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The Price Indices for March 2010

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2010 was 104.26 (2006=100), falling 0.95% from previous month. Due mainly to Price of Household Operations went down 26.77% and Entertainment Expense decreased 6.03% after Chinese New Year's Festival. Clothing price down 2.28% for promotion. Whereas. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, moved down 1.11%.

The annual change for CPI in March 2010, compared with the same month of previous year, rose 1.27%. Prices of Transportation & Communication prices went up 5.53%, due primarily to prices of Fuels & Lubricants increased 23.25%. Food Prices increased 0.92%, of which prices of Fish & Shellfish, Fruits and Vegetables went up 6.13%, 6.03% and 5.41% individually.

For the first quarter of 2010, the CPI increased by 1.29% over the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity went up 3.22% and Service moved down 0.19%. The core CPI fell 0.01%.



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 CPI).

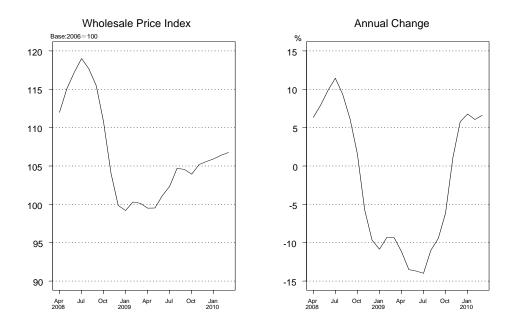
The CPI-Living Necessaries in March 2010, compared with the previous month: Index of Category A was 109.52 (2006=100), went up 0.01%, Category B was 106.19, decreased 0.73% and Category C was 107.14, declined 0.26%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in March 2010 was 106.75 (2006=100), increasing 0.34% from previous month, due mainly to prices of Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter went up 3.10%, Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas increased 2.95%, and Basic Metal moved up 2.63%, whereas Electronic Parts and Components declined 0.51%. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports and Imports prices advanced 0.39% and 0.65% respectively, Exports prices moved down 0.04%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2010, comparing with the same month of 2009, increasing 6.61%, due mainly to prices of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas advanced 55.82%, Petroleum & Coal Products, Chemical Material and Basic Metal prices moved up 36.41%, 33.53% and 23.86% individually. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices rose 9.45%, Imports and Exports prices went up 8.80% and 1.92% separately.

For the first quarter of 2010, the WPI increased 6.48% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import and Export Price Index went up 8.54% and 1.77% individually.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices March 2010

| Groups | Weight (‰) | Index of March 2010 (2006=100) | Compared with Previous Month (%) | Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%) | The First Three Months of 2010 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%) |
|---|---------------|---|--|--|--|
| General Index | 1,000.00 | 104.26 | -0.95 | 1.27 | 1.29 |
| Basic Group | | | | | |
| 1. Food | 260.82 | 109.79 | 0.00 | 0.92 | 0.77 |
| Meat | 23.08 | 119.20 | -2.58 | 0.97 | 1.01 |
| Fish & Shellfish | 16.71 | 129.67 | -5.60 | 6.13 | 5.71 |
| Vegetables | 24.81 | 84.63 | 9.55 | 5.41 | 5.73 |
| Fruits | 27.59 | 98.09 | -1.63 | 6.03 | 5.41 |
| 2. Clothing | 41.72 | 98.99 | -2.28 | 2.88 | 3.49 |
| Garments | 26.97 | 93.95 | -3.83 | 3.62 | 4.09 |
| 3. Housing | 279.47 | 101.94 | -1.67 | 0.25 | 0.24 |
| Residential Rent | 185.40 | 100.52 | 0.00 | -0.13 | -0.18 |
| Household Operations | 14.53 | 95.84 | -26.77 | -0.57 | 0.72 |
| Water, Electricity & Gas Supply | 36.87 | 108.07 | -0.05 | 3.57 | 3.81 |
| 4. Transportation & Communication | 140.42 | 102.73 | -0.33 | 5.53 | 6.13 |
| Fuels & Lubricants | 32.55 | 110.00 | 0.20 | 23.25 | 28.46 |
| Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts | 80.30 | 101.50 | -0.90 | -0.19 | -0.40 |
| 5. Medicines & Medical Care | 47.41 | 107.16 | 0.18 | 0.62 | 0.59 |
| Medical Care Services | 33.02 | 103.38 | -0.01 | 1.23 | 1.38 |
| Medicines & Health Food | 10.62 | 121.60 | 0.70 | -0.47 | -0.97 |
| 6. Education & Entertainment | 171.48 | 99.12 | -2.27 | -1.21 | -1.33 |
| Educational Expense | 111.25 | 98.61 | -0.05 | -1.58 | -1.60 |
| Entertainment Expense | 60.22 | 100.01 | -6.03 | -0.54 | -0.86 |
| 7. Miscellaneous | 58.68 | 109.54 | 0.30 | 4.60 | 4.40 |
| Tobacco & Betelnut | 14.65 | 128.11 | 0.10 | 20.16 | 20.46 |
| Personal Care Services | 14.78 | 99.91 | 1.16 | 0.01 | -0.72 |
| Commodity and Service Groups | | | | | |
| 1. Commodity | 437.11 | 105.75 | 0.00 | 3.10 | 3.22 |
| (Excluding Food) | 264.95 | 103.28 | -0.14 | 3.96 | 4.35 |
| Non-durable Consumer Goods | 299.12 | 109.96 | 0.14 | 4.49 | 4.75 |
| (Excluding Food) | 126.96 | 110.76 | 0.06 | 8.22 | 9.25 |
| Semi-durable Consumer Goods | 62.85 | 98.93 | -1.13 | 1.16 | 1.31 |
| Durable Consumer Goods | 75.14 | 93.21 | 0.37 | -1.55 | -2.03 |
| 2. Service | 562.89 | 102.86 | -1.69 | -0.15 | -0.19 |
| Food | 88.66 | 110.51 | -0.41 | -0.91 | -0.84 |
| Housing | 209.54 | 100.20 | -2.40 | -0.17 | -0.14 |
| Transportation & Communication | 76.99 | 101.05 | -0.96 | -0.16 | -0.38 |
| Medical Care | 33.02 | 103.38 | -0.01 | 1.23 | 1.38 |
| Education & Entertainment | 129.64 | 103.91 | -2.78 | 0.10 | -0.02 |
| Miscellaneous | 23.83 | 99.77 | 0.83 | 0.04 | -0.46 |
| Special Groups | | | | | |
| General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables | 947.60 | 104.93 | -1.13 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| General Index Excluding Food | 739.18 | 102.21 | -1.30 | 1.40 | 1.49 |
| General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy | 866.64 | 104.12 | -1.11 | 0.11 | -0.01 |

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

March 2010

| Groups | Weight | Index of | Compared | Compared | The First Three |
|---|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| | (‰) | March 2010 | with | with the | Months of 2010 |
| | | (2006=100) | Previous | Same | Compared with |
| | | | Month | Month of | the Same Period |
| | | | (%) | Previous | of Previous Year |
| | | | | Year (%) | (%) |
| General Index | 1,000.00 | 106.75 | | | 6.48 |
| Domestic Sales Excluding Imports | 307.86 | 110.12 | | | 9.51 |
| Imports | 327.09 | 112.99 | 0.65 | 8.80 | 8.54 |
| Exports | 365.05 | 96.70 | -0.04 | 1.92 | 1.77 |
| Basic Group | | | | | |
| 1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal | 27.15 | 122.54 | -0.73 | 3.20 | 4.57 |
| Husbandry Products | 12.07 | 112 (0 | 2.40 | 2.65 | 4.01 |
| (1)Farm Products | 12.87 | 113.68 | 2.40 | 2.65 | 4.81 |
| (2)Poultry & Livestock Products | 6.60 | 125.13 | -5.60 | | 0.20 |
| (3)Forest Products | 0.41 | 119.07 | 2.66 | | 13.08 |
| (4)Fishery Products | 7.27 | 134.35 | | 9.55 | 7.89 |
| 2. Quarrying and Minerals Products | 57.59 | 126.06 | | | 29.20 |
| (1)Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas | 45.78 | 123.49 | | 55.82 | 61.95 |
| (2)Sand, Stone and Clay Quarrying | 2.56 | 105.81 | -0.33 | | |
| (3)Other Minerals Products | 9.25 | 148.32 | | | -25.10 |
| 3. Manufacturing Products | 890.99 | 103.83 | | | 5.17 |
| (1)Foods | 18.50 | 125.09 | 0.18 | | |
| (2)Beverages | 5.34 | 104.06 | | 0.73 | 0.88 |
| (3)Tobaccos | 2.49 | 116.86 | | | 12.83 |
| (4)Textile Products | 21.67 | 111.35 | | | 2.94 |
| (5)Wearing Apparel and Clothing Accessories | 4.65 | 98.00 | | | -3.87 |
| (6)Leather, Fur and Related Products | 4.97 | 107.85 | | | 1.69 |
| (7)Wood and Bamboo Products | 2.15 | 113.38 | | | 1.00 |
| (8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter | 15.11 | 121.42 | | | 10.27 |
| (9)Petroleum & Coal Products | 54.63 | 118.64 | | | 38.46 |
| (10)Chemical Material | 91.92 | 115.80 | | | 36.68 |
| (11)Chemical Products and Medical Goods | 28.00 | 108.24 | | -3.72 | -3.73 |
| (12)Rubber & Plastic Products | 22.42 | 112.06 | | -0.72 | -1.12 |
| (13)Non-metallic Mineral Products | 13.93 | 106.87 | -0.85 | -8.29 | -8.88 |
| (14)Basic Metal | 84.77 | 114.77 | 2.63 | 23.86 | |
| (15)Fabricated Metal Products | 42.26 | 109.03 | | | -0.70 |
| (16)Electronic Parts and Components | 261.17 | 81.30 | | -4.58 | -4.34 |
| (17)Computer, Electronic and Optical Products | 64.22 | 82.27 | -0.71 | -9.63 | -8.86 |
| (18)Electrical Equipment | 34.70 | 107.02 | | 6.48 | 7.48 |
| (19)Machinery and Equipment | 67.61 | 109.80 | -0.63 | -3.79 | -4.76 |
| (20)Transport Equipment and Parts | 34.78 | 107.61 | 0.17 | | -2.12 |
| (21) Furniture and Fixtures | 5.20 | 106.30 | | | -6.19 |
| (22)Miscellaneous Products | 10.51 | 105.90 | | | -4.16 |
| 4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas | 24.28 | 124.86 | -0.10 | 3.04 | 3.38 |
| By Stage of Processing | 100.40 | 100.11 | 1.0.5 | 25.25 | 20.20 |
| 1.Raw Materials | 138.48 | 129.44 | | | 29.30 |
| 2.Intermediate Materials | 356.29 | 109.03 | | | |
| 3.Finished Goods | 140.17 | 107.53 | | 0.07 | 0.18 |
| (1)Capital Goods | 53.38 | 107.44 | | | -3.88 |
| (2)Consumer Goods | 86.79 | 107.12 | 0.05 | 1.96 | 2.83 |
| Special Groups | | | | | |
| Domestic Sales | 634.95 | 111.35 | | 9.11 | 9.00 |
| Domestic Products | 672.91 | 103.61 | 0.16 | | 5.43 |
| Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products | 166.01 | 110.89 | 0.26 | | 0.71 |
| Heavy Chemical Industrial Products | 724.98 | 102.26 | | 6.61 | 6.37 |

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

March 2010

| Groups | Weight (‰) | Index of March 2010 (2006=100) | Compared with Previous Month (%) | Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%) | The First Three Months of 2010 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%) |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis) | | | | | |
| General Index | 1,000.00 | 112.99 | 0.65 | 8.80 | 8.54 |
| 1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared | 34.64 | 136.12 | 0.46 | 11.32 | 10.85 |
| Foods 2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products | 208.51 | 128.81 | 2.25 | 28.13 | 30.52 |
| 3. Textiles & Textile Articles | 13.85 | 113.47 | 0.00 | 2.75 | 2.62 |
| 4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof | 17.93 | 117.33 | 3.07 | 12.05 | 6.18 |
| 5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof | 147.68 | 114.09 | 0.02 | | |
| 6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof | 118.38 | 115.00 | 2.80 | 26.08 | 21.52 |
| 7.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments | 166.28 | 111.59 | -0.86 | -2.49 | -4.09 |
| 8.Electronic Machinery | 258.41 | 85.64 | -0.70 | -7.20 | -6.12 |
| 9. Transportation Equipment & Parts | 21.11 | 120.74 | -0.66 | 1.57 | -0.64 |
| 10. Miscellaneous Products | 13.21 | 117.12 | 0.16 | 2.64 | 2.86 |
| Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis) | | | | | |
| General Index | 1,000.00 | 115.40 | 1.32 | 17.23 | 15.37 |
| 1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods | 34.64 | 139.03 | 1.11 | 19.93 | |
| 2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products | 208.51 | 131.50 | 2.93 | | |
| 3.Textiles & Textile Articles | 13.85 | 115.87 | 0.65 | 10.71 | 9.07 |
| 4.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof | 17.93 | 119.83 | 3.74 | | |
| 5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof | 147.68 | 116.54 | 0.68 | 19.54 | |
| 6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof | 118.38 | 117.53 | 3.47 | 35.84 | |
| 7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments | 166.28 | 113.94 | -0.21 | 5.05 | |
| 8.Electronic Machinery | 258.41 | 87.46 | -0.03 | 0.00 | |
| 9. Transportation Equipment & Parts | 21.11 | 123.28 | -0.01 | 9.43 | |
| 10. Miscellaneous Products | 13.21 | 119.59 | 0.82 | 10.58 | 9.33 |

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

March 2010

| Groups | Weight (‰) | Index of March 2010 (2006=100) | Compared with Previous Month (%) | Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%) | The First Three Months of 2010 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%) |
|---|---------------|---|--|---|--|
| Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis) | | • | | | • |
| General Index | 1,000.00 | 96.70 | -0.04 | 1.92 | 1.77 |
| 1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods | 9.95 | 122.65 | 1.68 | 7.02 | 4.28 |
| 2.Textiles & Textile Articles | 53.37 | 114.87 | 0.07 | 5.44 | 6.18 |
| 3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof | 7.52 | 123.78 | -0.17 | 19.27 | 17.69 |
| 4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof | 123.31 | 111.35 | 0.16 | 13.84 | 15.25 |
| 5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof | 111.70 | 105.45 | 0.46 | 8.78 | 6.43 |
| 6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments | 154.88 | 90.22 | -0.57 | -5.05 | -4.97 |
| 7.Electronic Machinery | 424.79 | 82.49 | -0.60 | -5.34 | -4.72 |
| 8. Transportation Equipment & Parts | 32.07 | 106.38 | 0.73 | -3.97 | -4.84 |
| 9. Miscellaneous Products | 82.43 | 105.31 | 1.42 | 19.53 | 16.01 |
| Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis) | | | | | |
| General Index | 1,000.00 | 98.77 | 0.61 | 9.82 | 8.19 |
| 1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods | 9.95 | 125.24 | 2.35 | 15.32 | 10.85 |
| 2.Textiles & Textile Articles | 53.37 | 117.32 | 0.74 | 13.64 | 12.88 |
| 3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof | 7.52 | 126.42 | 0.49 | 28.53 | 25.10 |
| 4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof | 123.31 | 113.74 | 0.82 | 22.68 | 22.54 |
| 5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof | 111.70 | 107.75 | 1.13 | 17.22 | 13.11 |
| 6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments | 154.88 | 92.13 | 0.08 | 2.32 | 1.03 |
| 7.Electronic Machinery | 424.79 | 84.23 | 0.05 | 2.01 | 1.30 |
| 8. Transportation Equipment & Parts | 32.07 | 108.65 | 1.40 | 3.50 | 1.15 |
| 9. Miscellaneous Products | 82.43 | 107.55 | 2.09 | 28.82 | 23.31 |

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