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### **The Price Indices for March 2013**

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

The CPI in March 2013 (2011=100) declined 1.41% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of services for nursery & nursing care and entertainment expenses (such as travel tour fees) went down 32.84% and 7.13% separately after lunar New Year festival, besides, vegetables prices moved down 15.39% due to sufficient supply. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 1.11%.

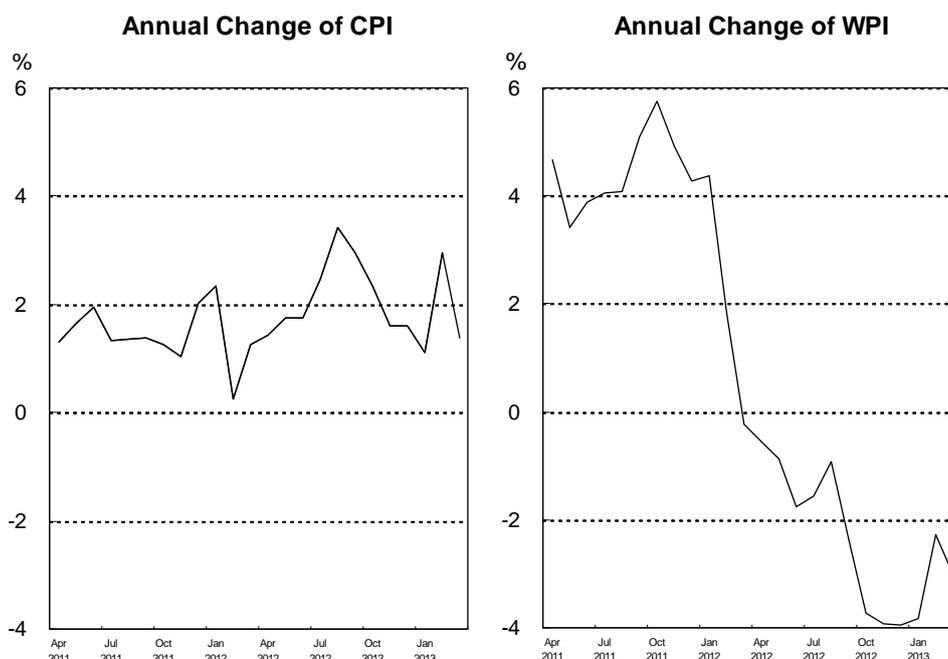
The annual change of CPI in March 2013 compared with the same month of previous year was 1.39%, mainly because prices of fuels & lubricants, fruits and water, electricity & gas supply moved up 7.95%, 6.72% and 2.63% separately. In addition, prices of meat and eggs brought food category to move up 1.25%; nevertheless, vegetables prices went down 16.38%. The core CPI increased 1.22%.

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

The WPI in March 2013 decreased 0.39% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of crude petroleum & natural gas, chemical material, petroleum & coal products and basic metals went down 4.17%, 1.67%, 1.27% and 0.14% individually. Conversely, electronic parts & components prices moved up 0.49%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2013 compared with the same month

of 2012 was minus 3.01%, mainly because prices of crude petroleum & natural gas, basic metals and chemical material went down 10.87%, 7.13% and 3.18% individually, while water supply, electricity & gas rose 10.16%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 0.56%; import price index declined 5.56% and export price index down 2.79%.



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Table 1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

March 2013

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2013 (2011=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2013 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1,000.00	101.45	-1.41	1.39	1.81
The Basic Group					
1. Food	251.94	102.06	-1.52	1.25	2.19
Meat	19.96	100.83	-2.55	4.43	3.51
Eggs	1.94	112.54	1.83	2.40	-0.30
Fish & Seafood	15.57	103.74	-3.46	1.90	1.54
Vegetables	19.69	83.66	-15.39	-16.38	-8.05
Fruits	22.58	106.04	-2.70	6.72	14.02
2. Clothing	37.68	96.87	-1.61	4.37	3.94
Garments	29.43	96.10	-1.68	6.12	5.05
3. Housing	271.35	101.55	0.10	1.22	1.19
Residential Rent	182.23	101.14	0.05	0.81	0.81
Household Operations	8.15	98.29	-3.27	0.18	-2.16
Water, Electricity & Gas Supply	36.99	103.14	0.25	2.63	3.48
4. Transportation & Communication	153.36	101.51	-1.10	2.13	2.62
Fuels & Lubricants	35.24	109.08	-2.14	7.95	10.53
Transportation Fees	22.38	99.63	-2.85	0.79	0.66
Communication Fees	34.91	94.80	0.21	0.54	-0.82
5. Health	49.24	102.03	0.32	1.72	1.48
Medical Care Services	33.59	101.65	-0.03	1.35	1.33
6. Education & Entertainment	168.44	100.07	-3.15	0.08	1.27
Educational Expenses	97.20	100.04	-0.02	0.21	0.21
Entertainment Expenses	71.24	100.12	-7.13	-0.11	2.69
7. Miscellaneous	67.99	102.36	-4.43	1.33	0.99
Tobacco & Betel Nuts	11.54	108.08	0.53	4.90	5.58
Services For Nursery & Nursing Care <sup>1</sup>	6.73	94.30	-32.84	1.06	-6.81
Services For Personal Care	14.87	101.16	-2.18	-0.40	0.55
Commodity and Service Groups					
1. Commodity	425.11	101.75	-1.11	1.78	2.58
Non-durable Consumer Goods	280.71	102.81	-1.56	2.09	3.31
Semi-durable Consumer Goods	62.74	98.51	-0.40	2.72	2.39
Durable Consumer Goods	81.65	98.92	0.03	-1.27	-1.15
2. Service	574.89	101.05	-1.64	0.93	1.07
Food Away From Home	98.99	103.64	0.23	2.38	2.30
Housing Service	199.51	100.98	-0.10	0.75	0.66
Transportation & Communication Service	83.75	98.05	-1.06	0.32	-0.13
Medical Care Service	33.59	101.65	-0.03	1.35	1.33
Education & Entertainment Service	128.35	101.14	-3.97	0.64	2.10
Frequency of Purchase Group					
Items to buy about once a month	251.29	102.72	-1.20	2.15	3.08
Items to buy about once every three months	155.19	101.02	-1.11	1.24	1.64
Items to buy about once every six months	105.06	102.12	-1.43	3.80	3.95
Items to buy about once a year	118.47	101.46	-0.24	0.81	0.81
Items to buy infrequently	208.20	99.80	-3.68	-0.18	0.37
Other Special Group					
General Index Excluding Fruits & Vegetables	957.74	101.62	-1.10	1.55	1.68
General Index Excluding Fruits, Vegetables & Energy	890.26	101.23	-1.11	1.22	1.23
General Index Excluding Imputed Rent	838.21	101.50	-1.69	1.49	2.01
Households in Different Disposable Income Groups					
Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group	1,000.00	101.57	-0.72	1.34	1.75
Middle 60% Disposable Income Group	1,000.00	101.54	-1.29	1.45	1.84
Highest 20% Disposable Income Group	1,000.00	101.44	-2.03	1.46	1.89

Note: 1. includes nannies, housecleaning expenses and services paid for keeping household running efficiently.

2. All data are subject to revision 3 months after original publication due to late reports and corrections by respondents.

## Table 2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

March 2013

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2013 (2011=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2013 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
General Index	1000.00	97.49	-0.39	-3.01	-3.04
Domestic Sales Excluding Imports	298.00	98.93	-0.56	-0.56	0.12
Imports	334.08	96.08	-0.77	-5.56	-5.49
Exports	367.92	97.40	0.10	-2.79	-3.52
Basic Group					
1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Animal					
Husbandry Products	28.46	89.83	-2.45	-8.26	-6.50
(1) Farm Products	15.22	87.00	-2.41	-9.55	-4.70
(2) Poultry & Livestock Products	6.96	95.46	-2.29	9.69	4.63
(3) Forest Products	0.33	97.39	1.16	8.33	6.70
(4) Fishery Products	5.95	90.85	-2.92	-17.69	-16.44
2. Quarrying & Minerals Products	68.10	97.73	-3.12	-10.97	-7.66
(1) Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	48.99	102.27	-4.17	-10.87	-6.25
(2) Quarrying Products & Other Mineral Products	19.10	84.01	0.18	-11.58	-12.58
3. Manufacturing Products	876.63	97.30	-0.13	-2.40	-2.84
(1) Foods	23.64	101.35	0.32	1.57	1.37
(2) Beverages	5.11	104.16	0.17	1.93	1.85
(3) Tobaccos	2.24	111.29	0.00	2.27	5.05
(4) Textile Products	18.30	97.74	0.52	0.13	-1.93
(5) Wearing Apparel & Clothing Accessories	3.47	106.98	0.29	2.08	2.17
(6) Leather, Fur & Related Products	3.83	104.55	-0.05	2.04	1.27
(7) Wood & Bamboo Products	1.79	103.41	0.75	3.77	2.66
(8) Pulp, Paper, Paper Products & Printed Matter	13.84	94.64	0.63	-1.38	-2.05
(9) Petroleum & Coal Products	63.88	106.77	-1.27	-1.07	1.19
(10) Chemical Material	117.65	95.70	-1.67	-3.18	-1.80
(11) Chemical Products & Medical Goods	28.96	95.06	0.13	-4.35	-5.12
(12) Rubber & Plastic Products	23.42	98.94	0.14	-1.52	-2.09
(13) Non-metallic Mineral Products	19.84	90.23	-1.10	-7.79	-7.53
(14) Basic Metals	80.93	87.61	-0.14	-7.13	-7.77
(15) Fabricated Metal Products	39.13	95.94	0.65	-1.52	-2.72
(16) Electronic Parts & Components	227.68	98.89	0.49	-1.16	-2.46
(17) Computer, Electronic & Optical Products	67.69	97.30	0.49	-3.44	-5.18
(18) Electrical Equipment	27.16	98.45	0.19	-1.13	-1.45
(19) Machinery & Equipment	60.18	97.05	-0.17	-2.84	-4.66
(20) Transport Equipment & Parts	36.02	100.46	-0.06	-0.35	-0.91
(21) Furniture & Fixtures	3.96	102.10	0.27	0.14	-1.07
(22) Miscellaneous Products	7.95	102.53	0.69	1.62	0.47
4. Water Supply, Electricity & Gas	26.82	110.16	0.25	10.16	10.96
By Stage of Processing					
1. Crude Materials	87.80	96.08	-2.60	-7.20	-4.96
2. Intermediate Materials	396.99	97.90	-0.28	-1.25	-1.52
3. Finished Goods	147.31	98.80	-0.59	-1.92	-1.93
(1) Capital Equipment	45.19	95.40	-0.36	-4.30	-5.88
(2) Consumer Goods	102.13	100.79	-0.71	-0.55	0.38
Special Groups					
Domestic Sales	632.08	97.45	-0.67	-3.20	-2.85
Domestic Products	665.92	98.27	-0.20	-1.57	-1.64
Non-Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	157.57	98.01	0.26	-0.95	-1.83
Heavy Chemical Industrial Products	719.06	96.94	-0.22	-2.86	-3.19

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**Table 3 The Changes of Import Price Indices**  
March 2013

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2013 (2011=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2013 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
<b>Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)</b>					
General Index	1000.00	96.08	-0.77	-5.56	-5.49
Sec. 1 Animal Products	8.61	102.22	3.25	3.53	-0.65
Sec. 2 Vegetable Products	18.11	101.87	-0.86	6.88	7.29
Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco	14.68	104.77	-0.08	1.91	2.24
Sec. 5 Mineral Products	251.08	98.61	-2.18	-10.65	-7.69
Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries	125.25	96.96	-1.22	-2.37	-2.59
Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof	36.74	90.19	-0.01	-7.17	-7.31
Sec. 8 Leather & Articles Thereof	4.12	100.96	0.45	1.82	1.53
Sec. 9 Wood & Articles of Wood	5.15	102.56	0.56	4.79	3.83
Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof	10.59	90.56	1.02	-3.19	-4.60
Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles	13.17	85.67	0.91	-8.03	-10.06
Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware	13.33	75.17	-1.74	-17.14	-17.98
Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal	99.49	87.81	-1.03	-6.78	-7.41
Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders, Etc	326.36	97.93	0.14	-2.43	-4.48
Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment	23.03	99.30	-0.69	-0.45	-1.94
Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments & Parts Thereof	41.48	97.48	-0.11	-2.44	-3.51
Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	5.31	98.01	0.05	-3.40	-4.44
<b>Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)</b>					
General Index	1000.00	94.94	-1.24	-6.25	-4.78
Sec. 1 Animal Products	8.61	101.03	2.77	2.77	0.09
Sec. 2 Vegetable Products	18.11	100.62	-1.32	6.09	8.09
Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco	14.68	103.52	-0.54	1.16	3.02
Sec. 5 Mineral Products	251.08	97.45	-2.64	-11.30	-7.01
Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries	125.25	95.80	-1.69	-3.09	-1.86
Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof	36.74	89.09	-0.49	-7.86	-6.59
Sec. 8 Leather & Articles Thereof	4.12	99.76	-0.02	1.06	2.28
Sec. 9 Wood & Articles of Wood	5.15	101.31	0.08	4.01	4.63
Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof	10.59	89.44	0.54	-3.89	-3.88
Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles	13.17	84.62	0.44	-8.71	-9.39
Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware	13.33	74.23	-2.20	-17.75	-17.33
Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal	99.49	86.71	-1.49	-7.47	-6.71
Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders, Etc	326.36	96.78	-0.34	-3.16	-3.74
Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment	23.03	98.14	-1.16	-1.18	-1.18
Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments & Parts Thereof	41.48	96.32	-0.58	-3.17	-2.77
Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	5.31	96.86	-0.42	-4.12	-3.71

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Nevertheless, their names are simplified generally.

## Table 4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

March 2013

Groups	Weight (%)	Index of March 2013 (2011=100)	Compared with Previous Month (%)	Compared with the Same Month of Previous Year (%)	The First Three Months of 2013 Compared with the Same Period of Previous Year (%)
<b>Basic Group (on N.T.D. Basis)</b>					
General Index	1000.00	97.40	0.10	-2.79	-3.52
Sec. 1 Animal Products	6.61	86.60	-0.51	-26.41	-25.97
Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco	4.29	107.66	0.29	6.03	4.59
Sec. 5 Mineral Products	59.90	102.48	-3.16	-7.45	-4.63
Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries	74.94	95.60	-1.18	-0.28	0.43
Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof	84.07	96.73	-0.46	-3.82	-2.95
Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof	6.26	95.06	1.17	-0.24	-1.48
Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles	42.39	96.03	0.61	-1.08	-3.52
Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware	8.57	85.07	-0.49	-9.49	-8.95
Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal	100.69	91.08	0.70	-3.62	-5.03
Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders, Etc	480.78	98.89	0.65	-1.66	-3.14
Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment	30.25	101.17	0.13	0.16	-0.62
Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments & Parts Thereof	79.74	99.08	0.26	-0.04	-1.14
Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	15.18	102.58	0.41	0.29	-1.17
<b>Basic Group (on U.S.D. Basis)</b>					
General Index	1000.00	96.24	-0.37	-3.50	-2.77
Sec. 1 Animal Products	6.61	85.63	-0.97	-26.96	-25.40
Sec. 4 Prepared Foodstuffs, Beverages, Spirits & Tobacco	4.29	106.39	-0.19	5.23	5.38
Sec. 5 Mineral Products	59.90	101.26	-3.61	-8.14	-3.92
Sec. 6 Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries	74.94	94.41	-1.65	-1.03	1.18
Sec. 7 Plastics & Articles Thereof; Rubber & Articles Thereof	84.07	95.55	-0.92	-4.53	-2.22
Sec. 10 Woodpulp, Paper & Articles Thereof	6.26	93.89	0.69	-0.98	-0.72
Sec. 11 Textiles & Textile Articles	42.39	94.87	0.14	-1.81	-2.79
Sec. 13 Stone Materials, Glass & Glassware	8.57	84.00	-0.97	-10.17	-8.26
Sec. 15 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal	100.69	89.96	0.22	-4.32	-4.31
Sec. 16 Machinery, Electrical Equipment, TV Image & Sound Recorders, Etc	480.78	97.72	0.17	-2.39	-2.40
Sec. 17 Transportation Equipment	30.25	99.97	-0.34	-0.59	0.14
Sec. 18 Optical, Measuring, Medical Instruments, Musical Instruments & Parts Thereof	79.74	97.91	-0.21	-0.78	-0.37
Sec. 20 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	15.18	101.38	-0.07	-0.45	-0.41

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