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The Price Indices for February 2012

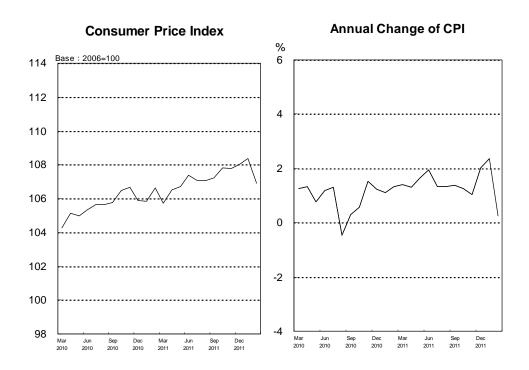
Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in February 2012 (2006=100) decreased by 1.33% from the previous month, mainly because some prices fell after Chinese New Year's Festival, prices of Food declined by 2.10%, decreases in nurse and maid service costs caused Household Operations prices to go down by 29.00%. Besides, tour fees went down brought the prices of Entertainment Expense to move down by 2.29%, additionally, Clothing prices fell by 3.28% for winter clothes promotion, prices of Vegetables moved down by 16.31% due to sufficient supply. The headline CPI excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased by 0.87%.

The annual change of CPI in February 2012, comparing with the same month of 2011, was 0.25%. Clothing prices rose by 3.03%, mainly because Garments prices increased by 1.46%. Food prices went up by 2.13%, of which Vegetables prices up by 27.91%, Eggs and Dairy Products up by 13.83% and 6.79% separately, Cereals & Cereal Products prices up by 3.92%, while Fruits prices down by 13.19%. Tobacco prices rose gradually since March 2011, brought Miscellaneous prices to go up by 1.84%. Nevertheless, distorted by timing of the Chinese New Year, which fell in January this year (compared with February last year), decreases of tour fees and Household Operations prices brought Education & Entertainment and Housing prices to move down by 1.38% and 0.87% respectively. The General Index excluding Fruits and Vegetables increased by 0.12%, the core CPI fell by 0.05%.

For the first two months of 2012, the CPI increased by 1.31% over the

same period of the previous year, Commodity prices went up by 2.45% and Service prices moved up by 0.39%. The core CPI rose by 0.90%.



CPI for Households in Different Disposable Income Groups

For the first two months of 2012, the CPI for Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group and CPI for Middle 60% Disposable Income Group increased by 1.61% and 1.40% respectively, comparing with the same period of 2011, furthermore, CPI for Highest 20% Disposable Income Group rose by 1.32%.

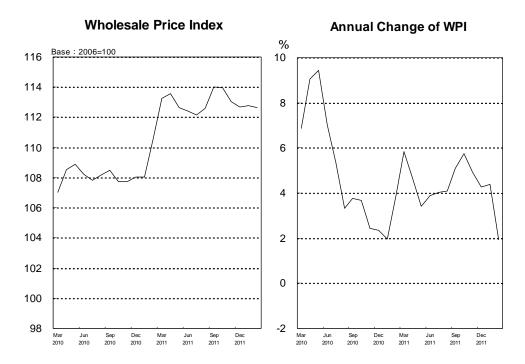
Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in February 2012 decreasing by 0.10% from the previous month, due mainly to 1.69% appreciation of New Taiwan Dollar to U.S. Dollar. Nevertheless, prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Chemical Material and Petroleum & Coal Products moved up by 3.10%, 2.11% and 1.62% separately. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports increased by 0.33%. Import price index up by 0.10%, while Export price index down by 0.74%.

The annual change of WPI in February 2012, comparing with the same

month of 2011, was 1.92%. Mainly because prices of Fishery Products rose by 24.38%, in addition, Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products and Machinery & Equipment went up by 19.23%, 11.18% and 5.21% respectively. Nevertheless, prices of Basic Metal decreased by 7.40%. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports fell by 0.25%. Import price index and Export price index went up by 4.30% and 1.50% individually.

For the first two months of 2012, the WPI increased by 3.14% compared with the same period of the previous year, of which the Import price index rose by 5.95% and Export price index up by 3.04%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Feb. 2012

Feb. 2012							
	Weight	Index of	Compared	Compared	The First Two		
	(‰)	Feb. 2012	with	with the	Months of 2012		
		(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with		
Groups			Month	Month of	the Same Period		
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year		
				Year (%)	(%)		
General Index	1,000.00	106.92	-1.33	0.25	1.31		
Basic Group							
1. Food	260.82	115.16	-2.10	2.13	3.33		
Cereals & Cereal Products	19.72	122.40	0.77	3.92	3.96		
Meat	23.08	124.20	-1.11	-2.48	-0.69		
Eggs	2.00	138.20	-3.95	13.83	14.27		
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	145.85	-2.90	0.08	1.98		
Vegetables	24.81	100.49	-16.31	27.91	35.23		
Fruits	27.59	93.60	-5.46	-13.19	-10.28		
Dairy Products	10.51	134.83	0.10	6.79	7.05		
Edible Oil	1.70 41.72	146.85 106.62	0.78 -3.28	4.12 3.03	4.01 3.01		
2. Clothing	26.97	100.02	-3.28 -5.69	3.03 1.46	1.81		
Garments 3. Housing	279.47	101.31	-1.74	-0.87	0.98		
Residential Rent	185.40	101.26	0.04	0.44	0.40		
Maintenance & Repairs	14.78	110.51	0.14	2.09	2.20		
Household Appliances	27.89	107.28	0.65	1.85	2.09		
Household Operations ¹	14.53	96.30	-29.00	-28.12	0.50		
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	111.68	0.91	3.34	2.65		
Gas	9.70	135.59	2.91	11.19	8.85		
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	103.36	0.02	-1.08	-0.97		
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	119.53	1.10	0.78	0.16		
Transportation Fees	20.86	103.46	-3.10	-1.85	0.32		
Communication Fee	31.77	85.79	-0.12	-7.51	-7.52		
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	109.58	-0.20	0.91	1.10		
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	130.51	-0.55	1.34	1.78		
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	100.17	-0.91	-1.38	-0.38		
Educational Expense	111.25	98.12	-0.09	-0.18	-0.03		
Entertainment Expense	60.22	103.88	-2.29	-3.38	-0.98		
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	112.08	0.58	1.84	2.28		
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	134.02	0.40	2.83	3.21		
Personal Care Services	14.78	99.76	-0.04	-0.45	2.30		
Commodity and Service Groups	427 11	110.40	1 22	1.05	2.45		
1. Commodity	437.11	110.40 106.80	-1.33 0.05	1.85 1.62	2.45		
(Excluding Food)	264.95 299.12	115.98	-1.53	2.13	1.38 2.99		
Non-durable Consumer Goods (Excluding Food)	126.96	116.28	0.84	2.13	1.66		
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	103.15	-2.26	1.52	1.53		
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	92.65	0.58	0.78	0.62		
2. Service	562.89	103.98	-1.33	-1.02	0.39		
Food	88.66	113.89	0.15	2.00	2.07		
Housing	209.54	100.92	-2.62	-2.18	0.40		
Transportation & Communication	76.99	97.47	-0.86	-2.94	-2.37		
Medical Care	33.02	103.89	-0.05	0.65	0.75		
Education & Entertainment	129.64	107.16	-1.19	-0.99	0.33		
Miscellaneous	23.83	100.41	0.13	0.47	2.12		
Special Groups General Index Evaluding Equits & Vacatables	047.60	107.46	-0.78	0.12	0.97		
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables General Index Excluding Food	947.60 739.18	107.46	-0.78 -1.02	-0.12 -0.46	0.53		
General Index Excluding Frood General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,	139.18						
Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	106.07	-0.87	-0.05	0.90		

Note: 1.includes nannies, housecleaning expenses and services paid for keeping household running efficiently.

^{2.}All data are subject to revision 3 months after original publication due to late reports and corrections by respondents.

Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices Feb. 2012

Groups	Weight	Index of Feb.	Compared	Compared	The First Two
	(‰)	2012	with	with the	Months of 2012
		(2006=100)	Previous	Same	Compared with
			Month	Month of	the Same Period
			(%)	Previous	of Previous Year
				Year (%)	(%)
General Index	1000.00	112.66	-0.10	1.92	3.14
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	115.95	0.33	-0.25	0.19
Imports	327.09	125.41	0.10	4.30	5.95
Exports	365.05	96.81	-0.74	1.50	3.04
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal	27.15	140.09	-4.00	4.37	7.20
Husbandry Products					
(1)Farm Products	12.87	121.39	-4.53	-3.17	-0.06
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	131.11	-5.51	-4.44	-2.39
(3)Forest Products	0.41	102.79	-1.65	-14.11	-12.05
(4)Fishery Products	7.27	181.72	-2.40	24.38	27.66
2. Quarrying & Mineral Products	57.59	178.03	2.51	15.79	17.70
(1)Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78	174.44	3.10	19.23	22.04
(2)Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56	101.74	-0.06	2.58	2.69
(3)Other Mineral Products	9.25	222.12	0.69	5.99	5.62
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	106.36	-0.23	0.48	1.65
(1)Foods	18.50	132.99	-0.14	-0.55	0.69
(2)Beverages	5.34	104.08	-0.12	1.89	2.04
(3)Tobaccos	2.49	126.73	0.00	5.86	5.90
(4)Textile Products	21.67	128.62	-0.74	-5.38	-2.43
(5)Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65	103.63	-1.30	6.86	8.45
(6)Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97	115.86	-0.18	6.89	7.62
(7)Wood & Bamboo Products	2.15	114.03	-1.42	1.18	2.28
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	115.16	-0.42	-5.04	-4.60
(9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	148.00	1.62	11.18	12.16
(10)Chemical Material	91.92	127.89	2.11	-2.42	-0.89
(11)Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00	111.50	-0.77	1.12	2.13
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	117.47	-0.31	3.94	4.65
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	105.18	-0.80	0.03	0.66
(14)Basic Metal	84.77	116.93	-0.23	-7.40	-5.90
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	111.03	-0.34	-1.78	-0.52
(16)Electronic Parts & Components	261.17	74.75	-1.02	0.99	1.87
(17)Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	64.22	77.44	-1.16	3.31	4.13
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70	109.51	-0.30	-1.04	-0.22
(19)Machinery & Equipment	67.61	114.21	-1.84	5.21	6.58
(20)Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78	110.81	-0.60	2.16	2.89
(21)Furniture & Fixtures	5.20		-1.46	4.69	6.19
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	110.92	-1.49	2.19	4.03
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	127.29	0.79	1.64	0.91
By Stage of Processing	21.20	127.27	0.77	1.01	0.71
1.Raw Materials	138.48	160.96	1.69	5.94	7.80
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29	112.07	0.03	-0.20	0.53
3.Finished Goods	140.17	111.66	-1.30	3.01	3.98
(1)Capital Goods	53.38	110.96	-1.53	4.47	5.60
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79	111.59	-1.16	2.12	3.00
Special Groups Domestic Sales	624.05	100 54	0.21	0.10	2.10
	634.95	120.54		2.12	3.18
Domestic Products	672.91	106.37	-0.20	0.61	1.59
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	115.46	-0.65	-0.23	1.03
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	104.30	-0.13	0.67	1.81

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

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Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of Feb. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Two Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	125.41	0.10	4.30	5.95
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared	34.64	148.99	-0.22	-3.00	-0.63
Foods 2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	178.51	2.43	15.02	16.94
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	137.82	-1.96	-13.77	-8.29
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	111.32	-0.99	-5.44	-4.38
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	122.20	0.20	2.05	3.74
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	116.85	-0.75	-8.28	-6.35
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	114.72	-2.03	4.89	6.33
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	82.08	-0.82	3.49	4.36
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	126.20	-1.93	2.74	4.79
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	121.15	0.17	0.61	1.08
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	138.12	1.78	3.52	3.92
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	34.64	164.11	1.47	-3.73	-2.54
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	196.52	4.16	14.16	14.70
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	151.77	-0.30	-14.41	-10.05
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	122.61	0.69	-6.14	-6.23
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	134.60	1.88	1.28	1.75
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	128.78	0.92	-8.97	-8.15
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	126.32	-0.38	4.11	4.28
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	90.39	0.85	2.72	2.35
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	138.97	-0.27	1.99	2.77
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	133.41	1.86	-0.13	-0.87

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Feb. 2012

	Weight	Index of	Compared	_	The First Two
	(‰)	Feb. 2012	with	with the	Months of 2012
Crowns		(2006=100)	Previous Month	of Previous	Compared with the Same
Groups			(%)	Year (%)	Period of
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					(%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	96.81	-0.74	1.50	3.04
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	183.05	1.41	33.39	35.54
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	123.78	-0.77	-0.57	1.62
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	114.02	-1.73	-6.97	-5.46
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	118.24	0.91	-2.51	-1.19
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	103.79	-1.10	-6.56	-4.62
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	86.28	-1.47	2.69	3.90
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	74.84	-1.38	1.40	2.52
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	109.22	-0.75	2.82	3.67
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	131.25	0.00	14.06	17.20
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	106.67	0.95	0.75	1.07
 Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods 	9.95	201.62	3.13	32.38	32.94
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	136.35	0.90	-1.32	-0.33
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	125.62	-0.06	-7.65	-7.28
4.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	130.28	2.62	-3.25	-3.09
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	114.39	0.58	-7.26	-6.45
6.Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	95.04	0.21	1.93	1.89
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	82.44	0.30	0.65	0.54
8.Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	120.31	0.93	2.05	1.67
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	144.58	1.70	13.21	14.95

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