

## **The Price Indices for December 2018**

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

The CPI in December 2018 (2016=100) decreased 0.50% from the preceding month. Prices of vegetables fell 11.67% owing to the abundant harvests. Prices of fuels and lubricants, as well as fruits also fell 7.22% and 5.28%. Moreover, prices of garments fell 2.96% due to the year-end promotions of department stores. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) was unchanged.

The annual change of CPI in December 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, decreased 0.05%. Prices of vegetables, fruits, as well as communication fees fell 26.04%, 6.79%, and 4.51%, respectively. Nonetheless, prices of eggs rising 32.24% owing to the lower base, prices of tobacco and betel nuts rising 3.10% as well, due to the deferred effects of cigarette tax increase, both of which offset the decrease. The core CPI increased 0.52%.

In 2018, the CPI increased 1.35%. Prices of commodity and service moved up 2.03% and 0.92%. The core CPI increased 1.22%.

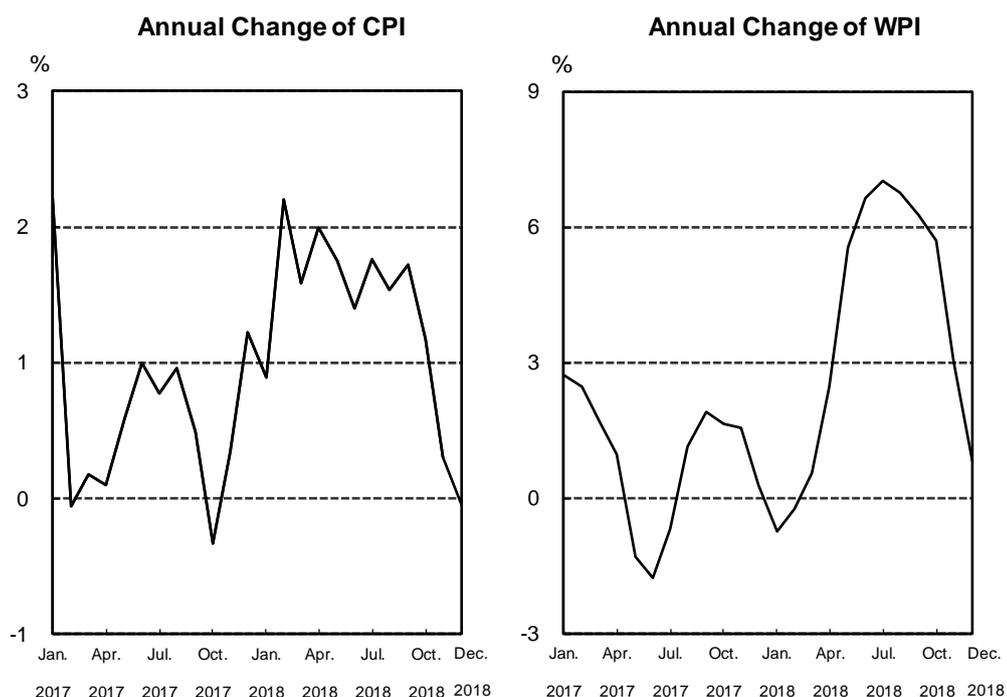
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in December 2018 decreased 1.85% from the preceding month. Prices of petroleum and coal products, crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals fell 12.80%, 6.98%, and 4.16%, respectively.

The annual change of WPI in December 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 0.83%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, as well as non-metallic mineral products rose 12.27% and 4.09%, respectively. However, prices of farm products, as well as computer, electronic and optical products fell 9.86% and 3.72%. The WPI for products domestically produced

for domestic purchase decreased 0.41%, import price index and export price index rose 2.34% and 0.49%, respectively.

In 2018, the WPI increased 3.64%. Prices of imports and domestic products rose 6.11% and 2.49%, respectively.



### 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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