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The Price Indices for January 2010

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in January 2010 was 104.73 (2006=100), rose 0.12% from previous month. Due mainly to prices of Fruits and Fuels & Lubricants increased 4.27% and 1.14% respectively; whereas Garments price declined 6.31%. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, went up 0.01%.

The annual change for CPI in January 2010, compared with the same month of 2009, was 0.29%. Transportation & Communication prices went up 6.69%, due primarily to Fuels & Lubricants advanced 36.67%, Tobacco & Betelnut increased 21.26%. Education & Entertainment Fees decreased 3.55% due mainly to tour fee for traveling overseas became lower. Housing prices went down 1.42%, for price of Household Operations went down 24.81%, compared with the Lunar New Year's prices hike in January of 2009, while Water, Electricity & Gas Supply fees advanced 4.33%. Among CPI 424 items, prices of 191 items went up (weights 31.4%), 217 items went down (weights 63.0%). The core CPI declined 1.11%.



CPI-Living Necessaries

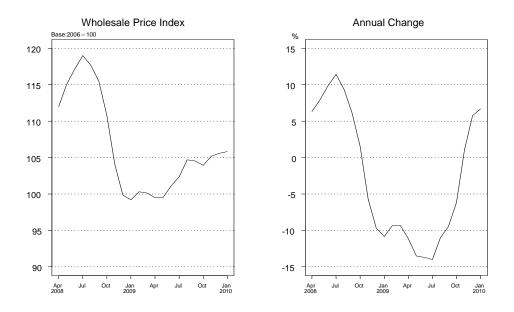
The CPI-Living Necessaries was compiled basing on 424 CPI items. There are three kinds of CPI-Living Necessaries: Category A includes prices of Food, Water, Electricity & Gas Supply of Housing and Fuels & Lubricants of Transportation (190 items and 33.0% weights of CPI). Category B covers Category A and Education & Entertainment prices (244 items and 50.2% weights of CPI). Category C is the daily necessities, such as Food, Clothing, Water, Electricity & Gas, Fuels & Lubricants, Medical Care Services, and some items fall under segments of COPI).

The CPI-Living Necessaries in January 2010, compared with the previous month: Index of Category A was 110.50 (2006=100), rose 0.47%, Category B was 106.81, increased 0.39% and Category C was 108.39, moved up 0.15%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in January 2010 was 105.83 (2006=100), rising 0.24% from previous month, due mainly to prices Basic Metal, Chemical Material and Petroleum & Coal Products moved up 3.33%, 2.89% and 2.09% individually, while Electronic Parts and Components went down 1.46%. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices increased 1.29%, whereas Imports and Exports prices decreased 0.24% and 0.28% separately.

The annual change of WPI in January 2010, comparing with the same month of 2009, increased 6.68%; due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products and Chemical Material moved up 69.35%, 44.58% and 38.47% respectively. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports, Imports and Exports prices moved up 9.46%, 8.82% and 2.07% individually.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Jan. 2010

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2010 (2006=100)	-	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	104.73	0.12	0.29
Basic Group				
1. Food	260.82	110.41	0.35	-0.11
Meat	23.08	119.61	1.32	-0.32
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	128.23	3.70	0.27
Vegetables	24.81	82.33	-7.59	1.13
Fruits	27.59	108.51	4.27	3.38
2. Clothing	41.72	106.01	-4.19	4.12
Garments	26.97	104.02	-6.31	4.17
3. Housing	279.47	101.82	0.13	-1.42
Residential Rent	185.40	100.52	0.05	-0.22
Household Operations	14.53	95.85	0.00	-24.81
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	108.05	0.79	4.33
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	103.75	1.28	6.69
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	114.94	1.14	36.67
Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts	80.30	101.51	0.73	-1.43
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	107.03	0.07	0.72
Medical Care Services	33.02	103.33	0.00	1.57
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	121.03	0.17	-0.97
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	99.06	0.21	-3.55
Educational Expense	111.25	98.55	-0.04	-1.75
Entertainment Expense	60.22	99.95	0.65	-6.65
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	108.23	-0.60	4.17
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	127.55	0.89	21.26
Commodity and Service Groups				
1. Commodity	437.11	107.02	0.10	3.10
(Excluding Food)	264.95	104.77	-0.16	5.04
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	110.93	0.54	4.67
(Excluding Food)	126.96	111.75	0.59	10.92
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	103.33	-2.90	1.56
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	93.08	0.92	-2.55
2. Service	562.89	102.71	0.14	-1.86
Food	88.66	110.51	0.03	-1.12
Housing	209.54	100.20	0.04	-2.41
Transportation & Communication	76.99	101.07	0.79	-1.45
Medical Care	33.02	103.33	0.00	1.57
Education & Entertainment	129.64	103.66	0.40	-2.81
Miscellaneous	23.83	97.63	-1.98	-0.80
Special Groups				
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	105.19		0.18
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	102.62		0.44
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	104.23	0.01	-1.11

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

Jan. 2010

		(2006=100)	Month (%)	Month of Previous Year (%)
	1 000 00	105.02	0.24	(()
General Index	1,000.00 307.86	105.83 109.42	0.24 1.29	6.68 9.46
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.80	109.42	-0.24	8.82
Imports	365.05	95.79	-0.24	8.82 2.07
Exports Basic Group	303.03	95.79	-0.28	2.07
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal				
Husbandry Products	27.15	126.16	2.15	4.12
(1)Farm Products	12.87	118.29	0.71	4.37
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	133.60	5.03	2.15
(3)Forest Products	0.41	109.72	-1.19	2.26
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	132.50	2.18	5.61
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	125.65	0.71	31.47
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	124.10	1.20	69.35
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	106.65	-1.02	-11.66
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25	142.66	-0.96	-28.30
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	102.71	0.10	5.25
(1)Foods	18.50	123.34	0.49	5.23
(2)Beverages	5.34	103.67	-0.12	0.94
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	116.87	-0.15	13.15
(4)Textile Products	21.67	110.19	0.18	3.45
(5)Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	97.94	-0.95	-2.96
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	106.36	0.22	1.27
(7)Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	106.60	0.34	-1.79
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	111.52	0.81	3.92
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	120.33	2.09	44.58
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	111.40	2.89	38.47
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	108.18	-0.69	-3.51
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	110.98	-0.41	-1.27
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	107.38	-2.33	-9.47
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	110.38	3.33	14.11
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	107.92	0.12	-1.37
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	81.39	-1.46	-3.29
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	82.71	-1.78	-7.47
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	106.88	-0.34	7.95
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	109.45	-1.63	-5.11
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	107.23	-0.87	-2.55
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	105.92	-0.78	-6.07
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51 24.28	105.40	-0.95 0.96	-3.58
4.Water Supply, Electricity & Gas By Stage of Processing	24.20	124.94	0.90	4.11
	138.48	127.77	2.19	20.80
1.Raw Materials	356.29	127.77	0.14	30.89 5.03
2.Intermediate Materials	140.17	107.82	-0.47	0.48
3.Finished Goods (1)Capital Goods	53.38	107.90	-0.47	-4.12
(1)Capital Goods (2)Consumer Goods	86.79	107.11	0.42	3.50
Special Groups	00.79	100.00	0.42	5.50
Domestic Sales	634.95	110.44	0.49	9.14
Domestic Products	672.91	102.80	0.49	5.59
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	102.00	-0.19	0.19
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	101.26	0.17	6.61

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Jan. 2010

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2010 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)		• •	-	
General Index	1,000.00	111.86	-0.24	8.82
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	134.20	-0.15	9.81
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	128.45	0.63	33.45
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	109.98	-0.13	1.77
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	109.42	0.25	1.03
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	112.41	1.23	12.22
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	111.29	3.88	17.74
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	110.86	-2.43	-4.88
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	86.02	-2.57	-4.55
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	118.58	-2.60	-2.61
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	115.25	-0.02	3.27
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	114.17	1.01	13.53
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	137.00	1.11	14.56
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	131.05	1.90	39.22
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	112.24	1.13	6.17
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	111.69	1.50	5.40
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	114.75	2.50	17.07
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	113.67	5.18	22.83
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	113.13	-1.21	-0.76
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	87.79	-1.35	-0.42
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	121.00	-1.38	1.60
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	117.61	1.23	7.74

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Jan. 2010

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Jan. 2010 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)		-	-	
General Index	1,000.00	95.79	-0.28	2.07
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	118.83	-0.83	3.19
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	113.24	-0.40	7.21
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	111.54	-1.06	9.07
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	107.81	1.12	15.42
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	103.18	0.32	3.69
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	89.86	-1.13	-4.31
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	82.83	-1.18	-3.34
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	106.59	-0.97	-4.84
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	104.48	2.40	15.88
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)				
General Index	1,000.00	97.79	0.97	6.50
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	121.27	0.42	7.66
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	115.57	0.84	11.86
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	113.85	0.18	13.80
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	110.06	2.38	20.43
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	105.36	1.58	8.18
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	91.70	0.11	-0.16
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	84.53	0.06	0.86
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	108.79	0.28	-0.71
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	106.63	3.69	20.91

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