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### **The Price Indices for March 2014**

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

The CPI in March 2014 (2011=100) increased 0.19% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of fruits, meats, and vegetables went up 3.64%, 3.59%, and 2.73%. Thus, prices of cooked food and food away from home mounted. However, tour fees and taxi fees moved down after Lunar New Year vacation to offset some percentage of raise. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, advanced 0.02%.

The annual change of CPI in March 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, rose 1.61%. Prices of fruits, vegetables, and meats surged 17.32%, 14.43%, and 13.08%. Meanwhile, prices of fish, seafood, and eggs increased, and prices of food away from home and cooked food were brought up. Whereas communication fees and prices of consumer electronics products edged down. The core CPI advanced 0.97%.

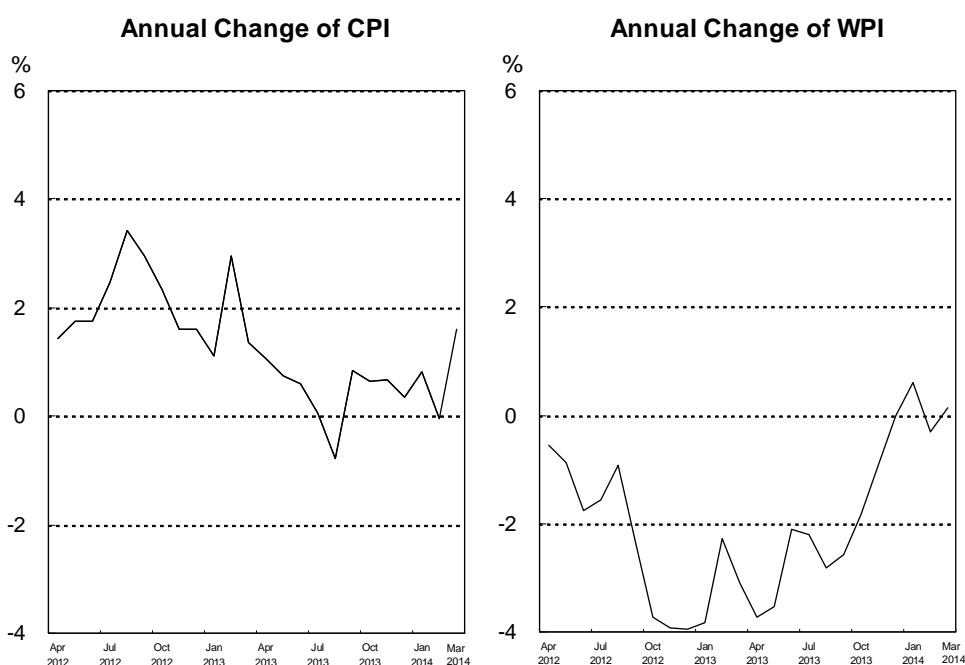
For the first quarter of 2014, the CPI went up 0.79% over the same period of the previous year, prices of commodity group rose 1.15%, and prices of service group moved up 0.52%. The core CPI increased 0.59%.

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

The WPI in March 2014 increased 0.01% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of poultry and livestock products and electronic parts and components moved up 5.89% and 0.30%, but chemical materials fell 1.39%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, went up 0.15%, mainly because prices of electricity and electronic parts and components rose, however, prices of basic metals and chemical material decreased. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports moved up 0.94%, import price index declined 1.02%, and export price index went up 0.54%.

For the first quarter of 2014, the WPI advanced 0.15% over the same period of the previous year.



### Statistical Tables

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