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The Price Indices for February 2016

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in February 2016 (2011=100) increased 1.94% from the preceding month. Due to Lunar New Year Festival, prices of services for nursery and nursing care rose 51.21%, entertainment expenses moved up 6.24%, and taxi fees went up. In addition, damage of extreme weather brought prices of vegetables up 43.58%. In contrast, prices of garments declined 3.90% on winter clothing discount. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, increased 1.01%.

The annual change of CPI in February 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 2.40%. Prices of vegetables, fruits, and food away from home rose 80.70%, 14.51%, and 1.72%. Prices of water, electricity and gas supply increased 6.00% as the result of the electricity rate refund plan last year. However, prices of fuels and lubricants dropped 16.74%. The core CPI increased 0.82%.

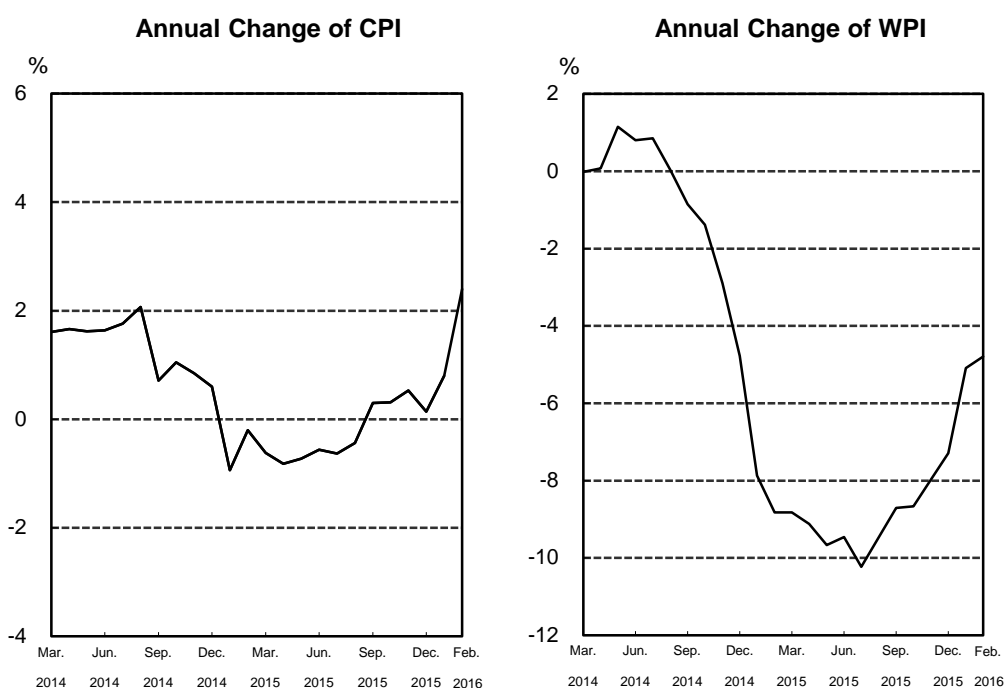
For the first two months of 2016, the CPI increased 1.60% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity move up 2.67%, and prices of service rose 0.83%. The core CPI increased 0.73%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in February 2016 decreased 0.25% from the preceding month. Prices of petroleum and coal products went down 6.38%, and prices of chemical materials fell 0.83%. Prices of electronic parts and components declined 0.55%, but prices of farm products increased 16.99%.

The annual change of WPI in February 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, decreased 4.79%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas dropped 39.46%, prices of petroleum and coal products went down 28.03%, and prices of basic metals fell 17.38%. Prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 10.21%. However, prices of farm products increased 21.28%, and prices of machinery and equipment rose 3.57%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 5.94%, import price index fell 6.55%, and export price index declined 2.46%.

For the first two months of 2016, the WPI decreased 4.93% over the same period of previous year.



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