

## **The Price Indices for March 2018**

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

The CPI in March 2018 (2016=100) decreased 0.98% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of services for nursery and nursing care, vegetables, eggs, entertainment expenses, as well as fish and seafood fell 24.01%, 12.53%, 4.88%, 3.58%, and 3.24%, respectively, after the Lunar New Year holiday. Besides, prices of garments declined 1.33% for winter clothes promotion. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) decreased 0.89%.

The annual change of CPI in March 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 1.57%. Prices of tobacco and betel nuts rose 29.49% due to the increase of cigarette tax. Moreover, prices of vegetables, fuels and lubricants, as well as fish and seafood also rose 14.59%, 6.99%, and 5.28%, respectively. Nonetheless, prices of fruits fell 23.24%. The core CPI increased 1.53%.

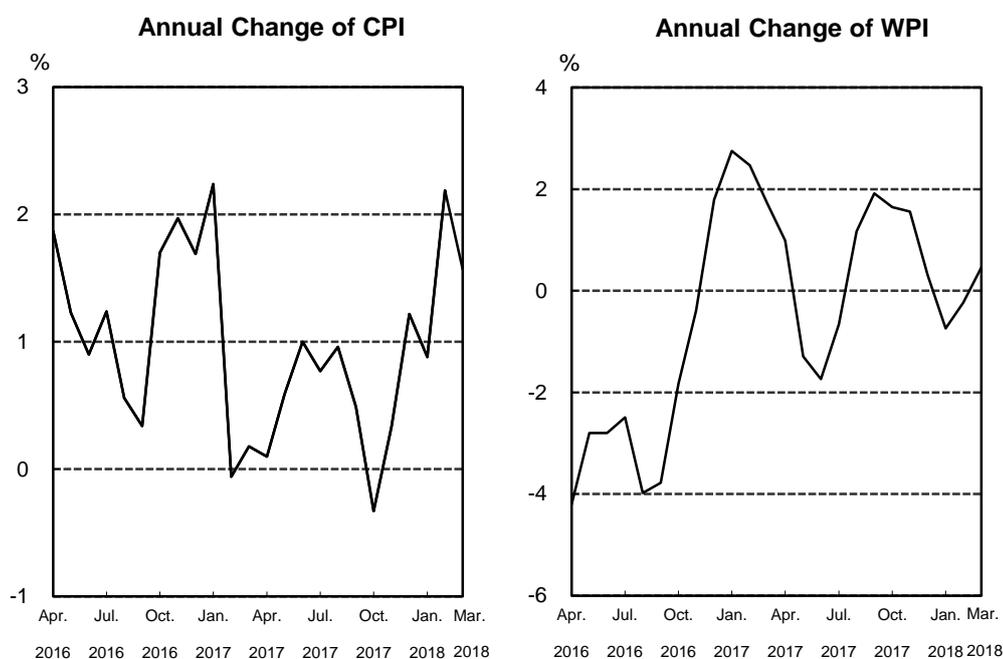
For the first quarter of 2018, the CPI increased 1.54% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 2.28% and 1.18%. The core CPI increased 1.57%.

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

The WPI in March 2018 decreased 0.19% from the preceding month. Prices of poultry and livestock products, farm products, and fishery products decreased 5.94%, 3.34%, and 2.01%, respectively. Nonetheless, prices of quarrying products and other mining products, and non-metallic mineral products rose 1.49% and 0.76%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 0.46%. Prices of Tobaccos, quarrying and mining products, as well as petroleum and coal products increased 20.95%, 14.71%, and 8.93%, respectively. However, prices of farm products, as well as computer, electronic and optical products decreased 11.25% and 5.16%. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 1.70%, import price index also rose 1.95%, but export price index fell 1.75%.

For the first quarter of 2018, the WPI decreased 0.17% over the same period of previous year.



**Statistical Tables**

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