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The Price Indices for February 2020

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in February 2020 (2016=100) decreased 1.08% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of services for nursery and nursing care, fruit, entertainment expenses, as well as transportation fees fell 21.56%, 6.32%, 3.95%, and 3.45%, respectively, after the Chinese New Year holidays in January. Moreover, prices of fuels and lubricants fell 8.29% as the international oil prices receded. Prices of garments also fell 2.99% for end-of-season sales. However, prices of vegetables, as well as cosmetic items rose 3.61% and 1.48%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) decreased 0.82%.

The CPI in February 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 0.21%, mainly because Chinese New Year of 2020 fell in January while that of 2019 fell in February. Prices of services for nursery and nursing care, entertainment expenses, as well as transportation fees fell 22.94%, 3.40%, and 3.33%, respectively. Moreover, prices of eggs, communication fees, as well as fuels and lubricants fell 18.54%, 5.31%, and 4.18%, respectively. On the other hand, prices of fruits, vegetables, personal effects, as well as garments rose 7.85%, 6.91%, 2.93%, and 2.90%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease. The core CPI decreased 0.38%.

For the first two months of 2020, the CPI increased 0.81% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and service moved up 1.17% and 0.43%, respectively. The core CPI increased 0.48%.

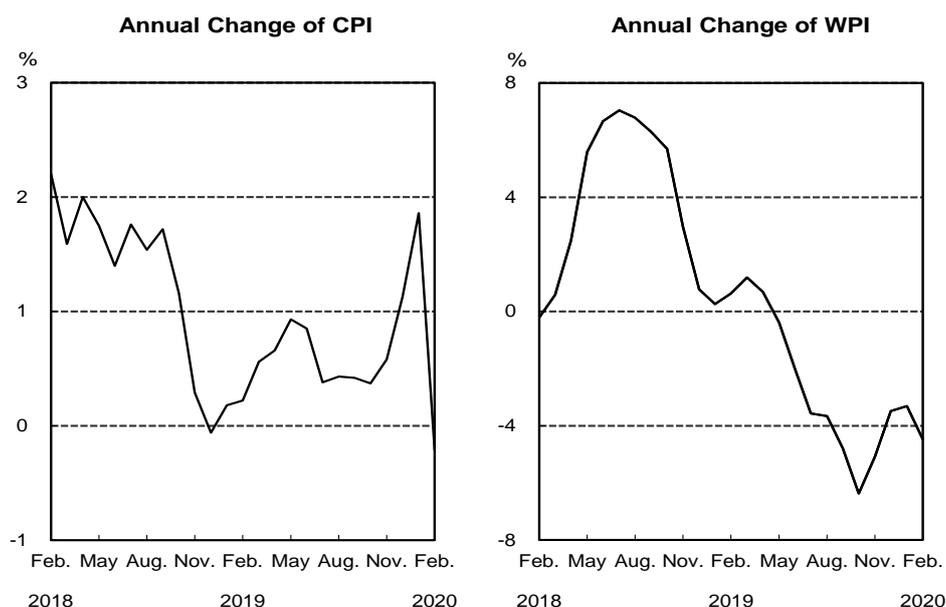
Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in February 2020 decreased 0.90% from the preceding month, mainly owing to prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 9.95% and 8.77%, respectively. Prices of

chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 1.25%.

The WPI in February 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 4.47%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, basic metals, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 11.68%, 6.82%, and 3.79%, respectively. Prices of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 9.91%. The price index for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 3.49%, import price index and export price index also fell 4.67% and 5.04%, respectively.

For the first two months of 2020, the WPI decreased 3.89% 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

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