and 11.75% respectively, prices of food away from home moved up 3.02%. Furthermore, entertainment expenses rose 5.07%. Whereas prices of services and vehicle parts for transportation and communication and educational expenses declined. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 1.76%.

For the first four month of 2014, the CPI increased by 1.36% over the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 3.48%, prices of clothing went up 1.79%, prices of miscellaneous increased 1.55%, education & entertainment fees went up 1.11%, prices of health went up 0.85%, prices of housing went up 0.71%, prices of transportation and communication moved down 0.89%.

