

The Consumer Price Index in Taipei for March 2017

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Taipei for March 2017 was 104.90 (2011=100), decreased 0.36% from the previous month. The major factors of the change were the followings: prices of fruits dropped 5.93% because of stable supply. Prices of fuels and lubricants went down 1.84%. Prices of entertainment expenses decreased 0.76%. However, prices of eggs increased 5.00%. Prices of cosmetic items moved up 1.95%. Prices of food away from home raised 0.19%.

The annual change of CPI in Taipei for March 2017, compared with the same month of previous year, increased 0.13%. The major factors of the change were the followings: due to crude oil prices keep rising, prices of fuels and lubricants increased 16.28%. Prices of fruits raised 10.90%. Prices of residential rent move up 1.03%. However, prices of vegetables went down 33.63%. Prices of f water, electricity and gas supply decreased 4.99%. Prices of entertainment expenses dropped 1.12%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.80%.

For the first three months of 2017, the CPI increased 0.78% over the same period of previous year. Prices of transportation and communication, clothing, miscellaneous, food, housing and health went up 3.08%, 2.54%, 1.77%, 0.60%, 0.50% and 0.42% respectively, by contrast, prices of education and entertainment moved down 0.56%.

