

## **The Price Indices for September 2020**

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

The CPI in September 2020 (2016=100) decreased 0.11% from the preceding month, mainly because the price of entertainment expenses fell 1.56% as hotel charges and domestic package holidays fees dropped after the summer vacation tourism peak. The price of transportation fees also fell 2.38% due to the decrease in airfares. Moreover, the price of garments fell 1.27% due to promotions. However, prices of fruits, eggs, as well as vegetables rose 3.88%, 1.52%, and 0.95%, respectively, offsetting part of the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) decreased 0.18%.

The CPI in September 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 0.58%, mainly because the price of fuels and lubricants fell 16.49% as the international oil prices plummeted over the same month last year. The price of vegetables fell 13.69% as typhoon last year led to relatively higher comparison base. The price of water, electricity and gas also fell 3.84%. Moreover, the price of entertainment expenses fell 3.11% as hotel charges and domestic package holidays fees dropped. On the other hand, the price of personal effects rose 4.63% owing to the increase in the prices of precious metals ornaments and jewellery; the price of garments also rose 2.52%, which offset part of the decrease. The core CPI rose 0.25%.

For the first three quarters of 2020, the CPI decreased 0.30% over the same period of previous year. The price of commodity fell 0.70%, but the price of service rose 0.01%. The core CPI increased 0.24%.

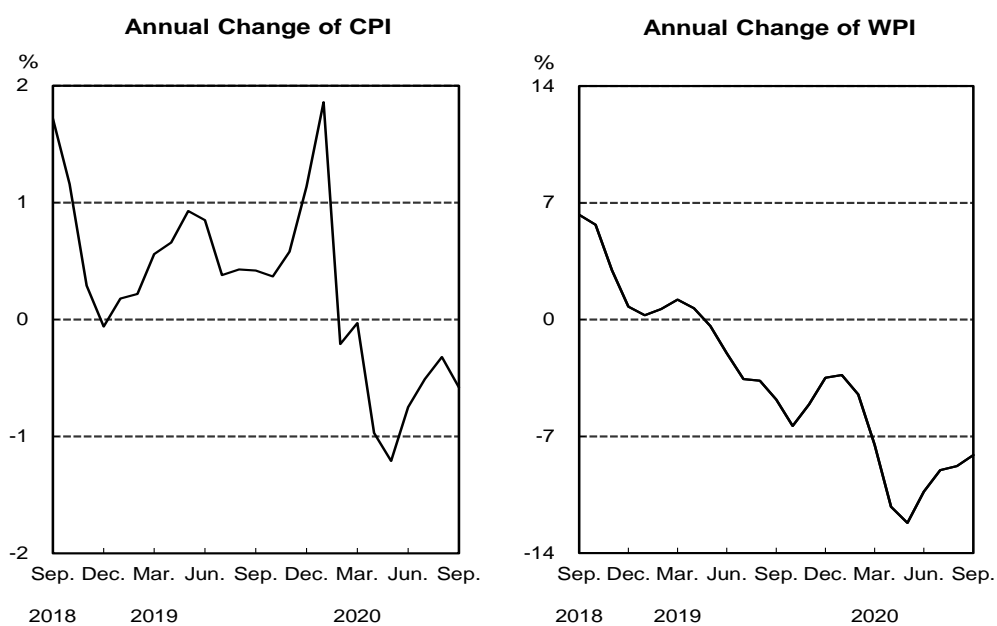
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in September 2020 decreased 0.03% from the preceding month. Prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as crude petroleum and natural gas fell 2.21% and 1.07%, respectively. However, the price of basic metals

rose 1.75%. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also rose 1.22%.

The WPI in September 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 8.12%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 29.31% and 27.09%, respectively. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 14.17%. Moreover, prices of water, electricity and gas, as well as basic metals fell 8.96% and 6.19%, respectively. The price index for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 5.77%, import price index and export price index also fell 10.55% and 7.80%, respectively.

For the first three quarters of 2020, the WPI decreased 8.34% over the same period of previous year.



**Statistical Tables**

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