

## **The Price Indices for October 2018**

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

The CPI in October 2018 (2016=100) increased 0.08% from the preceding month. Prices of garments rose 13.47% due to the new arrival sales of autumn and winter clothes. Moreover, prices of fruit, as well as fuels and lubricants also rose 3.87% and 2.16%. However, prices of water, electricity and gas supply declining 0.70% due to the end of summer electricity rates hike, as well as prices of vegetables falling 10.44% owing to the abundant harvest, both offset the increase. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) rose 0.34%.

The annual change of CPI in October 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 1.17%. Prices of eggs, as well as fuels and lubricants increased 29.49% and 18.61%. Moreover, prices of tobacco and betel nuts also rose 14.47% due to the deferred effects of cigarette tax increase. Nonetheless, prices of services for nursery and nursing care, vegetables, as well as communication fees fell 6.17%, 5.43%, and 4.37%, respectively. The core CPI increased 0.72%.

For the first ten months of 2018, the CPI increased 1.60% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 2.54% and 0.98%. The core CPI increased 1.33%.

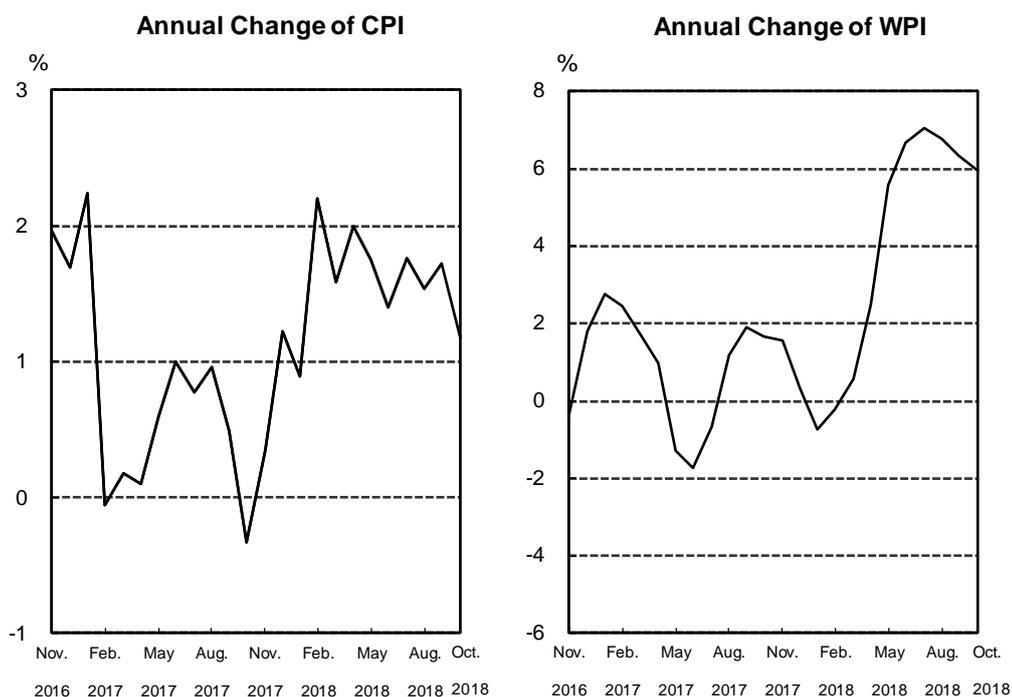
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in October 2018 increased 0.20% from the preceding month. Prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as quarrying and mining products increased 3.50% and 2.64%. However, prices of water, electricity and gas supply fell 5.36%.

The annual change of WPI in October 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 5.95%. Prices of quarrying and mining products,

petroleum and coal products, as well as chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals rose 40.32%, 33.04%, and 9.27%, respectively. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 5.01%, import price index and export price index also rose 9.77% and 3.43%.

For the first ten months of 2018, the WPI increased 4.01% over the same period of previous year.



**Statistical Tables**

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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