

## **The Price Indices for February 2018**

### **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in February 2018 (2016=100) increased 0.93% from the preceding month, mainly because of the Lunar New Year effects. The prices of services for nursery and nursing care increased 31.69% by convention during Lunar New Year, and prices of entertainment expenses, fish and seafood, as well as transportation fees rose 4.62%, 4.13%, and 3.56%, respectively, as the demand for celebrating going up. On the other hand, the prices of garments fell 4.06% for season sales. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) increased 1.09%.

The annual change of CPI in February 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 2.19%. Since the seasonality became inconsistent for Lunar New Year falling in different months from the preceding year, prices of services for nursery and nursing care and transportation fees increased 34.08% and 5.25%. Besides, prices of tobacco and betel nuts, vegetables, as well as fuels and lubricants also rose 31.38%, 27.63%, and 5.44%, respectively. Nonetheless, prices of fruits fell 28.81%. The core CPI increased 2.39%.

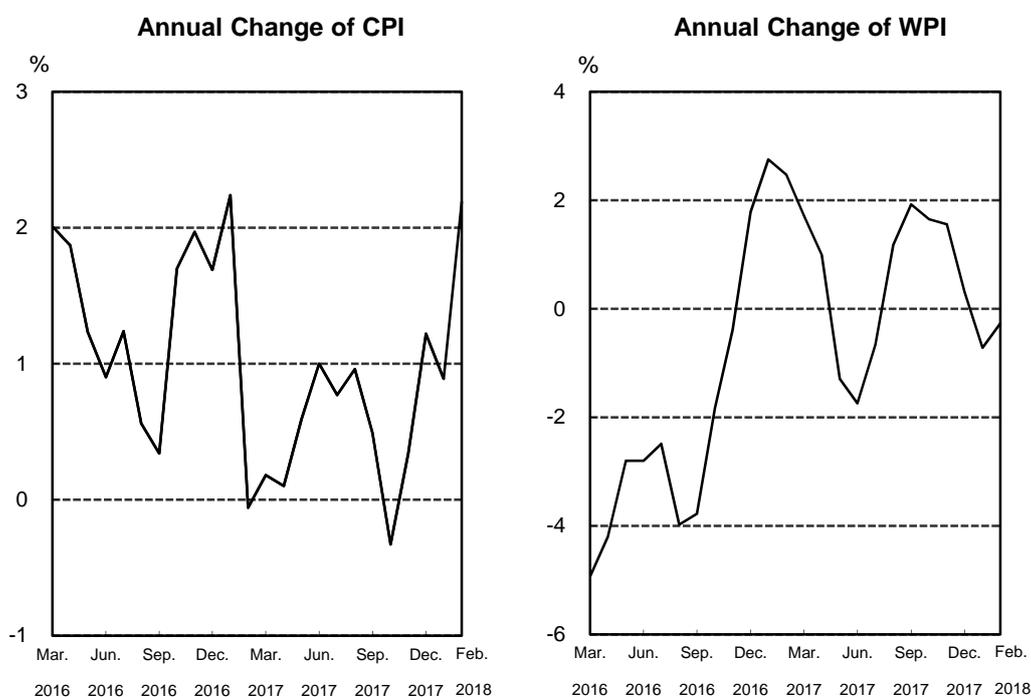
For the first two months of 2018, the CPI increased 1.54% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 2.18% and 1.24%. The core CPI increased 1.61%.

### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in February 2018 decreased 0.14% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, poultry and livestock products, as well as petroleum and coal products decreased 3.69%, 2.95%, and 2.72%, respectively. Nonetheless, the prices of farm products and fishery products rose 4.54% and 2.48%.

The annual change of WPI in February 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, decreased 0.27%. Prices of farm products, computer, electronic and optical products, as well as electronic parts and components fell 10.11%, 5.13%, and 3.19%, respectively. However, the prices of quarrying and mining products as well as petroleum and coal products increased 10.35% and 6.37%. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 1.62%, import price index also rose 0.53%, but export price index fell 2.41%.

For the first two months of 2018, the WPI decreased 0.50% over the same period of previous year.



### Statistical Tables

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