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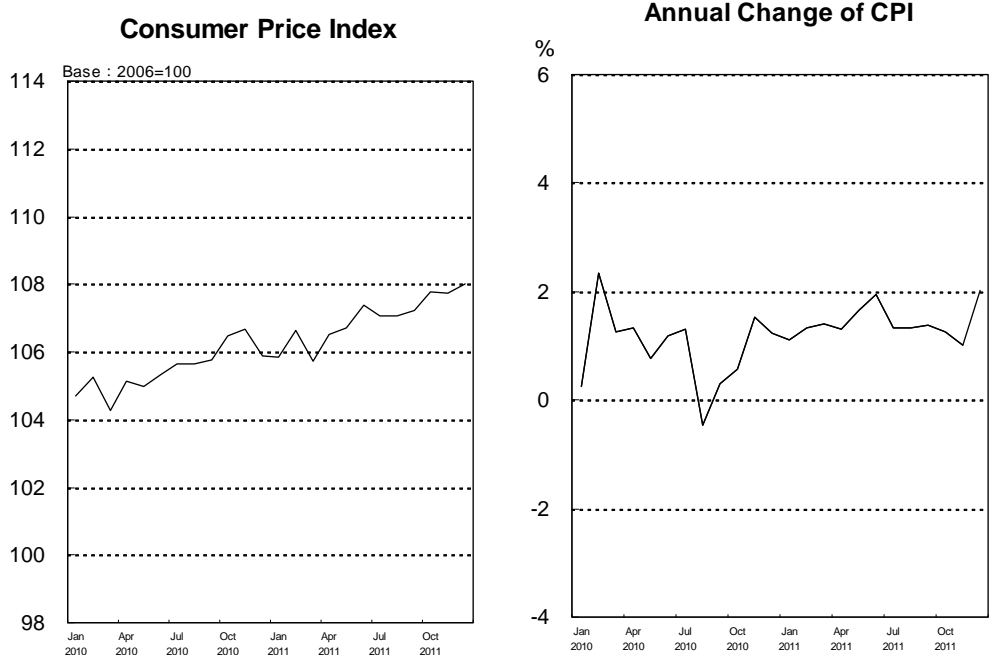
### The Price Indices for December 2011

#### Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in December 2011 (2006=100) increased 0.25% from previous month, mainly because of the weather, prices of Vegetables went up 23.39%, whereas prices for Clothing went down 2.81% for promotion at the end of 2011, along with Fuels & Lubricants down 1.27% additionally. The headline CPI excluding Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Shellfish and Energy, i.e. core CPI, declined 0.13%.

The annual change of CPI in December 2011, comparing with the same month of 2010, was 2.03%. Food prices went up 5.41%, of which Vegetables prices advanced 48.05%. Eggs, Fish & Shellfish and Dairy Products moved up 29.57%, 6.85% and 6.18% separately. Cereals & Cereal Products and Edible Oil prices increased 5.58% and 4.56% respectively, while Fruits prices went down 9.68%. Clothing prices rose 3.80%, mainly because Garments prices increased 3.48%. Medicines & Medical Care prices rose 1.32% due mainly to increasing of traditional Chinese medicine prices. Housing prices rose 0.91% for prices of Gas and Household Appliances moved up 6.71% and 2.39% individually. Transportation & Communication prices moved down 0.28%, mainly because Communication Fee declined 6.13%, whereas Fuels & Lubricants went up 1.76%. The General Index excluding Fruits and Vegetables increased 1.36%, the core CPI rose 1.18%.

For the whole year of 2011, the CPI increased 1.42% compared with 2010's, Commodity prices went up 2.39% and Service prices moved up 0.65%. The core CPI increased 1.12%.



### **CPI for Households in Different Disposable Income Groups**

In December 2011, the CPI for Lowest 20% Disposable Income Group went up 2.23% comparing with the same month of 2010, CPI for Middle 60% Disposable Income Group and CPI for Highest 20% Disposable Income Group increased 2.13% and 1.97% respectively.

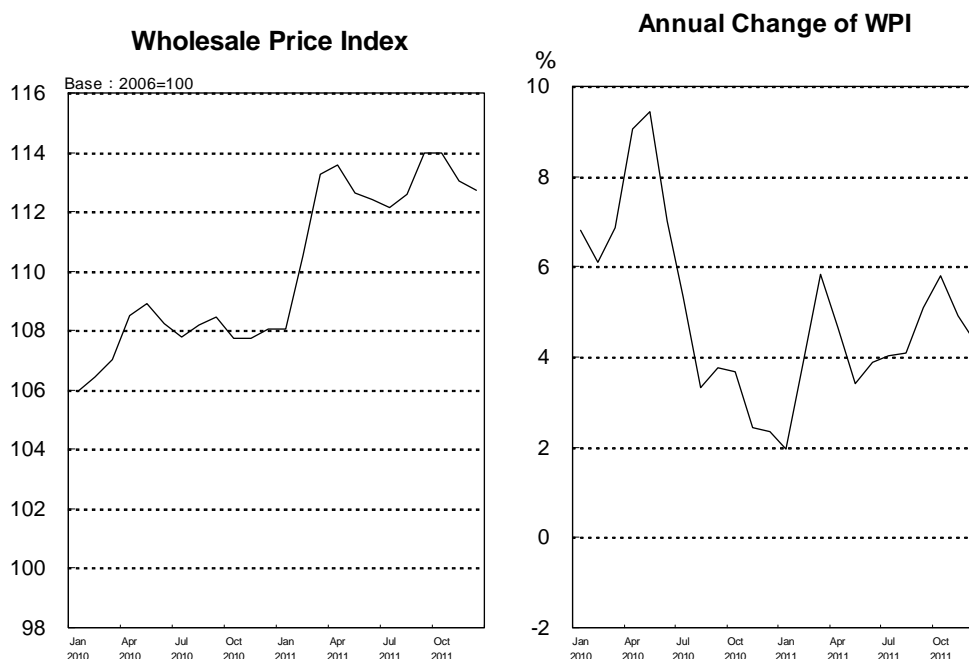
### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in December 2011 decreased 0.28% from previous month. Mainly because prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products, Fabricated Metal Products moved down 1.34%, 1.21% and 1.11% individually. In addition, imported coal prices went down which brought Other Mineral Products to decline 2.29%, while vegetables prices rose tremendously which brought prices of Farm Products to increase by 4.55%. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports increased 0.18%. Import and Export price indices moved down 0.52% and 0.49% separately.

The annual change of WPI in December 2011, comparing with the same month of 2010, was 4.32%. Mainly because prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas, Petroleum & Coal Products and Machinery & Equipment went up

24.56%, 13.16% and 6.56% respectively. Furthermore, the imported coal prices went up which brought Other Mineral Products to increase 24.68%. Nevertheless, prices of Basic Metal decreased 3.18%. The WPI for Domestic Sales Excluding Imports rose 1.65%. Import price index moved up 7.74%, Export price index went up 3.29%.

For the whole year of 2011, the WPI increased 4.32% compared with 2010's, of which the Import price index went up 7.63%, Export price index moved up 0.12%.



### 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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