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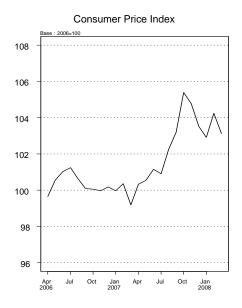
The Price Indices for March 2008

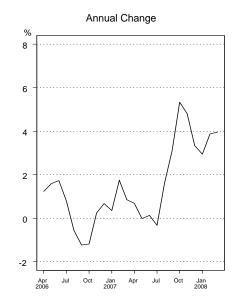
Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2008 was 103.12 (2006=100), fell 1.07% from previous month. Due primarily to Vegetables and Fruits prices declined 16.60% and 5.69% respectively, meanwhile, Household Keeping Services fees and Foreign Package Tours fees moved down accompanying by end of the Lunar New Year, whereas prices of Food Away from Home and Cereals & Cereal Products went up for reflecting costs. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, went down 0.61%.

The annual change rate for CPI in March 2008 was 3.96%. Prices of Food increased 9.33%, of which Eggs up 38.25%, Edible Oil up 26.02%, Dairy Products up 14.74%, Fruits, Meat and Cereals & Cereal Products advanced 13.45%, 12.86% and 11.57% separately, Fish & Shellfish up 9.22%, and Food Away from Home up 7.60%. Transportation & Communication prices rose 3.86%, due mainly to prices of Fuels & Lubricants up 14.47% and Taxi fees raised 12.23%. Medicines & Medical Care prices went up 4.21%. The core CPI moved up 3.07%.

For the first quarter of 2008, the CPI moved up 3.59% compared with the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity and Service rose 5.40% and 1.85% separately. The core CPI went up 2.79%.



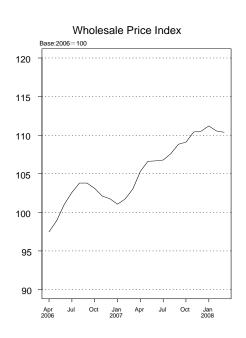


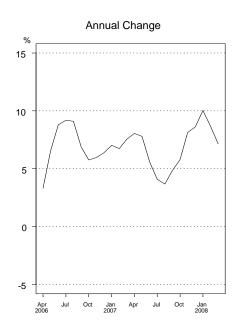
Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in March 2008 was 110.38 (2006=100), decreased 0.14% from previous month, due mainly to 3.30% appreciation of Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar. Besides, prices of Computer, Electronic and Optical Products (fell 2.42%), Electronic Parts and Components (fell 2.31%) and Chemical Material (fell 0.61%) went down, while Basic Metal price rose 4.27%.

The WPI in March 2008 increased 7.15% from the same month of previous year, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products and Basic Metal advanced 49.84%, 28.65%, and 16.83% individually, where as Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar appreciated 7.90%.

For the first quarter of 2008, the WPI moved up 8.61% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import and Export Price Index rose 14.38% and 0.11% separately.





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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices March 2008

	Weight	Index of	Compared	Compared	The First Three
	(‰)	March	with	with the	Months of
		2008	Previous	Same	2008
Groups		(2006=100)	Month	Month of	Compared with
			(%)	Previous	the Same
				Year (%)	Period of
					Previous Year
General Index	1,000.00	103.12	-1.07	3.96	3.59
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	106.20	-0.99	9.33	8.06
Meat	23.08	113.65	1.40	12.86	11.77
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	115.16	-1.18	9.22	7.14
Vegetables	24.81	76.74	-16.60	0.09	-8.43
Fruits	27.59	104.82	-5.69	13.45	19.57
2. Clothing	41.72	97.59	-1.57	4.92	3.87
Garments	26.97	93.31	-2.92	4.49	2.98
3. Housing	279.47	101.25	-1.51	1.12	0.81
Residential Rent	185.40	100.69	0.00	0.60	0.54
Household Keeping Services	14.53	95.98	-25.60	0.56	-1.99
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	102.11	0.00	1.47	1.45
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	104.24	-0.20	3.86	4.17
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	114.66	0.04	14.47	16.11
Transportation & Communication Services	80.30	101.66	-0.44	1.32	1.30
and Vehicle Parts					
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	105.86	0.33	4.21	4.71
Medical Care Services	33.02	101.46	0.09	1.17	1.20
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	121.27	1.03	14.08	16.48
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	100.66	-2.04	0.49	0.90
Educational Expense	111.25	100.51	0.03	0.53	0.50
Entertainment Expense	60.22	100.90	-5.60	0.20	0.92
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	103.25	0.48	1.25	0.91
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	105.75	0.89	1.51	1.56
Personal Care Services	14.78	100.19	-0.28	0.57	-1.47
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	103.87	-0.72	5.98	5.40
(Excluding Food)	264.95	103.01	0.09	3.35	3.31
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	105.87	-0.94	7.87	7.25
(Excluding Food)	126.96	106.97	0.35	5.26	5.70
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	98.15	-0.95	3.23	2.40
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	99.44	0.45	-0.81	-0.93
2. Service	562.89	102.29	-1.36	2.05	1.85
Food	88.66	108.37	0.78	7.60	6.86
Housing	209.54	100.49	-2.25	0.67	0.42
Transportation & Communication	76.99	101.40	-0.47	1.09	1.08
Medical Care	33.02	101.46	0.09	1.17	1.20
Education & Entertainment	129.64	102.72	-2.51	1.90	2.35
Miscellaneous	23.83	99.98	-0.17	0.22	-1.13
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	103.74	-0.58	3.49	3.25
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	101.93	-1.11	1.96	1.90
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,	866.64	103.18	-0.61	3.07	2.79

Note: Due to late reports and corrections by respondents all data are subject to revision 3 months after original publication.

Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices March 2008

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of March 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year
General Index	1,000.00	110.38	-0.14	7.15	8.61
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	113.94	1.16	11.42	10.69
Imports	327.09	117.07	0.24	11.84	14.38
Exports	365.05	99.71	-1.77	-2.28	0.11
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal	27.15	125.94	-0.59	25.01	25.06
Husbandry Products					
(1)Farm Products	12.87	130.38	-3.66	26.34	30.35
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	129.60	4.74	35.25	29.86
(3)Forest Products	0.41	106.24	-3.22	-8.63	-6.48
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	113.43	1.02	13.66	10.78
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	142.89	2.01	42.96	48.02
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	144.43	2.79	49.84	56.69
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56 9.25	127.58	-0.48	20.05	20.49
(3)Other Minerals Products	890.99	144.69 107.29	-0.99 -0.33	29.74 3.72	32.84 5.07
3. Manufacturing Products (1)Foods	18.50	107.29	0.46	14.65	15.14
(2)Beverages	5.34	121.14	-0.10	0.79	0.94
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	102.05	-0.10	-0.57	-0.16
(4)Textile Products	21.67	105.15	-1.11	1.98	3.55
(5)Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	95.02	-2.03	-5.82	-3.91
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	101.51	-1.88	-3.39	-1.02
(7)Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	104.16	-1.20	-0.55	1.19
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	114.26	1.94	9.52	9.21
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	129.40	0.79	28.65	30.23
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	116.17	-0.61	10.68	12.27
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	103.79	-0.88	1.82	3.20
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	105.34	-0.76	3.64	4.53
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	111.24	1.17	9.13	8.57
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	136.59	4.27	16.83	16.48
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	112.88	0.41	3.71	4.45
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	87.09	-2.31	-11.25	-9.44
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	87.39	-2.42	-10.68	-8.53
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	106.36	-0.31	6.64	6.43
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	102.71	-0.15	1.20	2.60
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	101.20	-0.61	-0.03	1.21
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	101.00	-1.27	-0.47	1.45
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	99.28	-1.68	-3.04	-0.96
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	102.70	0.00	0.87	0.83
By Stage of Processing					
1.Raw Materials	138.48	139.97	1.00	36.69	41.32
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	113.80	0.81	8.65	8.97
3.Finished Goods	140.17	103.64	-0.05	3.23	3.84
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	101.17	0.68	0.49	1.09
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	104.70	-0.48	4.41	5.05
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	115.30	0.68	11.52	12.37
Domestic Products	672.91	107.02	-0.35	4.75	5.70
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	105.86	-0.64	2.83	4.04
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	107.72	-0.26	3.99	5.39

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

March 2008

	Weight	Index of	Compared	Compared	The First
	(‰)	March 2008	_	with the	Three Months
		(2006=100)	Previous	Same	of 2008
_			Month	Month of	Compared
Groups			(%)	Previous	with the
				Year (%)	Same Period of Previous
					Year (%)
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Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	117.07	0.24	11.84	14.38
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	47.60	140.09	-1.59	20.20	22.90
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral	134.52	143.38	1.75	44.76	50.38
Products					
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	23.09	103.44	-2.21	-1.05	1.15
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	25.78	110.32	-2.42	0.03	3.42
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	133.44	112.07	-0.96	6.31	7.97
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	76.14	136.29	3.85	14.27	15.70
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.08	103.33	0.62	1.89	3.25
8.Electronic Machinery	355.47	87.96	-2.73	-12.09	-9.83
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	20.86	105.49	0.56	4.25	5.40
10. Miscellaneous Products	17.02	112.01	0.30	6.57	7.61
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	124.51	3.54	20.66	19.51
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	47.60	149.02	1.66	29.70	28.39
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	134.52	152.44	5.11	56.19	57.15
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	23.09	110.01	1.01	6.76	5.66
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	25.78	117.35	0.80	7.93	8.03
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	133.44	119.22	2.31	14.71	12.79
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	76.14	145.07	7.28	23.30	20.97
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.08	109.88	3.93	9.95	7.87
8.Electronic Machinery	355.47	93.55	0.47	-5.15	-5.83
9.Transportation Equipment & Parts	20.86	112.17	3.87	12.47	10.11
10. Miscellaneous Products	17.02	119.12	3.60	14.99	12.41

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

March 2008

Groups Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)	Weight (‰)	Index of March 2008 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2008 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	99.71	-1.77	-2.28	0.11
Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	108.79	0.59	6.21	8.46
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	102.80	-1.82	-0.46	1.91
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	113.35	1.04	9.14	8.69
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	110.33	-0.98	4.83	6.78
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	112.22	-0.83	1.09	3.16
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	94.92	-2.21	-4.81	-2.77
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	86.86	-2.92	-10.64	-8.05
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	99.99	-2.34	-3.74	-0.66
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	115.12	0.75	14.75	16.45
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	106.09	1.47	5.47	4.59
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	115.71	3.92	14.62	13.34
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	109.35	1.42	7.44	6.45
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	120.58	4.38	17.78	13.58
4.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	117.38	2.28	13.13	11.55
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	119.43	2.44	9.10	7.79
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	100.96	1.02	2.73	1.54
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	92.38	0.29	-3.56	-3.97
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	106.36	0.88	3.89	3.77
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	122.45	4.08	23.84	21.68

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