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The Price Indices for October 2016

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in October 2016 (2011=100) increased 1.45% from the preceding month. Due to the influence of typhoons and heavy rainfall, prices of vegetables rose 36.53%. Prices of garments moved up 17.19% for new seasonal products available in the market. Prices of fuels and lubricants advanced 3.18%, and prices of fruits rose 2.96%. The termination of application for summer electricity rate brought prices of water, electricity and gas supply decreasing 10.62%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, advanced 0.53%.

The annual change of CPI in October 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, moved up 1.70%. Prices of vegetables and fruits advanced 24.20% and 7.83%. Prices of fish and seafood went up 6.85%, and prices of meats rose 2.49%. Consequently, prices of food away from home went up 1.41%. However, prices of water, electricity and gas supply declined 8.23% to offset the rise. The core CPI rose 0.96%.

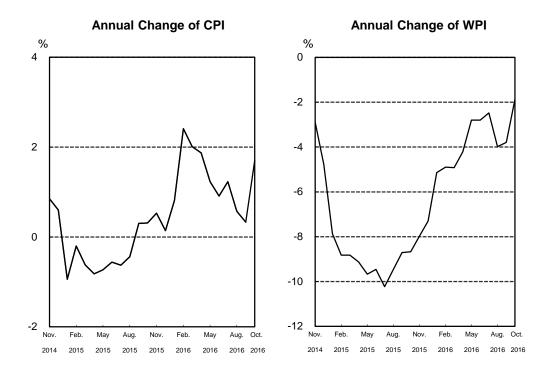
For the first ten months of 2016, the CPI advanced 1.30% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity moved up 2.01%, and prices of service rose 0.80%. The core CPI increased 0.84%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in October 2016 increased 0.77% from the preceding month. Prices of farm products went up 16.17%, and prices of crude petroleum and natural gas rose 10.04%. Prices of petroleum and coal products rose 5.87%, and prices of chemical materials advanced 1.05%. However, prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 5.75%.

The annual change of WPI in October 2016, compared with the same month of 2015, decreased 1.88%. Prices of water supply, electricity and gas moved down 9.92%, and prices of petroleum and coal products fell 4.93%. Prices of computers and electronic and optical products declined 4.51%, and prices of electronic parts and components went down 3.68%. However, prices of farm products increased 7.26%, and prices of basic metals rose 2.41%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports decreased 0.42%, import price index fell 1.83%, and export price index declined 3.07%.

For the first ten months of 2016, the WPI decreased 3.71% over the same period of previous year.



Statistical Tables

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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