



## News Release

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### The Price Indices for October 2020

#### Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in October 2020 (2016=100) increased 0.36% from the preceding month, mainly because the price of garments rose 13.89% due to the new arrival sales of autumn and winter clothes. The price of transportation fees also rose 4.29% due to the increase in airfares. Moreover, the price of services for nursery and nursing care rose 3.44% as well, mainly owing to Mid-Autumn Festival bonuses. However, the price of water, electricity and gas declined 11.96% due to non-summer electricity rates going into effect, and prices of eggs and fruits fell 5.25% and 3.64%, respectively, offsetting part of the increase. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) rose 0.74%.

The CPI in October 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 0.24%, mainly because the price of fuels and lubricants fell 15.96% as the international oil prices plummeted over the same month last year. Prices of fruits, as well as water, electricity and gas also fell 8.79% and 4.04%, respectively. Moreover, the price of entertainment expenses fell 2.17% as hotel charges dropped. However, the price of transportation fees rose 5.67% due to the increase in airfares, and the price of personal effects rose 4.09% owing to the increase in the prices of precious metals ornaments and jewellery, offsetting part of the decrease. The core CPI increased 0.53%.

For the first ten months of 2020, the CPI decreased 0.30% over the same period of previous year. The price of commodity fell 0.76%, but the price of service rose 0.08%. The core CPI increased 0.28%.

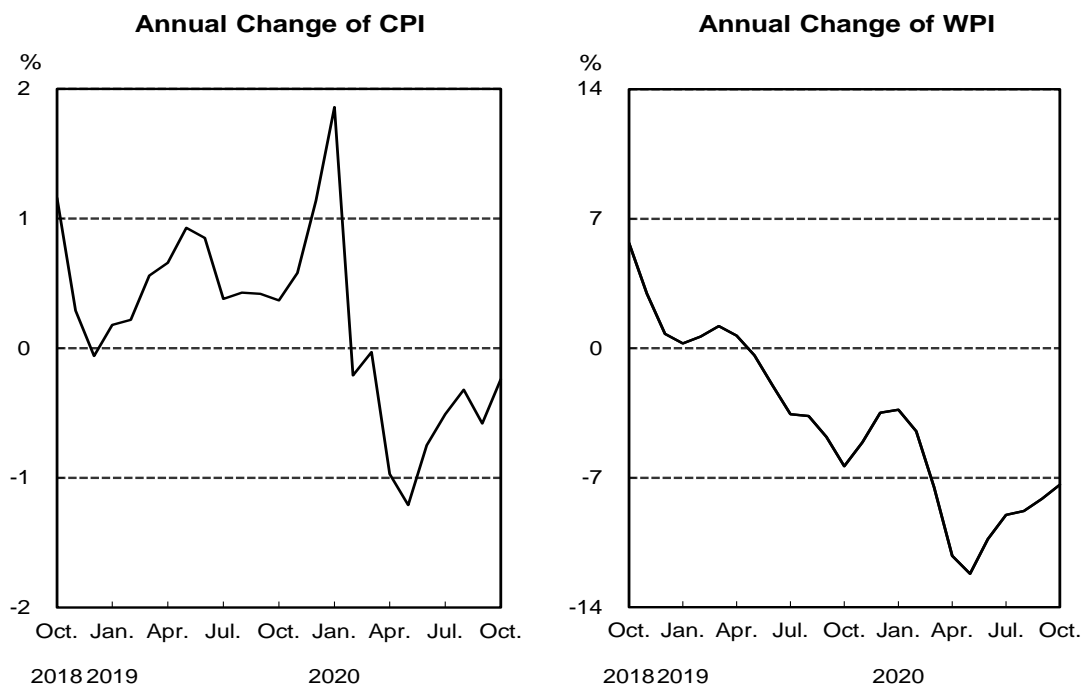
#### Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in October 2020 decreased 0.85% from the preceding month. Prices of water, electricity and gas, as well as petroleum and coal products fell 4.05% and 3.56%, respectively. The price of crude petroleum and natural gas

also fell 1.67%. However, the price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals rose 0.92%, offsetting part of the decrease.

The WPI in October 2020, compared with the same month of 2019, decreased 7.37%. Prices of petroleum and coal products, as well as quarrying and mining products fell 28.66% and 27.40%, respectively. The price of chemical material, other chemical products and pharmaceuticals also declined 11.53%. The price index for products domestically produced for domestic purchase decreased 4.60%, import price index and export price index also fell 10.02% and 7.18%, respectively.

For the first ten months of 2020, the WPI decreased 8.25% 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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