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Table Title: Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change at Section Level for May 2006

The index for food in the Composite CPI was 101.8.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the Composite CPI was +1.7%.

The index for food in the CPI(A) was 101.8.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the CPI(A) was +1.6%.

The index for food in the CPI(B) was 101.7.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the CPI(B) was +1.6%.

The index for food in the CPI(C) was 102.1.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the CPI(C) was +1.9%.

The index for meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was 101.6.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was +1.4%.

The index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was 101.3.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was +1.2%.

The index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was 101.4.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was +1.3%.

The index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was 102.3.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was +2.1%.

The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was 102.2.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was +2.2%.

The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was 102.4.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was +2.3%.

The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was 102.3.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was +2.3%.

The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was 101.6.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was +1.6%.

The index for housing in the Composite CPI was 105.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the Composite CPI was +5%.

The index for housing in the CPI(A) was 104.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the CPI(A) was +4%.

The index for housing in the CPI(B) was 105.5.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the CPI(B) was +5.5%.

The index for housing in the CPI(C) was 105.5.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the CPI(C) was +5.5%.

The index for private housing rent in the Composite CPI was 105.9.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for private housing rent in the Composite CPI was +6%.

The index for private housing rent in the CPI(A) was 105.5.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for private housing rent in the CPI(A) was +5.6%.

The index for private housing rent in the CPI(B) was 106.4.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for private housing rent in the CPI(B) was +6.5%.

The index for private housing rent in the CPI(C) was 105.8.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for private housing rent in the CPI(C) was +5.9%.

The index for public housing rent in the Composite CPI was 100.3.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for public housing rent in the Composite CPI was +0.1%.

The index for public housing rent in the CPI(A) was 100.3.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for public housing rent in the CPI(A) was +0.1%.

The index for public housing rent in the CPI(B) was 100.3.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for public housing rent in the CPI(B) was +0.1%.

The index for electricity, gas and water in the Composite CPI was 104.6.

The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the Composite CPI was +3.7%.
The index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(A) was 104.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(A) was +3.6%.
The index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(B) was 104.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(B) was +3.8%.
The index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(C) was 104.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(C) was +4%.

The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the Composite CPI was 93.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the Composite CPI was -6.5%.
The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(A) was 92.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(A) was -7.8%.
The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(B) was 94.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(B) was -5.7%.
The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(C) was 96.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(C) was -3.8%.

The index for clothing and footwear in the Composite CPI was 102.5.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for clothing and footwear in the Composite CPI was -0.8%.
The index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(A) was 102.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(A) was -0.2%.
The index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(B) was 103.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(B) was -0.2%.
The index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(C) was 101.5.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(C) was -1.8%.

The index for durable goods in the Composite CPI was 92.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the Composite CPI was -7%.
The index for durable goods in the CPI(A) was 91.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the CPI(A) was -7.7%.
The index for durable goods in the CPI(B) was 90.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the CPI(B) was -8.1%.
The index for durable goods in the CPI(C) was 94.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the CPI(C) was -5.4%.

The index for miscellaneous goods in the Composite CPI was 102.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the Composite CPI was +2.3%.
The index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(A) was 101.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(A) was +1.2%.
The index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(B) was 102.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(B) was +2.2%.
The index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(C) was 103.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(C) was +3.8%.

The index for transport in the Composite CPI was 101.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for transport in the Composite CPI was +1.4%.
The index for transport in the CPI(A) was 100.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for transport in the CPI(A) was +1.2%.
The index for transport in the CPI(B) was 101.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for transport in the CPI(B) was +1.5%.
The index for transport in the CPI(C) was 101.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for transport in the CPI(C) was +1.4%.

The index for miscellaneous services in the Composite CPI was 101.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the Composite CPI was +1.9%.
The index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(A) was 100.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(A) was +1.3%.

The index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(B) was 101.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(B) was +2.1%.
The index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(C) was 101.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(C) was +2%.

The index for educational services in the Composite CPI was 101.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the Composite CPI was +1.7%.
The index for educational services in the CPI(A) was 101.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the CPI(A) was +1.9%.
The index for educational services in the CPI(B) was 101.5.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the CPI(B) was +1.6%.
The index for educational services in the CPI(C) was 101.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the CPI(C) was +1.8%.

The index for telephone and other communications services in the Composite CPI was 99.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the Composite CPI was +1%.
The index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(A) was 99.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(A) was +0.7%.
The index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(B) was 99.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(B) was +0.8%.
The index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(C) was 100.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(C) was +2.2%.

The index for medical services in the Composite CPI was 101.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the Composite CPI was +1%.
The index for medical services in the CPI(A) was 100.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the CPI(A) was +0.9%.
The index for medical services in the CPI(B) was 101.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the CPI(B) was +1.2%.
The index for medical services in the CPI(C) was 100.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the CPI(C) was +0.9%.

The index for all items in the Composite CPI was 102.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for all items in the Composite CPI was +2.1%.
The index for all items in the CPI(A) was 101.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for all items in the CPI(A) was +1.8%.
The index for all items in the CPI(B) was 102.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for all items in the CPI(B) was +2.2%.
The index for all items in the CPI(C) was 102.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for all items in the CPI(C) was +2.4%.

Notes:

1. The base period for the Consumer Price Indices is October 2004 to September 2005.
2. The CPI(A), CPI(B) and CPI(C) are compiled by reference to the average expenditure patterns for different groups of households as obtained from the Household Expenditure Survey. By aggregating the expenditure patterns of all households covered by the above three indices, a Composite CPI is also compiled. The CPI(A), CPI(B) and CPI(C) respectively cover some 50%, 30% and 10% of households in Hong Kong. The average monthly household expenditures (in HK\$) of these groups in the base period (that is October 2004 to September 2005) were \$4000 to \$15499, \$15500 to \$27499 and \$27500 to \$59999 respectively. The Composite CPI covers 90% of households, which had an average monthly household expenditure of \$4000 to \$59999 in the same period.
3. Apart from 'Private housing rent' and 'Public housing rent', the 'Housing' section also includes 'Management fees and other housing charges' and 'Materials for house maintenance'.

4. 'Public housing rent' is not a constituent of the CPI(C).

5. Apart from 'Educational services', 'Telephone and other communications services', and 'Medical services', the 'Miscellaneous services' section also includes other miscellaneous services.

6. 0% denotes a figure within +0.05% and -0.05%.

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Table Title: Table 2 Movements of Consumer Price Indices, May 2004 - May 2006

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month May 2004 was -0.9%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month May 2004 was -0.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month May 2004 was -0.9%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month May 2004 was -1.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2004 was 0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2004 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2004 was 0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2004 was 0%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jun 2004 was -0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jun 2004 was +0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jun 2004 was -0.2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jun 2004 was -0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Jun 2004 was 0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Jun 2004 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Jun 2004 was 0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Jun 2004 was 0%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jul 2004 was +0.9%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jul 2004 was +1.5%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jul 2004 was +0.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jul 2004 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Jul 2004 was -0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Jul 2004 was 0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Jul 2004 was -0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Jul 2004 was -0.2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Aug 2004 was +0.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Aug 2004 was +1.4%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Aug 2004 was +0.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Aug 2004 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Aug 2004 was -0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Aug 2004 was -0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Aug 2004 was -0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Aug 2004 was -0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Sep 2004 was +0.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Sep 2004 was +1.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Sep 2004 was +0.6%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Sep 2004 was +0.3%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Sep 2004 was 0%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Sep 2004 was 0%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Sep 2004 was 0%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Sep 2004 was -0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Oct 2004 was +0.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Oct 2004 was +0.4%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Oct 2004 was +0.1%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Oct 2004 was -0.1%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Oct 2004 was 0%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Oct 2004 was 0%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Oct 2004 was 0%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Oct 2004 was 0%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Nov 2004 was +0.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Nov 2004 was +0.6%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Nov 2004 was +0.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Nov 2004 was -0.2%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Nov 2004 was +0.1%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Nov 2004 was +0.1%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Nov 2004 was +0.1%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Nov 2004 was +0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Dec 2004 was +0.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Dec 2004 was +0.5%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Dec 2004 was +0.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Dec 2004 was -0.1%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Dec 2004 was +0.1%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Dec 2004 was +0.2%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Dec 2004 was +0.2%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Dec 2004 was +0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jan 2005 was -0.5%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jan 2005 was -0.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jan 2005 was -0.5%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jan 2005 was -1%.
The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Jan 2005 was 0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Feb 2006 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Feb 2006 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Feb 2006 was +0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Mar 2006 was +1.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Mar 2006 was +1.4%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Mar 2006 was +1.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Mar 2006 was +1.8%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Mar 2006 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Mar 2006 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Mar 2006 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Mar 2006 was +0.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Apr 2006 was +1.9%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Apr 2006 was +1.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Apr 2006 was +2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Apr 2006 was +2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month Apr 2006 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month Apr 2006 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month Apr 2006 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month Apr 2006 was +0.2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month May 2006 was +2.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month May 2006 was +1.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month May 2006 was +2.2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month May 2006 was +2.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2006 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2006 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2006 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended the month May 2006 was +0.4%.

Notes:

0% denotes a figure within +0.05% and -0.05%.

Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. Starting from October 2004, the seasonally adjusted CPIs for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for October become available.

1. As from the reference month of October 2005 onwards, the year-on-year rates of changes are derived from the new 2004/05-based CPIs. For the earlier months, the year-on-year rates of change are derived from the old 1999/2000-based CPIs.

2. In calculating the average monthly rates of change during the latest three months in the seasonally adjusted CPIs, the new 2004/05-based CPIs are used as from the reference month of January 2005 onwards. For the earlier months, the average monthly rates of change during the latest three months are derived from the old 1999/2000-based CPIs.

3. The corresponding rates of change derived from the old 1999/2000-based CPIs can be obtained from the Consumer Price Index Section of the Census and Statistics Department at telephone no. 2805 6403 or email address cpi@censtatd.gov.hk. This page was last updated on 22 June 2006.

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" Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index The Composite CPI prices rose by 2.1% in May 2006 over a year earlier, larger than the 1.9% increase in April. As for the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months, it was 0.3% in May 2006. The corresponding rate of change in April was 0.2%.