

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for December 2015

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for December 2015 was 104.10(2011=100), decreased 0.66% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: Prices of vegetables declined 14.55% because production supplied steady. Prices of garments went down 5.36%. Prices of fuels and lubricants fell 4.91%. However, prices of cosmetic items and entertainment expenses increased 4.50% and 0.35%.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for December 2015, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 0.24%. The major factors of the change were the followings: Prices of fruits and vegetables went up 8.50% and 7.05% due to lower supply. Prices of residential rent increased 1.03%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants and water, electricity and gas supply decreased 19.18% and 13.82%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.80%.

For the whole year of 2015, the CPI equal to the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 3.44%. Prices of miscellaneous increased 0.19%, by contrast, prices of transportation and communication moved down 4.69%, prices of housing fell 0.72%, prices of education and entertainment fees declined 0.60%, prices of clothing decreased 0.12%, prices of health moved down 0.04%.

