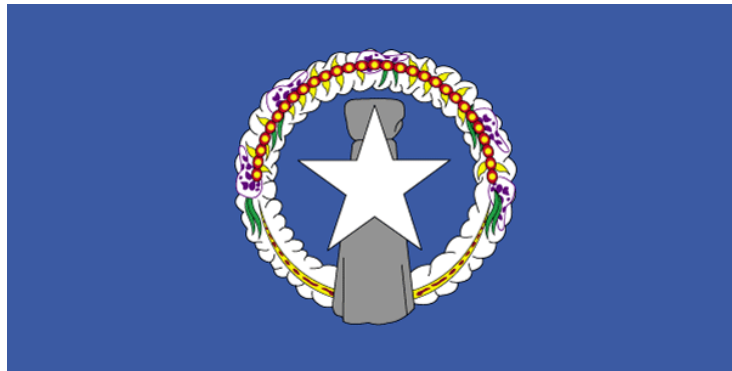


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Secretary of Commerce Message

It gives me great pleasure to present to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) the 4th Quarter 2010 Consumer Price Index (CPI) publication.

The statistical information reflected in this publication contains a wealth of information that measures quarterly changes in prices of a “basket” of goods and services, which are representative of purchases by private households in the CNMI.

To ensure representation of the basket is reflective of current purchasing pattern of households, the CPI was rebased after the 2005 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) and the base year adjusted to 4th Quarter 2008. These changes help maintain the integrity of the CPI index, providing the people of CNMI with a more reliable measure of the changes in the cost of living.

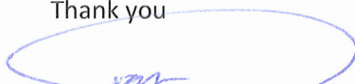
For the first time, preliminary results will be presented for the islands of Rota and Tinian, where price collection commenced in the 1st quarter of 2010.

I acknowledge with great appreciation the valuable contributions of the many participating establishments for enabling us to continue the collection of prices on a quarterly basis for the selected items within the CNMI CPI. With your cooperation and assistance, we will continue to publish the CNMI CPI to account for the changes in the prices of commodities consumed by the people residing in the CNMI.

I also would like to thank and acknowledge Secretariat of the Pacific Community's (SPC) Dr. Gerald Haberkorn and his staff Mr. Chris Ryan for their assistance and contributions to our CPI publication report.

Lastly, I would like to commend the staff at the Central Statistics Division in Saipan, and the Resident Commerce staff in Rota and Tinian for their hard work and dedication in publishing this product.

Thank you



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