

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for February 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for February 2015 was 103.72(2011=100), increased 0.89% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: because of Chinese New Year, prices of services for nursery and nursing care, household operations and entertainment expenses went up 66.44%, 13.94% and 5.90% respectively. However, in abundant supply, vegetables and fruits dropped 12.25% and 3.87%. Prices of garments fell 5.35% on winter clothing discount.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for February 2015, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 1.06%. The major factors of the change were the followings: since the timing of Chinese New Year was distorted, prices of services for nursery and nursing care raised 66.49% dramatically. Prices of food away from home and entertainment expenses grew 5.15% and 5.14% respectively; whereas prices of fuels and lubricants, water, electricity and gas supply and educational expenses declined 27.85%, 20.65% and 2.25% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 2.55%.

For the first two month of 2015, the CPI increased by 0.16% over the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 5.04%, prices of miscellaneous raised 1.96%, prices of clothing increased 0.88%, prices of transportation and communication moved down 5.54%, prices of housing fell 1.53%, education and entertainment fees declined 0.56%, prices of health dropped 0.03%.

