

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for September 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for September 2015 was 105.40(2011=100), increased 0.45% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of vegetables and fruits went up 17.67% and 11.29% because of lower supply with typhoon and increasing demand in Moon Festival. However, prices of cosmetic items and entertainment expenses decreased 4.11% and 2.83% respectively.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for September 2015, compared with the same month of previous year, rose 0.28%. The major factors of the change were the followings: Prices of vegetables by violent typhoon increased 31.76%. Prices of meat, food away from home and residential rent rose 5.19%, 1.84%, 0.93% respectively. However, prices of fuels and lubricants and water, electricity and gas supply declined 27.34% and 13.22% respectively. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.64%.

For the first nine month of 2015, the CPI dropped 0.15% over the same period of previous year. Prices of transportation and communication fell 5.05%, education and entertainment fees decreased 0.92%, prices of housing declined 0.80%, prices of health moved down 0.09%, by contrast, prices of food increased 3.24%, prices of miscellaneous went up 0.57%, prices of clothing rose 0.20%.

