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Table Title: Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change at Section Level for December 2008

The index for food in the Composite CPI was 118.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the Composite CPI was +7.7%.
The index for food in the CPI(A) was 120.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the CPI(A) was +8.4%.
The index for food in the CPI(B) was 117.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the CPI(B) was +7.4%.
The index for food in the CPI(C) was 117.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food in the CPI(C) was +7%.

The index for meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was 111.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was +5.2%.
The index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was 111.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was +5.2%.
The index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was 111.5.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was +5.1%.
The index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was 113.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was +5.4%.

The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was 130.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the Composite CPI was +11.5%.
The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was 132.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(A) was +12.4%.
The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was 129.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(B) was +11.2%.
The index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was 125.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for food, excluding meals bought away from home in the CPI(C) was +9.9%.

The index for housing in the Composite CPI was 117.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the Composite CPI was +4.2%.
The index for housing in the CPI(A) was 110.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the CPI(A) was +1.4%.
The index for housing in the CPI(B) was 119.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the CPI(B) was +4.9%.
The index for housing in the CPI(C) was 122.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for housing in the CPI(C) was +6.4%.

The index for private housing rent in the Composite CPI was 122.8.
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 120.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for private housing rent in the CPI(A) was +4.8%.
The index for private housing rent in the CPI(B) was 123.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for private housing rent in the CPI(B) was +6.2%.
The index for private housing rent in the CPI(C) was 124.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for private housing rent in the CPI(C) was +6.9%.

The index for public housing rent in the Composite CPI was 77.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for public housing rent in the Composite CPI was -12.6%.
The index for public housing rent in the CPI(A) was 77.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for public housing rent in the CPI(A) was -12.6%.
The index for public housing rent in the CPI(B) was 78.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for public housing rent in the CPI(B) was -12.6%.

The index for electricity, gas and water in the Composite CPI was 66.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the Composite CPI was -37.1%.
The index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(A) was 60.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(A) was -42.4%.
The index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(B) was 67.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(B) was -35.6%.
The index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(C) was 76.5.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for electricity, gas and water in the CPI(C) was -27.5%.

The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the Composite CPI was 95.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the Composite CPI was 0%.
The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(A) was 96.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(A) was +0.3%.
The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(B) was 95.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(B) was -0.2%.
The index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(C) was 94.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the CPI(C) was -0.8%.

The index for clothing and footwear in the Composite CPI was 109.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for clothing and footwear in the Composite CPI was -1.5%.
The index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(A) was 111.4.
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 111.2.
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 105.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for clothing and footwear in the CPI(C) was -5%.

The index for durable goods in the Composite CPI was 84.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the Composite CPI was -1.7%.
The index for durable goods in the CPI(A) was 83.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the CPI(A) was -1.7%.
The index for durable goods in the CPI(B) was 82.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the CPI(B) was -2%.
The index for durable goods in the CPI(C) was 88.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for durable goods in the CPI(C) was -1.3%.

The index for miscellaneous goods in the Composite CPI was 110.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the Composite CPI was +4.2%.
The index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(A) was 111.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(A) was +4.4%.
The index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(B) was 110.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(B) was +4.3%.
The index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(C) was 111.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous goods in the CPI(C) was +3.9%.

The index for transport in the Composite CPI was 102.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for transport in the Composite CPI was +1.5%.
The index for transport in the CPI(A) was 102.8.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for transport in the CPI(A) was +2.5%.
The index for transport in the CPI(B) was 103.
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 102.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for transport in the CPI(C) was +0.5%.

The index for miscellaneous services in the Composite CPI was 103.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the Composite CPI was -1.1%.

The index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(A) was 97.3.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(A) was -3.2%.
The index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(B) was 104.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(B) was -1%.
The index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(C) was 106.5.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for miscellaneous services in the CPI(C) was 0%.

The index for educational services in the Composite CPI was 94.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the Composite CPI was -5.3%.
The index for educational services in the CPI(A) was 84.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the CPI(A) was -12.5%.
The index for educational services in the CPI(B) was 94.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the CPI(B) was -5.7%.
The index for educational services in the CPI(C) was 100.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for educational services in the CPI(C) was -0.2%.

The index for telephone and other communications services in the Composite CPI was 93.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the Composite CPI was -3%.
The index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(A) was 93.5.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(A) was -3%.
The index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(B) was 93.9.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(B) was -3.1%.
The index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(C) was 95.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for telephone and other communications services in the CPI(C) was -2.8%.

The index for medical services in the Composite CPI was 107.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the Composite CPI was +5.1%.
The index for medical services in the CPI(A) was 106.4.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the CPI(A) was +4.4%.
The index for medical services in the CPI(B) was 107.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the CPI(B) was +5%.
The index for medical services in the CPI(C) was 108.6.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for medical services in the CPI(C) was +5.6%.

The index for all items in the Composite CPI was 109.6.
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 107.7.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for all items in the CPI(A) was +1.2%.
The index for all items in the CPI(B) was 110.2.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for all items in the CPI(B) was +2.4%.
The index for all items in the CPI(C) was 111.1.
The year-on-year rate of change in the index for all items in the CPI(C) was +2.7%.

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 with 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.
Taking into account the impact of price changes since the base period, the monthly household expenditure ranges

of the CPI(A), CPI(B), and CPI(C) adjusted to the price level of 2008 are broadly equivalent to \$4300 to \$16800, \$16800 to \$30200 and \$30200 to \$66100 respectively, and that of the Composite CPI is broadly equivalent to \$4300 to \$66100.

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, December 2006 - December 2008

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Dec 2006 was +2.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Dec 2006 was +1.9%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Dec 2006 was +2.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Dec 2006 was +2.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jan 2007 was +2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jan 2007 was +1.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jan 2007 was +1.9%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jan 2007 was +2.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Feb 2007 was +0.8%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Feb 2007 was +3.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Feb 2007 was -3.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Feb 2007 was +2.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Feb 2007 was +2.1%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Feb 2007 was +3.2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Feb 2007 was +3.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Mar 2007 was +2.4%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Mar 2007 was +2.2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Mar 2007 was +2.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Mar 2007 was +2.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Apr 2007 was +1.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Apr 2007 was +2.4%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Apr 2007 was +0.7%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Apr 2007 was +2.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Apr 2007 was +1.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Apr 2007 was +2.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Apr 2007 was +1.9%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Apr 2007 was +2.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month May 2007 was +1.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month May 2007 was +2.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month May 2007 was +0.7%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month May 2007 was +2.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month May 2007 was +1.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month May 2007 was +2.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month May 2007 was +1.7%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month May 2007 was +2.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jun 2007 was +1.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Nov 2007 was +3.4%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Nov 2007 was +3.1%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Nov 2007 was +3.5%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Nov 2007 was +3.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Dec 2007 was +3.8%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Dec 2007 was +3.4%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Dec 2007 was +3.9%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Dec 2007 was +4%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jan 2008 was +3.2%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jan 2008 was +4.3%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jan 2008 was +2.9%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jan 2008 was +4.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jan 2008 was +3.3%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jan 2008 was +4.4%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jan 2008 was +3.5%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jan 2008 was +4.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Feb 2008 was +6.3%.
Upon removing the effects of a number of one-off measures of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007; the rates concession in January to March 2008; and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Feb 2008 was +5.1%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Feb 2008 was +9.9%.
Upon removing the effects of a number of one-off measures of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007; the rates concession in January to March 2008; and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Feb 2008 was +5.2%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Feb 2008 was +5.2%.
Upon removing the effects of a number of one-off measures of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007; the rates concession in January to March 2008; and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Feb 2008 was +5.1%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Feb 2008 was +3.9%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Feb 2008 was +4.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Mar 2008 was +4.2%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Mar 2008 was +5.3%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Mar 2008 was +3.8%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Mar 2008 was +5.1%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Mar 2008 was +4.4%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Mar 2008 was +5.5%.
The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Mar 2008 was +4.4%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Mar 2008 was +5.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Apr 2008 was +5.4%.
Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Apr 2008 was +5.4%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Apr 2008 was +5.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Apr 2008 was +5.5%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Apr 2008 was +5.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Apr 2008 was +5.5%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Apr 2008 was +5.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Apr 2008 was +5.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month May 2008 was +5.7%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month May 2008 was +5.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month May 2008 was +5.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month May 2008 was +5.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month May 2008 was +5.8%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month May 2008 was +5.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month May 2008 was +5.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month May 2008 was +5.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jun 2008 was +6.1%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jun 2008 was +6.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jun 2008 was +6.1%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jun 2008 was +6.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jun 2008 was +6.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jun 2008 was +6.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jun 2008 was +5.8%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jun 2008 was +5.8%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jul 2008 was +6.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Jul 2008 was +6.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jul 2008 was +6.4%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Jul 2008 was +6.4%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jul 2008 was +6.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Jul 2008 was +6.5%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jul 2008 was +6.1%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Jul 2008 was +6.1%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Aug 2008 was +4.6%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April to September 2007 and in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; and suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Aug 2008 was +6.3%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Aug 2008 was +2.2%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Nov 2008 was +3.1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Nov 2008 was +5.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Nov 2008 was +2.1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Nov 2008 was +5.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Nov 2008 was +3.3%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Nov 2008 was +5.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Nov 2008 was +3.8%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Nov 2008 was +5.5%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Dec 2008 was +2.1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI for the month Dec 2008 was +4.6%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Dec 2008 was +1.2%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(A) for the month Dec 2008 was +4.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Dec 2008 was +2.4%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(B) for the month Dec 2008 was +4.7%.

The year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Dec 2008 was +2.7%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the year-on-year rate of change in the CPI(C) for the month Dec 2008 was +4.4%.

Notes:

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

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Table Title: Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, December 2006 - December 2008

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

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

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

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

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2007 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2007 was -0.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2007 was -1.7%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2007 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2007 was -0.1%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the public housing rental waiver by the Housing Authority and Housing Society in February 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2007 was -0.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2007 was -0.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2007 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2007 was +0.9%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2007 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2007 was +0.8%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2007 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2007 was +0.7%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2007 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +0.9%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +1%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +0.9%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +0.8%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April to September 2007, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2007 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.2%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Jan 2008 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +0.4%.

Upon removing the effects of one-off measures of the rates concession in January to March 2008 and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +0.8%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +0.5%.

Upon removing the effects of one-off measures of the rates concession in January to March 2008 and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +1.0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +0.5%.

Upon removing the effects of one-off measures of the rates concession in January to March 2008 and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +0.8%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +0.4%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Feb 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.7%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.8%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.3%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January to March 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Mar 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.7%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.7%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Apr 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.4%.

Upon removing the effects of one-off measures of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009 and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.3%.

Upon removing the effects of one-off measures of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009 and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.4%.

Upon removing the effects of one-off measures of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009 and the public housing rental waiver by Housing Society in February 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.4%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended May 2008 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.5%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in January 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Jun 2008 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effect of one-off measure of the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Jul 2008 was +0.6%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was -0.1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; and suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was -1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; and suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was +0.2%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; and suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was +0.5%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; and suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Aug 2008 was +0.5%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was -0.7%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was -1.9%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was -0.4%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was +0.2%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Sep 2008 was +0.4%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was -0.8%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was -1.9%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was -0.5%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was +0.1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Oct 2008 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.3%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.9%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.2%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.1%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Nov 2008 was +0.3%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was +0.6%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008, and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was 0%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was +1.5%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was +0.3%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; Government's payment of public housing rentals in August to October 2008; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was +0.1%.

The average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was 0%.

Upon removing the effects of a number of Government's one-off relief measures, including the rates concession in April 2008 to March 2009; suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; and Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy starting from September 2008, the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(C) during the latest 3 months ended Dec 2008 was 0%.

Notes:

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

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" Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index The Composite CPI rose by 2.1% in December 2008 over a year earlier, smaller than the 3.1% increase in November. As for the average monthly rate of change in the seasonally adjusted Composite CPI during the latest 3 months, it was 0.6% in December 2008. The corresponding rate of change in November was 0.3%.