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The Price Indices for March 2016

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in March 2016 (2011=100) decreased 0.63% from the preceding month. After Lunar New Year Festival, prices of services for nursery and nursing care declined 33.28%, and entertainment expenses moved down 5.69%. Prices of fish and seafood went down 3.52%, and taxi fee fell. However, prices of fuel and lubricants moved up 7.27%, and prices of fruits rose 1.94% to offset the decrease. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, decreased 0.86%.

The annual change of CPI in March 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 2.00%. Prices of vegetables, fruits, and food away from home rose 79.10%, 18.99%, and 1.93%. However, prices of fuels and lubricants dropped 13.22%, and the lowering prices of gas and electricity brought prices of water, electricity and gas supply declining 8.59%. The core CPI increased 0.79%.

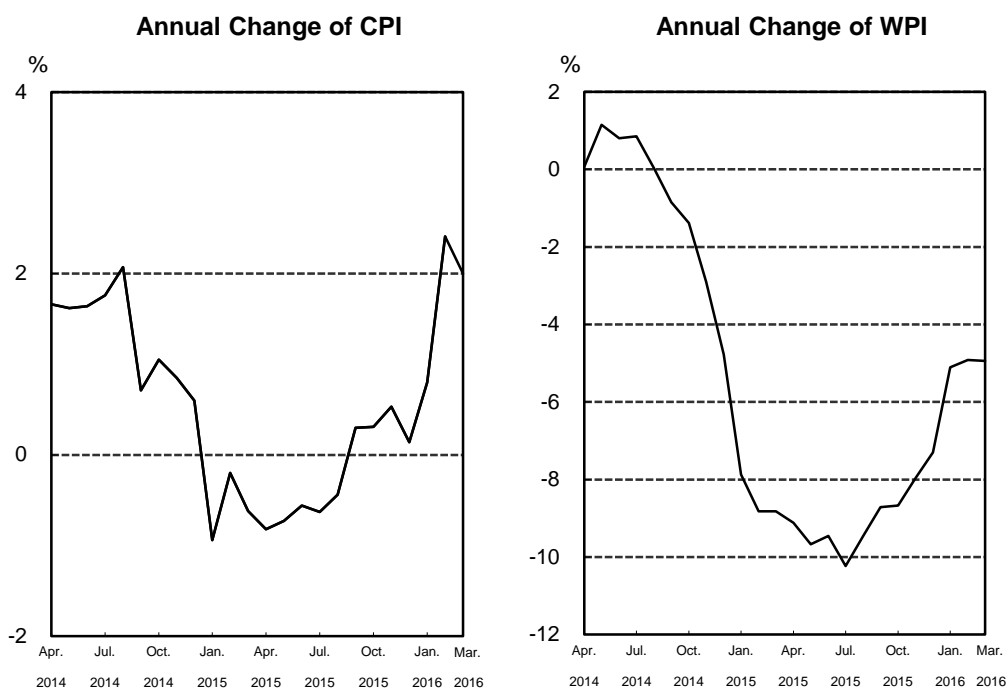
For the first quarter of 2016, the CPI increased 1.74% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity move up 3.01%, and prices of service rose 0.82%. The core CPI increased 0.75%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in March 2016 decreased 0.14% from the preceding month. Prices of computers, electronic and optical products went down 1.38%, prices of electronic parts and components declined 1.37%, and prices of machinery and equipment fell 0.98%. Nonetheless, prices of crude petroleum and natural gas increased 12.40%, prices of petroleum and coal products went up 3.51%, and prices of chemical materials rose 2.51%.

The annual change of WPI in March 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, decreased 4.94%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas dropped 30.00%, prices of petroleum and coal products went down 28.36%, and prices of basic metals fell 15.08%. Prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 13.69%. However, prices of farm products increased 26.94%, and prices of machinery and equipment rose 3.19%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 5.51%, import price index fell 6.16%, and export price index declined 3.51%.

For the first quarter of 2016, the WPI decreased 4.99% over the same period of previous year.



Statistical Tables

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