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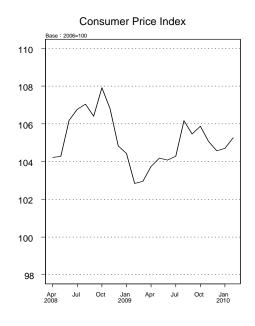
The Price Indices for February 2010

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in February 2010 was 105.26 (2006=100), rising 0.53% from previous month. Due mainly to Price of Household Operations went up 36.54% and Entertainment Expense increased 6.50% during Chinese New Year's Festival. Whereas, owing to sufficient supply of Fruits and Vegetables which prices declined 8.10% and 5.21% respectively. Clothing price down 4.42% for promotion. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, moved up 1.02%.

The annual change for CPI in February 2010, compared with the same month of previous year, rose 2.35%. Prices of Transportation & Communication prices went up 6.16%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants increased 25.87%. Prices of Tobacco & Betelnut advanced 19.97%; Household Operations fees jumped 35.77%. Food Prices increased 1.61%, of which prices of Vegetables, Fish & Shellfish and Fruits went up 12.80%, 10.92% and 7.08% individually.

For the first two months of 2010, the CPI increased by 1.30% over the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity went up 3.28% and Service moved down 0.22%. The core CPI fell 0.06%.





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 Communication and Personal Care Services (239 items and 42.7% weights of CPI).

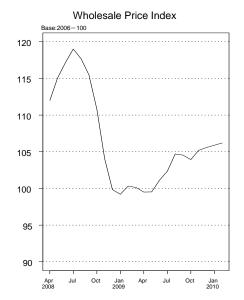
The CPI-Living Necessaries in February 2010, compared with the previous month: Index of Category A was 109.51 (2006=100), declined 0.82%, Category B was 106.97, increased 0.20% and Category C was 107.42, moved down 0.84%.

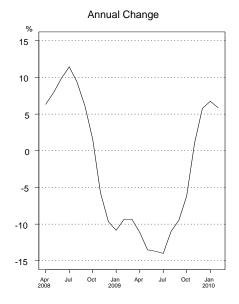
Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in February 2010 was 106.20 (2006=100), increasing 0.29% from previous month, due mainly to 0.59% depreciation of Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar. Prices of Chemical Material, Basic Metal and Electronic Parts and Components advanced 1.85%, 0.86% and 0.47% respectively. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports went down 0.07%, Imports and Exports prices moved up 0.34% and 0.59% separately.

The annual change of WPI in February 2010, comparing with the same month of 2009, increasing 5.87%, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas advanced 61.60%, Chemical Material and Petroleum & Coal Products moved up 35.83% and 34.80% individually. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices rose 9.21% and Imports and Exports prices went up 7.94% and 0.92% respectively.

For the first two months of 2010, the WPI increased 6.31% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import and Export Price Index went up 8.32% and 1.58% separately.





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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Feb. 2010

Feb. 2010						
Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Feb. 2010 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous	The First Two Months of 2010 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year	
				Year (%)	(%)	
General Index	1,000.00	105.26	0.53	2.35	1.30	
	1,000.00	103.20	0.55	2.33	1.50	
Basic Group	260.82	109.80	-0.47	1.61	0.70	
1. Food	23.08	109.80	2.30	2.38	1.03	
Meat	16.71	137.36	7.12	10.92	5.51	
Fish & Shellfish	24.81	77.26	-5.21	12.80	5.92	
Vegetables	27.59	99.72	-3.21 -8.10	7.08	5.12	
Fruits	41.72	101.32	-6.10 -4.42	3.50	3.81	
2. Clothing	26.97	97.69	-4.42 -6.09	4.48	4.32	
Garments 3. Housing	279.47	103.67	1.82	1.92	0.23	
Residential Rent	185.40	100.52	0.00	-0.19	-0.20	
	14.53	130.87	36.54	35.77	1.27	
Household Operations	36.87	108.12	0.06	3.54	3.93	
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply A Transportation & Communication	140.42	103.12	-0.67	5.5 4 6.16	6.43	
4. Transportation & Communication Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	109.78	-4.49	25.87	31.17	
	80.30	102.39	0.87	0.37	-0.53	
Transportation & Communication Services	80.50	102.39	0.07	0.57	-0.55	
and Vehicle Parts 5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	106.97	-0.03	0.45	0.57	
Medical Care Services	33.02	103.39	0.03	1.30	1.45	
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	120.76	-0.04	-1.30	-1.22	
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	101.41	2.38	0.81	-1.40	
	111.25	98.65	0.10	-1.49	-1.62	
Educational Expense	60.22	106.43	6.50	-1.49 4.96	-1.02	
Entertainment Expense 7. Miscellaneous	58.68	100.43	0.91	4.44	4.30	
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	127.98	0.34	19.97	20.61	
Personal Care Services	14.03	98.76	2.19	-1.11	-1.09	
Commodity and Service Groups	14.76	76.70	2.17	-1.11	-1.07	
1. Commodity	437.11	105.75	-1.13	3.52	3.28	
(Excluding Food)	264.95	103.42	-1.27	4.05	4.54	
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	109.82	-0.92	5.20	4.89	
(Excluding Food)	126.96	110.69	-0.93	8.65	9.77	
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	100.07	-3.15	1.22	1.39	
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	92.87	-0.23	-1.96	-2.26	
2. Service	562.89	104.62	1.86	1.44	-0.22	
Food	88.66	110.95	0.40	-0.51	-0.82	
Housing	209.54	102.66	2.46	2.19	-0.13	
Transportation & Communication	76.99	102.00	0.92	0.43	-0.51	
Medical Care	33.02	103.39	0.03	1.30	1.45	
Education & Entertainment	129.64	106.88	3.12	2.73	-0.08	
Miscellaneous	23.83	98.95	1.35	-0.61	-0.71	
Special Groups	25.05	70.73	1.33	0.01	-0./1	
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	106.13	0.90	2.04	1.10	
General Index Excluding Food General Index Excluding Food	739.18	103.55	0.91	2.63	1.53	
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,						
Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	105.29	1.02	1.01	-0.06	

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices Feb. 2010

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Feb. 2010	Compared with	Compared with the	The First Two Months of 2010
	(700)	(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with
		(====,	Month	Month of	the Same Period
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year
			(,	Year (%)	(%)
General Index	1,000.00	106.20	0.29	5.87	6.31
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	109.45	-0.07	9.21	9.39
Imports	327.09	112.13	0.34	7.94	8.32
Exports	365.05	96.53	0.59	0.92	1.58
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal	27.15	123.63	-2.18	6.41	5.33
Husbandry Products	27.13	123.03	-2.18	0.41	3.33
(1)Farm Products	12.87	110.97	-6.45	7.23	5.88
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	133.44	-0.34	2.46	2.41
(3)Forest Products	0.41	115.98	5.71	13.52	7.74
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	136.13	2.74	8.53	7.07
2. Quarrying and Minerals Products	57.59	122.37	-1.93	29.56	
(1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	45.78	119.15	-3.12	61.60	
(2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying	2.56	106.16	-0.44	-9.84	-10.77
(3)Other Minerals Products	9.25	146.50	2.69	-23.21	-25.81
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	103.42	0.57	4.43	4.90
(1)Foods	18.50	124.33	0.60	6.44	
(2)Beverages	5.34	104.09	0.31	0.89	
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	116.96	0.08	12.73	
(4)Textile Products	21.67	110.61	0.23	2.15	
(5) Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories	4.65	98.59	0.72	-4.10	
(6)Leather, Fur and Related Products	4.97	107.74	1.26	1.74	
(7)Wood and Bamboo Products	2.15	108.08	0.77	-1.03	
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	114.92	1.91	7.71	6.40
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	117.71	-2.19	34.80	
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	114.56	1.85	35.83	
(11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods	28.00	108.69	0.33	-4.03	-3.71
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	111.82	0.60	-1.45	-1.28
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	107.73	0.36	-8.87	-9.19
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	111.49	0.86	18.42	
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	108.64	0.74	-1.12	
(16)Electronic Parts and Components	261.17	81.60	0.47	-5.06	
(17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products	64.22	83.07	0.59	-9.05	
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	108.15	0.85	7.86	
(19)Machinery and Equipment	67.61	110.50	0.96	-5.36	
(20)Transport Equipment and Parts	34.78	107.43	0.20	-2.52	
(21) Furniture and Fixtures	5.20	106.15	0.43	-7.58	
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	106.71	1.25	-4.41	-4.00
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	124.99	0.04	3.01	3.55
By Stage of Processing					
1.Raw Materials	138.48	127.54	-0.12	29.22	
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	108.25	0.39	4.73	
3.Finished Goods	140.17	107.79	-0.19	0.00	
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	108.13	0.97	-4.57	
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	107.11	-0.89	3.05	3.30
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	110.59	0.14	8.55	
Domestic Products	672.91	103.21	0.26	4.81	5.27
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	110.12	0.66	-0.01	0.16
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	101.93	0.55	5.64	6.17

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

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	Weight (‰)	Index of Feb. 2010	Compared with	Compared with the	The First Two Months
	(700)	(2006=100)	Previous	Same	of 2010
		(2000 100)	Month	Month of	Compared
Groups			(%)	Previous	with the
				Year (%)	Same Period
					of Previous
					Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	112.13	0.34	7.94	8.32
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	135.06	0.22	10.24	10.26
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	125.95	-1.35	30.61	31.64
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	113.36	3.01	3.17	2.51
4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	112.66	2.18	3.81	2.80
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	113.67	1.17	11.19	11.67
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	111.65	0.22	20.53	19.18
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	112.53	1.40	-4.98	-4.88
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	86.28	0.36	-6.47	-5.55
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	121.54	2.50	-0.86	-1.74
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	116.68	1.23	2.44	2.86
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	113.77	-0.25	15.30	14.34
Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	137.06	-0.38	17.77	16.38
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	127.74	-1.93	39.52	38.93
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	115.00	2.40	10.20	8.21
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	114.32	1.58	10.89	8.51
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	115.35	0.58	18.77	17.88
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	113.36	-0.39	28.75	25.78
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	114.15	0.79	1.49	0.41
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	87.53	-0.24	-0.10	-0.28
9.Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	123.29	1.89	5.90	3.73
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	118.37	0.63	9.43	8.59

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Feb. 2010

Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Feb. 2010 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Two Months of 2010 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	96.53	0.59	0.92	1.58
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	120.66	1.72	2.88	2.94
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	113.49	-0.04	4.36	5.90
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	120.84	3.35	16.37	15.36
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	110.70	1.47	14.66	15.71
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	104.62	1.45	6.57	5.09
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	90.78	1.02	-5.47	-4.90
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	83.00	0.34	-5.31	-4.40
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	105.60	-0.91	-5.69	-5.27
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	103.50	-1.05	12.26	14.11
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	97.95	-0.01	7.82	7.25
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	122.40	1.11	9.92	8.69
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	115.14	-0.63	11.49	11.82
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	122.61	2.74	24.34	21.80
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	112.33	0.85	22.48	22.18
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	106.20	0.85	13.86	10.93
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	92.09	0.43	1.00	0.42
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	84.20	-0.25	1.18	0.95
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	107.14	-1.49	0.76	0.00
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	105.01	-1.63	19.94	20.50

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