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The Price Indices for September 2009

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in September 2009 was 105.49 (2006=100), falling 0.65% from previous month. Due mainly to prices of Vegetables decreasing 12.54%, Water, Electricity & Gas Supply fees moving down 6.39% for ending of summer electricity rates, while Fruits prices increased 10.97%. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, went down 0.29%.

The annual change for CPI in September 2009, compared with the same month of previous year, fell 0.86%. Prices of Transportation & Communication prices went down 4.03%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants decreased 7.64%. Education & Entertainment Fees decreased 2.79% due mainly to tour fees for traveling overseas were lower, and Computer, TV set, Digital Camera became cheaper. Prices of Housing fell 1.93% for applying lower fees to Gas Supply since last September. Prices of Food rose 1.36%, of which prices of Fruits and Vegetables went up 9.57% and 7.92% individually. The core CPI declined 0.93%.

For the first nine months of 2009, the CPI decreased by 0.74% over the same period of previous year, as price of Commodity moved down 1.63% and Service went down 0.02%. The core CPI advanced 0.10%.



CPI-Living Necessaries

To reflect people's feelings about commodity and service price fluctuations in their daily lives. The Council for Economic Planning and Development (CEPD) made a resolution to select several categories and items from all CPI items to compile experimental price indices – CPI-living necessaries. The indices are divided into three categories. Category A includes prices of Food, Water, Electricity & Gas Supply of Housing and Fuels & Lubricants of Transportation. Category B covers Category A and Education & Entertainment prices. Category C is the necessaries of life for general families purchase, such as Food, Clothing, Water, Electricity & Gas, Fuels & Lubricants, Medical Care Services, and some items fall under segments of Communication and Personal Care Services.

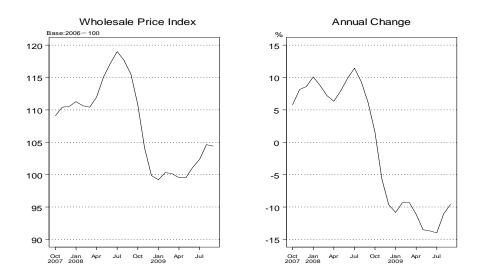
The CPI-living necessaries in September 2009, compared with the previous month: Category A decreased 1.23%, Category B declined 1.14% and Category C moved down 1.11%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in September 2009 was 104.40 (2006=100), moving down 0.22% from previous month, due mainly to 0.86% appreciation of Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas fees declined 5.31% for ending of summer electricity rates and Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Prices went down 5.90%, whereas Electronic Parts and Components increased 0.44%. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports and Imports prices decreased 0.28% and 0.58% separately, while Exports prices increased 0.22%.

The annual change of WPI in September 2009, comparing with the same month of 2008, fell 9.59%; due mainly to prices of Petroleum & Coal Products, Basic Metal and Chemical Material went down 26.08%, 25.50% and 19.26% individually. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports, Imports and Exports prices fell 10.45%, 10.46% and 7.83% respectively.

For the first nine months of 2009, the WPI decreased 11.43% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import and Export Price Index declined 13.39% and 7.91% individually.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Sept. 2009

	Weight		Commonad	Commonad	The First Nine
	Weight	Index of	Compared	-	The First Nine
	(‰)	Sept. 2009	with	with the	Months of 2009
Crowns		(2006=100)		Same	Compared with
Groups			Month	Month of	the Same Period
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year
				Year (%)	(%)
General Index	1,000.00	105.49	-0.65	-0.86	-0.74
Basic Group	,				
1. Food	260.82	115.85	-0.63	1.36	1.17
Meat	23.08	120.29	-0.04	-1.68	-0.20
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	127.10	-0.50	1.89	5.13
Vegetables	24.81	129.36	-12.54	7.92	1.20
Fruits	27.59	117.11	10.97	9.57	-7.27
2. Clothing	41.72	97.30	-1.65	0.19	-0.91
Garments	26.97	91.82	-2.87	-0.70	-1.86
3. Housing	279.47	101.67	-0.99	-1.93	-0.21
Residential Rent	185.40	100.52	-0.02	-0.44	-0.17
Household Keeping Services	14.53	95.85	0.07	-3.93	-0.60
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	106.12	-6.39	-7.60	-0.48
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	101.02	-0.15	-4.03	-6.29
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	108.78	-0.31	-7.64	-19.07
Transportation & Communication Services	80.30	100.33	-0.28	-2.26	-0.67
and Vehicle Parts					
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	107.14	-0.15	0.54	0.72
Medical Care Services	33.02	103.43	0.05	1.50	0.98
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	121.37	-0.58	-1.33	0.47
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	99.52	-0.94	-2.79	-1.44
Educational Expense	111.25	98.83	-0.34	-1.86	-0.72
Entertainment Expense	60.22	100.76	-1.97	-4.40	-2.70
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	108.97	0.73	4.85	2.31
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	124.31	1.73	20.48	6.96
Personal Care Services	14.78	99.64	-0.32	-0.91	-0.40
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	108.86	-1.05	-0.53	-1.63
(Excluding Food)	264.95	102.43	-1.22	-2.69	-3.45
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	114.77	-1.19	0.49	-1.17
(Excluding Food)	126.96	109.67	-1.69	-2.26	-4.15
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	98.04	-1.17	-0.85	-0.48
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	92.81	-0.26	-5.09	-4.70
2. Service	562.89	102.65	-0.31	-1.11	-0.02
Food	88.66	110.53	-0.19	-0.86	1.41
Housing	209.54	100.21	-0.01	-0.77	-0.29
Transportation & Communication	76.99	99.84	-0.30	-2.37	-0.82
Medical Care	33.02	103.43	0.05	1.50	0.98
Education & Entertainment	129.64	103.70	-0.98	-1.83	-0.37
Miscellaneous	23.83	99.52	-0.23	-0.71	-0.29
Special Groups					··>
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	104.51	-0.55	-1.42	-0.59
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	101.74	-0.65	-1.71	-1.45
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,					
Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	103.85	-0.29	-0.93	0.10

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 Sept. 2009

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Sept. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Nine Months of 2009 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	104.40	-0.22	-9.59	
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	107.14	-0.28	-10.45	-12.90
Imports	327.09	109.72	-0.58	-10.46	
Exports	365.05	95.75	0.22	-7.83	-7.91
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal	27.15	128.90	-1.79	-1.45	-6.86
Husbandry Products	12.87	125.68	-1.14	-3.18	-13.83
(1)Farm Products(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	123.08	-1.14	-3.18	-13.85 -3.37
(2)Found y & Elvestock Froducts (3)Forest Products	0.00	101.92	-3.23	-13.27	-3.37
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	101.92	-1.75	0.57	-11.14 3.41
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	116.37	-4.45	-27.55	-33.91
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	109.71	-5.90	-28.29	-41.99
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	111.15	-1.28	-12.43	-9.48
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25	153.83	0.21	-27.39	
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	101.71	0.38	-8.47	-10.04
(1)Foods	18.50	119.54	0.75	-3.25	-3.72
(2)Beverages	5.34	102.74	0.07	-0.07	1.09
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	117.20	-0.11	14.13	7.20
(4)Textile Products	21.67	107.37	-0.08	-1.43	0.70
(5)Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	99.19	-0.41	1.11	4.92
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	102.19	-0.27	-4.25	-0.52
(7)Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	105.32	-0.85	-7.60	-1.38
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	108.11	0.97	-10.01	-9.74
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	110.68	0.39	-26.08	-33.47
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	102.18	-0.17	-19.26	-25.72
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	109.21	0.20	-1.03	4.21
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	111.21	0.22	-1.78	3.13
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	111.64	0.33	-3.60	1.85
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	104.41	0.78	-25.50	-32.97
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	107.99	0.65	-15.04	-11.00
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	84.44	0.44	1.08	-1.47
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	85.36	-0.59	-2.59	1.31
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	105.33	1.16	-2.80	
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	111.56	0.84	4.46	
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	108.20	0.41	3.46	
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	107.01	-0.37	-4.01	4.97
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	105.83	-0.22	-0.60	
4.Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	122.60	-5.31	0.46	12.10
By Stage of Processing	100.40				
1.Raw Materials	138.48	118.90	-2.01	-22.57	-29.20
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	106.78	0.13	-9.20	
3.Finished Goods	140.17	108.91	-0.17	2.27	2.75
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	109.27	1.04	6.66	
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	108.22	-0.89	-0.27	-0.80
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	108.23	-0.43	-10.46	
Domestic Products	672.91	101.72	-0.02	-9.12	-10.37
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	108.23	0.19	-2.72	0.39
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	100.26	0.42	-9.82	-12.44

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Sept. 2009

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Sept. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Nine Months of 2009 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	109.72	-0.58	-10.46	-13.39
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared	34.64	128.39	1.13	-9.23	-13.18
Foods 2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	118.77	-3.66	-26.29	-33.06
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	106.80	-0.36	-0.94	3.03
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	105.21	0.40	-13.09	-9.05
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	107.89	0.03	-11.29	-10.92
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	103.51	-0.25	-23.67	-32.90
7.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	113.61	1.35	9.77	11.38
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	91.35	0.05	3.85	4.68
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	119.36	1.18	11.62	13.36
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	110.92	-0.52	-1.20	0.94
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	109.51	0.27	-12.19	-19.23
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	128.17	2.00	-10.98	-19.02
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	118.50	-2.84	-27.72	-37.58
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	106.59	0.49	-2.85	-3.93
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	105.02	1.26	-14.78	-15.18
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	107.70	0.88	-13.00	-16.91
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	103.39	0.60	-25.14	-37.45
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	113.37	2.21	7.64	3.88
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	91.17	0.91	1.84	
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	119.12	2.06	9.48	
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	110.69	0.33	-3.11	-5.86

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Sept. 2009

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Sept. 2009 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Nine Months of 2009 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)		•			
General Index	1,000.00	95.75	0.22	-7.83	-7.91
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	116.78	1.95	-9.67	-1.71
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	110.00	0.00	0.77	3.24
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	109.85	2.87	-8.27	-10.94
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	102.51	-0.68	-14.15	-14.62
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	102.38	1.43	-19.48	-18.95
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	91.79	-0.10	-0.81	-1.28
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	85.28	0.29	0.01	-0.86
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	109.20	0.46	4.17	7.09
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	98.41	-0.27	-26.54	-28.39
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	95.58	0.72	-9.61	-14.10
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	116.54	2.44	-11.42	-8.34
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	109.79	0.50	-1.18	-3.67
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	109.64	3.38	-10.05	-16.94
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	102.33	-0.20	-15.81	-20.35
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	102.23	1.92	-21.04	-24.42
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	91.60	0.39	-2.74	-7.93
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	85.10	0.79	-1.92	-7.51
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	108.99	0.95	2.16	-0.12
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	98.22	0.22	-27.96	-33.25

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