

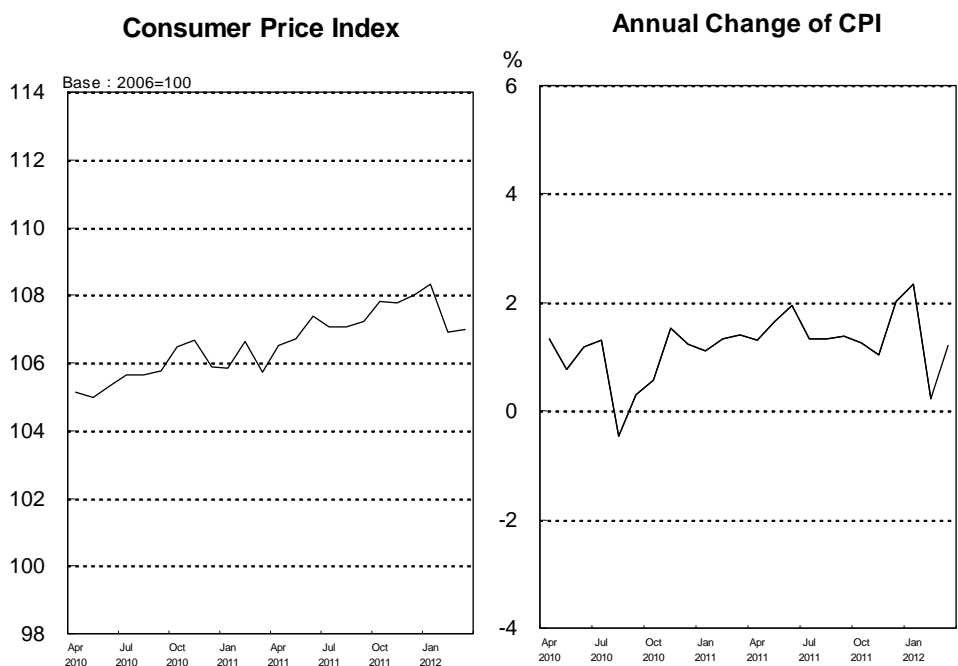
## **The Price Indices for March 2012**

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

The CPI in March 2012 (2006=100) increased 0.08% from the previous month, mainly because Fruits prices rose 10.45% which brought prices of Food to go up 0.12%. Besides, tour fees moved up brought the prices of Entertainment Expense to increase 1.08%. Additionally, prices of Gas went up 3.27%, Tobacco & Betelnut prices moved up 1.51%, while Clothing prices fell 1.98% for winter clothes promotion. The headline CPI excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.18%.

The annual change of CPI in March 2012, comparing with the same month of 2011, was 1.21%. Food prices went up by 3.10%, of which Vegetables prices up 30.74%, Eggs and Dairy Products up 17.36% and 6.79% separately, Fish & Shellfish prices up 3.97%, Cereals & Cereal Products prices up 3.92%, while Fruits prices down 4.83%. Clothing prices rose 2.91%, mainly because Garments prices increased 1.76%. Tobacco prices rose which brought Miscellaneous prices to go up 1.38%. Gas prices advanced 13.07%, Residential Rent went up 0.49%, which brought Housing prices to rise 1.05%, nevertheless, Transportation & Communication prices declined 2.02%, mainly because Communication Fee went down 10.67%. The General Index excluding Fruits and Vegetables increased 0.85%, the core CPI rose 0.70%.

For the first quarter of 2012, the CPI increased 1.26% over the same period of the previous year, Commodity prices went up 2.33% and Service prices moved up 0.40%. The core CPI rose 0.83%.



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

For March 2012, the CPI for Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group and CPI for Middle 60% Disposable Income Group increased 1.38% and 1.23% respectively, comparing with the same month of 2011, furthermore, CPI for Highest 20% Disposable Income Group rose 1.16%.

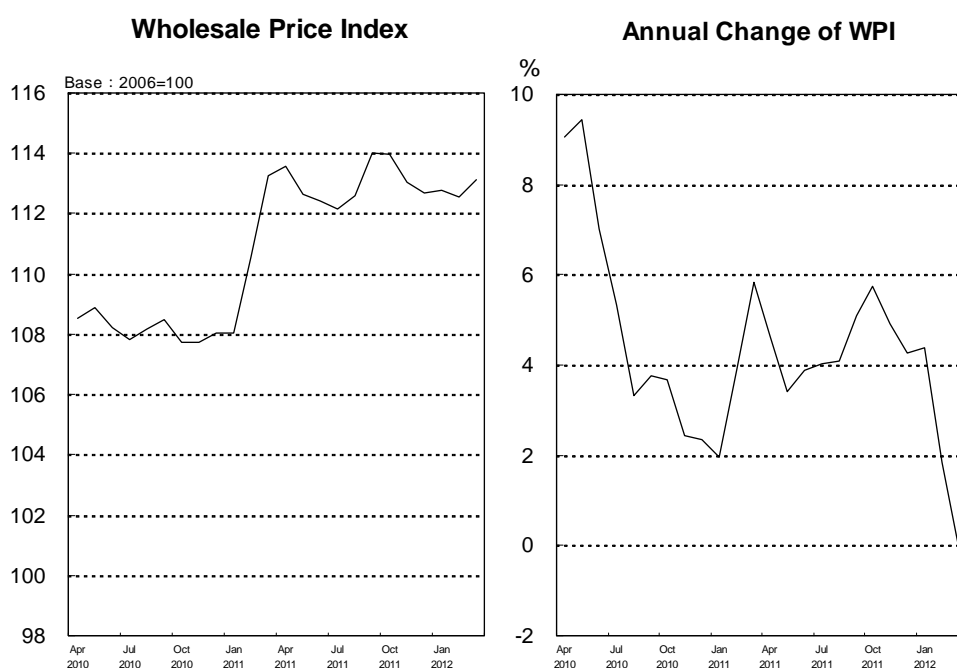
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in March 2012 increased 0.48% from the previous month, mainly because prices of Farm Products and Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas went up 5.07% and 4.48% respectively, furthermore, Petroleum & Coal Products and Chemical Material prices moved up 3.18% and 0.69% separately. Nevertheless, prices of Machinery & Equipment declined by 1.97% due mainly to appreciation of New Taiwan Dollar to Japanese Yen. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports increased 0.55%. Import price index went up 0.61%, and Export price index up 0.24%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2012, comparing with the same month of 2011, was minus 0.11%. Mainly because prices of Textile Products, Basic Metal and Chemical Material decreased 9.50%, 8.46% and 5.47%

individually, however, Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas and Petroleum & Coal Products went up 14.19% and 7.18% respectively. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports fell 1.64%, Export price index declined 0.91%, while Import price index went up 1.97%.

For the first quarter of 2012, the WPI increased 1.99% compared with the same period of the previous year, of which the Import price index rose 4.61% and Export price index moved up 1.56%.



### Statistical Tables

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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