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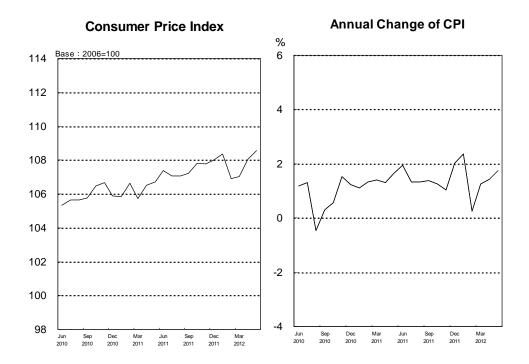
## The Price Indices for May 2012

### **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in May 2012 (2006=100) increased 0.49% from the previous month, where Vegetables and Fruits prices went up 20.02% and 6.44% individually because of unstable weather, nevertheless, Fuels & Lubricants and Clothing prices moved down 2.52% and 1.89% respectively. The general CPI excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 0.03%.

The annual change of CPI in May 2012, comparing with the same month of previous year, was 1.74%. Food prices went up 3.75%, of which Vegetables prices up 25.35%, Eggs and Dairy Products prices up 14.40% and 6.18% individually, Fish & Shellfish prices up 4.66%, Fruits prices up 3.48%, while Meat prices decreased 4.42%. Miscellaneous prices went up 2.72% mainly because Tobacco & Betelnut prices moved up 5.09%. Clothing prices rose 2.59% primarily because Garments prices increased 2.88%. Package tour expense went up brought Education & Entertainment prices to rise 1.58%. Gas prices advanced 8.05% and Residential Rent went up 0.54%, which brought Housing prices to rise 0.78%. However, Transportation & Communication prices declined 0.47%. The General Index excluding Fruits and Vegetables rose 1.20%, the core CPI moved up 0.89%.

For the first five months of 2012, the CPI increased 1.41% over the same period of 2011, Commodity prices went up 2.48% and Service prices moved up 0.54%. The core CPI rose 0.87%.



#### **CPI for Households in Different Disposable Income Groups**

For May 2012, the CPI for Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group and CPI for Middle 60% Disposable Income Group increased 1.69% and 1.73% separately, comparing with the same month of 2011, furthermore, CPI for Highest 20% Disposable Income Group rose 1.73%.

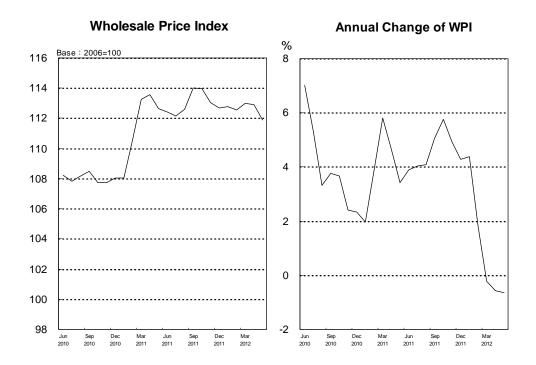
### Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in May 2012 decreased 0.89% from the previous month, mainly because prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas and Petroleum & Coal Products went down 6.11% and 3.24% respectively; furthermore, Chemical Material and Basic Metal moved down 3.16% and 1.18% individually, while Farm Products prices went up 11.52%. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports declined 0.08%. Import price index went down 1.61%, and Export price index down 0.92%.

The annual change of WPI in May 2012, comparing with the same month of 2011, was minus 0.64%. Mainly because prices of Basic Metal, Chemical Material and Fabricated Metal Products went down 9.67%, 7.11% and 3.48% separately, nevertheless, prices of Petroleum & Coal Products and Crude

Petroleum & Natural Gas went up 4.59% and 3.91% respectively. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports fell 1.28%; Import price index declined 0.30%, and Export price index moved down 0.34%.

For the first five months of 2012, the WPI increased 0.91% compared with the same period of the previous year, of which the Import price index rose 2.54% and Export price index increased 0.84% respectively.



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# Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices May 2012

May 2012							
	Weight	Index of	_	Compared	The First Five		
	(‰)	May 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	108.57	0.49	1.74	1.41		
Basic Group							
1. Food	260.82	117.72	2.41	3.75	3.13		
Cereals & Cereal Products	19.72	123.18	0.25	2.11	3.39		
Meat	23.08	118.78	-0.43	-4.42	-2.53		
Eggs	2.00	134.00	1.28	14.40	12.94		
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	147.44	0.42	4.66	3.65		
Vegetables	24.81	106.46	20.02	25.35	28.36		
Fruits	27.59	111.63	6.44	3.48	-5.09		
Dairy Products	10.51	134.21	0.49	6.18	6.44		
Edible Oil	1.70	142.96	-2.04	-2.14	0.83		
2. Clothing	41.72	117.91	-1.89	2.59	3.53		
Garments	26.97	118.43	-2.75	2.88	3.02		
3. Housing	279.47	103.59	0.02	0.78	0.93		
Residential Rent	185.40	101.45	0.10	0.54	0.46		
Household Appliances	27.89	107.70	0.03	0.74	1.56		
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	111.63	-0.47	2.45	2.93		
Gas	9.70	135.39	-1.46	8.05	9.70		
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	104.58	-0.90	-0.47	-0.82		
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	128.64 82.14	-2.52 -0.35	5.08	2.07		
Communication Fee	31.77	82.14 109.99	-0.33 -0.09	-10.15 0.48	-8.77 0.85		
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41 10.62	132.12	-0.09	0.48	1.31		
Medicines & Health Food	171.48	101.29	0.33	1.58	0.47		
6. Education & Entertainment	111.46	98.20	0.06	-0.09	-0.05		
Educational Expense Entertainment Expense	60.22	106.91	0.00	4.54	1.37		
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	113.45	-0.33	2.72	2.21		
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	141.59	1.75	5.09	4.19		
Personal Care Services	14.78	97.97	-2.23	2.13	1.56		
Commodity and Service Groups	14.70	71.71	2.23	2.13	1.50		
1. Commodity	437.11	113.70	0.90	2.86	2.48		
(Excluding Food)	264.95	110.07	-0.74	1.78	1.66		
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	119.26	1.52	3.80	3.04		
(Excluding Food)	126.96	119.46	-0.81	2.96	2.22		
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	111.01	-1.16	1.25	1.86		
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	92.16	-0.15	-0.29	0.26		
2. Service	562.89	104.36	0.16	0.83	0.54		
Food	88.66	114.93	0.66	2.38	2.07		
Housing	209.54	101.10	0.10	0.46	0.41		
Transportation & Communication	76.99	96.06	-0.12	-3.63	-2.99		
Medical Care	33.02	104.04	0.05	0.31	0.63		
Education & Entertainment	129.64	108.80	0.32	2.69	1.36		
Miscellaneous	23.83	99.24	-1.38	1.98	1.65		
Special Groups							
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	108.52	-0.09	1.20	1.07		
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	105.24	-0.25	0.98	0.75		
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables,	866.64	106.86	0.03	0.89	0.87		
Fish, Shellfish & Energy	000.04	100.00	0.03	0.09	0.67		

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# Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

May 2012

Groups	Weight	Index of May	Compared	Compared	The First Five
1	(‰)	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	111.90	-0.89	-0.64	0.91
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	117.67	-0.08	-1.28	-0.77
Imports	327.09	122.54	-1.61	-0.30	2.54
Exports	365.05	95.84	-0.92	-0.34	0.84
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal	27.15	152.00	7.22	2.35	3.53
Husbandry Products	27.13	132.00	1.22	2.33	3.33
(1)Farm Products	12.87	144.02	11.52	7.32	0.88
(2)Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60		4.67	-10.92	-8.86
(3)Forest Products	0.41	103.98	1.38	-14.92	-13.62
(4)Fishery Products	7.27		3.39	5.33	17.93
2. Quarrying & Mineral Products	57.59		-4.87	2.03	9.90
(1)Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78		-6.11	3.91	12.79
(2)Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56		1.34	1.85	2.33
(3)Other Mineral Products	9.25		-0.82	-4.30	0.97
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99		-0.80	-1.09	-0.11
(1)Foods	18.50		-0.21	-0.50	0.10
(2)Beverages	5.34		0.05	3.15	3.32
(3)Tobaccos	2.49		0.00	10.17	8.46
(4)Textile Products	21.67		0.58	-5.41	-5.94
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65		-0.50	3.24	6.27
(6)Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97 2.15		0.56 0.02	5.22 1.22	5.63 1.63
(7) Wood & Bamboo Products	15.11	115.09	0.02	-4.44	-4.83
(8)Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter (9)Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63		-3.24	4.59	8.51
(10)Chemical Material	91.92		-3.24	-7.11	-4.00
(11)Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00		-0.48	0.61	1.26
(12)Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42		-0.23	0.73	2.43
(13)Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	106.44	0.69	0.35	0.21
(14)Basic Metal	84.77		-1.18	-9.67	-8.03
(15)Fabricated Metal Products	42.26		0.05	-3.48	-2.56
(16)Electronic Parts & Components	261.17		0.04	1.42	0.90
(17)Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	64.22		-0.64	3.36	3.17
(18)Electrical Equipment	34.70		-0.27	-0.37	-0.59
(19)Machinery & Equipment	67.61	113.12	0.61	3.29	4.25
(20)Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78		0.06	2.23	2.15
(21)Furniture & Fixtures	5.20		0.00	3.68	4.75
(22)Miscellaneous Products	10.51	111.84	0.14	2.86	3.15
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28		-0.65	0.80	1.29
By Stage of Processing					
1.Raw Materials	138.48	155.87	-3.36	-2.53	2.53
2.Intermediate Materials	356.29		-0.48	-1.46	-0.72
3.Finished Goods	140.17		1.42	3.29	3.04
(1)Capital Goods	53.38		0.70	3.50	3.72
(2)Consumer Goods	86.79		1.85	3.18	2.63
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	119.91	-0.88	-0.77	0.95
Domestic Products	672.91	106.63	-0.49	-0.83	0.02
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	115.04	0.06	-0.78	-0.33
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	103.59	-1.02	-1.18	-0.07

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

May 2012

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Groups	Weight (‰)	Index of May 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Five Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	122.54	-1.61	-0.30	2.54
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared	34.64	150.56	0.55	-0.83	-1.23
Foods 2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	171.60	-4.44	1.61	9.49
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	132.73	-3.09	-10.92	-10.86
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	112.63	-0.28	-5.50	-5.16
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	119.34	-1.79	-2.77	0.07
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	113.05	-1.05	-9.83	-8.34
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	113.49	0.90	3.97	4.11
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	80.94	0.06	2.81	2.99
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	125.56	0.57	3.32	3.08
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	121.50	-0.05	2.30	1.31
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	135.28	-1.61	-2.80	0.86
<ol> <li>Animal, Vegetable Products &amp; Prepared Foods</li> </ol>	34.64	166.24	0.55	-3.32	-2.84
2.Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	189.37	-4.45	-0.94	7.69
3.Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	146.51	-3.09	-13.16	-12.30
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	124.35	-0.28	-7.88	-6.71
5.Chemicals,Plastics,Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	131.77	-1.78	-5.21	-1.57
6.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	124.89	-1.05	-12.09	-9.84
7.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	125.26	0.90	1.36	2.40
8.Electronic Machinery	258.41	89.35	0.06	0.22	1.31
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	138.58	0.57	0.73	1.40
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	134.11	-0.05	-0.27	-0.34

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

May 2012

	Weight (‰)	Index of May 2012	Compared with	Compared with the	The First Five Months of 2012
	(700)	(2006=100)			Compared with
Groups			Month	of Previous	the Same
			(%)	Year (%)	Period of
					Previous Year
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					(%)
General Index	1,000.00	95.84	-0.92	-0.34	0.84
<ol> <li>Animal, Vegetable Products &amp; Prepared Foods</li> </ol>	9.95	175.47	-2.73	13.15	27.56
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	120.90	1.29	-3.83	-2.53
3.Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	117.85	0.86	-2.84	-5.30
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	116.24	-2.34	-5.07	-3.10
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	103.20	-0.46	-8.10	-6.79
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	85.54	0.02	2.04	2.43
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	74.31	-0.36	2.65	1.80
8.Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	108.57	-0.30	2.41	2.49
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	130.29	-3.45	3.61	9.64
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	105.85	-0.92	-2.85	-0.80
<ol> <li>Animal, Vegetable Products &amp; Prepared Foods</li> </ol>	9.95	193.74	-2.73	10.31	25.43
2.Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	133.50	1.29	-6.26	-4.14
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	130.14	0.85	-5.28	-6.84
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	128.38	-2.34	-7.46	-4.68
5.Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	114.01	-0.47	-10.42	-8.30
6.Machinery,Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	94.44	0.01	-0.54	0.75
7.Electronic Machinery	424.79	82.05	-0.35	0.09	0.15
8.Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	119.89	-0.30	-0.17	0.82
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	143.87	-3.45	1.01	7.83

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