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### **The Price Indices for September 2012**

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

The CPI in September 2012 (2006=100) decreased 0.33% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of vegetables came back to a more stable level and went down 17.02%. Besides, tour fee moved down after ending of peak season, while prices of fruits and household operations went up 10.04% and 5.18% individually. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, fish, shellfish and energy, i.e. core CPI, declined 0.07%.

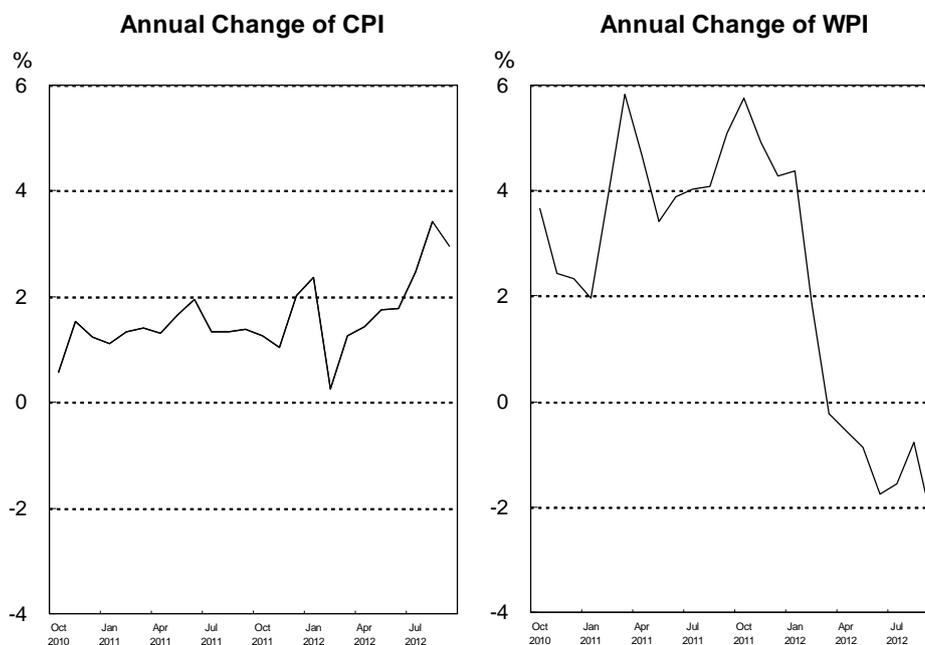
The annual change of CPI in September 2012, compared with the same month of previous year, was 2.96% mainly because prices of fruits and vegetables increased 29.04% and 26.26% respectively. Furthermore, prices of fuels & lubricants and gas prices went up 12.35% and 8.74% separately; fish & shellfish and dairy products prices moved up 4.71% and 4.14% individually, whereas communication fee and meat prices declined 5.62% and 3.23% respectively. The core CPI rose 0.93% from a year ago.

#### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in September 2012 decreased 0.21% from the preceding month, mainly because of a 1.45% appreciation of NT dollar against US dollar, where the effect of which was partly offset by petroleum & coal products and chemical prices, showing rises of 4.51% and 1.06% respectively.

The annual change of WPI in September 2012, compared with the same month of 2011, was minus 2.19% mainly because prices of basic metal and chemical material decreased 13.09% and 10.57% individually, and imported

iron sand moved to lower price level, which was offset by higher prices of vegetables and petroleum & coal products. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports fell 0.07%; import price index declined 2.85% and export price index moved down 3.60%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Sept. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Sept. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Nine Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	110.39	-0.33	2.96	1.96
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	123.09	-1.05	6.54	4.64
Cereals & Cereal Products	19.72	124.36	0.32	2.09	2.84
Meat	23.08	122.35	0.35	-3.23	-2.67
Eggs	2.00	132.87	-3.61	1.10	9.82
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	147.69	-1.05	4.71	4.18
Vegetables	24.81	135.94	-17.02	26.26	32.72
Fruits	27.59	128.82	10.04	29.04	4.82
Dairy Products	10.51	135.06	-0.11	4.14	5.99
Edible Oil	1.70	150.82	4.99	2.02	0.67
2. Clothing	41.72	106.79	-0.78	3.05	2.90
Garments	26.97	101.18	-2.07	4.64	2.99
3. Housing	279.47	105.94	0.46	1.42	1.07
Residential Rent	185.40	101.86	0.12	0.77	0.57
Household Operations <sup>1</sup>	14.53	101.47	5.18	-0.29	0.05
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	124.71	0.75	5.18	3.55
Gas	9.70	141.63	2.56	8.74	8.15
Electricity	22.00	122.04	0.00	4.48	1.97
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	105.94	0.43	2.28	-0.13
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	134.90	1.63	12.35	4.45
Communication Fee	31.77	82.14	0.00	-5.62	-7.91
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	110.66	0.12	0.68	0.77
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	132.41	0.01	0.26	0.95
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	101.50	-0.87	0.80	0.68
Educational Expense	111.25	98.31	0.07	-0.13	-0.08
Entertainment Expense	60.22	107.29	-2.39	2.42	1.99
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	112.82	-0.45	2.31	2.23
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	136.79	-0.20	3.58	3.95
Personal Care Services	14.78	100.03	-0.84	2.03	1.43
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	117.08	-0.58	5.49	3.53
(Excluding Food)	264.95	110.64	0.18	3.32	1.93
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	125.77	-0.75	7.26	4.64
(Excluding Food)	126.96	124.42	0.42	5.56	3.07
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	103.65	-0.59	2.37	1.61
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	91.87	0.38	-0.69	-0.26
2. Service	562.89	104.97	-0.10	0.87	0.68
Food	88.66	115.84	0.10	2.56	2.26
Housing	209.54	101.84	0.45	0.68	0.52
Transportation & Communication	76.99	96.04	-0.18	-2.20	-2.77
Medical Care	33.02	104.87	0.18	0.92	0.70
Education & Entertainment	129.64	109.23	-1.02	1.50	1.57
Miscellaneous	23.83	100.37	-0.52	1.59	1.47
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	109.17	0.02	1.65	1.22
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	105.80	-0.03	1.56	0.94
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	106.77	-0.07	0.93	0.89

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

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Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Sept. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Sept. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Nine Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1000.00	111.49	-0.21	-2.19	-0.22
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	118.03	0.40	-0.07	-0.86
Imports	327.09	122.21	-0.36	-2.85	0.45
Exports	365.05	94.72	-0.65	-3.60	-0.32
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal Husbandry Products	27.15	149.96	-1.94	6.51	4.94
(1) Farm Products	12.87	150.33	-2.89	19.63	7.69
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	134.62	-1.88	-5.35	-6.70
(3) Forest Products	0.41	110.61	-1.41	11.68	-8.21
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	162.48	-0.37	-2.62	10.43
2. Quarrying & Mineral Products	57.59	170.53	-0.50	0.56	4.62
(1) Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78	169.02	0.16	5.72	7.24
(2) Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56	103.75	0.44	2.43	2.08
(3) Other Mineral Products	9.25	201.84	-3.19	-16.07	-3.86
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	104.63	-0.13	-3.30	-1.12
(1) Foods	18.50	137.88	0.64	2.55	0.74
(2) Beverages	5.34	107.24	0.01	2.88	3.22
(3) Tobaccos	2.49	131.98	0.00	8.07	8.29
(4) Textile Products	21.67	123.22	-0.96	-4.89	-4.75
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65	106.98	-0.68	3.55	6.65
(6) Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97	117.98	-0.15	2.21	4.89
(7) Wood & Bamboo Products	2.15	116.49	-0.85	-1.27	1.03
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	113.11	-0.87	-5.79	-4.74
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	155.79	4.51	8.45	5.82
(10) Chemical Material	91.92	120.20	1.06	-10.57	-7.25
(11) Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00	109.91	-0.42	-3.35	0.05
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	116.60	-0.24	-1.96	1.09
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	106.21	-0.32	1.50	0.65
(14) Basic Metal	84.77	108.52	-1.26	-13.09	-9.58
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	108.28	-0.87	-4.93	-3.04
(16) Electronic Parts & Components	261.17	73.90	-1.08	-1.68	0.91
(17) Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	64.22	75.95	-1.11	-1.40	2.34
(18) Electrical Equipment	34.70	108.48	-0.56	-2.66	-1.06
(19) Machinery & Equipment	67.61	114.19	-0.82	-1.19	3.23
(20) Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78	110.99	-0.39	0.23	1.98
(21) Furniture & Fixtures	5.20	110.21	-1.16	0.36	3.97
(22) Miscellaneous Products	10.51	111.65	-0.92	-0.91	2.63
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	148.84	0.93	11.12	5.02
By Stage of Processing					
1. Raw Materials	138.48	154.27	0.16	-3.95	-1.08
2. Intermediate Materials	356.29	112.08	0.11	-1.94	-1.09
3. Finished Goods	140.17	115.06	-0.44	2.66	3.28
(1) Capital Goods	53.38	110.70	-0.62	-0.82	2.85
(2) Consumer Goods	86.79	117.23	-0.33	4.78	3.52
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	119.92	0.01	-1.53	-0.17
Domestic Products	672.91	106.19	-0.11	-1.82	-0.60
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	114.91	-0.46	-1.95	-0.41
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	102.30	-0.04	-3.65	-1.30

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Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Sept. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Sept. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Nine Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	122.21	-0.36	-2.85	0.45
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	162.25	-0.04	5.83	1.32
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	171.41	0.32	0.50	4.18
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	124.49	-2.49	-12.55	-10.36
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	109.41	-1.17	-7.35	-5.58
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	117.22	-0.11	-7.80	-2.67
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	109.28	-0.07	-12.51	-9.87
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	114.15	-0.82	-1.76	3.02
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	81.34	-1.23	0.35	3.12
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	127.19	-0.58	-1.15	2.76
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	120.14	-1.06	-0.12	1.61
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	134.64	1.09	-2.29	-1.62
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	178.78	1.42	6.44	-0.77
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	188.78	1.78	1.09	2.06
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	137.14	-1.07	-12.04	-12.20
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	120.55	0.27	-6.82	-7.53
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	129.16	1.34	-7.28	-4.68
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	120.49	1.39	-12.00	-11.72
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	125.74	0.63	-1.19	0.90
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	89.61	0.21	0.92	1.00
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	140.09	0.86	-0.59	0.65
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	132.34	0.37	0.45	-0.48

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

Sept. 2012

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of Sept. 2012 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Nine Months of 2012 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	94.72	-0.65	-3.60	-0.32
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	158.07	-1.43	-5.34	15.24
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	119.61	-0.71	-4.84	-2.52
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	112.26	-3.21	-6.61	-4.08
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	113.49	-0.21	-8.60	-5.19
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	99.51	-1.63	-9.86	-7.19
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	86.46	-1.00	-0.93	1.98
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	73.44	-1.40	-2.35	1.43
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	109.11	-0.90	-0.07	2.31
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	131.84	2.81	3.68	5.45
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	104.40	0.80	-3.05	-2.37
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	174.17	0.01	-4.80	12.85
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	131.81	0.73	-4.29	-4.53
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	123.72	-1.79	-6.07	-6.06
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	125.09	1.25	-8.08	-7.14
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	109.71	-0.20	-9.35	-9.11
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	95.27	0.44	-0.36	-0.12
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	80.92	0.04	-1.78	-0.66
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	120.24	0.55	0.51	0.20
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	145.28	4.30	4.28	3.29

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