

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for May 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for May 2015 was 103.60(2011=100), increased 0.19% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of fuels and lubricants climbed 5.03% due to the recent rising global oil price. Prices of vegetable and entertainment expenses move up 4.37% and 1.03% respectively. However, there were some declined in prices of garments and cosmetic items, by 4.00% and 1.45%, because of the special discount for Mother's Day

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for May 2015, compared with the same month of previous year, decreased 0.36%. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of fuels and lubricants fell 21.77% from relatively high bases last year. Moreover, in ample supply, prices of fruits dropped 12.87%. Prices of water, electricity and gas supply move down 11.18%, whereas prices of vegetables, food away from home and residential rent moved up 17.66%, 2.36% and 0.70% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.61%.

For the first five months of 2015, the CPI decreased 0.12% over the same period of previous year. Prices of transportation and communication moved down 5.03%, prices of housing fell 1.00%, education and entertainment fees declined 0.92%, prices of health dropped 0.08%, by contrast, prices of food went up 3.45%, prices of miscellaneous raised 1.25%, prices of clothing increased 0.40%.

