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Director's Approval: 

BASIC FOOD INDEX FOR FEBRUARY HAS BEEN CORRECTED TO REFLECT AN ACTUAL INCREASE IN THE BASIC FOOD INDEX OF 1.1% SINCE JANUARY.

AT THE END OF MARCH, THE BASIC FOOD INDEX REGISTERED AT 100.9 POINTS, ANOTHER INCREASE OF 0.9%.

The Basic Food Index for February was corrected and registered at 100.0 points. This is a slight increase of 1% from the January Index of 99.0%. In March, the Basic Food Index registered another increase of 0.9% from February. For two months in a row now, the Basic Food Index rose above 100 points suggesting that food cost is on the rise.

The average cost of a 22 pound box of chicken is above \$10 while corn beef, eggs and fresh milk increased in March. Rice, sausage, lamb flaps, turkey tail, canned mackerel, sugar and soy sauce slightly dropped last month.

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