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The Consumer Price Indexes for October 1984

(Figures presented in this report refer to CPI series not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified. All percentage changes are derived from CPI figures to 2 decimal places.)

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The CPI(A) and CPI(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. The CPI(A) referred to households spending between $1,000 and $3,499 a month, and the CPI(B) to households spending between $3,500 and $6,499 a month at that time.

2. The Consumer Price Index (A) and Consumer Price Index (B) for October 1984 were 156.0 and 156.2 respectively. Compared with the preceding month, CPI(A) decreased by 0.9 point or 0.6% and CPI(B), by 0.1 point or 0.1%. When compared with October 1983, CPI(A) rose by 5.1 points or 3.4% and CPI(B), by 6.5 points or 4.4%.

3. The average CPI(A) and average CPI(B) for the 12 months ended October 1984, at 153.8 and 153.4 respectively, were 9.3% and 9.5% respectively higher than the averages for the 12 months ended October 1983.
4. The change in the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) and CPI(B) for October 1984 compared with September 1984 were -0.7% and -0.2% respectively. During the three-month period ended October 1984, the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) was virtually stationary while the seasonally adjusted CPI(B) increased at an average rate of 0.1% each month.

5. During October, food prices, especially those of fresh vegetables, were lower. On the other hand, school fees, textbook prices and private dwelling rentals went up.

6. Compared with September 1984, the index for foodstuffs declined by 4.0 points in CPI(A) and 3.5 points in CPI(B). On the other hand, the index for services rose by 6.2 points in CPI(A) and 5.0 points in CPI(B), and that for clothing and footwear, by 3.0 points in CPI(A) and 3.8 points in CPI(B). The index for housing went up by 1.8 points in CPI(A) and 2.0 points in CPI(B). Price movements in other sections were insignificant.

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

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<sup>a</sup> This figure, 0.04, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 146.98 and not from the published index of 147.0.

<sup>b</sup> This figure, 6.12, must be added to the previous month's unrounded index of 171.44 and not to the published index of 171.4.
c. This figure, 3.56, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 158.82 and not from the published index of 158.8.
d. This figure, 0.03, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 129.08 and not from the published index of 129.1.
e. This figure, 0.18, must be added to the previous month's unrounded index of 173.86 and not to the published index of 173.9.

**FOODSTUFFS**

8. The index for foodstuffs decreased by 4.0 points in CPI(A) and 3.5 points in CPI(B). The average retail prices of fresh vegetables, live poultry, salt-water fish and fresh-water fish declined. On the other hand, the average retail price of fresh fruit went up slightly. The effect of movements in the retail prices of other food items on the index for foodstuffs was insignificant.

(i) *Fresh vegetables* - The average retail price of fresh vegetables fell by 28.7% in CPI(A) and 28.3% in CPI(B) as a result of adequate supply.

(ii) *Live poultry* - The average retail price of live poultry dropped by 7.2% in CPI(A) and 7.3% in CPI(B) due to lower prices of chicken.

(iii) *Salt-water fish* - The average retail price of salt-water fish decreased by 3.8% in CPI(A) and 3.9% in CPI(B).

(iv) *Fresh-water fish* - The average retail price of fresh-water fish declined by 4.0% in CPI(A) and 3.9% in CPI(B).

(v) *Fresh fruit* - The average retail price of fresh fruit rose by 2.2% in CPI(A) and 2.1% in CPI(B) due to higher prices of pears.

**HOUSING**

9. The index for housing increased by 1.8 points in CPI(A) and 2.0 points in CPI(B) as a result of increased rents for private dwellings in the third quarter of 1984.

**CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**

10. Higher prices of outerclothing pushed up the index for clothing and footwear by 3.0 points in CPI(A) and 3.8 points in CPI(B).

**SERVICES**

11. The index for services rose by 6.2 points in CPI(A) and 5.0 points in CPI(B) due to higher school fees and textbook prices.
Tables

Table 1 shows the monthly Consumer Price Index (A) by section from October 1982 onward.

Table 2 shows the monthly Consumer Price Index (B) by section from October 1982 onward.

Table 3 shows the month-to-month percentage changes of the all-items and foodstuffs section series of the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) and CPI(B).

Table 4 shows the index movements by section and by group of the CPI(A) for October 1984 compared with the preceding month and the same month of the preceding year.

Table 5 shows the index movements by section and by group of the CPI(B) for October 1984 compared with the preceding month and the same month of the preceding year.

Table 6 shows a list of selected commodity/service groups the price changes in which had the largest effect on the CPI(A) for October 1984 compared with the preceding month.

Table 7 shows a list of selected commodity/service groups the price changes in which had the largest effect on the CPI(B) for October 1984 compared with the preceding month.

Table 8 shows the average retail prices of some essential food items and their respective price ranges for the current month, the preceding month and the same month in 1985.

Graphs

Graphs A and B show the CPI(A) and CPI(B) respectively.
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# Average monthly percentage change is based on the seasonally adjusted movement in a period of three months, e.g. the figure for September 1983 is the average of the "all-items" estimates for the months of August, September and October, 1983.

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Table 4  Consumer Price Index (A) for October 1984 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year

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| 29. Water charges                    | 0.24                 | 152.8                                         | -                                    | +14.1                                |
| 30. Other housing charges            | 0.59                 | 213.0                                         | +1.2                                 | +26.3                                |
| 31. Materials for house maintenance  | 0.16                 | 146.3                                         | +0.1                                 | +16.3                                |

SECTION OF HOUSING 15.05 149.4 +1.8 +9.8

| 32. Electricity                      | 1.67                 | 158.6                                         | -                                    | -8.3                                 |
| 33. Liquefied petroleum gas          | 0.71                 | 125.5                                         | -                                    | -4.9                                 |
| 34. Kerosene                         | 1.20                 | 143.7                                         | -                                    | -6.3                                 |
| 35. Fuel, other                      | 0.05                 | 139.0                                         | -2.3                                 | -6.8                                 |

SECTION OF FUEL AND LIGHT 3.63 146.9 -0.1 -7.0
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**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 5  Consumer Price Index (B) for October 1984 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year

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ALL ITEMS 100.00 156.2 -0.1 6.5

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

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