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Consumer Price Index Report

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The Consumer Price Indexes (Oct. 79/Sept. 80 = 100)
for January 1982

| | <u>January 1982</u> | <u>Average for the 12 months ended in January 1982</u> |
|------------|---------------------|--|
| C.P.I. (A) | 125 | 119.1 |
| C.P.I. (B) | 125 | 118.6 |

The C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) are based on the expenditure patterns of 50% and 30%, respectively, of urban households in Hong Kong, which were derived from the 1979/80 Household Expenditure Survey. At that time, the C.P.I. (A) referred to households spending between \$1 000 and \$3 499 a month and the C.P.I. (B) to households spending between \$3 500 and \$6 499 a month.

2. The Consumer Price Index (A) and Consumer Price Index (B) for January 1982 were both 125, each being 2 points or 1.6% higher than that for the preceding month. When compared with the corresponding month in 1981, both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) increased by 15 points or 13.6%.

3. During January, food prices, hairdressing charges and public light bus fares were raised because of the incidence of the lunar new year. Increases were also recorded in the rent of private dwellings, in cigarette prices and in electricity charges during the month.

4. Rises of 5 points each were registered in the indexes for fuel and light and for alcoholic drinks and tobacco (for home consumption) in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B). The index for services went up by 4 points in C.P.I. (A) and by 5 points in C.P.I. (B). The index for foodstuffs rose by 3 points and that for housing by 2 points in both C.P.I. series. The index for transport and vehicles advanced by 2 points in C.P.I. (A) and by 1 point in C.P.I. (B). An increase of 1 point was also recorded in the index for miscellaneous goods in C.P.I. (B). On the other hand, the index for clothing and footwear declined by 1 point in C.P.I. (A) and by 2 points in C.P.I. (B). The index for durable goods also decreased by 1 point in C.P.I. (B).

5. The effect on the 'all-items' index of the changes in the section indexes is shown below :-

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Weights</u> | | <u>Index for January 1982 compared with that for December 1981</u> | | <u>Effect of changes on 'all-items' index</u> | |
|---|----------------|---------------|--|--------------------|---|---------------|
| | (%) | (%) | (points) | (points) | (points) | (points) |
| | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> |
| Foodstuffs | 46.39 | 38.59 | +2.50 | +2.59 | +1.16 | +1.00 |
| Housing | 15.05 | 17.77 | +2.00 | +1.73 | +0.30 | +0.31 |
| Fuel and light | 3.63 | 2.71 | +4.85 | +5.43 | +0.18 | +0.15 |
| Alcoholic drinks and tobacco (for home consumption) | 2.67 | 1.90 | +5.39 | +4.53 | +0.14 | +0.09 |
| Clothing and footwear | 5.02 | 7.03 | -1.72 ^a | -2.31 | -0.09 | -0.16 |
| Durable goods | 6.71 | 7.53 | -0.38 | -0.27 ^c | -0.03 | -0.02 |
| Miscellaneous goods | 5.68 | 6.07 | +0.55 ^b | +0.44 ^d | +0.03 | +0.03 |
| Transport and vehicles | 5.27 | 6.09 | +2.31 | +1.78 ^e | +0.12 | +0.11 |
| Services | 9.58 | 12.31 | +4.38 | +4.69 | +0.42 | +0.58 |
| All items | 100.00 | 100.00 | +2.24 | +2.07 | +2.24 | +2.07 |

- a. This figure, 1.72, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 124.28 and not from the published index of 124.
- b. This figure, 0.55, must be added to the previous month's unrounded index of 118.87 and not to the published index of 119.
- c. This figure, 0.27, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 109.65 and not from the published index of 110.
- d. This figure, 0.44, must be added to the previous month's unrounded index of 116.20 and not to the published index of 116.
- e. This figure, 1.78, must be added to the previous month's unrounded index of 132.56 and not to the published index of 133.

6. An analysis of average retail prices in January 1982, compared with the preceding month, shows the following points of interest.

FOODSTUFFS

7. The index for foodstuffs increased by 3 points in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B). Rises were recorded in the average retail prices of live poultry, fresh fruits, pork, fresh-water fish and meals bought in restaurants. The effect of movements in the retail prices of other food items on the index for foodstuffs was insignificant.

- (i) Live poultry - The average retail prices of live poultry advanced by 21% in C.P.I. (A) and by 22% in C.P.I. (B).
- (ii) Fresh fruits - The average retail prices of fresh fruits went up by 8% in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) as a result of higher prices for oranges, apples, pears and grapes.
- (iii) Pork - The average retail prices of pork increased by 5% in C.P.I. (A) and by 4% in C.P.I. (B).
- (iv) Fresh-water fish - The average retail prices of fresh-water fish rose by 6% in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B).
- (v) Meals bought away from home - The average charges for meals bought in restaurants increased by 2% each in C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B).

HOUSING

8. The index for housing advanced by 2 points in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) as higher rent was paid for private dwellings.

FUEL AND LIGHT

9. Higher charges for electricity pushed up the index for fuel and light by 5 points in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B).

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)

10. The 5-point increase in the index for alcoholic drinks and tobacco (for home consumption) was attributable to higher prices for cigarettes.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

11. The index for clothing and footwear decreased by 1 point in C.P.I. (A) and by 2 points in C.P.I. (B) as a result of lower prices for outerclothing.

DURABLE GOODS

12. Because of lower prices for electrical consumer goods and travel and sports goods, the index for durable goods declined by 1 point in C.P.I. (B).

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

13. The 1-point rise in the index for miscellaneous goods in C.P.I. (B) was due mainly to higher prices for medicines, toilet requisites and fresh flowers.

TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES

14. The index for transport and vehicles went up by 2 points in C.P.I. (A) and by 1 point in C.P.I. (B) because of higher fares charged by public light buses during the lunar new year.

SERVICES

15. The index for services moved up by 4 points in C.P.I. (A) and by 5 points in C.P.I. (B) owing to higher charges for package tours and to the traditional increase in hairdressing charges during the fortnight before the lunar new year.

Tables

Table 1 shows the monthly Consumer Price Index (A) by section from October 1980 onward.

Table 2 shows the monthly Consumer Price Index (B) by section from October 1980 onward.

Table 3 shows the index movements by section and by group of the C.P.I. (A) for January 1982 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year.

Table 4 shows the index movements by section and by group of the C.P.I. (B) for January 1982 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year.

Table 5 shows a list of selected commodity/service groups the price changes in which had the largest effect on the C.P.I. (A) for January 1982 compared with the preceding month.

Table 6 shows a list of selected commodity/service groups the price changes in which had the largest effect on the C.P.I. (B) for January 1982 compared with the preceding month.

Table 7 shows the average retail prices of some essential food items and their respective price ranges for the current month, the preceding month and the corresponding month in 1981.

Graphs

Graphs A and B show the value of the Consumer Price Indexes.

Table 1 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A)
(October 79 - September 80 = 100)

| Year and month | All items | Food-stuffs | Housing | Fuel and light | Alcoholic drinks & tobacco (for home consumption) | Clothing and footwear | Durable goods | Misc. goods | Transport and vehicles | Services |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|
| Weight | 100.00 | 46.39 | 15.05 | 3.63 | 2.67 | 5.02 | 6.71 | 5.68 | 5.27 | 9.58 |
| <u>1980</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct | 106 | 106 | 104 | 109 | 104 | 104 | 101 | 105 | 110 | 108 |
| Nov | 107 | 107 | 104 | 110 | 104 | 109 | 102 | 106 | 113 | 109 |
| Dec | 108 | 108 | 106 | 113 | 104 | 110 | 102 | 106 | 114 | 110 |
| <u>1981</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 110 | 110 | 109 | 122 | 107 | 109 | 103 | 106 | 114 | 113 |
| Feb | 112 | 114 | 109 | 130 | 111 | 109 | 104 | 107 | 117 | 115 |
| Mar | 113 | 115 | 109 | 135 | 111 | 111 | 105 | 107 | 115 | 114 |
| Apr | 114 | 115 | 112 | 135 | 111 | 109 | 107 | 108 | 123 | 115 |
| May | 116 | 116 | 112 | 135 | 111 | 115 | 108 | 108 | 129 | 115 |
| Jun | 117 | 119 | 112 | 136 | 111 | 115 | 108 | 109 | 129 | 116 |
| Jul | 119 | 122 | 116 | 136 | 112 | 115 | 108 | 109 | 130 | 116 |
| Aug | 121 | 125 | 116 | 137 | 112 | 113 | 108 | 109 | 132 | 117 |
| Sep | 121 | 125 | 116 | 138 | 117 | 114 | 108 | 111 | 134 | 120 |
| Oct | 124 | 129 | 119 | 139 | 117 | 117 | 108 | 112 | 134 | 124 |
| Nov | 124 | 126 | 119 | 135 | 117 | 124 | 108 | 119 | 135 | 125 |
| Dec | 123 | 124 | 119 | 131 | 118 | 124 | 108 | 119 | 135 | 127 |
| <u>1982</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 125 | 127 | 121 | 136 | 123 | 123 | 108 | 119 | 137 | 131 |

Table 2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B)
(October 79 - September 80 = 100)

| Year and month | All items | Food-stuffs | Housing | Fuel and light | Alcoholic drinks & tobacco (for home consumption) | Clothing and footwear | Durable goods | Misc. goods | Transport and vehicles | Services |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|
| Weight | 100.00 | 38.59 | 17.77 | 2.71 | 1.90 | 7.03 | 7.53 | 6.07 | 6.09 | 12.31 |
| <u>1980</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct | 106 | 106 | 105 | 109 | 104 | 104 | 101 | 106 | 109 | 107 |
| Nov | 107 | 108 | 105 | 110 | 104 | 109 | 102 | 107 | 112 | 108 |
| Dec | 108 | 108 | 105 | 113 | 104 | 109 | 103 | 107 | 113 | 110 |
| <u>1981</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 110 | 110 | 109 | 123 | 107 | 109 | 104 | 106 | 114 | 113 |
| Feb | 112 | 114 | 109 | 130 | 110 | 109 | 104 | 108 | 117 | 114 |
| Mar | 113 | 115 | 109 | 136 | 110 | 111 | 105 | 107 | 116 | 114 |
| Apr | 114 | 115 | 112 | 136 | 110 | 108 | 107 | 108 | 122 | 115 |
| May | 115 | 116 | 112 | 136 | 110 | 115 | 108 | 108 | 126 | 115 |
| Jun | 117 | 119 | 113 | 137 | 111 | 115 | 109 | 109 | 126 | 116 |
| Jul | 118 | 122 | 116 | 138 | 112 | 115 | 109 | 108 | 127 | 116 |
| Aug | 120 | 125 | 116 | 138 | 112 | 112 | 109 | 109 | 129 | 117 |
| Sep | 120 | 125 | 116 | 138 | 116 | 113 | 109 | 112 | 130 | 119 |
| Oct | 123 | 128 | 119 | 139 | 116 | 118 | 109 | 113 | 131 | 123 |
| Nov | 123 | 126 | 119 | 136 | 117 | 125 | 110 | 116 | 131 | 124 |
| Dec | 123 | 124 | 119 | 131 | 117 | 125 | 110 | 116 | 133 | 126 |
| <u>1982</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 125 | 127 | 121 | 136 | 122 | 123 | 109 | 117 | 134 | 131 |

Table 3 Consumer Price Index (A) for January 1982 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | January 1982 (October 1979 - Sept. 1980 = 100) | Compared with December 1981 (points) | Compared with January 1981 (points) |
|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Rice | 2.06 | 133 | - | +20 |
| 2. Other cereals and cereal preparations | 0.49 | 126 | + 2 | +17 |
| 3. Bread, cakes and biscuits | 1.43 | 131 | - | +17 |
| 4. Salt-water fish | 1.50 | 127 | - 7 | +19 |
| 5. Fresh-water fish | 1.54 | 118 | + 7 | +17 |
| 6. Other fresh sea products | 0.67 | 139 | +12 | +29 |
| 7. Sea product preparations | 0.55 | 123 | + 3 | +16 |
| 8. Pork, locally slaughtered | 3.22 | 126 | + 6 | +21 |
| 9. Beef, locally slaughtered | 0.83 | 113 | - | + 6 |
| 10. Live poultry | 1.29 | 117 | +20 | +23 |
| 11. Meat and poultry, frozen | 0.90 | 115 | + 1 | +10 |
| 12. Meat and poultry, tinned | 0.32 | 108 | + 1 | + 4 |
| 13. Meat, others | 1.51 | 119 | + 2 | +13 |
| 14. Fresh vegetables | 3.00 | 103 | - 1 | +19 |
| 15. Processed vegetables | 0.26 | 134 | - 2 | +28 |
| 16. Fresh fruits | 2.39 | 127 | + 9 | +15 |
| 17. Processed fruits | 0.24 | 116 | - | + 9 |
| 18. Dairy products | 0.74 | 138 | + 2 | +27 |
| 19. Eggs | 0.57 | 138 | - | - 2 |
| 20. Edible oils | 0.87 | 117 | - | + 8 |
| 21. Aerated water | 0.62 | 132 | + 1 | +16 |
| 22. Other non-alcoholic beverages | 0.58 | 124 | + 1 | +14 |
| 23. Sugar | 0.13 | 124 | - 1 | -18 |
| 24. Confectionery | 0.43 | 129 | + 1 | +16 |
| 25. Flavourings and additives | 0.28 | 124 | + 1 | +11 |
| 26. Foods, others | 1.04 | 114 | + 1 | + 3 |
| 27. Meals bought away from home | 18.93 | 133 | + 2 | +18 |
| SECTION OF FOODSTUFFS | 46.39 | 127 | + 3 | +17 |
| 28. Rent, including rates | 14.06 | 120 | + 2 | +11 |
| 29. Water charges | 0.24 | 100 | - | - |
| 30. Other housing charges | 0.59 | 150 | + 7 | +34 |
| 31. Materials for house maintenance | 0.16 | 114 | - | + 9 |
| SECTION OF HOUSING | 15.05 | 121 | + 2 | +12 |
| 32. Electricity | 1.67 | 150 | +11 | +18 |
| 33. Liquefied petroleum gas | 0.71 | 116 | - | + 4 |
| 34. Kerosene | 1.20 | 129 | - | +15 |
| 35. Fuel, others | 0.05 | 117 | - 1 | + 9 |
| SECTION OF FUEL AND LIGHT | 3.63 | 136 | + 5 | +14 |

Table 3 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | January 1982 (October 1979 - Sept. 1980 = 100) | Compared with December 1981 (points) | Compared with January 1981 (points) |
|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 36. Chinese wines | 0.30 | 119 | - | +13 |
| 37. Foreign style wines | 0.24 | 115 | + 1 | + 8 |
| 38. Beer | 0.34 | 112 | - | + 7 |
| 39. Tobacco and tobacco manufactures | 1.79 | 127 | + 8 | +19 |
| SECTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) | 2.67 | 123 | + 5 | +16 |
| 40. Men's outerclothing | 1.15 | 120 | - 3 | +11 |
| 41. Men's underclothing | 0.12 | 113 | - 2 | + 6 |
| 42. Women's outerclothing | 1.37 | 129 | - 2 | +18 |
| 43. Women's underclothing | 0.11 | 114 | - 2 | + 8 |
| 44. Children's outerclothing | 0.55 | 122 | - 3 | +13 |
| 45. Children's underclothing | 0.06 | 118 | + 1 | +13 |
| 46. Clothing, others | 0.16 | 115 | - 1 | +10 |
| 47. Infant's clothing | 0.14 | 119 | - 2 | +14 |
| 48. Clothing materials and accessories | 0.26 | 126 | + 1 | +19 |
| 49. Tailoring charges | 0.23 | 147 | + 4 | +26 |
| 50. Men's footwear | 0.40 | 113 | - 1 | + 7 |
| 51. Women's footwear | 0.28 | 115 | + 1 | + 9 |
| 52. Children's footwear | 0.19 | 116 | + 1 | +10 |
| SECTION OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 5.02 | 123 | - 1 | +14 |
| 53. Furniture | 0.43 | 119 | + 1 | +12 |
| 54. Electrical consumer goods | 1.81 | 111 | - | + 8 |
| 55. Television and sound equipment | 3.45 | 104 | - 1 | + 1 |
| 56. Glass, crockery and earthenware | 0.09 | 125 | - 1 | +14 |
| 57. Hardware, ironmongery and cutlery | 0.09 | 118 | + 1 | +14 |
| 58. Watch, camera and optical goods | 0.33 | 109 | - | + 6 |
| 59. Travel and sports goods | 0.26 | 104 | - 2 | + 3 |
| 60. Durable goods, others | 0.25 | 111 | - 1 | + 5 |
| SECTION OF DURABLE GOODS | 6.71 | 108 | - | + 5 |
| 61. Proprietary medicines and supplies | 1.24 | 112 | - | + 8 |
| 62. Newspapers | 0.62 | 165 | - | +62 |
| 63. Books and periodicals | 0.17 | 125 | + 2 | +16 |
| 64. Stationery | 0.21 | 120 | - | +11 |
| 65. Soft furnishings | 0.19 | 125 | - 3 | +16 |
| 66. Toilet requisites and cosmetics | 0.76 | 119 | + 1 | +11 |
| 67. Soaps and detergents | 0.38 | 117 | - | + 9 |
| 68. Jewellery | 0.77 | 91 | - 1 | -15 |
| 69. Toys and hobbies | 0.69 | 118 | + 1 | +13 |
| 70. Household goods, others | 0.65 | 123 | + 2 | +18 |
| SECTION OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS | 5.68 | 119 | - | +13 |

Table 3 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | January 1982 (October 1979 - Sept. 1980 = 100) | Compared with December 1981 (points) | Compared with January 1981 (points) |
|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 71. Purchase of and repairs to motor vehicles | 0.15 | 120 | + 1 | +12 |
| 72. Petrol and oil | 0.11 | 127 | - | +17 |
| 73. Motor licences, insurance, instructor's fees and parking fees | 0.16 | 112 | - | + 7 |
| 74. Bus fares | 1.43 | 159 | - | +44 |
| 75. Tram fares | 0.06 | 168 | - | +68 |
| 76. Public light bus fares | 1.45 | 133 | + 8 | +21 |
| 77. Taxi fares | 0.66 | 129 | - | - |
| 78. Mass Transit Railway fares | 0.33 | 103 | - | + 3 |
| 79. Ferry fares | 0.16 | 144 | - | +34 |
| 80. Transport, others | 0.76 | 134 | - | +16 |
| SECTION OF TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES | 5.27 | 137 | + 2 | +23 |
| 81. School fees | 1.53 | 131 | - | +17 |
| 82. Other educational charges | 0.68 | 133 | + 3 | +13 |
| 83. Medical treatment | 1.62 | 132 | + 2 | +13 |
| 84. Cinema entertainment | 0.64 | 161 | + 6 | +31 |
| 85. Package tour | 1.28 | 115 | + 7 | +12 |
| 86. Expenses on dinner parties | 0.44 | 129 | + 2 | +14 |
| 87. Other entertainment and holiday expenses | 0.45 | 138 | + 7 | +25 |
| 88. Household services | 0.43 | 132 | - | +20 |
| 89. Hair-dressing | 0.75 | 159 | +27 | +37 |
| 90. Repairs to personal and household goods | 0.31 | 126 | - | +15 |
| 91. Subscriptions and other services | 0.39 | 119 | + 1 | +13 |
| 92. Postage | 0.08 | 128 | - | +28 |
| 93. Telephone and telegram | 0.98 | 116 | - | +16 |
| SECTION OF SERVICES | 9.58 | 131 | + 4 | +18 |
| ALL ITEMS | 100.00 | 125 | + 2 | +15 |

Note : The C.P.I. (A) is based on weights derived from the expenditure of households spending between \$1 000 and \$3 499 a month in the Household Expenditure Survey, 1979/80.

Table 4 Consumer Price Index (B) for January 1982 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | January 1982 (October 1979 - September 1980=100) | Compared with December 1981 (points) | Compared with January 1981 (points) |
|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Rice | 1.50 | 133 | - | +20 |
| 2. Other cereals and cereal preparations | 0.32 | 126 | + 2 | +16 |
| 3. Bread, cakes and biscuits | 1.07 | 131 | - | +16 |
| 4. Salt-water fish | 1.16 | 126 | - 7 | +19 |
| 5. Fresh-water fish | 1.13 | 117 | + 7 | +16 |
| 6. Other fresh sea products | 0.67 | 141 | +13 | +31 |
| 7. Sea product preparations | 0.60 | 121 | + 3 | +12 |
| 8. Pork, locally slaughtered | 2.22 | 126 | + 5 | +21 |
| 9. Beef, locally slaughtered | 0.66 | 113 | - | + 6 |
| 10. Live poultry | 1.04 | 118 | +21 | +24 |
| 11. Meat and poultry, frozen | 0.62 | 114 | + 1 | + 9 |
| 12. Meat and poultry, tinned | 0.19 | 107 | - | + 3 |
| 13. Meat, others | 1.36 | 119 | + 2 | +13 |
| 14. Fresh vegetables | 2.19 | 104 | - 1 | +19 |
| 15. Processed vegetables | 0.18 | 135 | - 1 | +29 |
| 16. Fresh fruits | 2.07 | 127 | + 9 | +15 |
| 17. Processed fruits | 0.19 | 116 | - | + 9 |
| 18. Dairy products | 0.51 | 137 | + 2 | +26 |
| 19. Eggs | 0.38 | 138 | + 1 | - 2 |
| 20. Edible oils | 0.63 | 117 | - | + 8 |
| 21. Aerated water | 0.56 | 132 | + 1 | +16 |
| 22. Other non-alcoholic beverages | 0.49 | 123 | - | +13 |
| 23. Sugar | 0.11 | 124 | - 1 | -17 |
| 24. Confectionery | 0.46 | 129 | + 1 | +17 |
| 25. Flavourings and additives | 0.22 | 125 | + 1 | +12 |
| 26. Foods, others | 1.03 | 112 | + 1 | + 2 |
| 27. Meals bought away from home | 17.03 | 133 | + 2 | +18 |
| SECTION OF FOODSTUFFS | 38.59 | 127 | + 3 | +17 |
| 28. Rent, including rates | 16.52 | 119 | + 1 | +10 |
| 29. Water charges | 0.20 | 100 | - | - |
| 30. Other housing charges | 0.86 | 149 | + 7 | +33 |
| 31. Materials for house maintenance | 0.19 | 113 | - | + 9 |
| SECTION OF HOUSING | 17.77 | 121 | + 2 | +12 |
| 32. Electricity | 1.40 | 150 | +11 | +18 |
| 33. Liquefied petroleum gas | 0.66 | 116 | - | + 4 |
| 34. Kerosene | 0.55 | 129 | - | +15 |
| 35. Fuel, others | 0.10 | 118 | - 2 | + 9 |
| SECTION OF FUEL AND LIGHT | 2.71 | 136 | + 5 | +13 |

Table 4 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | January 1982 (October 1979 - September 1980=100) | Compared with December 1981 (points) | Compared with January 1981 (points) |
|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 36. Chinese wines | 0.22 | 119 | - | +13 |
| 37. Foreign style wines | 0.28 | 114 | + 1 | + 8 |
| 38. Beer | 0.30 | 113 | + 1 | + 8 |
| 39. Tobacco and tobacco manufactures | 1.10 | 127 | + 7 | +19 |
| SECTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) | 1.90 | 122 | + 5 | +15 |
| 40. Men's outerclothing | 1.54 | 118 | - 5 | +10 |
| 41. Men's underclothing | 0.10 | 111 | - 2 | + 4 |
| 42. Women's outerclothing | 2.45 | 132 | - 2 | +21 |
| 43. Women's underclothing | 0.15 | 113 | - 2 | + 7 |
| 44. Children's outerclothing | 0.45 | 120 | - 4 | +12 |
| 45. Children's underclothing | 0.05 | 117 | + 1 | +12 |
| 46. Clothing, others | 0.30 | 112 | - 3 | + 7 |
| 47. Infant's clothing | 0.16 | 120 | - 2 | +15 |
| 48. Clothing materials and accessories | 0.33 | 126 | - | +21 |
| 49. Tailoring charges | 0.18 | 140 | + 3 | +18 |
| 50. Men's footwear | 0.56 | 114 | - 1 | + 9 |
| 51. Women's footwear | 0.59 | 112 | - | + 8 |
| 52. Children's footwear | 0.17 | 117 | + 1 | +11 |
| SECTION OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 7.03 | 123 | - 2 | +14 |
| 53. Furniture | 0.63 | 119 | + 1 | +12 |
| 54. Electrical consumer goods | 2.17 | 111 | - 1 | + 8 |
| 55. Television and sound equipment | 3.14 | 105 | - | + 2 |
| 56. Glass, crockery and earthenware | 0.13 | 122 | - 1 | +10 |
| 57. Hardware, ironmongery and cutlery | 0.11 | 115 | + 1 | +11 |
| 58. Watch, camera and optical goods | 0.50 | 110 | + 1 | + 6 |
| 59. Travel and sports goods | 0.42 | 104 | - 2 | + 3 |
| 60. Durable goods, others | 0.43 | 116 | - | + 9 |
| SECTION OF DURABLE GOODS | 7.53 | 109 | - 1 | + 5 |
| 61. Proprietary medicines and supplies | 1.03 | 113 | + 1 | + 9 |
| 62. Newspapers | 0.45 | 164 | - | +61 |
| 63. Books and periodicals | 0.26 | 124 | + 2 | +15 |
| 64. Stationery | 0.24 | 120 | + 1 | +11 |
| 65. Soft furnishings | 0.31 | 123 | - 3 | +14 |
| 66. Toilet requisites and cosmetics | 0.87 | 120 | + 1 | +12 |
| 67. Soaps and detergents | 0.39 | 117 | - | + 8 |
| 68. Jewellery | 1.21 | 90 | - 1 | -16 |
| 69. Toys and hobbies | 0.68 | 118 | + 1 | +13 |
| 70. Household goods, others | 0.63 | 126 | + 3 | +21 |
| SECTION OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS | 6.07 | 117 | + 1 | +11 |

Table 4 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | January 1982 (October 1979 - September 1980=100) | Compared with December 1981 (points) | Compared with January 1981 (points) |
|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 71. Purchase of and repairs to motor vehicles | 0.44 | 119 | + 2 | +12 |
| 72. Petrol and oil | 0.26 | 127 | - | +17 |
| 73. Motor licences, insurance, instructor's fees and parking fees | 0.59 | 128 | - | +14 |
| 74. Bus fares | 1.23 | 159 | - | +44 |
| 75. Tram fares | 0.06 | 168 | - | +68 |
| 76. Public light bus fares | 1.21 | 133 | + 8 | +21 |
| 77. Taxi fares | 0.91 | 129 | - | - |
| 78. Mass Transit Railway fares | 0.36 | 103 | - | + 3 |
| 79. Ferry fares | 0.18 | 144 | - | +34 |
| 80. Transport, others | 0.85 | 131 | + 1 | +15 |
| SECTION OF TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES | 6.09 | 134 | + 1 | +20 |
| 81. School fees | 1.79 | 131 | - | +17 |
| 82. Other educational charges | 0.75 | 134 | + 3 | +13 |
| 83. Medical treatment | 1.88 | 132 | + 2 | +13 |
| 84. Cinema entertainment | 0.69 | 161 | + 6 | +31 |
| 85. Package tour | 2.32 | 116 | + 8 | +13 |
| 86. Expenses on dinner parties | 1.11 | 129 | + 2 | +14 |
| 87. Other entertainment and holiday expenses | 0.59 | 135 | + 4 | +25 |
| 88. Household services | 0.66 | 133 | - | +21 |
| 89. Hair-dressing | 0.90 | 156 | +25 | +36 |
| 90. Repairs to personal and household goods | 0.32 | 126 | + 1 | +16 |
| 91. Subscriptions and other services | 0.52 | 133 | + 5 | +21 |
| 92. Postage | 0.10 | 128 | - | +28 |
| 93. Telephone and telegram | 0.68 | 116 | - | +16 |
| SECTION OF SERVICES | 12.31 | 131 | + 5 | +18 |
| ALL ITEMS | 100.00 | 125 | + 2 | +15 |

Note : The C.P.I. (B) is based on weights derived from the expenditure of households spending between \$3 500 and \$6 499 a month in the Household Expenditure Survey, 1979/80.

Table 5 Effect of changes in selected group indexes on the Consumer Price Index (A)

| <u>Group of commodity/service</u> | <u>Weights</u> (%) | <u>Index for Jan. 1982</u> <u>compared with that for</u> <u>Dec. 1981</u> (points) | <u>Effect of</u> <u>changes on</u> <u>C.P.I. (A)</u> (points) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| 1. Meals bought away from home | 18.93 | + 2 | +0.38 |
| 2. Rent, including rates | 14.06 | + 2 | +0.28 |
| 3. Live poultry | 1.29 | +20 | +0.26 |
| 4. Fresh fruits | 2.39 | + 9 | +0.22 |
| 5. Hair-dressing | 0.75 | +27 | +0.20 |
| 6. Pork, locally slaughtered | 3.22 | + 6 | +0.19 |
| 7. Electricity | 1.67 | +11 | +0.18 |
| 8. Tobacco and tobacco manufactures | 1.79 | + 8 | +0.14 |
| 9. Public light bus fares | 1.45 | + 8 | +0.12 |
| 10. Fresh-water fish | 1.54 | + 7 | +0.11 |

Table 6 Effect of changes in selected group indexes on the Consumer Price Index (B)

| <u>Group of commodity/service</u> | <u>Weights</u> (%) | <u>Index for Jan. 1982</u> <u>compared with that for</u> <u>Dec. 1981</u> (points) | <u>Effect of</u> <u>changes on</u> <u>C.P.I. (B)</u> (points) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| 1. Meals bought away from home | 17.03 | + 2 | +0.34 |
| 2. Hair-dressing | 0.90 | +25 | +0.23 |
| 3. Live poultry | 1.04 | +21 | +0.22 |
| 4. Fresh fruits | 2.07 | + 9 | +0.19 |
| 5. Package tour | 2.32 | + 8 | +0.19 |
| 6. Rent, including rates | 16.52 | + 1 | +0.17 |
| 7. Electricity | 1.40 | +11 | +0.15 |
| 8. Pork, locally slaughtered | 2.22 | + 5 | +0.11 |
| 9. Public light bus fares | 1.21 | + 8 | +0.10 |
| 10. Other fresh sea products | 0.67 | +13 | +0.09 |

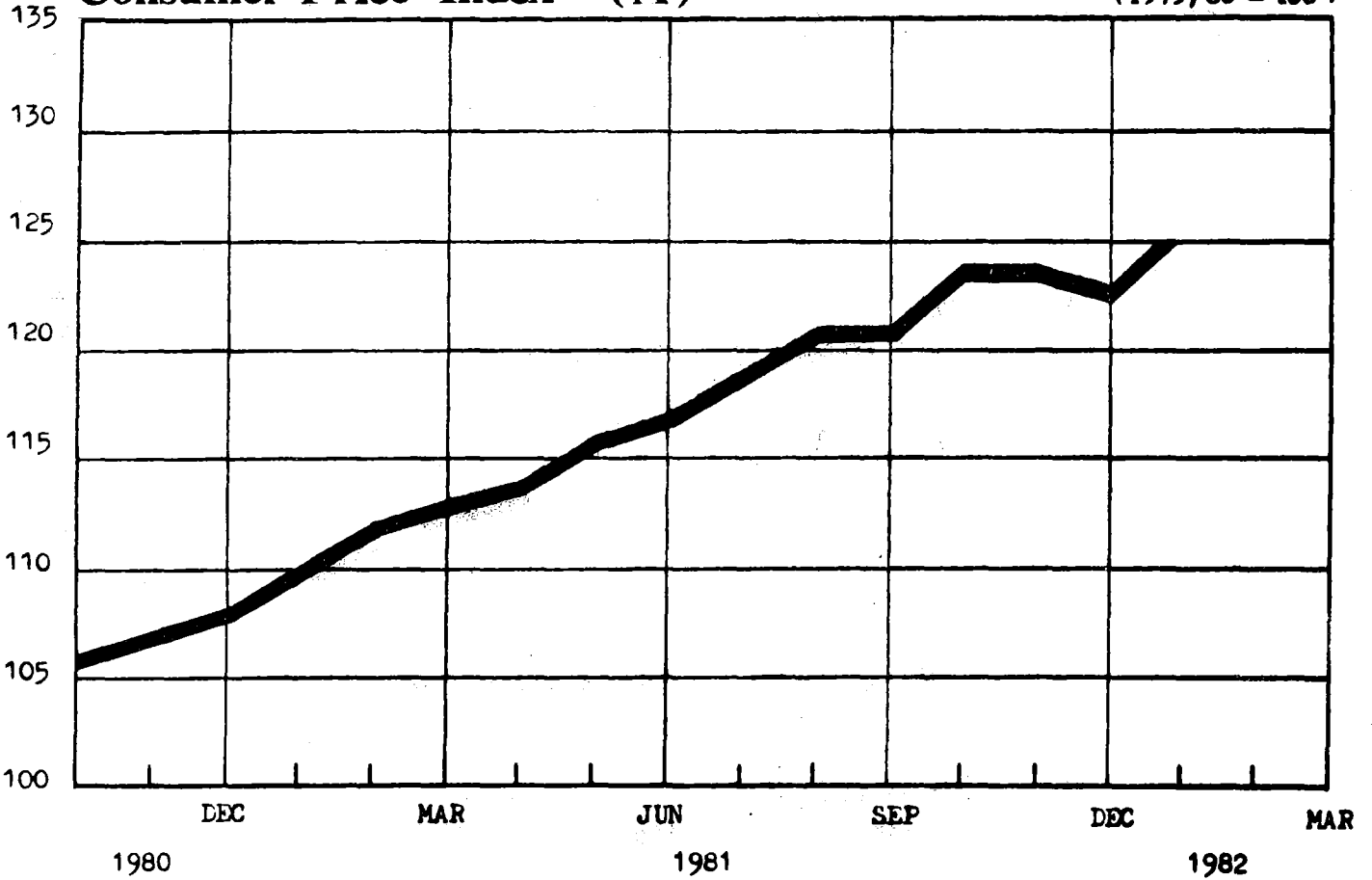
Table 7 Average prices of some essential food items

HK\$/kg

| Item | January 1982 | | December 1981 | | January 1981 | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Average price | Price range | Average price | Price range | Average price | Price range |
| <u>Rice</u> | | | | | | |
| Top grade | 4.30 | 3.80- 4.60 | 4.30 | 3.80- 4.60 | 3.65 | 3.20- 4.00 |
| Middle and low grade | 4.02 | 3.50- 4.50 | 4.02 | 3.50- 4.50 | 3.42 | 3.00- 4.00 |
| <u>Pork</u> | | | | | | |
| Best cut | 18.60 | 15.90-26.50 | 18.01 | 15.90-21.20 | 15.82 | 13.90-17.90 |
| Pork chop | 24.26 | 19.80-28.10 | 23.99 | 19.80-28.10 | 21.05 | 18.20-24.00 |
| <u>Beef</u> | | | | | | |
| Best quality | 25.63 | 21.20-26.50 | 25.60 | 21.20-26.50 | 23.94 | 19.50-26.50 |
| Belly flesh | 13.84 | 10.60-15.90 | 13.74 | 10.60-15.90 | 13.19 | 11.60-15.90 |
| <u>Poultry</u> | | | | | | |
| Live chicken | | | | | | |
| Grade A | 24.79 | 16.50-36.40 | 19.78 | 14.10-29.80 | 18.87 | 13.20-24.80 |
| Live duck | | | | | | |
| Grade A | 14.34 | 7.90-19.80 | 14.40 | 10.70-21.50 | 13.29 | 10.60-18.20 |
| <u>Marine fish</u> | | | | | | |
| Golden thread | 16.49 | 7.30-26.50 | 17.30 | 5.30-26.50 | 13.76 | 5.30-19.80 |
| Mackerel | 20.30 | 9.90-29.80 | 21.36 | 7.90-29.80 | 19.10 | 10.60-26.50 |
| Garoupa | 36.96 | 21.50-59.50 | 41.45 | 26.50-62.80 | 30.06 | 11.60-43.00 |
| <u>Pond fish</u> | | | | | | |
| Grass carp | 27.07 | 19.80-52.90 | 25.22 | 18.20-31.70 | 23.02 | 14.90-26.50 |
| Big head | 21.35 | 15.90-33.10 | 19.86 | 14.60-23.80 | 18.32 | 13.20-21.20 |
| <u>Fresh vegetables</u> | | | | | | |
| Cabbage, white | 3.46 | 1.30- 9.90 | 3.08 | 1.30- 6.00 | 3.34 | 2.00- 5.30 |
| Cabbage, flowering | 6.40 | 2.00-14.10 | 5.46 | 2.00- 8.90 | 4.96 | 2.00- 8.30 |
| Tomato | 5.08 | 2.60- 9.30 | 6.85 | 3.00-13.20 | 4.10 | 2.30- 6.60 |
| Chinese lettuce | 5.80 | 1.70-15.90 | 5.62 | 2.00-13.20 | 4.81 | 1.70-10.60 |
| Hairy squash | 5.04 | 2.30- 7.90 | 5.06 | 2.30- 9.30 | 3.92 | 2.00- 5.30 |
| <u>Hen eggs</u> (\$ each) | 0.48 | 0.37- 0.70 | 0.48 | 0.33- 0.70 | 0.51 | 0.37- 0.70 |

GRAPH A
Consumer Price Index (A)

(1979/80 = 100)



GRAPH B
Consumer Price Index (B)

(1979/80 = 100)

