

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for March 2016

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for March 2016 was 104.77(2011=100), decreased 0.81% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: After Lunar New Year Festival, prices of services for nursery and nursing care, household operations and entertainment expenses dropped 37.63%, 9.47% and 4.05% respectively. However, prices of fruits rose 7.07%. Prices of fuel and lubricants moved up 6.83%. Prices of water, electricity and gas supply rose 1.26%.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for March 2016, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 1.91%. The major factors of the change were the followings: Prices of vegetables and fruits went up 72.95% and 22.91% due to lower supply. Prices of residential rent increased 0.81%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 14.22%. Prices of water, electricity and gas supply went down 7.90%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.78%.

For the first three months of 2016, the CPI increased 1.55% over the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 5.81%, prices of housing rose 0.95%, prices of miscellaneous went up 0.49%, education and entertainment fees increased 0.41%, by contrast, prices of transportation and communication moved down 2.30%, prices of clothing declined 2.29%, prices of health decreased 0.11%.

