

## **The Price Indices for August 2019**

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

The CPI in August 2019 (2016=100) decreased 0.02% from the preceding month. Prices of fuels and lubricants declined 3.08%. Prices of transportation fees fell 2.96% as well, mainly owing to the decrease of airplane ticket prices. Moreover, prices of garments decreased 2.26% due to the sales promotion. However, prices of eggs rose 10.80%. Prices of vegetables and fruits also rose 9.00% and 6.40%, respectively, due to the influence of typhoons and heavy rains. The core CPI decreased 0.20%.

The annual change of CPI in August 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, increased 0.43%. Prices of vegetables and fruits rose 14.56% and 3.57%, respectively, due to heavy rains. Prices of personal effects rose 6.15% as well, owing to the increase of the prices of precious metals ornaments and jewellery. Moreover, prices of medical care services rose 1.65% owing to the increase of ward fee and registration fee at hospitals and clinics. Nonetheless, prices of eggs, as well as fuels and lubricants declined 8.19% and 6.75%, respectively, both of which offset part of the increase. The core CPI increased 0.39%.

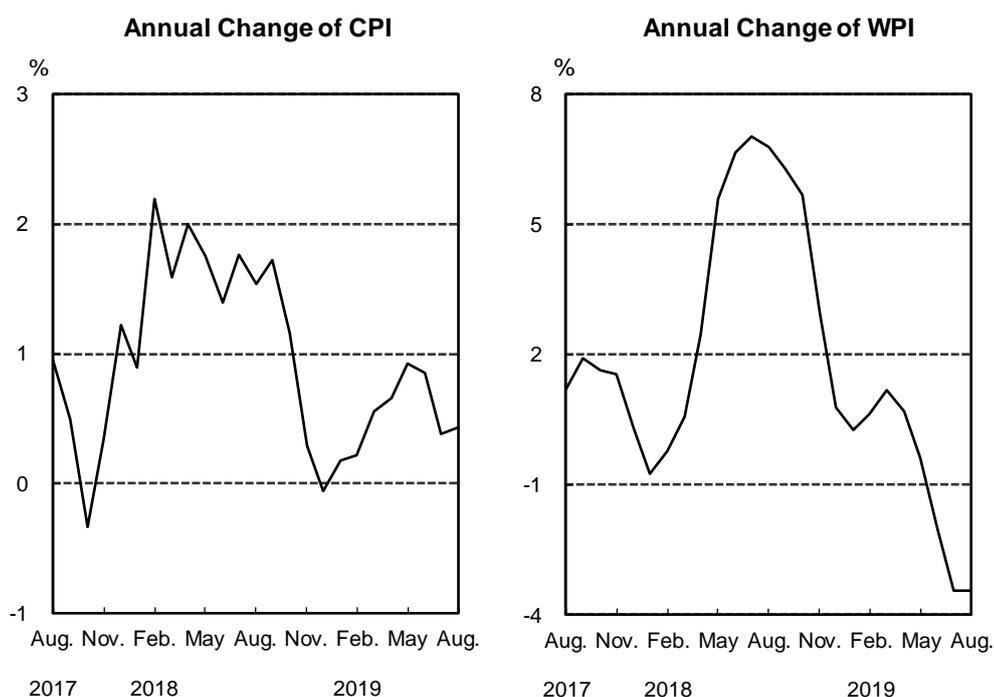
For the first eight months of 2019, the CPI increased 0.53% over the same period of the previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 0.36% and 0.67%. The core CPI increased 0.45%.

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

The WPI in August 2019 increased 0.50% from the preceding month. Prices of farm products, as well as basic metals rose 4.47% and 1.64%, respectively. However, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 4.00% and 1.88%, respectively.

The annual change of WPI in August 2019, compared with the same month of 2018, decreased 3.44%. Prices of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals fell 12.92%. Prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as crude petroleum and natural gas also fell 12.44% and 11.86%, respectively. However, prices of farm products, as well as non-metallic mineral products rose 7.88% and 4.10%, respectively. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 3.55%, import price index and export price index also fell 3.08% and 3.68%, respectively.

For the first eight months of 2019, the WPI decreased 0.85% over the same period of the 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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