

## **The Price Indices for May 2020**

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

The CPI in May 2020 (2016=100) decreased 0.10% from the preceding month, mainly because the price of garments declined 2.42% due to the Mother's Day sales. Prices of eggs, fruits, as well as transportation fees also fell 2.78%, 1.17%, and 0.68%, respectively. However, the price of fuels and lubricants rose 2.79% as the international oil prices rebounded, offsetting part of the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) decreased 0.15%.

The CPI in May 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 1.19%, mainly because the price of fuels and lubricants fell 35.28% as the international oil prices plummeted over the same month last year. Prices of vegetables, water, electricity and gas, as well as communication fees also fell 14.92%, 6.22%, and 4.63%, respectively. Moreover, the price of entertainment expenses fell 3.48% as hotel charges and domestic package holidays fares dropped. On the other hand, prices of personal effects, fruits, as well as meats rose 4.27%, 3.25%, and 2.13%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease. The core CPI rose 0.08%.

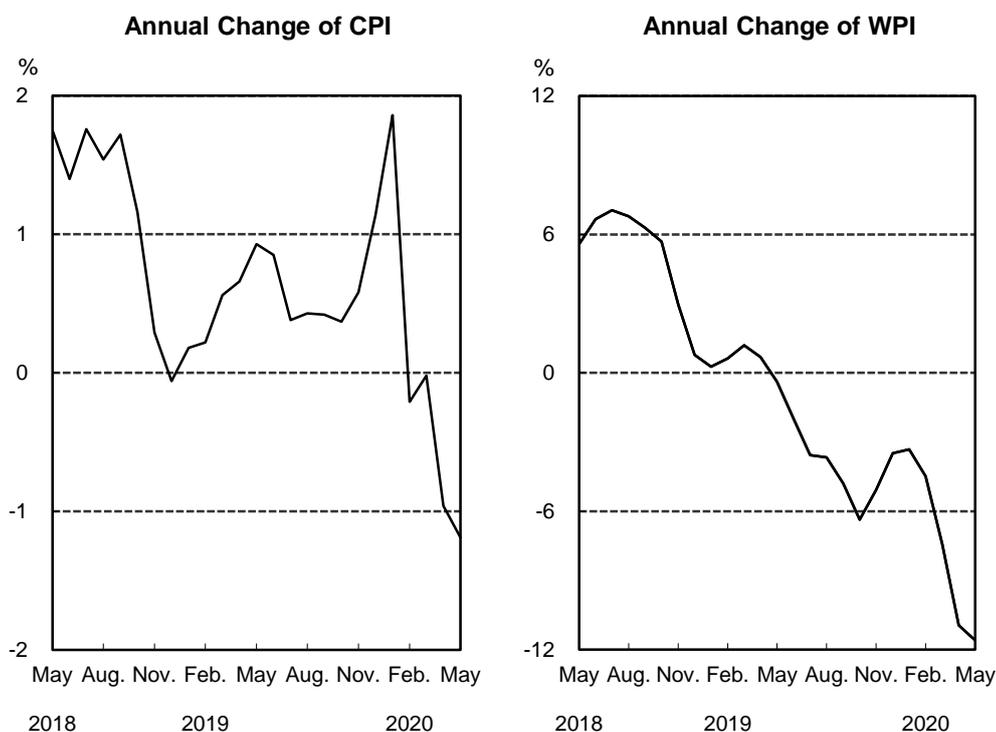
For the first five months of 2020, the CPI decreased 0.11% over the same period of previous year. The price of commodity fell 0.42%, but the price of service moved up 0.13%. The core CPI increased 0.29%.

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

The WPI in May 2020 decreased 0.13% from the preceding month, mainly owing to prices of fishery products, quarrying products and other mining products, as well as water, electricity and gas fell 7.63%, 1.60%, and 1.43%, respectively. However, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products rose 8.65% and 2.54%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease.

The WPI in May 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 11.60%. Prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as quarrying and mining products fell 50.78% and 41.56%, respectively. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 21.41%. Moreover, the price of basic metals fell 11.48%. The price index for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 9.76%, import price index and export price index also fell 15.37% and 9.69%, respectively.

For the first five months of 2020, the WPI decreased 7.57% 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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