

## The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for June 2016

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for June 2016 was 105.21(2011=100), increased 0.31% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: Prices of water, electricity and gas supply rose 12.60% as summer electricity rates pulled electricity fees up. After Mother's Day, prices of services for personal care climbed 9.47%. However, prices of garments went down 5.07%. Prices of vegetables and fruits decreased 2.84% and 1.97% respectively.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for June 2016, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 0.80%. The major factors of the change were the followings: Prices of fruits and vegetables went up 28.26% and 8.13% due to lower supply. However, prices of water, electricity and gas supply went down 9.79%. Prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 7.53%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.65%.

For the first six months of 2016, the CPI increased 1.42% over the same period of previous year. Prices of food went up 5.81%, prices of miscellaneous moved up 0.96%, prices of housing rose 0.33%, prices of health advanced 0.19%, prices of education and entertainment fees increased 0.12%, by contrast, prices of transportation and communication moved down 1.93%, prices of clothing declined 1.24%.

