

## **The Price Indices for September 2018**

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

The CPI in September 2018 (2016=100) increased 0.17% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of vegetables and eggs rose 19.80% and 6.39%. Moreover, prices of services for nursery and nursing care rose 3.30% due to Mid-Autumn Festival bonuses. However, prices of transportation fees and entertainment expenses fell 6.43% and 2.51% after the summer vacation tourism peak. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) fell 0.22%.

The annual change of CPI in September 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 1.72%. Prices of tobacco and betel nuts rose 25.78% due to the increase of cigarette tax. Moreover, prices of eggs, as well as fuels and lubricants also increased 32.26% and 19.28%. Nonetheless, prices of communication fees fell 3.90%. The core CPI increased 1.20%.

For the first three quarters of 2018, the CPI increased 1.66% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 2.61% and 1.03%. The core CPI increased 1.40%.

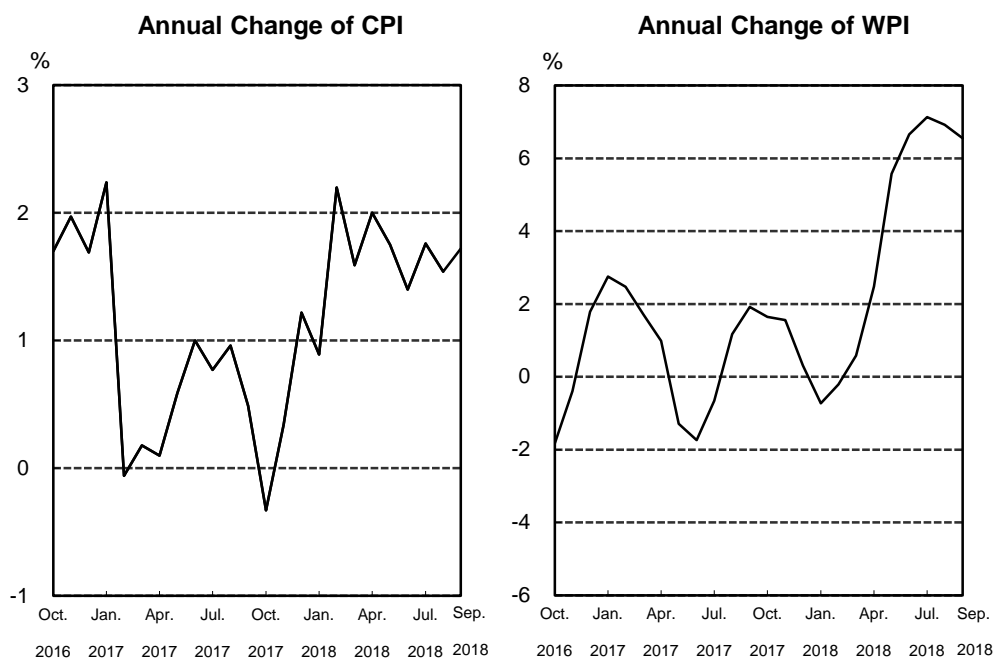
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in September 2018 increased 0.55% from the preceding month. Prices of farm products, crude petroleum and natural gas, as well as petroleum and coal products increased 5.45%, 5.32%, and 3.76%, respectively. However, prices of fishery products fell 3.42%.

The annual change of WPI in September 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 6.55%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, petroleum and coal products, as well as chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals rose 40.18%, 33.18%, and 10.92%, respectively. However, prices of computer, electronic and optical products decreased 2.73%.

The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 5.77%, import price index and export price index also rose 10.01% and 4.25%.

For the first three quarters of 2018, the WPI increased 3.85% over the same period of previous year.



**Statistical Tables**

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