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# **The Price Indices for November 2018**

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

The CPI in November 2018 (2016=100) decreased 0.60% from the preceding month. Prices of vegetables fell 17.64% owing to the abundant harvest. Moreover, prices of fuels and lubricants, as well as garments also fell 5.48% and 2.10%. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) declined 0.15%.

The annual change of CPI in November 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 0.31%. Prices of eggs, as well as fuels and lubricants increased 27.99% and 7.62%. Moreover, prices of tobacco and betel nuts also rose 6.94% due to the deferred effects of cigarette tax increase. Nonetheless, prices of vegetables and communication fees fell 22.64% and 4.51%, respectively, both of which offset the increase. The core CPI increased 0.67%.

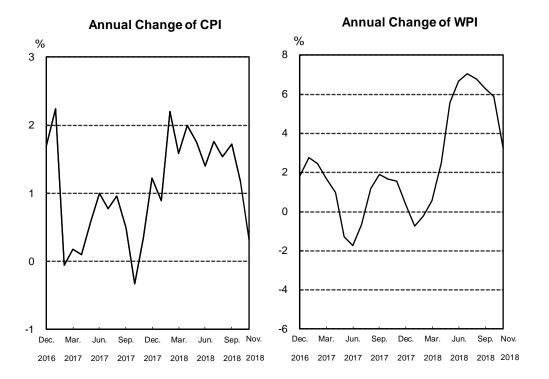
For the first eleven months of 2018, the CPI increased 1.48% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and service moved up 2.28% and 0.96%. The core CPI increased 1.28%.

### Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in November 2018 decreased 2.00% from the preceding month. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, as well as farm products fell 11.93%, 8.48%, and 6.78%, respectively.

The annual change of WPI in November 2018, compared with the same month of 2017, increased 3.25%. Prices of quarrying and mining products, as well as petroleum and coal products rose 22.08% and 17.28%. However, prices of farm products, as well as computer, electronic and optical products fell 7.56% and 3.77%. The WPI for products domestically produced for domestic purchase increased 2.11%, import price index and export price index also rose 5.36% and 2.33%, respectively.

For the first eleven months of 2018, the WPI increased 3.93% 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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