

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for August 2014

The Consumer Price Index(CPI) in Taipei for August 2014 was 105.17 (2011=100), increased 0.24% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of vegetables and fruits increased 13.02% and 7.62% because of growing demand in Ghost Festival and decreasing supply in unstable weather. Besides, prices of water, electricity and gas supply and food away from home rose 1.85% and 0.25% respectively. However, prices of garments dropped 5.37% for promotion.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for August 2014, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 2.53%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of vegetables, fruits, meat, entertainment expenses and food away from home went up 16.97%, 11.94%, 8.78%, 5.83% and 5.22% respectively. Whereas, prices of educational expenses declined. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 2.00%.

For the first eight month of 2014, the CPI increased by 1.88% over the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 4.55%, prices of miscellaneous increased 2.08%, prices of clothing went up 2.02%, education and entertainment fees went up 1.76%, prices of housing went up 0.88%, prices of health went up 0.68%, prices of transportation and communication moved down 0.35%.

