

## **The Price Indices for May 2018**

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

The CPI in May 2018 (2016=100) decreased 0.25% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of communication fees, fruits, and garments fell 8.01%, 4.35%, and 2.17%, respectively. However, prices of eggs, as well as fuels and lubricants rose 5.29% and 4.75%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) fell 0.31%.

The annual change of CPI in May 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 1.64%. Prices of tobacco and betel nuts rose 30.25% due to the increase of cigarette tax. Prices of fuels and lubricants also increased 19.97% as the international oil prices kept rising. Moreover, prices of eggs, as well as water, electricity and gas supply rose 8.26% and 2.86%. Nonetheless, prices of fruits, communication fees, as well as vegetables fell 9.25%, 7.61%, and 2.21%, respectively. The core CPI increased 0.95%.

For the first five months of 2018, the CPI increased 1.66% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 2.75% and 0.98%. The core CPI increased 1.40%.

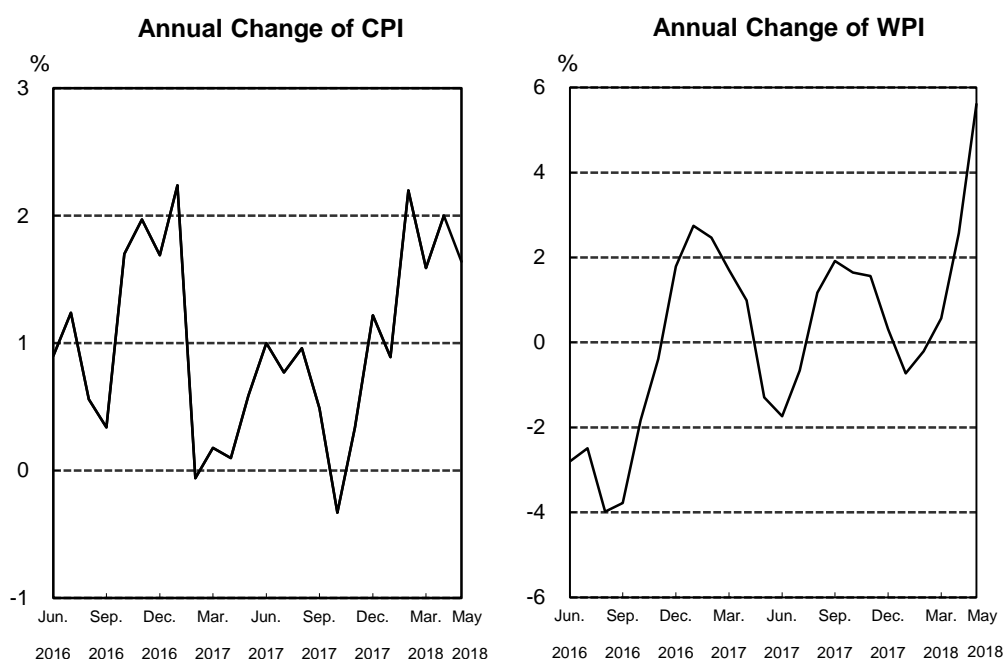
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in May 2018 increased 1.62% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, poultry and livestock products, as well as petroleum and coal products rose 7.56%, 7.18%, and 6.92%, respectively.

The annual change of WPI in May 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 5.61%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, as well as tobaccos increased 43.67%, 29.22%,

and 21.49%, respectively. However, prices of farm products, computer, electronic and optical products, as well as poultry and livestock products, decreased 14.86%, 2.86%, and 2.53%, respectively. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 4.76%, import price index and export price index also rose 8.69% and 3.71%.

For the first five months of 2018, the WPI increased 1.53% over the same period of previous year.



**Statistical Tables**

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