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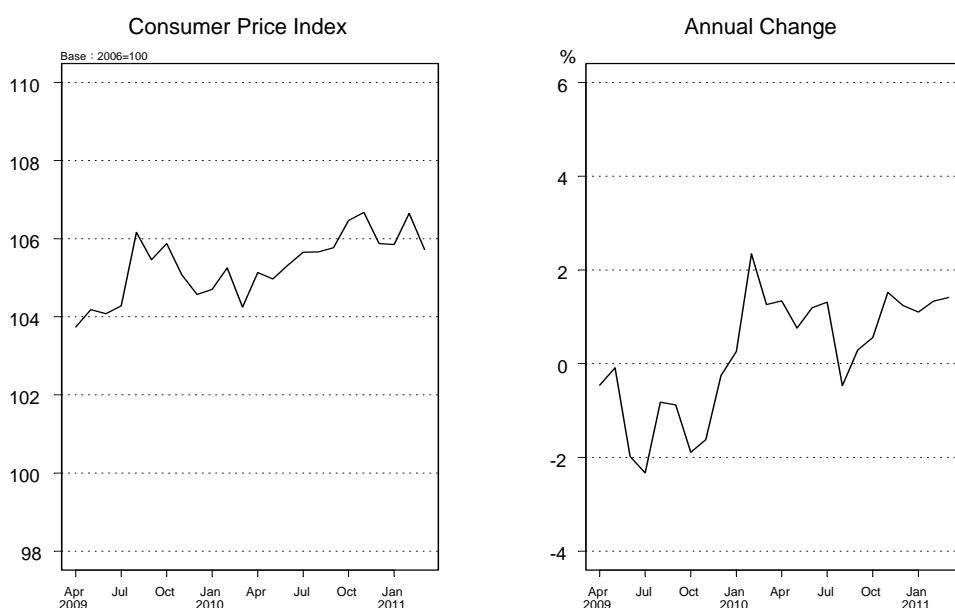
### The Price Indices for March 2011

#### Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2011 was 105.72 (2006=100), fell 0.87% from previous month, mainly because after Chinese New Year's Festival, housecleaning service and nannies costs came down which brought Household Operations prices to move down 27.89%, and Entertainment Expense went down 4.19% additionally. Besides, Vegetables decreased 7.17% for sufficient supply. The General Index excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, declined 0.93%.

The annual change for CPI of March 2011 increased by 1.41%. Clothing prices went up 2.68%. Fuels & Lubricants advanced 11.80% which brought Transportation & Communication prices to move up 2.58%. Food prices rose 1.86%, of which prices of Fruits, Fish & Shellfish, Eggs, Meat and Edible Oil moved up 10.89%, 7.01%, 4.61%, 4.51% and 4.03% separately. Besides, Education & Entertainment and Housing prices went up 0.84% and 0.57% individually, The General Index excluding Fruits and Vegetables increased 1.47%, the core CPI rose 0.98%.

For the first quarter of 2011, the CPI increased 1.28% over the same period of previous year, as prices of Commodity went up 2.12% and Service moved up 0.61%. The core CPI increased 0.86%.



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

In March 2011, the CPI for Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group was 106.41 (2006=100), moved down 0.16% from previous month, went up 1.33% comparing with the same month of 2010; CPI for Middle 60% Disposable Income Group was 105.95, down 0.69% from previous month, rose 1.49% comparing with the same month of 2010; CPI for Highest 20% Disposable Income Group was 105.35, decreased 1.23% from previous month, moved up 1.54% comparing with the same month of 2010.

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

The WPI in March 2011 was 112.91 (2006=100), increased 2.18% from previous month, mainly because prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products, Chemical Material and Basic Metal went up 8.51%, 6.73%, 2.85% and 1.34% respectively. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports prices rose 1.65%; Imports and Exports prices moved up 2.74% and 2.10% separately.

The annual change of WPI in March 2011, comparing with the same month of 2010, increasing 5.51%, mainly because higher prices level of

imported Iron ores brought Other Mineral Products prices to increase 47.22%. In addition, prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products, Chemical Material and Basic Metal moved up 28.52%, 19.77%, 15.82% and 10.69% individually, whereas prices of Electronic Parts & Components decreased 8.59%. Domestic Sales Excluding Imports and Imports prices rose 7.11% and 9.13% separately. Exports prices went up 0.22%.

For the first quarter of 2011, the WPI increased 3.78% compared with the same period of previous year, of which the Import prices went up 6.72%, while Export prices moved down 1.37%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

March 2011

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2011 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2011 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	105.72	-0.87	1.41	1.28
Basic Group					
1. Food	260.82	111.82	-0.82	1.86	2.19
Meat	23.08	124.57	-2.19	4.51	4.13
Eggs	2.00	117.49	-3.23	4.61	0.89
Fish & Shellfish	16.71	138.76	-4.79	7.01	8.55
Vegetables	24.81	72.93	-7.17	-13.82	-3.02
Fruits	27.59	108.74	0.85	10.89	5.59
Dairy Products	10.51	126.11	-0.12	0.85	2.36
Edible Oil	1.70	146.34	3.76	4.03	2.45
2. Clothing	41.72	101.64	-1.78	2.68	1.93
Garments	26.97	96.75	-3.10	2.98	2.07
3. Housing	279.47	102.52	-1.73	0.57	0.56
Residential Rent	185.40	100.83	0.01	0.31	0.32
Household Appliances	27.89	105.82	0.47	1.49	1.36
Household Operations <sup>1</sup>	14.53	96.60	-27.89	0.79	1.49
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.87	108.57	0.46	0.46	0.29
Gas	9.70	123.83	1.55	0.28	-0.31
4. Transportation & Communication	140.42	105.35	0.82	2.58	1.48
Fuels & Lubricants	32.55	122.88	3.61	11.80	7.70
Transportation & Communication Services and Vehicle Parts	80.30	100.67	-0.30	-0.82	-1.04
5. Medicines & Medical Care	47.41	108.90	0.29	1.62	1.49
Medicines & Health Food	10.62	130.42	1.27	7.25	6.72
6. Education & Entertainment	171.48	99.95	-1.59	0.84	0.80
Educational Expense	111.25	98.25	-0.05	-0.38	-0.41
Entertainment Expense	60.22	103.02	-4.19	3.01	2.92
7. Miscellaneous	58.68	110.65	0.55	1.01	0.67
Tobacco & Betelnut	14.65	130.39	0.05	1.78	1.55
Cosmetic Items	18.66	106.39	1.97	1.49	0.59
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	437.11	108.20	-0.18	2.34	2.12
(Excluding Food)	264.95	105.73	0.60	2.39	1.59
Non-durable Consumer Goods	299.12	113.42	-0.11	3.17	2.97
(Excluding Food)	126.96	115.55	1.41	4.36	3.08
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.85	100.67	-0.93	1.77	1.29
Durable Consumer Goods	75.14	92.21	0.30	-1.07	-1.19
2. Service	562.89	103.55	-1.43	0.67	0.61
Food	88.66	111.70	0.04	1.09	0.82
Housing	209.54	100.56	-2.53	0.36	0.41
Transportation & Communication	76.99	100.09	-0.33	-0.94	-1.16
Medical Care	33.02	103.09	-0.13	-0.28	-0.24
Education & Entertainment	129.64	106.16	-1.91	2.17	2.11
Miscellaneous	23.83	99.64	-0.30	-0.13	-0.06
Special Groups					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	947.60	106.47	-0.80	1.47	1.24
General Index Excluding Food	739.18	103.46	-0.89	1.23	0.93
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish & Energy	866.64	105.13	-0.93	0.98	0.86

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

## Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

March 2011

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2011 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2011 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	112.91	2.18	5.51	3.78
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	307.86	118.16	1.65	7.11	5.95
Imports	327.09	123.53	2.74	9.13	6.72
Exports	365.05	97.28	2.10	0.22	-1.37
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal Husbandry Products	27.15	137.83	2.69	12.35	8.63
(1) Farm Products	12.87	131.04	4.53	14.97	10.50
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.60	135.25	-1.42	8.29	5.21
(3) Forest Products	0.41	120.44	0.64	1.15	3.30
(4) Fishery Products	7.27	151.00	3.35	12.25	8.94
2. Quarrying & Mineral Products	57.59	165.26	7.15	30.81	23.90
(1) Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	45.78	159.43	8.51	28.52	19.99
(2) Sand, Stone & Clay Quarrying	2.56	99.34	0.16	-6.10	-6.60
(3) Other Mineral Products	9.25	216.86	3.48	47.22	45.72
3. Manufacturing Products	890.99	107.61	1.74	3.37	2.08
(1) Foods	18.50	133.94	0.16	7.05	6.52
(2) Beverages	5.34	102.20	0.05	-1.47	-1.57
(3) Tobaccos	2.49	118.03	0.07	1.00	0.89
(4) Textile Products	21.67	138.83	2.18	24.43	21.16
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	4.65	98.40	1.93	0.34	-1.36
(6) Leather, Fur & Related Products	4.97	110.41	1.86	1.73	0.86
(7) Wood & Bamboo Products	2.15	113.22	0.77	0.19	2.53
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	15.11	122.14	0.73	0.12	3.24
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	54.63	142.08	6.73	19.77	13.27
(10) Chemical Material	91.92	134.46	2.85	15.82	13.23
(11) Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.00	110.48	0.45	2.13	1.25
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	22.42	114.55	1.41	1.76	1.09
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	13.93	106.31	1.10	-0.60	-1.84
(14) Basic Metal	84.77	127.87	1.34	10.69	11.43
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	42.26	115.40	2.11	4.41	3.44
(16) Electronic Parts & Components	261.17	74.52	0.68	-8.59	-9.14
(17) Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	64.22	75.51	0.69	-8.07	-9.03
(18) Electrical Equipment	34.70	111.82	1.03	4.43	2.93
(19) Machinery & Equipment	67.61	110.15	1.51	0.30	-1.02
(20) Transport Equipment & Parts	34.78	109.42	0.88	1.69	0.98
(21) Furniture & Fixtures	5.20	106.16	1.10	-0.13	-1.18
(22) Miscellaneous Products	10.51	108.80	0.84	2.26	1.55
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	24.28	125.54	0.25	0.34	0.48
By Stage of Processing					
1. Raw Materials	138.48	159.03	4.55	22.57	17.99
2. Intermediate Materials	356.29	113.76	1.34	4.11	3.38
3. Finished Goods	140.17	109.89	1.46	2.17	0.83
(1) Capital Goods	53.38	107.59	1.33	0.15	-1.02
(2) Consumer Goods	86.79	110.81	1.53	3.39	1.95
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	634.95	120.66	2.22	8.16	6.35
Domestic Products	672.91	107.65	1.87	3.60	2.22
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	166.01	116.67	0.95	4.90	4.37
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	724.98	105.57	1.95	2.99	1.49

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### Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

March 2011

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2011 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2011 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
<b>Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)</b>					
General Index	1,000.00	123.53	2.74	9.13	6.72
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	153.98	0.50	13.06	11.44
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	166.16	6.77	28.77	22.07
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	163.74	2.45	43.66	38.46
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	119.13	1.31	1.66	3.40
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	122.36	2.52	7.08	4.88
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	127.59	0.16	9.88	11.23
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	110.99	1.48	-0.53	-1.83
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	79.88	0.77	-6.67	-7.73
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	124.66	1.49	3.56	2.06
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	119.63	-0.22	1.69	2.26
<b>Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)</b>					
General Index	1,000.00	136.19	2.08	17.80	16.24
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	34.64	169.78	-0.15	22.05	21.38
2. Mineral Products & Nonmetallic Mineral Products	208.51	183.12	6.09	39.00	32.93
3. Textiles & Textile Articles	13.85	180.50	1.79	55.08	50.79
4. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	17.93	131.35	0.67	9.74	12.64
5. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	147.68	134.92	1.86	15.59	14.23
6. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	118.38	140.77	-0.47	18.61	21.16
7. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	166.28	122.34	0.83	7.37	6.94
8. Electronic Machinery	258.41	88.07	0.13	0.77	0.51
9. Transportation Equipment & Parts	21.11	137.41	0.84	11.79	11.18
10. Miscellaneous Products	13.21	131.87	-0.86	9.78	11.40

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Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

March 2011

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2011 (2006=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2011 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	97.28	2.10	0.22	-1.37
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	140.96	2.72	14.61	12.97
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	126.58	1.88	10.59	8.20
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	123.82	1.13	-2.57	-0.25
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	122.99	1.83	9.62	8.50
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	113.40	2.15	5.85	5.33
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	85.12	1.31	-5.68	-6.79
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	74.27	0.62	-10.12	-10.85
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	107.89	1.57	1.41	0.25
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	124.77	8.57	18.43	11.09
Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)					
General Index	1,000.00	107.30	1.45	8.22	7.46
1. Animal, Vegetable Products & Prepared Foods	9.95	155.42	2.05	23.75	23.07
2. Textiles & Textile Articles	53.37	139.58	1.23	19.41	17.89
3. Wood, Paper, Pulp & Articles Thereof	7.52	136.55	0.48	5.20	8.68
4. Chemicals, Plastics, Rubber & Articles Thereof	123.31	135.66	1.18	18.37	18.21
5. Primary Metals & Articles Thereof	111.70	125.11	1.48	14.30	14.76
6. Machinery, Optical & Precision Instruments	154.88	93.86	0.66	1.84	1.57
7. Electronic Machinery	424.79	81.89	-0.02	-2.94	-2.86
8. Transportation Equipment & Parts	32.07	118.97	0.92	9.50	9.23
9. Miscellaneous Products	82.43	137.58	7.87	27.89	21.02

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