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The Price Indices for March 2015

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2015 (2011=100) decreased 0.22% from the preceding month. After Lunar New Year holidays, prices of services for nursery and nursing care, tour fees, and taxi fees went down, and prices of food fell 0.18%. Prices of garments declined 2.00% for winter clothes clearance. Since the effect of electricity refund plan diminishing, prices of water, electricity, and gas supply moved up 15.87%. Prices of fuels and lubricants increased 2.92%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables, and energy, i.e. core CPI, moved down 0.81%.

The annual change of CPI in March 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, moved down 0.61%. Prices of fuels and lubricants decreased 26.49%. The falling prices of gas brought prices of water, electricity, and gas supply decreasing 7.23%. As prices of fruits went down 9.14%, the increase of food price slowed to 1.44%. The core CPI increased 0.96%.

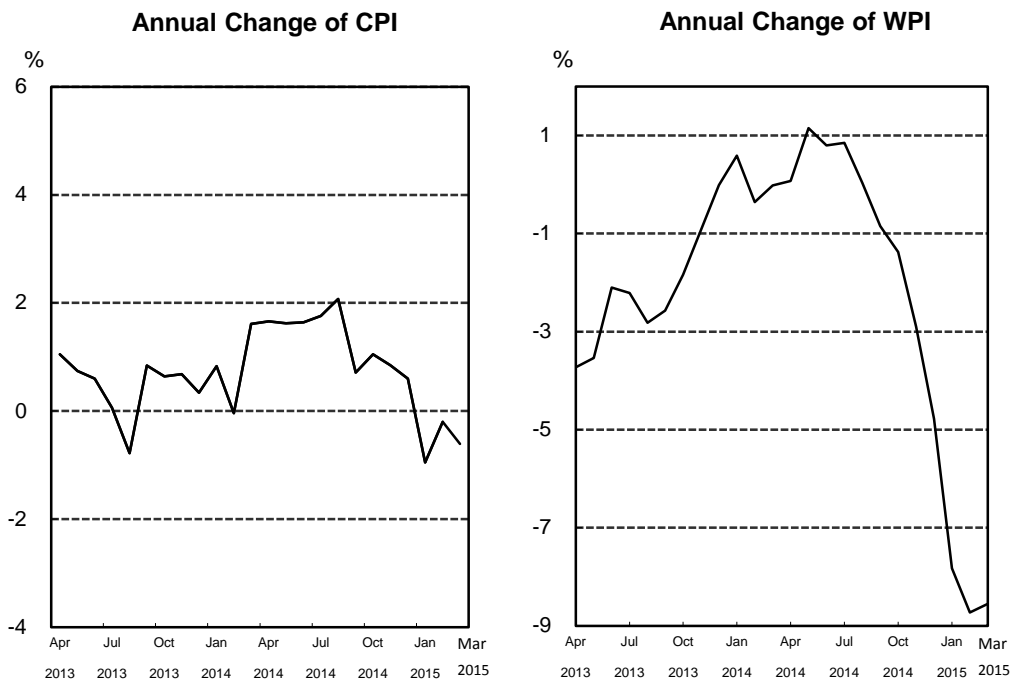
For the first quarter, the CPI decreased 0.59% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity fell 3.08% but prices of service rose 1.27%. The core CPI increased 1.12%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in March 2015 rose 0.08% from the preceding month. Following the international oil price rebounding, prices of petroleum and coal products increased 3.48%, and prices of chemical materials went up 2.37%. Prices of water supply, electricity, and gas moved up 3.98%. Prices of poultry and livestock fell 4.34% due to weakening demand. Prices of basic metals moved down 1.64%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2015, compared with the same month of 2014, decreased 8.55%. Prices of quarrying and mineral products dropped 36.14%. Prices of petroleum and coal products fell 34.53%, and prices of chemical materials declined 18.61%. Prices of water supply, electricity, and gas moved down 4.51%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports went down 8.61%, import price index dropped 13.06%, and export price index moved down 4.48%.

For the first quarter, the WPI decreased 8.37% over the same period of previous year.



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